

ANNOUNCEMENTS - April 24, 2024
Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 4th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110
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WOW (Worship On Wednesday) 12:10pm

April 24 – June 12 (Wednesdays) 12:10pm WOW Series: “Organic Discipleship”

Based on the Book:

Organic Disciples: Seven Ways to Grow Spiritually & Naturally Share Jesus
by Kevin G. Harney & Sherry Harney

April 24: Foundations

May 1: Bible Engagement

May 8: Passionate Prayer

May 15: Wholehearted Worship

May 22: Humble Service

May 29: Joyful Generosity

June 5: Consistent Community

June 12: Organic Outreach

Notes on Today’s Service:

Key Scripture verses:

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

2 Timothy 2:2

² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men and women, who will be able to teach others also.

Matthew 28:18-20

⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Excerpts from Organic Disciples:

The Fruit of the Spirit: An Umbrella over Spiritual Maturity

The fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23 is not optional or exchangeable. Without the fruit of the Spirit growing in us, taking steps to spiritual maturity quickly becomes a legalistic exercise...

When our spiritual practices are superintended by the fruit of the Spirit, they shape us into the Lord’s likeness. The fruit of the Spirit is like an umbrella over all the markers of spiritual growth...

When the fruit of the Spirit is blossoming, Christian community is filled with gentleness and kindness. Service is offered with joy. Generosity is extended with a heart filled with peace and trust in the God who cares. (pp 4-5)

Four Generations of Discipleship

Let's call the "2-2-2 Lifestyle" (2 Timothy 2:2). Here is the picture. Every follower of Jesus should be engaged with at least four generations of faith all the time:

Generation 1: We invite a more mature believer to help us grow in faith.

Generation 2: We tend to our own journeys of faith and spiritual growth.

Generation 3: We take the hand of a person who needs to grow in faith.

Generation 4: We train and equip the 3 person to live this same way and to reach out to help someone else grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Can you see the four generations of discipleship as you read 2 Timothy 2:2?

Generation 1: Paul teaches and invests in Timothy, a young pastor.

Generation 2: Timothy receives Paul's influence and grows as a Jesus follower.

Generation 3: Timothy entrusts what he is leaning to others who are reliable.

Generation 4: Those reliable people teach others. (pp 13-14)

What is the relationship between Discipleship and Evangelism?

Evangelism and discipleship are not enemies.

Evangelism and discipleship are not just friends.

Evangelism and discipleship are marriage partners. ...

The future of the church requires leaders who recognize that true discipleship moves people out with the gospel. At the same time, evangelistic churches are always growing disciples and helping them to become more like the Savior. (pp 19-20)

LOOKING AHEAD:

May 5 (Sunday): 4:00pm Wednesday Club Concert featuring Organ Music at Zion

May 9 (Thursday):

7:15pm Himmelfahrt/Ascension German Service with English translation

6:15pm Coffee & Cake

May 19 (Sunday): 3:00pm Hummelstown Community Singers Spring Concert

At Hummelstown United Church of Christ, 104 E Main St, Hummelstown, PA 17036

Weekly Schedule

Sunday (Communion & Healing Prayer on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Festivals)

9:00am **Sunday School** (in-person only)

9:45am **Fellowship** (in-person only)

10:15am **Worship Service** (in-person & online)

Wednesday (Communion on the 1st Wednesday)

12:10pm **WOW, Worship On Wednesday** (in-person & online)

12:35pm **Lunch Fellowship** (in-person only)