



Opening Worship Song.....*"To Our God"*

Welcome & Invocation.....*Jim Loeffler*

Prelude.....*"Because He Lives"*.....*Linda Morey*

Old Testament Reading (Genesis 4:4b-7).....*Lisa Gnibus*

Praise & Worship.....*"Battle Belongs"*  
*"Saved the Day"*

Prayer.....*Sue Fuller*

Kids' Talk.....*Phil Gotham*

Hymn #364.....*"Because He Lives"*

Offertory/Offering.....*"Morning Has Broken"*.....*Linda Morey*

Doxology/Blessing of Gifts

New Testament Reading (Mark 3:1-6)

Message.....*Diane Senger*  
*Ever Been Angry?*

Responding to God's Love.....*"Glorious Day"*

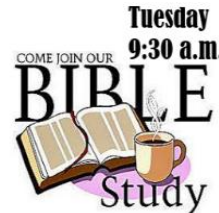
Benediction/Blessing

Exit Song.....*"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"*



**The Lost Sheep**  
*God loves and cares about us.*  
Matthew 18:12-14

*All Are Welcome*



**Tuesday 9:30 a.m.**  
The 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning Bible Study with Elna Morton meets in the multi-purpose room. You are welcome to join in.  
On Tuesday, April 16, they will be starting the study, THE WAY. All are invited to join in.

**Mark Your Calendar for these dates:**

**TODAY!** *Donut Sunday*  
Donut Sunday is TODAY. Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for some donuts, beverage and fellowship.

*Upcoming Meetings*

Trustee meeting directly after worship on Sunday, April 21.

Administrative Church Council meeting on Monday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Council on Ministries meeting on Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. If you were involved in the past or are looking for a way to serve God through a church ministry, we would love for you to join us!



**What to do with those eclipse glasses?**  
Bring them to church as we will recycle them. There will be a box in the narthex for you to drop them in.



**Faith-based Summer Camps**

Summer Camp is a place for kids to find themselves, meet new friends, and above all connect with God. There are a number of faith-based summer camps to choose from. Check out the brochures on the table in the narthex. Don't let finances deter you from registering. Financial assistance is available. If you have any questions, please see LeAnne Morton or Sue Fuller.

**ATTENDANCE PADS**  
**Please sign the pad and pass it along!**

## Bible Studies



The Moms' Bible Study on Monday nights @ 6:00 pm is on summer break.

Christa Craven's 6:00 pm Tuesday night study is taking a break for the summer!

Elna Morton's 9:30 a.m. Bible Study will begin a new study on April 16 called, THE WAY. Anyone interested is invited to join in.

## SHUMY

The Youth group will be meeting on Sunday, April 14, 21 and 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.



## PARSONAGE RENOVATION PROJECT

The Administrative Church Council unanimously voted on March 18 to move forward with the parsonage project. The project cost will range from \$100,00.00 up to \$150,000.00. The initial \$100,000.00 will come from current church cash reserves. The hope (expectation of answered prayer) is that the balance will come in through the generous giving of our church family. Many people have already expressed an interest in getting behind this project and the Council is very confident this financial need will be met. If you are ready to make a donation now, please designate your giving to the "Parsonage Upgrade Fund." Exciting days ahead for SHUMC!!



Congratulations to Jane Harper who is celebrating 56 yrs. of cross stitching. Her cross stitch projects are on display at the Lawrence Park Library on Iroquois Ave. They will be there the whole month of April. Stop in and take a look at the beautiful exhibition. The library is open: 9am-8 pm (Mon. & Tues.) and 9-5 (W-T-F)



### Our Condolences & Sympathy to:

The family of Linda Chrispen. Linda's daughter, Carol Meerhoff passed away on March 19.

We are also praying for the family of Dorothy Buck and Joyce Smith as their sister, Peggy passed into the loving arms of the Lord on April 8.



April  
and  
May

The Ella Cochran would love your help in restocking some of their shelf items. From April 21 to May 12, you will find a box in the narthex to put personal care items such as:

Shampoo	Toothbrush
Soap	Toothpaste
Body Wash	

## GOLF TIME

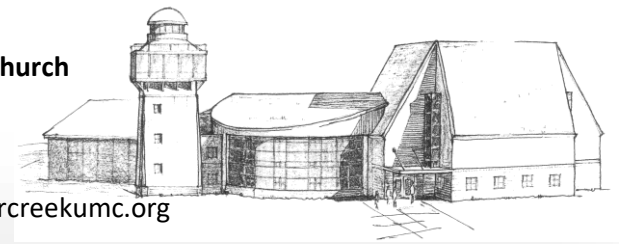


Save the Date!

The Refuge Golf Tournament will soon be here! Mark your calendar for Monday, June 17. If you have any questions, talk to Chuck Myers or Gary Faulhaber.

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*Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome. Each guest is considered special here at South Harborcreek Church and we are thankful you chose to be with us! We hope this will be a meaningful time of worship for you.*

## THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE

**WORLD** by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. God uses the church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread spiritual holiness, thereby changing the world.

We make disciples as we:

**PROCLAIM** the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;

**LEAD** persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;  
**NURTURE** persons in Christian living through worship, and the sacraments, spiritual disciplines;

**SEND** persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, free the oppressed being and becoming compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel;

**CONTINUE** the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.

A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel. *Proverbs 15:18*

But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. *Colossians 3:8*

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. *James 4:1-2*

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca' (contempt), is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. *Matthew 5:22*

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land. *Psalms 37:8-9*

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. *Psalms 86:15*

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get your self ensnared. *Proverbs 22:24*

I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. *Jonah 4:2b*

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. *1 Corinthians 13:4-5*

## Righteous Anger vs. Sinful Anger

Good morning, Church! For those who don't know me, my name is Diane Senger.

I have three questions for you: Have you ever been angry? Has anyone ever made you so upset you became angry with them? Has it ever ruined a relationship or a job because you let your anger get the better of you?

So, we all can answer yes to at least one of these questions or all three. Anger is a normal human emotion just like crying, being happy, feeling anxious, feeling joy, laughter, or being mad; but not to be taken lightly. If not handled correctly, it can go from just being angry to leading us to sin.

I have been hearing a lot of negativities lately in the news, around the breakroom at work, at parks, picnics, just about everywhere. I've also had a few people discussing the topic of anger and is it righteous or sinful? Hmm... I wasn't sure how to answer the question 100% so I went to God and asked him to help me find the answers so I would then know what to say, if it came up again. This led to three months of research, reading, discussing with Pastor and a couple of others, and lots of prayer time with God.

The first thing is that God has provided us a long list of bible verses that speak on this very subject! I've included a list in this insert for you.

So, what is the difference between Righteous Anger and Sinful Anger? Good question. David Jeremiah explains it this way: "Righteous anger is for God's sake and sinful anger is for our sake." A deeper definition would be found in an article written by Jon Bloom, who is a staff writer for desiring God.org. He says, "Righteous anger is being angry at what makes God angry." So, what does this mean. In the Bible, we are called as Christians to live lives that strive to be more like Christ, since Christ is living in us. So, it would be anything that would grieve God's heart to the point of being angry.

Some examples of this would be ethnic & economic injustice, abuse—emotional, physical, or sexual; sex trafficking, human slavery, adultery, refugee plight, or persecution of another’s human rights by an authority in power. These are the things we should be angry about and should grieve our hearts.

The next time someone or something causes you to become angry, ask yourself these questions. Is my anger going to produce actions that will make the world a better place and help bring people to hear the Gospel in a loving way? Or will my anger be used to retaliate, isolate, or just plain push people away from the Christian faith all together? Will they see me as a hypocrite, (Pharisee)? Being a Christian is about helping others to see Christ, not raising our voices and arguing with them.

When someone is being abused or their rights are being violated by their government: that would be righteous anger. Arguing over a parking space, would be sinful anger. See the difference? God would be angry about the rights of another one of his children being mistreated. It would grieve God’s heart. Two people arguing over a parking space would not make him happy, but not to the point of God inflicting his wrath on them. He would want forgiveness and love between the two.

We all know the story in the Bible of God overturning the tables in the Temple. This is righteous anger. God knew he had given the Temple to the people of Israel for teaching his word and prayer, not what it had become. Today, though, I’m going to focus on another story in Mark that deals with righteous anger. It is found in Mark 3:1-5. Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, **“Stand up in front of everyone.”** Then Jesus asked them, **“Which is lawful on the Sabbath; to do good or to do evil, to save a life or to kill?”** But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, **“Stretch out your hand.”** He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. *Ephesians 4:29-31.*

Fools give full vent to their anger, but the wise bring calm in the end. *Proverbs 29:11*

A person’s wisdom yields patience; it is to one’s glory to overlook an offense. *Proverbs 19:11*

Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. *Ecclesiastes 7:9*

The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So, Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” *Genesis 4:4b-7*

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.” But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?” *Jonah 4:1-4*

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. *James 1:19-20*

A gentle answer turns away wrath but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. *Proverbs 15:1-2*

I think of it this way: When I am filled with righteous anger, I am joining God in anger over evil. This kind of anger will bear good fruit and moves us towards acts of Justice. The acts of Faith and Love are involved as well and it doesn't have anything to do with revenge or jealousy.

What about sinful anger or the anger that leads us to sin? This is the kind of anger that separates us from the love God has for us. It can sometimes leave us sick to our stomachs, leave us with severe headaches, cause us to do foolish things that hurt our hands, or hurt another's feelings. I don't know about you, but sometimes we even forget why we are angry in the first place. There are no acts of injustice, just our selfishness. These are usually times when someone either says or does something to press a button with us, causing us to react. That reaction is not always one we are able to control. Emotions get in the way, we say hurtful things, or do something to hurt the one that hurt us. Some examples would be: Another driver cuts you off in traffic, someone cuts you in front of you in line, or someone eats the last of your favorite snack and many, many others. There is also the anger and frustration that comes when someone close to us is either hurt or passes away. Anger can lead to hate, frustration, regret, unforgiveness, or a hardened heart. Either way this would be a sin and not righteous anger.

My final thought would be this: Sinful anger is just giving evil a stronghold in your life and not of God. If this happens, we need to go to the Lord in prayer and ask forgiveness for our sin and forgive the one that caused us hurt. It is always better to love and forgive when people make mistakes that upset us, or say or do hurtful things. This would be considered acting in a righteous manner that makes God smile.

"The decisions you make today will determine the stories you tell tomorrow."

--Craig Groeschel

## VERSES ON RIGHTEOUS ANGER:

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath. Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, **"Stand up in front of everyone."** Then Jesus asked them, **"Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?"** But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, **"Stretch out your hand,"** He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

Jesus Clears the Temple Courts. On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, **"Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations' But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"** The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. **"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in their heart but believes it will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.'"**

## VERSES ON SINFUL ANGER:

"In your anger do not sin" Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.  
*Ephesians 4:26-27.*