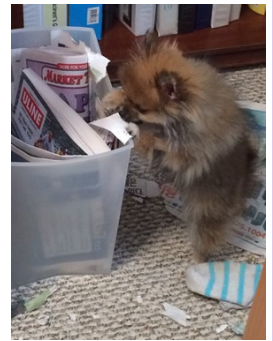


SPIRIT SONG

From the Pastor

Raising pets, parenting kids, and making disciples... Do you see any common denominators among those? If you allow me to answer there are three common things. Numbers one and two are *dedication*, and *patience*. One last thing is that it involves a great deal of *discipline*. Let me tell you why I am talking about all this.

Some of you already know that I have not been a pet-person until last month. This is what happened: While I was visiting in Korea for my father's medical emergency, Mina's uncle gave us his three-month old Pomeranian puppy for free. 'A free-gift' was the best part of it. Since then, I have been working hard to live with our new puppy, named Joy. You know how it goes with a new puppy. Long story short, his stuff is everywhere although I try to maintain a neat and clean living room. I can smell (?) him everywhere since Joy has not yet mastered potty training. I have to endure his endless barking when I try to work on my sermon peacefully.



By God's grace and by help of some of you who are dog-lovers who came over to my house to give us some guidelines and a book, I am getting better at sharing my space with him and still call him 'Joy,' even though raising a new puppy is not always 'joyful.'

What about parenting? Certainly parenting is much more complicated than raising a puppy. Whether you are grandparents or parents, we are somewhat involved in parenting our kids or grandkids. Nobody has mastered parenting. That's one of the reasons why we are offering 'Parenting Class' on Wednesday night for 6 weeks. I strongly recommend you to come and support each other as we learn together. We need to pray together for our own kids and kids in our church.

Last Sunday afternoon, May 24th, we were invited to Katrina Ellis' college graduation party. There were about 100 people that came over to the event. As I congratulated Katrina, Norm—Katrina's dad—said to me, "They are a whole village who raised my daughter." Isn't that so true? Do you have a whole village to raise your children? Getting them involved in all kinds of sports/other activities is not enough to raise them well. We need to raise them with Christian values in a whole village of faith.

That's what we call "discipleship." Baptizing and/or confirming them in the church is not enough. We need to equip our kids to live such a Christian way in this wicked world. That's the whole church's primary responsibilities. Let me remind you one most powerful thing we should not forget in the parenting and discipling process: It is a prayer. Let's kneel down and pray for them faithfully. I believe our Father God will raise them and guide their future life up to the Heaven.

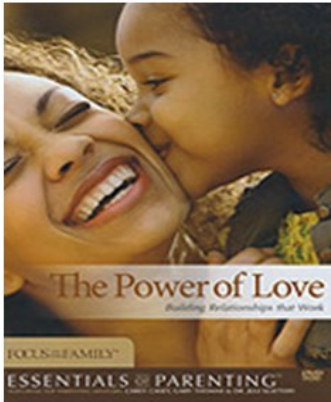
May God's blessings and peace be with you, your family (including pets), and all the family of God!

Pastor Taesung

Essentials of Parenting: The Power of Love

New 6 week Study Series

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.



Everybody Needs The Essentials! That's what you get in this powerful entertaining series from Focus on the Family. Essentials of Parenting brings top childrearing experts into your home or church-with practical wisdom, honest confessions, and decades of experience. Essentials of Parenting: The Power of Love shows you to enrich and enjoy the bond between your child and yourself. You'll also discover that when it comes to passing along your faith and values, a good relationship with your son or daughter is the sharpest tool in every parent's toolbox.

Sunday School

Summer is fast approaching; the warm weather is finally here which means the end of Sunday School. Our last class day is Sunday May 31st. We will continue to meet to practice our songs for children's Sunday, on June 14th. Just in case you received the CD that had all the songs on it, we are only going to sing **LIKE A TREE, HOW MAJESTICE IS YOUR NAME, CREATE IN ME, and TRUST IN THE LORD.** I hope everyone will be able to make it these last few Sundays to practice. If you do not have a copy of the music and words please see Karenlee. So sing, sing and sing. There will be also be the all church picnic afterwards and everyone is invited.

SCHEDULE Practice Sunday, May 31st from 8:45-9:15

Practice Sunday June 7th and June 14th from 8:45-10

Children's Sunday June 14th at 10:30

All Church Picnic June 14th after service

Dates to Remember

Children's Sunday will be June 14th

Church Picnic with the all church picnic to follow.

Vacation Bible School will be July 27th through 30th Monday-Thursday.



OUR CHALLENGE – 75 HEALTH KITS

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes.

Each month we collect some items for the health kit. In May we collected combs, metal nail files and nail clippers. We did not meet our goal and still need more combs, nail files and nail clippers.

GOAL FOR JUNE:

75 hand towels

15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;

Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

75 toothbrushes

adult size only;

Do not remove from original packaging.

IN 2014 the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) delivered 364,184 relief-supply kits into the hands of people in need, leaving relief-supply warehouses throughout the United Methodist network in need of replenishment.



Look for this bin at the rear of the Narthex. Add your gifts.
Celebrate 75 years of UMCOR with 75 health kits

Keep those Print Cartridges coming.

We earned

\$40

this month by returning cartridges.

Recycling pays.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The final tally on the 30 Hour Famine is **\$1,592**. This is enough to help **45** children for a month. We were estimating our fundraising to cover 30 children, so we have greatly exceeded our modest goal. Thank you for all your donations and prayer support.

The Youth helped with the past two Men's Suppers, and hope these dinners can support some with scholarships for Camp Aldersgate.

The Youth presented a short essay for Mother's Day and also contributed to a slide show. Unfortunately, there was a small technical difficulty that prevented the sound from working that day. However, you can check out this slide show on the CCUMC Facebook page, if you have not yet seen it. <https://www.facebook.com/CharltonCity/videos/vb.1417950565176949/1430883680550304/?type=2&theater>

Youth Group getting ready for some Miniature Golf



Generous Food Pantry Donations bring help to the hungry and hope to the burdened.



Thank you for your consistent terrific support for our food pantry, we will be able to help out some local food pantries as well due to your bountiful blessings.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC—June 14

June 14th is the ALL CHURCH PICNIC right after service. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy lunch with your church family. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring your favorite picnic dish. Any questions, please see Karenlee Hickey. Hope you will stay and enjoy the company and catch up with everyone. **Remember** everyone is invited whether you bring a dish or not.



All that is expected is the willingness to have a good time.

CHRISTIANALITY FEST 2015

SATURDAY – JULY 18TH FROM 3 TO 8 PM

Scheduled Bands

Jo Petty Band

Franki & Wendi Dennull—Purpose for Life

George Tifft

Vic n Sticks

Shiloh





STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Charlton City United Methodist Church

74 Stafford Street

Charlton, MA

Saturday, June 20, 2015

5:00-7:00 p.m.



HAM
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD
TOSSED SALAD
ROLLS & BUTTER
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE
TEA, COFFEE, PUNCH

\$10.00 Adults

\$5.00 Children 6-12

Children 5 and under are FREE

\$35.00 maximum per family

Tickets will be sold at the door.

For further information please call (508)987-5860.



Help the homeless!! – Socks

Mission minded ministry calling for new socks for men, women and children. The Worcester Fellowship desperately needs new socks for the homeless ministry that is ongoing. Help our brothers and sisters. Visit this website for inspiring awareness of this meaningful spiritual care, <http://www.worcesterfellowship.org>. Look for our **Sox in a Box** in the Narthex near the sofa!

Church wide yard sale and electronic recycling

Saturday June 13th - 8am to 2pm

rain or shine.



We need your donations of clean merchandise but no clothes please. Please bring to church on Sunday or call Nancy Russell at 508-248-5137 for other arrangements. Large heavy items can be picked up but please call in advance so we can schedule them. Please bring your electronics on the day of the sale as we will have truck there. There will be a minimal fee.

We will be needing workers before, during and after the sale.
Let's make this a successful and fun event.

Annual Molly's Handbell Concert—June 11—7—8pm

Brimfield Bells Hand Bell Choir—Belles & Beaus Hand Bell Choir of Elm Street Congregational Church
Tantasqua Faculty Hand Chime Choir

First Congregational Church, 20 N. Main Street, Brimfield, MAS 01010

Visit the church Facebook Page

See pictures of the Tin Auction

<https://www.facebook.com/CharltonCity>

Post to this page and spread the word through your Facebook page

CALENDAR

Ecumenical Fellowship Comm Tue, June 2 at 7pm
 Christianality Fest Task Force..... Tue, June 2 at 7pm
 Drumming Circle..... Mon, June 8 at 6:30pm
 Christianality Fest Task Force..... Mon, June 8 at 7pm
 Tagt Sale..... Sat, June 13
 Children’s Sunday and picnic Sun, June 14
 Council..... Mon, June 15 at 7pm
 Christianality Fest Task Force..... Tue, June 16at 7pm
 Annual Conference June 17—June 20
 Preparing for Strawberry Supper..... Fri, June 19 at 9am
 Strawberry Festival..... Sat, June 20 at 5pm

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Sunday School Sunday at 9am
 Adult Bible Study Sunday at 9am
 Worship Sunday at 10:30 am
 Youth Group Most Sundays at 6pm
 Caring Fellowship Second Sunday of each month
 Drumming Circle..... Second Monday of each month
 Men's Early Bird Coffee..... Wednesday at 5:30 am
 Women’s Bible Study Wednesday at 10 am
 Sharing Faith Wednesday at 7pm
 Intercessory Prayer Thursday at 11:30am
 AA..... Saturday at 7pm
 Community Café Last Saturday of the month at noon

Sunday's
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