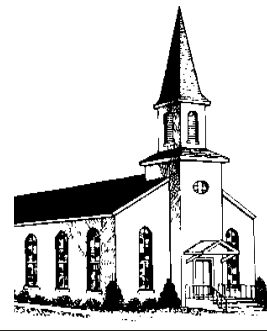


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## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Pastor Kathy Aeillo, Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist Churches

Romans 7:15 "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."

These words from St. Paul make me so grateful to him. If so great an evangelist could feel like this, maybe I don't need to feel quite so badly about myself.

I'm sure we all experience this feeling that, no matter how hard we try, we just keep messing up. We love God, we want to be faithful disciples, but time and again, we fall into sin. Maybe we get caught up in gossip or we tell just a little lie. Maybe we spend too much on that new pair of shoes, or the new boat, and we can't pay our tithes. Whatever the case, we allow ourselves to put God on the back burner, conveniently burying the guilt.

Later in this passage of Scripture, Paul

asks who will rescue him from "this body of death", the weak flesh in which we all live. He answers the

question for us when he writes, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

It is God, through Jesus, who gives us the strength to avoid sin in our lives. It is the Holy

Spirit living in us who provides the voice of conscience, telling us when we're making poor decisions. That's where we derive our strength and our hope. We can't overcome sin on our own, we must rely on God to resist temptations, all those evil impulses Satan uses to pull us away from righteousness.

God provides so many means of grace to help us remain faithful - prayer and the Word, worship and communion, small groups and Christian fellowship. God provides all these and many more but it's up to each of us to accept God's grace in order to increase our faithfulness.

## Don't Stop There...



What a disappointment! You had a tremendous drive, the perfect chip shot, and a brilliant putt. Then your ball stopped at the edge of the cup. The birdie you thought was yours didn't materialize.

Of course, it's only a game. It doesn't really matter. But setbacks are not always so trivial. What if something really big passes you by? Suppose you don't get that promotion, your child's scholarship doesn't get approved, an important client changes his or her mind, or the stock market wipes out your investment? Where do you turn? Where do you find strength to meet life's disillusionments? How can you be sure that when one door closes another one opens? Psalm 130:7 says, "...put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption."

Spiritual values are constant. Fortunes may shift and change, but God's House stands firm. The truths and inspiration you find there give meaning, purpose, and stability to your life. Be inspired this week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ephesians 5:6-20	Philippians 1:1-11	Philippians 1:12-30	Philippians 2:1-18	Philippians 2:19-30	Philippians 3:1-11	Philippians 3:12-4:1

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## NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL  
James and Lena Skrdlant's grandson, Jay Howell and wife Rhonda, and girls from Dahlonaga, Ga., came July 28 and visited until Sun. 31. On Saturday, Dawn and Bob Pauley, Smith Center, came to see Jays and James and Lena.

Evelyn and Ralph Strayer stopped in on their way to Leslie LeCount's 90th birthday celebration.

Karen Anderson and family from Prairie View picked up Clara Shewey and went on to Hays where they picked up Cheri, going on to Topeka where they spent the night. Going onto Louisburg and then on to Noel, Mo., to her granddaughter and family. They have four children. They stayed there until July 24 coming back to Topeka where she had a doctor's appointment the next day.

Maxine Brooks accompanied Vern and Betty Heitman to Oberlin Friday for Harold Frickey's funeral. They met Frank Brooks there and he spent the weekend with his mother.

Cyndee Owen of Craig, Colo., came to visit her grandmother, Alma Schulze, and other relatives.

Ang Slavik and Torea had dinner with Mary Keith.

Doris Mizell attended the United Methodist Women meeting at Clayton on Friday morning.

Jessica King told the group about her Met Tour. There were several guests from Almena.

Saturday, Aug. 6 Robert and Dawn Pauley, Smith Center and

Robert Pauley, Gypsum, came to help James and Lena Skrdlant celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary. Dawn brought lunch and also a very lovely angel food cake.

Doris Mizell received a call Saturday from her daughter, Patty, wanting her to come to Jennings. Bill and Karen Mizell, Cotter, Ark., and granddaughters Emma and Makalia, Wisc., were there and they wanted to see where their great-grandparents had lived around Clayton. Doris took them on a tour and also stopped at Harold Mizell's for a visit.

Lena Skrdlant and Dawn Pauley visited Mary Keith Saturday. Mary and Lena both enjoying anniversaries.

Doris Mizell received a phone call Saturday that she was great-grandmother again. Caden Spencer Ely arrived Friday evening at the hospital in Norton, Va. He was having trouble breathing he was rushed to the hospital in Johnson City, Tenn. Sunday he was flown to Winston-Salem, N.C. They will be testing his heart. His two-year old brother, Camron, broke his leg while playing at the Ronald McDonald House at Johnson City. Doris is waiting to hear that all is well.

Doris Mizell will be leaving this week for a trip with her daughter and husband, the Linsenmeyers, to New Jersey to visit her grandson, Allen Randolph and family. There will be no Manor News until September.

## LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER  
July 27, the Lyle Methodist Women celebrated July birthdays at the Cedar Living in Oberlin.

Friday the Lyle ladies sewed and that evening was a potluck and cards in Norcatour.

Sunday, July 31, was the Annual Powell Picnic, held at the Powell picnic grounds on the land of Samuel Powell, that was homesteaded in 1880.

Those attending were; Mack and Viola Powell, Lincoln, Mo.; Jack and Linda Powell, Colecamp, Mo.; Bill and Wanda Powell, Warsaw, Mo.; Joy and Hiliara Huff, Denver; Don and Shanna Nitzel, San Diego, Calif.; Darryl, Amanda and Aubrey Rippe, Moore, Okla.; Kurt, Sara, Bailly Diese, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bob and Lauretta Adams, Birmingham, Ala.; Sue Anderson and Jim Elliot, Buckley, Wash.; Elizabeth Callaway, Cortez,

Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rippe, Goodland; Charles and Judy Easton, Quinter; Mike, Tammy, Tara, Ryan and Spenser Powell, Allan and Patty Powell and Tanner, McCook, Neb.; Dennis, Karla, Korynn Clason, Ruth Vise, Roger, Barb and Mike Powell, Beaver City, Neb.; Richard and Jane Engelhardt, Sandy and Jean Spires, Kirk, Deanna, Aaron, Katlynn Gallentine, Norton; LaVerne and Coleen Rippe, Lebanon, Neb.; Elden and Charissa Huff, Ernest and Donna Huff and Margaret Magers, Norcatour.

Aug. 1-3, Kathy Van Meter attended the Knutson Reunion in Lincoln, Neb., at the Ed Mahoney State Park. About 75 attended. On the way home she stopped and visited with Steve and Julia Van Meter in Gibbon, Neb.

Sunday, August 7, Lyle had two inches of rain.

## NEW ALMELO

By BETTY OTTER

Coming to the Roger and JoAnn Long home on July 20, were their daughter, Stephanie Kirk, and her boys, Jonathan, Phillip and Luke of Keller, Texas. Accompanying them was Marguerite Costello Painter, also of Keller. Ms. Painter had grown up just west of New Almelo on a farm, the daughter of Tom and Rose Costello. She graduated from Lenora Rural High School in 1937. She was able to visit with some people she remembered.

Also coming to visit were the Long's daughters Renee Cella, Joseph, Lindsey, Rachel and Clair, Denver; and Joanie Winkel, Bethany and Brooklyn, Norton.

Coming to spend a few days at their grandparents, Alfred and Betty Otter's home were Cheyenne, Courtney, and Aaron Moss, Jewell; Alisha, Anna and Marshall Otter, Ulysses.

Art and Karen Bates, Edmond, Okla., were in the area visiting on July 23 weekend, staying with her mother, Geraldine Packer. Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Gary and Bertie Bruinekool, Lenora, and Alfred and Betty Otter met Saturday evening at the Pizza Hut for supper and visiting.

David and Mary Mindrup, Joseph and Rachel, Olathe, spent several days with his mother, Dorothy Mindrup.

## PRAIRIE VIEW

By VIVIAN JANSONIUS

On July 28, the Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele and Vivian Jansonius went to Hays. They had supper with Mark and Lisa Grieve, Kaiden and Megan and Heath and Lori Bogart, Kali, Alexander and Kambri, all of Hays. After supper, the Rev. Van Der Weele and Mrs. Jansonius went to the High Plains Mental Health meeting.

On July 30, a large crowd attended the funeral services for Darrel Vahle, in the Prairie View Reformed Church with Pastor Van Der Weele. Many attended the noon dinner at the church.

Jill Erickson of Orange City, Iowa, is visiting her parents, Keith and Deloris Erickson and sister and family in Phillipsburg.

Annual Homemade Ice Cream Social will be held Aug. 15. Proceeds from the fund raiser will go for Story Hour and children's school books.

Brady Tien turned 12 on July 23. He celebrated his birthday on July 30 while watching his brother Trevor at the Phillips County Horse Show.

Trevor Tien received several ribbons at the horse show including reserve grand champion mare. Those present for both events were Scott and Patty Tien, Henry and Ann Tien, Kent Tien, Steven, Laime, Aaron Sierra and Hayle Tien, Judy Evereth from Gaylord, Doug and Connie Rice from Smith Center, Ron Shellito from Smith Center, Kelly, Tanner and Tyler Flint of Topeka.

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