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The Connection

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To call all people to a vibrant life of faith in Christ

Annual Meeting Update

Sunday, February 11th Resurrection held its Annual Meeting to celebrate 2017 and to look ahead to the ministry God has planned for this coming year. While the meeting was positive and celebratory we did not achieve a quorum for voting purposes. In consultation with our constitution the unanimous vote for both our budget and new Mission Leadership Team members is not binding. Therefore we are calling a special congregational meeting during our worship services on March 4th so that a quorum will be achieved and our leadership can move forward with our ministry goals for 2018. If you have questions please connect with the church office.

The Living Room

The Monday night adult Bible study will NOT meet during Lent. Please join us for Wednesday night worship at 6:45pm. The Living Room study on the Book of John will resume Monday, April 2 and meet weekly at 6:30pm until Monday, May 7.

A Blessing

After receiving an ash cross on Ash Wednesday, and now entering the season of Lent, consider these words from poet Jan Richardson:

So let us be marked not for sorrow.
And let us be marked not for shame.
Let us be marked not for false humility
or for thinking we are less
than we are

but for claiming what God can do
within the dust,
within the dirt,
within the stuff of which the world is
made
and the stars that blaze in our bones
and the galaxies that spiral
inside the smudge we bear.

From Pastor Paul ~ The Good Shepherd

In the gospel of John chapter 10, we are encouraged to hear, know and follow the voice of Jesus – the Good Shepherd. We get to know the voice of Jesus by spending time listening to Jesus voice. I come to find the voice of Jesus to be present in the time and space where I experience more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The Apostle Paul in Galatians calls these fruits of the spirit.

However the world bombards us with so many voices it's hard to hear the voice of Jesus at times. So this Lenten season take time and conduct a voice audit. Pay attention to the voices you hear.

Ask these questions:

- Does this voice waste my time?
- Does this voice take me away from those I love?
- Does this voice make me upset, or angry or more fearful?
- Does this voice make me more confused, more envious, more spiteful, more fractious or sad?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then...

- Turn them off,
- Tune them out,
- Take control and remove them from your life –

For they are thieves and bandits...

- They will steal life from you
- They are hired hands that will run away at the first sign of trouble.
- They will abandon you at the first opportunity

Then this Lenten season lean into the voice of Jesus by...

- loving more –
- spend more of your time seeking joy –
- living in peace –
- having more patience –
- being kind –
- live generosity –
- have more faith –
- be more gentle –
- find ways to have more self-control,

Jesus is that voice that is loose in the world and is in all of those things, and as you experience more love, more joy, more peace, more patience, more kindness, more generosity, more faithfulness, more gentleness more self-control; you will come to know and follow ever more closely the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Upcoming Events: (for more, visit Resurrection's [website](#))

Bible and Brew, February 17, 5pm Church Office Closed, Presidents Day, February 19 Lenten Meal (6pm) and Worship (6:45pm), February 21
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