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### ***Other Side of the Mountain***

It's not that I'm avoiding social interaction at Church, it is rather that I dislocated my dominant shoulder. So as you can imagine, it takes me an inordinate amount of time to be 'presentable'. Now with limited social interaction, I looked back at some items we had used before to keep us not only amused but also engaged in learning. So below, please find and enjoy, Thirty Books of The Bible and to assist you in the hunt, a listing of the Old and New Testament Bible Books. Good Luck to All! Keep me posted as to how you're doing!

***Love and Joy to all!***

***Susan Darcy*** (email at: [sldarcy@roadrunner.com](mailto:sldarcy@roadrunner.com)). The second letter of my eMail is the letter L.

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### ***Thirty Books of the Bible***

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois, worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult that had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

## **Old and New Testaments of the Bible**

<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>New Testament</b>
• Genesis	• Proverbs	• Matthew	• James
• Exodus	• Ecclesiastes	• Mark	• 1 Peter
• Leviticus	• Song of Solomon	• Luke	• 2 Peter
• Numbers	• Isaiah	• John	• 1 John
• Deuteronomy	• Jeremiah	• Acts	• 2 John
• Joshua	• Lamentations	• Romans	• 3 John
• Judges	• Ezekiel	• 1 Corinthians	• Jude
• Ruth	• Daniel	• 2 Corinthians	• Revelation
• 1 Samuel	• Hosea	• Galatians	
• 2 Samuel	• Joel	• Ephesians	
• 1 Kings	• Amos	• Philippians	
• 2 Kings	• Obadiah	• Colossians	
• 1 Chronicles	• Jonah	• 1 Thessalonians	
• 2 Chronicles	• Micah	• 2 Thessalonians	
• Ezra	• Nahum	• 1 Timothy	
• Nehemiah	• Habakkuk	• 2 Timothy	
• Esther	• Zephaniah	• Titus	
• Job	• Haggai	• Philemon	
• Psalm	Malachi	• Hebrews	

### **From Father Frank**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Tomorrow is the first day of spring as I write this. Today was another one of those slate grey skies. The bite of the wind is noticeable after a moment or two. Ahh, life in New York.

So, what's happening in the world right now???

Oh, yeah, there is a big deal going on worldwide about this Corvin19 coronavirus. My news feeds are over burden with the amount of talk about it. It is scary, yes, especially for those with pre-existing compromised conditions or weakened lungs. Yes, it does spread fast. Yes, many precautions (and probably more to come) have been taken in order to “flatten the curve” of infection.

What is a Christian to do with this? If I take these precautions does that mean I do not have real faith? Is this a sign of the end times? Is this part of God punishing us? Is this a sign that God no longer cares for us? Am I praying hard enough? What should I be praying? Would God even listen to my prayers?

And the questions go on from there.

I am not a biologist. Nor am I an expert on infectious diseases. So, I will respond to the above given what I do know. Paul was writing a letter to the church gathered in Philippi. They were going through several issues. He was attempting to minister long distance through writing them and hoping to get these issues straightened out. Towards the end of the letter, he writes, “<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Anxiety is when fear rules the mind. It focuses on the what ifs and other taxing thoughts. It creates instability and often times manifests as either panic—rushed or hurried unthought-out activity or as inaction—deer in the headlights staring into that which is going to kill you. Paul’s advice/command to the church at this time is to not allow that anxiety any place. Anxiety is the opposite of faith. Faith says I may not know the answer, but I know Him who does. Faith says I will follow the right things to do and be responsible for what is my responsibility. The rest, the burdens that are not mine to bear, I will lay aside for others to pick up.

How do we move from anxiety to fear? First by giving thanks. This attitude focuses on what we have rather than what we lack. Secondly, we make our fears known to God. By the way, this is known as “confession”—placing these things in God’s hands. Third, we abide in God’s love. Yes, we take our lives and place them in God’s love. Why? Because, according to the Word, “<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” (1 John).

“But I struggle with this.” Right! So, do most of us. We are in the process of being perfected. We are not yet fully perfected, so we are going to have to “exercise’ faith—practice it, building up those faith muscles. Recall the conversation Jesus had with the one dad. He asked the guy if he believed he could heal the guy’s child. The guy said that he did believe and immediately prayer/asked for Jesus to help his unbelief.

This virus is hitting both Christian and non-Christian alike. It does not discriminate. The tell take difference should be in the response that we as believers has to the crisis. We pray. We believe. We ask for more belief. We love.

Yes, use hand sanitizer and wash yourself. Yes, follow recommended precautions. Yes, see your doctor and get medical treatment if needed This does not mean that you don’t have faith. Yet, also practice your faith in the way that others may see how you respond. This may be the encouragement that others need.

Blessings and peace to all

Father Frank Lockwood

## **FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN**

Tony and I are hunkered down with plenty of food and a Netflix list. I have been putting photos from my youth into albums and enjoying seeing all the people I loved who are no longer with us. I am knitting socks, an interesting procedure, and keeping my plants watered - they are happy. My kids FaceTime with us every day and we get to enjoy the beautiful faces of the grandchildren. I have gotten back into my music and am listening to wonderful hymns, contemporary songs, and may pick up my guitar again and learn to play the ukulele that sits in my office. Faith keeps us going. Faith has always been my rock. Stand solid on your rock. Sending virtual hugs. Bitsy

## **From the Treasurer**

Certainly, saying these are strange times is an understatement. Not seeing my church family is no fun at all...I love seeing y'all...and very much miss it. All of my volunteer gigs have been shut down...so I am trying to catch up on lots of reading...will also take this time to clean out the attic..always a good thing. Isolation can be hard...but I have learned to keep myself busy...and to always be grateful for my health and family.

The good news is that Church of Our Saviour has a "prudent reserve" in the bank. We will have no problem weathering this storm. If some of you would like to send you envelopes directly to the church...all gifts are gratefully received

A friend sent me this most excellent poem that I would like to share

When this is over, May we never again  
Take for granted  
A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors A crowded theatre  
Friday night out The taste of communion  
A routine checkup The school rush each morning  
Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath A boring Tuesday  
Life Itself

When this ends, may we find that we have become  
More like the people we wanted to be...we were called  
To be...we hoped to be..and may we stay that way  
Better for each other  
Because of the worst

Laura Kelly Fanucci

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## CALENDAR- APRIL 2020

All Church activities have been suspended because of the current health alerts

Here are some contact phone #'s

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We will make every effort to keep communications open

Please keep all of us in your prayers