

The Spader's Speaker

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From Pastor Jim Kniseley...



Has anyone stepped on your toes lately? Has it been around church? Has it been me? Intentional Interim Pastors are by training “shakers”. Our task is to encourage you let you go of practices and thoughts from the past that are not helpful, and to inspire you put in place new practices and thoughts that are helpful for the future.

In Revelation 21:5 God proclaims, “Behold, I make all things new!” Martin Luther wrote, “We are not yet what we shall be.” The phrase that stunts the growth of many congregations is, “We’ve never done it that way before!”

So, what “change” causes you the most angst these days? Change just for the sake of change is not a good idea. Change that leads to healthy thinking and actions is a good idea.

I started out ministry as an associate pastor with my father, the senior pastor. Dad was a good mentor. His sage advice to me was this: “Don’t be afraid to try something new. But if it is not working, recognize it is not working and either change it or drop it. Don’t keep doing something simply to save face or because it is tradition.”

Remember the story of the young wife who prepared a meat loaf and cut off the ends before placing it in the pan to bake? When her husband asked why, she said that her mother taught her to do that. On further investigation the mother said she had been taught to do that by her mother. When they asked the grandmother why she cut off the ends of the meatloaf, she said it was because in the early days of marriage she had a pan that was too short for her meatloaf. The only reason she cut the meatloaf was to get it to fit in her pan.

So, I will keep asking, “Why are you doing that?” Lent is a good season to look in the mirror of not only our own lives, but our congregational lives. If it’s time for some spring housecleaning, I encourage you to get to it.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your interim pastor.

In the love of Jesus Christ,
Pastor Jim

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Mid-Week Meal and Worship in Lent

This year three congregations join together for mid-week meals and worship. We are pleased that St. Jacob's, Trinity and Keezletown United Methodist Church can express our Christian Unity in this way. This is one of the emphases of Reformation 500. Please rearrange your schedules and priorities and join us!

We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 to 7:30 at Keezletown United Methodist Church, 1456 Indian Town Road, Keezletown. They are located 6 miles north of St. Jacob's and 4 miles south of Trinity.

Our free-will offerings will be for People Helping People. This fine outreach program is housed at Muhlenberg Lutheran in Harrisonburg.

	Meal	Worship	Speaker
Mar 8	6:30pm	7:00pm	Leanne Shepherd, People Helping People
Mar 15	6:30pm	7:00pm	Pastor Darin Buse, Folks Run UMC
Mar 22	6:30pm	7:00pm	Pastor Adam Blagg, Otterbein UMC
Mar 29	6:30pm	7:00pm	Pastor Jim Kniseley, St. Jacob's and Trinity
Apr 5	6:30pm	7:00pm	Pastor Joel Robinette, Keezletown UMC

Holy Week Worship Schedule			
Apr 13	Maundy Thursday	6:30pm	Trinity
Apr 14	Good Friday	6:30pm	St. Jacob's

Rise Against Hunger

Keezletown United Methodist is inviting folks from Trinity and St. Jacob's to join them in a Lenten Project to prepare meals for people in need. On Sunday, March 19, we will gather at Keezletown United Methodist Church at 12:30 pm, to participate in packing thousands of meals. The ingredients for each meal cost 29 cents. Offerings so far have raised \$2,189.60. You can help support this fine effort with an offering. Please put this in the offering plate on March 5 or 12. We need to let the folks

at Keezletown UMC know the amount by mid-day on March 12.

Pastor Joel Robinette tells us that we are encouraged to eat before we come on March 19 or bring a sack lunch. Most of the meals we pack are shipped to school feeding programs where children get education and a good meal. All ages (4 -14) are invited to help with this project.

FYI: The members of Keezletown UMC will be participating in our annual God's Work Our Hands Outreach Project on Sunday, September 10.

Take a moment to wish someone well on their special day!



Mar 4
Mar 21
Mar 22
Mar 25

Tom Lam
Phillip Driver
Matthew Lam
Carolyn Randolph

Do You Have an Article to Contribute?

All of us are baptized ministers of the gospel, and all of us have something to share. If you have an article or announcement for the bulletin or *The Spader's Speaker*, please send it to Whitney Meyerhoeffer, who compiles both the bulletin and *Speaker*. Send it to: wmeyerhoeffer@gmail.com.

Kartoffel Salat (German Potato Salad)

from www.daringgourmet.com

As part of our 500th Anniversary we will be featuring a German recipe each month!

3 pounds small Yukon gold potatoes of similar size, skins scrubbed and peels left on
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1½ cups water mixed with 4 teaspoons beef bouillon granules (Vegans: use vegetable bouillon)
½ cup white vinegar (add a few dashes of Essig Essenz if you have it)
¾ tablespoon salt
¾ teaspoon freshly ground white pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons mild German mustard (such as Düsseldorf Style German Mustard. If you can't get it, use regular yellow mustard)
⅓ cup neutral-tasting oil
Fresh chopped chives for garnish

Boil the potatoes in their skins in lightly salted water until tender. Allow the potatoes to cool until you can handle them. Peel the potatoes and slice them into ¼ inch slices. Put the sliced potatoes in a large mixing bowl and set aside. Add onions, beef broth, vinegar, salt, pepper, sugar, and mustard in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. As soon as it boils, remove from heat and pour the mixture over the potatoes. Cover the bowl of potatoes and let sit for at least one hour. After at least one hour, gently stir in the vegetable oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. If too much liquid remains, use a slotted spoon to serve. Serve garnished with fresh chopped chives. Serve at room temperature. Note: This potato salad is best the next day (remove from fridge at least 30 minutes before serving).

Weekly Word from God

March 5 - First Sunday in Lent	Matthew 4: 1-11
March 12 - Second Sunday in Lent	John 3: 1-17
March 19 - Third Sunday in Lent	John 4: 5-42
March 26 - Fourth Sunday in Lent	John 9: 1-41

Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Worship Assistant	Piano	Ushers/Greeters	Lectors
March 5	Cindy Lam	Maria Archer	Glen Showalter and James Eye	Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield
March 12	Nancy Bradfield	Maria Archer	Mark Lambert and Glen Eye	Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield
March 19	Glen Showalter	Ann Royer	Carolyn Randolph	Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield
March 26	Ian McNeil	Maria Archer	Don Coffey and Tom Lam	Cindy Hughes and Nancy Bradfield