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Message from the Minister

Awakening Curiosity

For most of us, curiosity doesn't usually disappear. It just gets quiet. Over time, our lives tend to become predictable. We settle into familiar patterns that are comfortable, yet uninspiring and perhaps even stale. Most days move along without much interruption, and we rely more on what we already understand than on asking new questions.

At some point between childhood and adulthood, we begin to notice less—not because this amazingly diverse and beautiful world has changed, but because our attention has. Curiosity is still there hiding in the shadows. It simply isn't being used very often.

The theme this month is Awakening Curiosity. The word "awakening" matters. It suggests that curiosity hasn't been lost. We just need to remember to tap into it and let its magic reconnect us to wonder, joy, new ideas, and to new possibilities.

Curiosity does not always return on its own, however. Sometimes it has to be intentionally chosen. Curiosity emerges when we decide to look more

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Sunday Services

May 3 - "League of Women Voters"

- Led by: A Woman

In person or live on Facebook.

League of Women Voters, historical women voters in Jackson.

May 10 - "Mother's Day"

- Led by: Patty Brue

In person or live on Facebook.

Come hear stories about our Mothers from a few of our Members and Friends.

May 17 - "Awakening Curiosity"

- Led by: Mike McKenney

In person or live on Facebook.

Awakening Curiosity, with Darrin Palmer coordinating.

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Calendar

- 1 Fri Annual Findraising Boxed Dinners ~ 5:00 pm ~ \$10.00 per Box
- 1 Fri Annual Findraising Auction ~ 6:00 pm
- 2 Sat Celebration of Life of Jane Volk ~ Service @ 1:00 pm
- 3 Sunday ~~ Service ~ Led by: A Woman ~ 11:00 am
- 3 Sunday YUUMM Meeting ~ School House ~ 12:30 pm
- 4 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 7 Thurs Personal Care Ministry @ Partnership Place, 801 S. Mechanic ~ 4:30-6:30 pm
- 10 Sunday ~~ Service ~ Led by: Patty Brue ~ 11:00 am
- 14 Thurs Ladies Lunch @ Artesian Wells ~ 12:00 pm/noon
- 17 Sunday ~~ Service ~ Led by: Mike McKenney ~ 11:00 am
- 18 Tue Board Meeting ~ 12:30 pm
- 18 Mon Church Cleaning ~ by: Vicki Haynes
- 22 Fri Lunch with Rev. Dan at 11:30 @ Bone Island Grill in Vandercook
- 24 Sunday ~~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan ~ 11:00 am
- 25 Mon The Bellnote Newsletter, Submissions Due
- 30 Sat Celebration of Life of Dorothy Kerr ~ Service @ 1:30
- 31 Sunday ~~ Service ~ Led by: Rev. Dan ~ 11:00 am

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closely at something we might otherwise pass by, when we ask a question instead of settling for the first answer that comes to mind, and when we remain engaged with a person or an idea long enough to see beyond our first impression. That kind of curiosity is not accidental. It is something we practice. It grows when we make room for it—when we give our attention more deliberately and allow space for something new to emerge.

Curiosity also has a way of reconnecting us with each other. A simple question can open a conversation that would not have happened otherwise. In a time when quick conclusions are easy to reach, choosing to remain open takes intention and is in keeping with how we have covenanted to be together.

Awakening curiosity does not require becoming someone different. It begins with small shifts in how we move through the day: noticing something we might have overlooked, giving a little more space to a question, and staying present long enough for understanding to deepen. Those small shifts have a way of adding up. Over time, curiosity comes back into focus—not as something new, but as something that has been there all along.

This is something we can practice together. In our conversations, in our committee work, and in the ways we show up for one another, there are opportunities to listen more closely and to ask one more question. Curiosity has a way of opening space—space for understanding, for connection, and for the possibility that we may discover something delightful we had not yet seen.

So, as we move into the month of May and all of its spring glory and new life, may we all try to rekindle our natural the latent curiosity and learn to see the world through different, more curious eyes.

REV. DAN

Sunday Services Continued...

May 24 - "A World Full of Wonders"

- Led by: Rev. Dan Miyake

In person or live on Facebook.

In keeping with our monthly theme of Awakening Curiosity, we'll explore how curiosity can help us to be more intentionally engaged with this beautiful and amazing world.

May 31 - "Wheel of the Year"

- Led by: Rev. Dan Miyake

In person or live on Facebook.

During this annual service, we gather to celebrate the many milestones we have experienced over the past church year. Come and celebrate with us!

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