

Voyage or Sojourn?

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The Voyager 1 spacecraft launched from Earth on September 5, 1977. On September 12, 2013 NASA confirmed that Voyager 1 is the first human-made object to venture into interstellar space. Information from the craft's plasma wave instrument indicated it reached interstellar space in August 2012. It is still traveling today.

It is hard to grasp the amount of space that is out there in the universe. Some of us are deeply interested in trying to understand how it all works, but God reminds us that these things are beyond our scope of knowledge.

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Job 38:4

Our space program is driven by our incurable curiosity and guided by the best minds that humanity can produce, but are we really any wiser? We have dreams of escaping this planet to live in the stars because this planet has a shelf-life, and the human race seems bent on self-destruction at times. God has a warning for us about that kind of thinking:

Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down, declares the LORD.

Obadiah 1:4

Walking by faith is the height of adventure with enough danger and intrigue to satisfy the most intrepid of explorers. However, walking by faith requires staying put. God wants us to sojourn, or hang out, with fallen mankind, not escape from them. God's word for those of us who live by faith in this world of sin is "strangers", and that suggests that we are from another time and place. How cool is that?

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

Hebrews 11:13



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WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Bible Class- 6:30 p.m.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

[On this day in history (1977) Voyager 1 took the first ever picture of the moon and the Earth in one frame. This space craft is still traveling today.]



Today's Sermon: *Saved by Jesus: First and Last*

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Scripture: Luke 13:22-30


Hymns: 747 Sing on Ye Joyful Pilgrims; 548 Lily of the Valley; 376 He Paid a Debt; 852 When the Roll is called up Yonder; 473 Safe in the Arms of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Next potluck: October 16th.
- Ladies Class resumes: 10am, Tuesday, September 20th. We postponed our meeting last week because few of us were able to attend. We are using Human and Holy by Michelle Goff. We have more copies available in the classroom.
- Midweek Bible study @ McElhaney's **Thursday** nights at 7pm. Coffee and dessert is usually served. All contributions gladly accepted! **NOTICE THE DAY CHANGE**



- We plan on asking Jerry and Elaine Stumpf to return in the future to share their program, Cracking the Marriage Code, for any of us and people of the community.

- Potluck dinner after worship today!  If you haven't done so already, please have a look at your directory page to make sure all the information is correct.



CALLING ALL LADIES!

- Ladies Class here at the building Tuesday mornings @ 10am. First one of the season on Tuesday! Let someone know if you need a ride.

- Be sure to check whether anyone needs a ride to or from worship if you are blessed with a vehicle.



PRAYERS...

- Remember to pray for Lori Kashorek, wife of Doug, the preacher at the Massena, NY church who has lung cancer.
- Pray for Bernie Gilleece, Kelly McElhaney's father, who has respiratory and cardiac issues as well as back pain.
- Please pray that Felicity Hicks can find a place to live, as she is homeless now and her children are staying with friends. Her mother, Linda, does sometimes see Chadevin and Matthew. Linda is also having a lot of knee pain.
- Pray for Claire Albro, Patty and Ruthie's stepmom who has cancer in several organs and is being treated with chemo. Claire is in a lot of pain and has been given an estimated 6 months to a year to live.
- Remember to pray for Lori Johnson, mother of Veronica who came to VBS. Lori has brain cancer.
- Jerry Lowe spent a few days in hospital in Troy last week because of another blood infection, the source of which is still being determined.
- Remember to pray for Matthew Lowe, Rhonda's brother and Jerry's son.
- Remember to pray for Richard Beiber, Darlene's father, of West Palm Springs, FL.
- Pray for the continuing success of the church in Tunkhannock, PA. Pray that an evangelist will move to that area to keep the work going.

If you have any prayers or news that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy Barry

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You're not what you think you are; but what you THINK--- you are!

"For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."
Matthew 12: 34b