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October 2019

Palisades UMC

The Messenger

Our Identity:
A place of light where all can experience God's grace.
Our Vision:
Inviting. Everyone. To know God's Love.
Our Mission:
We put Christ's message into action!



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Oct. 6th "Knock Knock" - John 10:7, "I AM the door of the sheep."

Who describes themselves as a door? I don't think I know anyone who would express themselves as a door, but for some reason, Jesus does. Jesus says he is the door because he is the one who protects us. He protects his flock, his sheep from intruders. We all want to be protected in life; we all want someone to stand by us all the time. Thankfully we have that person in Christ.

Oct. 13th "Lead Us" - John 10:11, "I AM the good shepherd."

To be a good shepherd, one must always be on the move, leading their flock to green pastures, protecting them from danger, and willing to care for them, even if one is lost. Jesus is the good shepherd because that is what he does. He is the one who is leading us as individuals and as a church. When Jesus is the one leading us, it doesn't mean we will always have green pastures, but it does mean we always have someone to count on, someone to guide us through the difficult times of life.

Oct. 20th "Surprise" - John 11:25, "I AM the resurrection and the life."

I've heard it said that people are more afraid of public speaking than death. I am not sure how true this is or if it's one of those urban ledges that is passed down through the generations, but still, death is a scary thing. When Jesus says, "I AM the resurrection and the life," he is stating a fact, that death has lost its sting, and it doesn't have the final word anymore. But how can we live into that truth, how can we walk every day knowing and believing that death has lost its sting?

Oct. 27th "Zoe - Life" - John 14:6, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life."

In this simple statement, Jesus is saying that for us to know God, we must go to him. For us to know the truth we go to him. For us to know the way, we go to him. For us to have life, we go to him, and the life he gives is better than anything else in the world. The life that God gives us is better than anything else in the world; we have to come, and then we will see.

Pastor's Musing

Greetings Church Family,

This month we are continuing our series called *Who is He?* a seven-week series on the "I AM" statements in John's Gospel. In each of these "I AM" statements, John is taking us on a journey. He is taking us back to the Old Testament when God appeared to Moses in the burning bush. When Moses saw the "flames of fire," he wanted to get a closer look but was told to remove his sandals because God's presence had made the ground holy. After Moses is informed that he will lead God's people out of Egypt, he wants to know what to say when people ask about God's name. God answers in Exodus 3:14: "I AM WHO I AM."

"I AM" is God's covenantal name; many of us know it as YHWH (Yahweh). This title was so sacred that the high priest only uttered it, and then only once a year on the Day of Atonement. It literally means, "I am who I am" and signals the truth that nothing else defines who God is but God Himself. Every time Jesus uses one of the "I AM" metaphors, He is emphatically stating that he is YHWH. Not only is he stating that he is God, but Jesus is also telling his audience something about God, a truth about God and thus a truth about himself.

Living in a pluralistic world, where everybody has their truth, their own story, it's hard to know what is true, and it makes it hard to believe in something, to believe in someone. It feels like every time I turn on the news, there is a new scandal, a new story that I need to learn about and as soon as I make up my mind, there's another story that disputes everything I just learned. I feel like I never know what happened or what is going on. There are so many sides to a story, and it makes it hard to uncover the truth. Someone once told me there are three truths, there's my truth, there's your truth, and then there's the truth. I can't but help to think that this person is right most of the time. I feel like the more information I am given about any given topic, the less I know. However, there are a handful of things in my life I know I can rest my head on; I can find comfort and security. One of those things is my faith, my trust, and my belief that there is a God who loves me unconditionally and that God made himself known through Jesus.

In a pluralistic world with so many "truths," I find comfort knowing that God is real, and that Jesus is God; I find comfort in the Trinity. In each of these, I AM statements, I discover more about Jesus, more about God. Each of the I AM statements, my faith and belief in God grows. It's one of the few times when the more I learn, the less I know, and I am excited about it, I am not scared or troubled by it. I am excited because, in each of these statements, I learn more about God, and I learn more about myself. My hope and prayer for all of us is that during this series, we find comfort in God's Truth, in The Truth; that we discover more about the characteristics of God and how God impacts and changes our lives daily.

In His Love,



Pastor Rich

OCTOBER 2019

ELEMENTARY

 DO THIS:



MORNING TIME

As you walk out the door today, remind your child, "Be brave today, even if it seems scary and be sure to tell me all about it when we get home."



DRIVE TIME

While on the road this month ask, "What are some things you worry about?" Don't just limit the question to the child in the car; ask everyone and talk about it.



MEAL TIME

Q&A for Kids: Do you think more kids are scared of storms, snakes, or scary movies? Which one scares you the most?

Q&A for Parents: What is the scariest thing you've ever done?



BED TIME

What are some ways you can put others first? Putting others first doesn't often come naturally. We're wired to worry about what we need. But when we choose to put someone's needs ahead of what we want, we show them just how valuable they really are. Pray for each other, that you'll see opportunities all around you to honor others by putting them first.



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WEEK ONE

EXODUS 2:1-10

Moses is Born

SAY THIS:

You can do what you should even when you don't know what will happen next.

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WEEK TWO

EXODUS 3-6:12, 7-12:42

Moses and the Burning Bush / The 10 Plagues

SAY THIS:

You can do what you should even when you don't feel ready.

WEEK THREE

EXODUS 13:17-14:31

Israel Goes Through the Red Sea

SAY THIS:

You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

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WEEK FOUR

NUMBERS 13-14

Joshua and Caleb

SAY THIS:

You can do what you should even when others are afraid.



REMEMBER THIS:

"Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go."

JOSHUA 1:9B, NIV

COURAGE:
BEING BRAVE ENOUGH TO
DO WHAT YOU SHOULD DO,
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID

PALISADES UMC

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COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
AFTER WORSHIP

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX

for more questions call the church office at (949) 496-5502

1st, 2nd & 3rd places will be chosen!

TRUNK OR TREAT

PALISADES UMC
(PARKING LOT)
OCTOBER 20th @ NOON

FREE *CHILI COOK-OFF* *FAMILY FUN*

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Prayers & Concerns

- ...Jim & Maggie Stedt...Rick Dertinger...
...Helen Reynolds...Ed Workman...
- ...Colleen Reid...Harriette Mayo...Nancy Wannberg...
...Marilyn Hamar...Olive Schofield...Lois Kniza...
- ...Julie Wilson...Ben Civiletti...Tom Wilson...
...Gail Mann...Eric Bjorklund...
- ...Chris Wannberg...Beth Comer...John Stratton...
...Mark Cannon... Mac McGary...

Church Council Meeting:

Tuesday, October 22nd at 7 p.m. in Mahin Hall

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BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, October 22nd
OCTOBER BOOK:
'WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING'
BY DELLA OWENS

4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
1PM-2PM

THIS MONTH LED BY ELLEN DAVISSON
IN THE MISSION ROOM

CONTACT (949) 496-5502

Lunch

Bunch

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at noon in the Mission Room. Please join us!

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CRUX DINNER

OCTOBER 9TH @ 5:30 P.M.

Held at Casanova's restaurant in Dana Point

LOCATED IN THE SHOPPING CENTER AT STONEHILL AND DEL OBISPO. PLEASE CALL CAROLYN PENROSE FOR MORE DETAILS AT 949-661-5001.

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USHERS NEEDED!

If you would like to volunteer to be an usher during Sunday service, please contact Jean Sutton. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

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Bible Study

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 11AM

For questions contact the church office: 949.496.5502

NOT GETTING OUR WEEKLY EMAILS?



If you are not on our email list to keep updated with PUMC including upcoming events, prayer concerns & the Pastor's weekly musings and would like to be, please add your name and email to the sign-up sheet provided in the Narthex. Thank you!

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Faithfully Fit

Every Tuesday in the Mission Room

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Commit TO BE FIT

FITNESS FOR SENIORS



October Birthdays

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| Erla Curtin | Oct 3 |
| Fanning Oakley | Oct 13 |
| Isabel Koenig | Oct 14 |
| Jan Cannon | Oct 19 |
| Colleen Reid | Oct 29 |