

Dear Hingham Church family,

Pastor Clint Eberspacher will be with us as a **candidate** for our Senior Pastor position from July 17-19. Pastor Clint, his wife Liz, and their children Caleb (10), Zoe (8) and Phoebe (5), are coming from Mount Pleasant, Iowa, for a weekend of interaction with the congregation. Brochures with more information about the Eberspachers were placed in mailboxes last week, and are also available at the information center. In addition to preaching and teaching Sunday school on Sunday morning, Pastor Clint will be available to interact with us in small group settings. Be sure to take advantage of these important opportunities! Here's the schedule:

Friday, July 17

- 8:00-9:30pm Meet with Junior and Senior High students around campfire (Zac Dulmes' home, W4118 County Rd A South)

Saturday, July 18

- 8:30-10:00am Meet with Larry Duenk and Ed Rauwerdink Care Groups*
- 10:30am-12:00pm Meet with Kevin Dulmes and Kevin Bruggink Care Groups*
- 1:00-2:30pm Meet with Greg Kanz and Rod Dirkse Care Groups*
- 3:00-4:30pm Meet with Tim Kaat and Steve Dulmes Care Groups*

*Care Groups to meet in **Fellowship Hall**. To join a meeting **online**, email me (Pastor Ken) at moberg101@gmail.com and I'll send you a link. If you're **unable** to meet with your assigned care group, please contact the Elder in charge of the group you'd like to attend with.

Sunday, July 19

- 9:00am Worship service; Pastor Clint preaches
- 10:15am Combined Sunday school in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm **Congregational meeting** for corporate prayer and congregational vote. If you can't attend the meeting for health reasons, you can vote absentee by contacting your care Elder by phone Sunday afternoon between 4 and 6pm.

Hingham Church family, Eric & Kathryn Albrecht would like to extend you an invitation to witness their restatement of **wedding** vows ceremony this coming Saturday, July 11 at 2 PM in the church sanctuary.

The **social distancing** we're encouraging is for the sake of the most vulnerable. So whether you feel you need the distance or not, we ask that you help us protect those that need it most. Please allow the Deacons to seat and dismiss you. Coffee will now be available (weather permitting) on the parsonage lawn after the service – please enjoy it while respecting each other's space.

My friend Jon Payne, our District Superintendent, will be with us **this Sunday** and will bring the message. He'll be speaking from 2 Corinthians 4 and meeting with us in the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour. I know you'll enjoy hearing from Jon, and you may have a chance to meet Jordan Huffman, our new Associate District Superintendent. Please make them feel welcome!

You're all invited to a **baptism**! Arianna Pickering has put her trust in Jesus as Savior and wants to follow Him in baptism. She'll be baptized at 3pm on Sunday, July 26, at the home of her cousin, W2620 County Road OO, just south of the Gibbsville Church. You can park at the south end of Gibbsville Church's parking lot.

Curriculum for [Backyard Bible Clubs](#) is now available. Click [here](#) for materials. Questions? Call Nancy DeJong or Patti Duenk.

Who's reading a **chapter a day** in Proverbs? I'd love to hear your stories of how God is speaking to you through His Word! Drop me a note (or email or text) to tell me how it's going!

Please be in **prayer** for the following people:

- Sue Arentsen – Ovarian Cancer
- Dave Scholten – Parkinson's disease. Currently at Cedar Grove Gardens.
- Barb Veldboom – Parkinson's disease
- Char Baumann – Breast cancer. Char started radiation treatments on July 6th . Please pray for minimal side effects from the radiation treatment and for good health that she can finish her treatments in the six week time frame.
- Delmar Hoopman – Currently in Hospice Care at Rocky Knoll.
- Faye Zimmer – Pray that Faye's therapy continues to go well. She's at Cedar Grove Gardens, Room #8. 920-980-9878.
- Gloria De Groff – Multiple Sclerosis
- Mike Heinen – Prostate Cancer

Still amazed by grace,

Pastor Ken

Sermon Notes:

Don't Give Up

II Corinthians 4:1-18

Rev. Jon Payne, District Superintendent

1. God gives us a _____. Vs.1-6
2. God gives us a _____. Vs. 7-12
3. God gives us _____. Vs. 13-15
4. God gives us _____. Vs. 16-18

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT AND SMALL GROUP STUDY:

1. Share a circumstance when someone may want to give up.
2. Read II Corinthians 11:16-33. What difficulties and trials did Paul endure?
3. Discuss II Corinthians 4:7...Paul is conveying the message of weakness and power...Jar containers are weak but God is strong. How does God use our weaknesses to show His power?
4. When you feel like giving up because of the overwhelming struggles of life, how does keeping an eternal perspective help with discouragement?
5. How can you use hardships and trials you have experienced to be an encouragement to others?
6. Read II Corinthians 4:17. How is possible to grow spiritually in the midst of momentary troubles?
7. How would you explain that the troubles of this world are "light and momentary" when compared to eternity?
8. What examples from your own life would you use to prove the importance of keeping an eternal perspective?
9. Read II Corinthians 12:9-10. How is one's faith defined by how they handle hardships?
10. What steps can you take to turn hardships into opportunities to rely on God's power?