Martyrdom: The Rest of the Story

This message was preached on 7 May 2017 from the historic pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel as "The Rest of the Story: Martyrdom"... based on Revelation 6:9-11. This sermon was one-of-nine in a sermon series - "The Rest of the Story." It, along with over 500+ other titles, is available on CDs and DVDs.

Two years ago, the Associated Press reported that 21-Coptic Christians were beheaded on the coastline of Libya. They were faithful unto death. Their murderers were ISIS members - Muslims of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS). Most of us saw the video on our televisions showing the 21-captives in orange jumpsuits with each Christian being held by an ISIS member... with the Mediterranean Sea in the background. The Christians were forced to get down on their knees and are then beheaded. All of the cowardly ISIS members had their faces covered... so as to hide their identities. In the video, the leader of the Islamic militants says to the camera: "All crusaders [Christians]: Safety for you will be only wishes, especially if you are fighting us all together. Therefore, we will fight you all together." He went on to say, "The sea you have hid Osama bin Laden’s body in, we swear to Allah we will mix it with your blood." And then he adds - looking across the sea toward Italy (only 500 miles away) - "We will conquer Rome, by Allah’s permission."

Amazingly, the Obama Administration referred to the victims as Egyptians (not naming them as Christians), and refused to identify the murderers as Muslims.

Coptic Christians are from Egypt and traced their movement back to when St. Mark (the writer of the second Gospel account) came there and proclaimed the Gospel and was martyred in Egypt. The Copts were the dominant Christian faith group in Egypt until the forces of Islam conquered them in the 7th Century.

Listen again to this portion of our Scripture reading (of today) from Revelation - the final book of the Bible - where we see a depiction of the saints of God waiting to be avenged... since they have been unjustly killed. In verse 10 they cry, "How long, O Lord?" When will He vindicate them? The fascinating aspect of all this is that many of them are beheaded... which is not necessarily the most common historical form of martyrdom; but it is certainly used by the radical Muslims on many occasions.

Now I hasten to add, there was anti-Christian persecution and martyrdom centuries before the followers of Mohamed (who died 632 AD) unleashed more persecution on the Church.

Jesus told His disciples that they were to be witnesses for Him unto the entire world. The Greek word we translate as “witness” is the word from which the word “martyr” is derived. So many of those early Christians (including almost all the apostles) were witnesses for Christ unto death... that the word "martyr" came to mean "one who testifies unto death."

One such hero of the faith was Polycarp, who lived in the 1st and 2nd Centuries. He was a direct disciple of the Apostle John (who wrote the fourth Gospel and this book of Revelation). Polycarp was brought to trial when he was 86-years old. He testified that as a child and through all of his life he had followed Christ, and Christ had never failed him. He had ever been faithful. How could he deny Him now? And Polycarp was martyred for his faith and received the crown of life.

In his classic book, The Cost of Discipleship, the Rev. Dr. Dietrich Bonhoeffer - a Christian martyr of the German Nazis - said: "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." That is to say: To die unto himself. Martyrdom would be the ultimate example of that.

Let me take this opportunity to share with you a little known case of Christian martyrs. It was

(Continued... on page three)
President's Corner

COME ONE, COME ALL

I'm sure all are aware, the Chapel is open! We are fully complying with Governor Walz’s directives—keeping all of us safe in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have your physical safety and your spiritual well-being foremost in mind. Chaplain Ken has prepared our Sunday worship services to make sure the bulletins are placed in the pews to direct our parishioners where to sit—in compliance with social distancing. Everything inside is sanitized. Holy communion is distributed in accordance with safety directives. Parishioners may sit outside the front doors for overflow—when the weather is favorable. We have placed a large speaker so those outside can listen and participate in our order of service. Those unable to come to the Chapel can also watch and listen to the service via Livestream. So Pastor Ken has covered all the bases in his continuing effort to bring the message of the Lord to all.

I am anxiously awaiting September and October for our patriotic services honoring our current and past veterans who have served our great country. They have defeated our enemies resulting in the forming of our Nation under God and the continuing defense of the greatest country under God in the history of this world.

So, please come one, come all to the Chapel to Glorify God and to honor those Veterans who have made it possible for us to freely Worship our Lord.

Tony Stocker
Foundation President
(952) 831-6160
E-Mail: stockerbarbara@comcast.net

Offering Envelopes ... or Give On-Line

If you are blessed by this ministry 'beyond the walls' of the Chapel (i.e., Livestream, bi-monthly news-letter, CDs/DVDs, e-mails, and/or pastoral care), PLEASE consider calling our Foundation office at 952/888-1525 and request the pre-addressed envelopes to mail-in your plate offerings. Be sure to leave your name/mailing address so that we may send the envelopes to you.

OR—If you are home-bound, traveling, relocated or just appreciate this ministry, PLEASE consider making your contributions at our website at http://fortsnellingmcf.org/make_a_donation.php Thank you.

— Your Finance Committee

Board of Directors

Executive Officers
Tony Stocker, President
Pat Hoy, Vice President
Richard Geis, Secretary
Tim Bray, Treasurer

Members at Large
Russ Bray
Gee Brown
Mel Henschel
Bob Maginnis
Cindy Pugh

Advisory Ex-Officio Members
Sharon Coyne
Dean Powell

Immediate Past President
Iain Hodge

Standing Committee Chairs:
Worship: Tony Stocker
Finance: Johnnie Johnson
Fellowship: Mel Henschel
Membership: Richard Geis
Personnel: Cindy Pugh
Publicity: vacant
Safety: vacant

The Board welcomes input from members. If you have an idea or suggestion, please feel welcome to contact the appropriate Board person.

Scheduled Board Meetings in 2020:
Saturdays ... @ Foundation Office
12 September (9:00 a.m.)
14 November (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday ... @ the Chapel Sanctuary
20 December (1:00 p.m.)

If you would like a copy of the 2019 Annual Report, please secure one in the Fellowship Hall or call the Foundation Office at (952) 888-1525 and leave your name/mailing address that we may send you a copy of this impressive report.
approximately 100-years ago that a terrible massacre took place. It was the Armenian massacre, where literally hundreds of thousands of Christians were slaughtered just for being Christian by Muslims in what is now Turkey. It has an eerie similarity to the crisis of today, where ISIS or Boko Haram and other radical Islamic groups are killing Christians just for being Christian. Masterminds of ISIS are scheming new sadistic ways to murder their enemies, to videotape it, and to post it on the Internet.

Many would mistakenly think that antiquity was the greatest time of Christian martyrdom; but that’s not the case. The 20th Century was the most anti-Christian century on record. It was also the bloodiest century on record. In fact, the term “genocide” was coined in the 20th Century. The first of the genocides (of the bloodiest century on record) was that of the Armenians who were all professing Christians in Turkey. The world did nothing about it at the time ... despite being informed.

The genocide of the Christians in Turkey began earlier than 1915. There was an official attempt to wipe out the Christian population of Turkey from about 1880 onwards ... which finally succeeded by the year 1915 – when most of the Christians were Armenians or Assyrians, and so those two races were decimated in clear cases of genocide. Hundreds of thousands of Armenian Christians were massacred. In addition to the ones directly killed, there were also hundreds of thousands of Armenians who were displaced. It is said to be one of the worst cases in the history of martyrdom.

And just how did the Muslims directly kill the Christians? They would arrive in the village fully armed, lined up everyone and would go from one person to another asking, “Mohammed or Christ?” The Armenians have a liturgical phrase – “Christ, only Christ.” Christian after Christian, even the small toddlers, would say “Christ, only Christ,” and then they were bayonetted to death; then on to the next person, and on to the next person, and on to the next person. All told, somewhere between 600,000-1.5 billion Armenian Christians were slaughtered. Two decades later, Hitler justified some of his own actions and the way they’d be viewed by history, noting, “Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?”

As we think about what happened to the Armenian Christians 100-years ago, it is hard not to think about what radical Muslims are doing to Christians in many parts of the world today.

Perhaps we hear (anew) that portion of our Scripture text which says, “They cried out with a loud voice, ‘How long, O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’”

Listen, my friends: The day is coming when God will set everything right. Meanwhile, as we have opportunity, we should speak out on behalf of today’s victims of anti-Christian violence.

Here is part of the problem as I see it: Many in the West deal with Islam through the prism of political correctness. How often we have heard it said that there are a few bad apples among the Muslims today, but let’s not forget the Christians had their crusades. Why even our former President (Obama) referenced this at the national prayer breakfast.

Let’s make this clear: The Crusades lasted roughly from 1100-1300 A.D., where Christian armies sought to make Jerusalem safe (once again) to Christian pilgrims. The Crusades came in response to the aftermath of the Muslim conquest of Jerusalem in 637. Had there not been the Muslim conquest of Jerusalem there (more than likely) would not have been the Crusades.

I don’t often agree with TV personality Bill Maher, but I love how eloquently he showed how ludicrous it is to draw a moral equivalency between Islam and Christianity. In the course of a television program he said this: “Vast numbers of Christians do not believe that if you leave the Christian religion you should be killed for it. Vast numbers of Christians do not treat women as second-class citizen. Vast numbers of Christians do not believe if you draw a picture of Jesus Christ you should get killed for it. So to claim that Islam is no different than Christianity is just naive and plain wrong.” Bill Maher went on to sight an op-ed in the New York Times reporting that in Saudi Arabia they had beheaded 19-people ... for non-violent crimes (including homosexuality) in Mecca where infidels (non-Muslims) are not even allowed in the holy parts of the city. Now if they were beheading people in Vatican City, which is the equivalent of Mecca, don’t you think there would be a bigger outcry about it? Good for you, Bill Maher, for speaking the truth. If you can’t speak the truth about what motivates the radical Muslims, then you’ll enable them to go on killing innocent people. Anc yet, our politicians and news media so often cover-up for Islamic extremists.

We are ill-served by our officials and the mainstream media these days in their treatment of Islam. We are told that Islam is ‘a religion of peace’ and that most
Muslims just want peace. If so, where are they? Why are they not marching in the streets against these violent Jihadists?

Listen: When the religious motivation (to serve Allah by killing the infidel) is censored out by politicians and the media, then we mis-read and mis-characterize what's going on – thus, opening the door for more such killing.

It was wrong to call the Fort Hood TX shooting an example of "workplace violence." The shooter gave ample instances that he was motivated by his interpretation of Islam. He shouted "Allahu Akbar" (Allah is the greatest) in his attack. He had given out copies of the Quran in advance. His calling card even used the acronym "SOA" – Soldier of Allah. Why even when the Pentagon came out in (2010) with an 86-page report on the Fort Hood shooting didn't mention Islam, Muslim, Quran, or Allahu Akbar. It didn't even mention the shooter's name (Nidal Hasan) presumably because it is a Muslim name.

How can we win in the global war against terrorism (that we didn't ask for), if we can't even name the enemy that wants to kill us? Because of political correctness, we're not treating the threat of radical Islam properly. Political correctness disarms us (in advance) from protecting the innocent in this on-going conflict.

Clearly, Christians in Syria are undergoing martyrdom. Let us not forget the key role that Syria played at the start of Christianity. It was in a city of Syria (Antioch) that Luke tells in the Book of Acts that believers in Jesus were first called Christians. It was out of Antioch that the early church sent Barnabas and Paul out on the first missionary journey. They were the first (that we know of) to bring the Gospel to Europe. It's time to shatter the silence of the persecution in today's Syria, and to mobilize prayer warriors ... which is the least we can do.

Looking (again) to our text: It is clear that God will avenge the blood of the martyrs. God will right all wrongs in the end. He will judge and He will hold all accountable. In Islam, it is up to the individual to uphold the honor of Islam, Mohamed, and the family honor. Any slights against this should be avenged by Muslims. That explains much of the bloodshed from radical Islamic extremists. In contrast, forgiveness is a Christian concept. In Christianity, God's divine Son even submits Himself to crucifixion for the forgiveness of His enemies. We Christians, rather than killing to defend His honor, are to share the message of reconciliation with God through Christ to everyone – personally forgiving our own enemies as we go. Not that Christians always live up to that, but it is the ideal taught by our faith.

We are living in momentous times. Many Christians (today) are very apathetic about their proclaimed faith. They take for granted the religious freedom which they have. There are many modern-day believers in Jesus Christ, their sufferings unheralded, who are today's Christian martyrs. They have forsaken all to follow Christ. And there is a voice in the blood of martyrs and it cried aloud from heaven even today. Let us continue steadfastly in the most holy faith, preaching, teaching, confirming, admonishing, watching, waiting, evangelizing and defending it with Godly zeal as the Lord enables us.

Let us pray.
O Lord, so great is our love for You that even though we walk in a world where speaking Your name can mean certain death, Your faithful still speak it ... and speak it all the louder. Help us work for a world where Christians may witness to their faith and pray their prayers without fear of violence. Hear the prayers of those who abide with You in dangerous times and in dark valleys, and who die with Your name on their lips. Draw them quickly to Your side where they might know eternal peace. Amen.

Serving God and Country,
Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr.
Senior Chaplain
(612) 747-1059
E-mail: KenBeale56A@msn.com

The remaining Chaplain's article for 2020 in this "Rest of the Story" series:
NoviDec – "Handel's Messiah"

---

20-Yrs @ FSMCF

On July 1st 2020, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. served as the Senior Chaplain of the Chapel Foundation for 20-years making him the longest pastorate in the 53-years of FSMCF existence.

Congratulations to Ken & Kathy!

We look forward to your continued ministry in our midst.

-- Your Personnel Committee
Seasons of the Faith—Time After Pentecost

This season follows Easter and goes by a variety of names including Ordinary time in the Roman Catholic tradition, Kingdomtide in the United Methodist denomination, Sundays before Advent in the Anglican tradition and Time of the Church in the Lutheran tradition. The period following Pentecost fills the remainder of the church year and usually runs 23 to 28 weeks beginning with Holy Trinity Sunday in late May and continuing through November just prior to the first Sunday in Advent.

The focus of this season depends on the religious tradition but for Protestants, is normally the life and mission of the church in the world. The church lives out her vocation in the midst of the world remembering that every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we pass through this season of faith, let us recall the gift of the Holy Spirit received by the church at Pentecost and the hope we have in our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1:3)

— Submitted by Eva Zorn

Fundamentals of the Faith — the Benediction

The Benediction is defined in the dictionary as "an utterance of good wishes" or "advantage conferred by blessing." In the Christian church, the benediction is a short invocation for help, blessing and guidance that normally occurs at the end of a worship service. There are many different benedictions but one of the most common is the priestly blessing recited from Numbers 6:24-26:

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.  

Numbers 6: 24-26 (NKJV)

This blessing was given by Aaron to the Israelites during their sojourn in the Sinai wilderness. It is the Lord who is the source of all things good in our lives and it was to the Lord that the Israelites looked for physical well-being and spiritual sustenance. The supreme longing of the Israelites was to experience the grace and peace of God throughout their journey to the promised land. Likewise, Christians today recite this blessing in recognition of the mercy and love extended to us by our Lord Jesus Christ and as an expression of hope that we too will someday see Him face-to-face. Here at the Chapel, the benediction will vary in keeping with the topic or theme of a particular Sunday.

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
The Battle of Okinawa codenamed Operation Iceberg, was the last major battle of World War II and one of the bloodiest. It lasted from April 1, 1945 until June 22, 1945 and constituted the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific Theater. The U.S. deployed the Tenth Army, 1st, 2nd and 6th Marine Divisions along with the Navy’s Fifth Fleet in a complex plan to invade and occupy the Ryukyu Islands in preparation for the final push to Japan. The seizure of Okinawa was critically important as Allied Forces could then sever supply lines to the enemy and use the island as a base for a future invasion of Japan. Colonel Art Shaw (Ret.) was a Field Artillery Unit Commander for the 361st Field Artillery Battalion of the 96th Division during the Battle of Okinawa. The initial beach landings were unopposed but as the 96th Infantry advanced farther on the island they encountered stiff resistance from the Japanese forces. Shaw provides a riveting first-hand account from the viewpoint of a reconnaissance officer on the front-lines where he witnessed fierce hand-to-hand combat and night-time ambushes by Japanese fighters: “Most of the time we were no more than a thousand yards behind the infantry, firing over them like crazy ... pumping 105-millimeter howitzer shells at high and low angles so fast that the Japanese thought we had automatic weapons ... The battles raged with a ferocity that could leave you deaf or delirious.”

With the Old Breed: At Peleliu & Okinawa
by E.B. Sledge

With the Old Breed is considered one of the finest first-hand combat memoirs ever written. The viewpoint: is that of an ordinary infantryman serving in the U.S. Marine Corps during the invasions of Peleliu and Okinawa. E.B. Sledge enlisted a year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and went on to serve in the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division from 1943-1946. He kept notes regarding his military experiences on scraps of paper that he tucked away in a Bible throughout his period of service. Sledge describes in detail the horrific experience of being battered by enemy artillery hour after hour, the unbearable heat, the stench of decomposing bodies and the hyper-vigilance required to avoid nighttime ambushes by Japanese soldiers. At the same time, he describes the strong friendships forged with other Marines from boot camp throughout the intense fighting at Peleliu and Okinawa. Despite the dehumanizing conditions of battle, Sledge maintains a compassion for his fellow Marines and a personal dignity in a combat zone characterized by “fear and filth.” This book was published in 1981 and used in part as a basis for Ken Burn’s documentary - The War (2007) in which E.B. Sledge is played by Joseph Mazzello. It is a sobering tribute to the men who fought and died in the last great battle of World War II.

Following the war, E.B. Sledge went on to obtain his Ph.D. and worked as a Professor of Biology at the University of Montevallo, Alabama. He passed away in 2001 at the age of 77-years old. This book is recommended for persons with an interest in first-hand accounts of combat and the Battles of Peleliu and Okinawa.

ADDENDUM
Kathy Beale’s dad—Robert M. Moran—was in the 1st Marine Division and wounded at Peleliu. He was awarded the Purple Heart, lived for 80-years, and is buried at Ft Snelling Cemetery.
Christian Education

Join David Barton and Rick Green, Constitutional experts and advocates for the original intent of our founding documents, in this one-of-a-kind course on the meaning and purpose of the Constitution! You'll go article-by-article through the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and learn about executive orders, recess appointments, the Electoral College, the powers of Congress and the President, freedom of religion, and much more. Shot on location in the amazing WallBuilders library of original documents and in Independence Hall (Philadelphia)—celebrating the 225th anniversary of the Constitution!

Assuming the Fellowship Hall is re-opened, you are invited to join this year's CE Class to begin September 6th at 10:00 a.m. There will be an approximate 30-minute video followed by discussion. Each participant is suggested to purchase a $15 workbook which includes all the course notes, the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and its Amendments. You will not be disappointed with this lecture series.

Chapel Stained-Glass Restoration

In March of 2017, Chaplain Ken prepared a proposal to restore/repair the stained-glass windows of the historic Chapel. Many of these windows were installed in 1928—and nothing has been done to them since. Then Rep. Cindy Pugh (FSMCF member) took the proposal to the MN State legislator—securing bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. This resulted in securing $100,000 from the State Legacy Bill. These funds have since been used to conduct a complete architectural study of what is needed to restore all the windows of the Chapel.

The first windows to be removed for restoration/repair are the three most in need-of-repair windows—the Bishop Whipple, Chaplain Gear, and Archbishop Ireland windows. These windows will not be returned until October 2020. Consideration is being given to raising additional funds to restore/repair other windows of the Chapel.

If interested in contributing or pursuing possible donors, please contact the Chapel Foundation office via phone (952-888-1525) or via e-mail at info@fortsnellingmcf.org ... leaving your name and contact info.

Social Media

If you are under the weather or cut of town, you can still attend worship services at this site http://new.livestream.com/accounts/3709164. A link to this address can be found on the Chapel website www.fortsnellingmcf.org where you can download a pdf of the weekly worship bulletin. Just click on that link and you will be able to watch LIVE or revisit previous services from the archive. Remember: We love to have you in-person at our services, but in the event that is not possible please join us via Livestream.

You may also 'Like' the For: Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation on Facebook to view news of upcoming events.

If you have an e-mail address and are not currently receiving the mid-week 'Chapel Chatter'... providing you with what you need to know about the coming Sunday at the Chapel, please send an e-mail to the Chapel Foundation [info@fortsnellingmcf.org] and request to be added to this Constant Contact distro list.

— Your Publicity Committee
Chapel's Historic Pipe Organ

On July 14th, Chaplain Beale received this e-mail—
Hello Rev. Beale —
I wanted to share the news that a fully executed contract for the Historic Kimball Pipe Organ modernization is complete. Obermeyer Organ Co. has been awarded the contract. I want to thank the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation for the generous donation. This significant project will provide continued enjoyment of the organ for the citizens of the State of Minnesota.
Kelli Bruns
Central Region Manager
Parks and Trails
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The Chapel Foundation provided $69,304.00 for the re-build of this 91-year old organ. Our own organist, Dr. Desi Klempay, is voluntarily serving as the consultant to the project. The project should be completed by mid-October.

Construction

Upon attending the Chapel, you will see that restoration of the MN Historical Society (MNHS) building—you pass on route to the Chapel—is undergoing a multi-million dollar renovation; therefore, there is construction fencing around the building and parking lot. [We will not have use of the MNHS parking lot for overflow parking at this time.]
In addition, MnDOT is in the midst of the MN Hwy 5 project. This is construction between I-494 and Davenport Street and the Mississippi River bridge in St. Paul. There are both closures and detours. MN Hwys 62 and 55 continue to have access to the Chapel. Don’t let a ‘road bump’ keep you from worship! The west-bound Bloomington Road exit to the Chapel is currently under construction. Persons traveling from that direction will need to go forward to the Hwy 55 VA Medical Center exit and turn left at the light to re-enter Hwy 55 east-bound to the Bloomington Road exit. Please allow yourself more time to get to Chapel.

Cemetery Plots 4-Sale

In August of 2008, the Foundation was deeded a gift of eight (8) cemetery plots located at Sunset Memorial Park, 2250 St. Anthony Blvd NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Plot locations – Block 22, Lot 102, Spaces 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10. At that time, the plots were valued $14,000. In checking with Sunset Memorial Park, the current value of the eight (8) plots are $4,795 per plot— for a total of $38,360 for the eight (8) plots.

At the recommendation of our Finance Committee, the Board of Directors has voted to sell the plots at about ½ of their current value. The Chapel Foundation is selling all 8 plots for $19,180. If sold individually, they are $2,500 each. You need not be a Chapel Foundation member to purchase any or all of these plots.

If interested:
1. Visit the plots on your own, then
2. Contact the FSMCF by phone (952-888-1525) or by e-mail at info@fortsnellingmcf.org ... leaving your contact information.
The hymn *America, the Beautiful* is one of the most beloved patriotic anthems sung today in the United States. The lyrics were written by Katherine Lee Bates - an English professor from Massachusetts with music by Samuel A. Ward - church organist and choirmaster from Newark, New Jersey.

In 1893, Bates took a trip out west with the destination of Colorado Springs where she planned on teaching a summer class at Colorado College. Along the way, she visited the Columbian World Exposition in Chicago and passed through the wheat fields of Kansas with a final excursion to Pike's Peak. It was the beauty of the view from Pike's Peak that inspired her to write down all four verses to the hymn which was published 2-years later in a church magazine to commemorate the Fourth of July. The poem *America*, became instantly popular and was later linked to the popular melody composed by Samuel Ward and known today as *America the Beautiful*.

This anthem is sung throughout the year but most notably on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. The first half of each stanza expounds on some aspect of the beauty of America followed by a prayer for God's blessing on our country. We acknowledge the "spacious skies" "amber waves of grain" and "purple mountain majesties..." but complete each stanza with petitions for God to "shed His grace" "mend every flaw" and grant us "brotherhood from sea to shining sea!"

"Materna" words and music by Bates and Ward
Used by Permission. CCLI License # 2515762

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a part of the Samaritan’s Purse—an evangelical Christian International relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993 more than 100-million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God’s love through the power of simple shoebox gifts. Because of the COVID-19 we do not have any information yet on this year’s collection. Please know that we will do our best to inform you using all means of communication.

Last year we collected 93-shoeboxes to brighten Christmas for children and share God’s gift of salvation.

This year we hope to collect 100-shoeboxes. Thank you for your support of this great program in years past and stay tuned for more information.

Photos: Chaplain Ken leads the congregation in prayer over the shoeboxes. (taken by Heidi Reichow)

— Mel Henschel
Fellowship Committee Chair

Got Christian Literature?

On 4 Oct (Worldwide Communion Sunday) we will have our annual collection of non-denominational Christian literature to be delivered to the International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. (ICLD) in Mpls … who will (in turn) read, sort, package and ship these Bible-based materials to primarily Third World countries. People around the world are hungry for Christian literature, but in many nations it is either not available or too costly for people to purchase. ICLD meets this need by shipping over 1,600-pounds of material per week to over 50-countries.

Acceptable materials are: Bibles, Decision magazines, Daily Bread, Upper Room, non-denominational hymnals, Bible study books, and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising. A collection point will be at the front of the entrance to the Chapel.

— Mel Henschel
Fellowship Committee Chair

Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...


Sun, 13 Sept 20 — U.S. Constitution Sunday — remembering our founding document.

Sun, 20 Sept 20 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 27 Sept 20 — Gold Star Day — recognizing the families of those service members who paid the ultimate price on the altar of liberty.

Sun, 8 Nov 20 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 6 Dec 20 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors … with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates … and join us at 11:00 a.m.

— Your Worship Committee
**Creation Corner**

"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20)

**DESIGN IN NATURE -- WHERE CAN WE FIND IT?**

Design in nature (not our mother) is passed over by many, but to the eye that "sees"— design is everywhere! Just in my back yard — the roses & petunias; my garden crops — tomatoes, beets, cucumbers, zucchini; and how about that blue sky ... ? Now let's take a side trip and look for design on my walnut tree: the beautifully-stacked white flowers of spring, have each been replaced by bunches of almost mature walnuts — waiting for the squirrels, when the time is right, to come and, with the acrobatic maneuvers of seasoned circus performers, hang from limbs and pare away the shells, have a meal, and then bury some of the nuts in the ground for use when needed later; but not yet ... possibly hundreds of time triggers out there in nature and inside their body, tell them when the nuts are ready for the picking. Here is what I believe is analogous to what is going on—

Each animal "kind" has its own set of programming instructions. (Those of us who have worked in the world of computers know this as a continuously looping program containing instructions to be executed, with branching loops to the side, that are triggered by decision points which allow branch loops to temporarily come into play, execute a new set of instructions, and when the branching is satisfied, the program returns to its normal path of instructions. The instructions are stored in an unalterable "read-only-memory, or ROM." All animals operate only by these principles, but are also programmed to have certain variabilities within the program, which is why we see each distinct animal kind with its designed program, probably stored in their brains for the most part) it's why animals are fairly predictable on some levels, but have some free will in the mix also (animal personality). It's why the predictable behaviors of horses, cows, dogs, bees, tigers, monarch butterflies, carrier pigeons, can be relied on. Humans, on the other hand, also have ROM programs, but it seems, they are there as suggestions, or conscience (maybe to keep us from injuring ourselves), but mostly, we are very different from animals because we were given free will—our programming comes from other sources. Intelligent design is everywhere. Remember, despite what PBS and other programming would have us believe, the theory of evolution does not have intelligence standing in the wings to make it function. Nature's design, on the other hand is infused with intelligence and Romans 1:20 tells us that it's visible all around us—for eyes that see.

An interesting book to read on the related subject of "information" is titled: In The Beginning Was Information by Dr. Werner Gitt. Below, please enjoy an article on design in nature.

**DESIGN: THE LEAFHOPPER**

It is often stated that belief in God is a “leap of faith.” Yet, the Bible, from the Old Testament (Psalm 19:1-4) to the New Testament (Romans 1:18-23), clearly states that the reality of God's existence is absolutely apparent to everyone, everywhere — simply by observing creation. In other words, creation could only exist if a Creator made it.

The September 2013 journal *Science* describes a set of perfectly formed gears at the base of a lowly 2 mm-long leafhopper nymph. This creature has the ability to jump several inches using a mighty thrust from its hind legs that propels the creature with an acceleration of nearly 400 G (fighter pilots risk blackout if accelerating much past 10 G).

This feat would be equivalent to a man accelerating from 0 to 200 mph in less than a second and jumping 400 feet in a single bound!

What makes the leafhopper's feat even more amazing is that the nerve impulses cannot travel fast enough to allow both legs to push off in a coordinated fashion — meaning that with every hop, the insect should spin out of control. So how did the Creator solve this problem? He added a set of interlocking gears to the base of the leafhopper's legs so that they are forced to move in exact coordination. This design is currently being studied as a prototype for new kinds of high-speed, directional gears. The marvels of the microscopic world and the wonders of God's creativity never cease. The belief that such a gear could "make itself" via random changes over time is equivalent to believing that a gear could be produced in a machine shop via random hammering of a piece of metal. When we see microscopic gears solving a leafhopper's leap, we stand in awe of our Creator! (My drawing is from a scanning electron microscope image showing the intermeshing gears of the leafhopper.)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork, Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. — (Psalm 19:1-3)

— Submitted by: John Kruse

1 HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?: Evidence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt
Julie Von Vett & Bruce Malone
Copyright © March 2017
www.searchforthetruth.net
Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at this historic Chapel. The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial—a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state—a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

For Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation information call the Foundation Office at (612) 888-1525, or write to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation 9031 Penn Ave So Bloomington, MN 55431 or e-mail to info@fortsnellingmcf.org or check our website at www.fortsnellingmcf.org

Chapel Foundation Staff:

Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr., Sr. Chaplain
Rev. Philip A. Winn, Jr., Associate Chaplain
Dr. Desiderius Klempay, Organist
Bev Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Carol Nygaard, Accounting Specialist
Eva Zorn, Musical Guest Coordinator

The Snelling Spirit Staff:

The Snelling Spirit is a bimonthly publication of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation. We welcome your input, your letters and your suggestions.

Feature Contributors:
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Beale, Jr.
Mel Henschel
John Kruse
Tony Stocker
Eva Zorn

Edit/Proofreading:
Kathy Beale
Bev Johnson

Layout/Design/Printing:
Bev Johnson
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>14th Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>6:00 p.m. Finance Comm Mtg.</td>
<td>6:00 p.m. Finance Comm Mtg.</td>
<td>6:00 p.m. Finance Comm Mtg.</td>
<td>6:00 p.m. Finance Comm Mtg.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>Sermon: “God, If You Only...”</td>
<td>Sermon: &quot;We Serve No King, But King Jesus&quot;</td>
<td>Sermon: &quot;We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden&quot;</td>
<td>Chaplain Ken's Personal Day</td>
<td>Chaplain Ken's Personal Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>15th Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Sermon: “We Serve No King, But King Jesus”</td>
<td>Sermon: “We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden”</td>
<td>Sermon: “We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden”</td>
<td>Sermon: “We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden”</td>
<td>Sermon: “We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden”</td>
<td>Sermon: “We Were Never Promised a Rose Garden”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>16th Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>POW/MIA Sunday</td>
<td>POW/MIA Sunday</td>
<td>1st Day of Autumn</td>
<td>1st Day of Autumn</td>
<td>1st Day of Autumn</td>
<td>1st Day of Autumn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>17th Sunday after Pentecost</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
<td>Music: Chad Shultis, Soloist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation Class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
<td>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Organist: Dr. Desiderius 'Desi' Klemay — 763/639-3326</td>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525</td>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525</td>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525</td>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525</td>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — 952/888-1525</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Administrative Assistant: Bev Johnson — 952/888-1525</td>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — (e-mail preferred)</td>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — (e-mail preferred)</td>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — (e-mail preferred)</td>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — (e-mail preferred)</td>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — (e-mail preferred)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### October 2020
Office: 9031 Penn Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431  
Website: www.fortsnellingmcf.org

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Staff</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chaplain: Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Beale, Jr. — E-mail: <a href="mailto:KenBeale56A@msn.com">KenBeale56A@msn.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chaplain: Rev. Philip 'Buddy' A. Winn, Jr. — E-mail: <a href="mailto:winnjrsmc@gmail.com">winnjrsmc@gmail.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Organist: Dr. Desiderius 'Desi' Klemay — E-mail: <a href="mailto:dklemay@yahoo.com">dklemay@yahoo.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accounting Specialist: Carol Nygaard — E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@fortsnellingmcf.org">info@fortsnellingmcf.org</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Administrative Assistant: Bev Johnson — E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@fortsnellingmcf.org">info@fortsnellingmcf.org</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Musical Guest Coordinator: Eva Zorn — E-mail: <a href="mailto:zorn@usfamily.net">zorn@usfamily.net</a></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>18th Sunday after Pentecost</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Pastor Appreciation Month</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worldwide Communion Sunday</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Holy Communion</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: &quot;Shared Bread&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: Heidi Satterberg, Soloist</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>19th Sunday after Pentecost</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: &quot;Proclaimed Among the Nations&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: Tamara Henschel, Flute</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>20th Sunday after Pentecost</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: &quot;Choose Gratitude&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: Notorious Quartet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>21st Sunday after Pentecost</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership Sunday</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10:00 a.m. Christian Education</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m. Worship Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sermon: &quot;How Shall Christians Vote?&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music: Richfield Symphonic Brass Quintet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Daylight Saving Time ends</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>