Sermon
Pastor Bryan George

Going to the Potter’s House to be Shaped into Something Beautiful

Text: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Focus: The Master Potter is constantly forming each us into purposeful, useful vessels if we allow ourselves to be shaped according to the Potter’s purposes. If we allow ourselves to be formed by our own selfish will, we will eternally useless.

I) A disastrous do it yourself plumbing project
   Admitting I needed help and allowing a skilled craftsman to work on my plumbing

II) In the Potter’s Hands: Jeremiah 18
   Going to the Potter’s house (v. 2): A willingness to go to the Master
   Requires repentance and renouncing the spiritual forces of wickedness
   Facing the pain of going to the wrong address to be shaped and formed
   The Potter’s house or the Cat litter factory?
   The process of transformation on the Potter’s wheel (v.3)
   The Potter starts with flaws but doesn’t stop shaping as long as pliable (v. 4)
   Going from “spoiled” to “good”
   The “work” of the clay is to yield to the Potter ‘s hand (v.6)
   What are the areas of our lives that we need to let go and allow God to form us?
   The Master Potter constantly is reworking us into vessels that seem good to God

III) Questions to ask ourselves today;
   Are we turning from evil and going to the right address of the Potter’s house?
   Are we allowing the Potter to use our flaws to be transformed for God’s purposes?
   Are we singing “Have thine own way, Lord?”
Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.

**Church News**

**Women's Bible Study**
James is an intensely practical book, filled with exhortations to Christians about the way they should live their lives. It is filled with allusions to and quotations of the teachings of Jesus, and it includes more commands per word than any other New Testament book. James has been called "the Proverbs of the New Testament." This twelve week course will begin on June 8th via Zoom. You can also participate by phone if you do not have a computer. For more information contact Pastor Janet, janet@churchofthelakes.org or 330-685-4882.

**Blood Drive**
Church of the Lakes will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, June 10th, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Activity Center. The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations. Precautions are taken to keep you and the workers safe. No walk-ins will be accepted. To signup for an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code ChurchOfTheLakes.

**Donations Needed**

**Youth Mission 2020**
The youth will be making Summer Family Bags for the families at Canton Calvary Mission. Our goal is to help supply some additional food and activities to help the children through the long summer. Below is a list of what we would like to collect, any donations can be dropped off at the Church by June 19th, in the youth mission tote by the church office window. Or have the items shipped directly to the Church. (Church of the Lakes, Attention: Youth, 5944 Fulton Drive, Canton, OH 44718). Thank you for your support.

**Donation List:** Box of Crackers; Individual bags of chips; Individual bags of cookies/desserts; Individual containers of fruit/applesauce; Flashcards; Children’s books; Crayons and coloring books; Jump ropes; Whiffle balls and bats; Frisbees; Additional toys that can be used for summer fun; Additional items that can be used for summer learning.

**Crosspoint Yard Sale**
Rescheduled July 9th-11th
Crosspoint UMC's annual yard sale, to benefit their missions, has been rescheduled for July 9th - 11th. They are able to take donations at any time, so if you are spring cleaning and have treasures you no longer need and would like to donate (anything besides clothing), contact Diana at our church office or 330-499-8972. They do appreciate anything and everything.

Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.

Keep in your prayers: Bri Specht; Donna Smith; Pam Izquierdo; Megan Mitchell; Abby Whisler-Filla; Don Fisk; Shirley, mother of Danielle Dragomire; Keith Evans.

Our condolences to Jerry Beshore and family, on the loss of his son, Joshua. Pam Black and family, on the loss of her father, Joseph. Submit prayer requests by phone: 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or through email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org
Ready to volunteer?

How to sign up and start building:
1. Visit cotl.habitatco.org and click “volunteer”
2. Select your preferred volunteer shift(s)
3. Tell us a little about yourself
4. Provide your emergency contact information
5. Review the Release and Waiver of Liability, check box, then click “finish.” You will receive an automatic email confirmation.

Upper Room devotions for May/June are available at the church office window for a donation of $1.