

# The Community Clarion

August 2020

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*For I know*

the plans I have for you," declares  
the LORD, "plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future."

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# Pastor's Page

I copied the following story from Facebook. It is not meant to offend it is simply meant to help all to understand what has been happening in the USA concerning Black Lives Matter.

From Kate Riffle Roper:

As a white mother of two black children, three white children, who all have a white father, I have something to say.

Racism exists. It is real and tangible. And it is everywhere, all the time.

When I brought my boys home they were the cutest, sweetest babies ever. Wherever we went, people greeted us with charm and enthusiasm. Well, not all people and not everywhere. But, to me, they were the "wacko" exceptions. I thought to myself, "Get over it."

Now my boys look like teenagers. Black teenagers. They are 13. Let me ask you these questions. Do store personnel follow your children when they are picking out their Gatorade flavors? They didn't follow my white kids. Do coffee shop employees interrogate your children about the credit card they are using to pay while you are in the bathroom? They didn't interrogate my white kids. When your kids trick-or-treat in, dressed as a Ninja and a Clown, do they get asked who they are with and where they live, door after door? My white kids didn't get asked. Do your kids get pulled out of the TSA line time and again for additional screening? My white kids didn't. Do your kids get treated one way when they are standing alone but get treated a completely different way when you walk up? I mean a completely different way. My white kids didn't. Do shoe sales people ask if your kids' feet are clean before sizing them for shoes? No one asked me that with my white kids. Do complete strangers ask to touch your child's hair? Or ask about their penis size? Or ask if they are "from druggies"? No one did this with my white kids.

Did you tell your kids not to fight back because they will be seen as aggressive if they stand up for themselves? Have you had to honestly discuss with your husband whether you should take your children to the police station to introduce them to the officers so they would know your children are legitimate members of your community? Have you had to talk to your children about EXACTLY what to say and not to say to an officer? Have you had to tell your children that the objective of any encounter with police, or security in any form, is to stay alive? It never occurred to me to have these conversations with my white children. In fact, it never occurred to me for myself either.

There is no question that my boys have been cloaked in my protection when they were small. What I did not realize until now is that the cloak I was offering them was identification with my whiteness. As they grow independent, they step out from my cloak and lose that protection. The world sees "them" differently. It is sweet when they are adopted little black boys so graciously taken in by this nice white family. But when they are real people? Well, it is not the same. And they still look like little boys. What happens to them when they look like the strong, proud black men I am raising?

The reason why the phrase All Lives Matter is offensive to black people is because it isn't true. Right now, in America, my black children are treated differently than my white children. So when you say All Lives Matter as a response to the phrase Black Lives Matter you are completely dismissing the near daily experience of racism for those with pigment in their skin, curl in their hair and broadness of their nose.

I am posting this so you can see the reality I have witnessed and experienced, because, frankly, I didn't believe it was true until I saw it up close, directed at two souls I love, over and over again. So, please, use this post as a pair of glasses to see the racism that surrounds you. Then we can actually make progress toward all lives being valued and cherished.

*Pastor Kevin*

# Coming in September

# A Pavilion Sale

Thursday, September 3 from 9-5

Friday, September 4 from 9-6

Saturday, September 5 from 9-5

## Items Available

### Furniture and Rugs

Beds  
Bookcases  
Coffee tables  
Couches  
Desks  
Dining Room Furniture  
Dressers  
End Tables  
Hutches  
Kitchen Sets  
Lamps  
Rugs  
Stuffed Chairs  
Wicker Furniture

### Other Items

Christmas Trees  
Microwave  
Other household items  
Pictures  
Shelves  
Tools

Help is needed for this sale.

COVID guidelines in effect at this time will be enforced.

# Thank You!

I want to thank several people for our joint effort to make face masks for anyone who wants them in our church. This is not a one-woman show! Thank you to Alberta (and her daughter Linda) and Jan Monos for the yards of beautiful fabric after I ran out of mine! Thanks goes to Linda Brunson and her sister, Leone, for the yards and yards of interfacing they supplied me with. Thanks goes to Alberta, Maxine, and Ginnie for all the thread they let me use when I ran out of mine! And I can't forget Linda and Hugh Knapp and Theresa Coleman for spending hours cutting out the masks for me to sew. As you can see it takes many hands and open hearts when nothing was in the stores or online to purchase these items that went into the masks. I still have about 50+ masks cut out ready to sew, so if anyone wants a second or third mask just let me know. I have about 5 children's sizes, the rest are men's and women's. Please everyone stay well and safe during this trying time. God will use it for GOOD, just wait and see! My many thanks to all. MaryLou Doebele.

## Celebrations

### Anniversaries

BLANER, Bob & Carol	08/07
WILSON, Bill & Dee	08/09
KNAPP, Hugh & Linda	08/18
GILKESON, Barbie	08/20
BAILLIE, Adam & Ginnie	08/26
POLING, Lowell & Jo	08/29

### Birthdays

DYER, Melody	08/01
DOWNEY, Jim	08/04
GIBBS, Kathy	08/06
BLANER, Bob	08/09
DUNKEL, Sharon	08/11
COLEMAN, Matthew	08/16
DUNKEL, Martin	08/16
HARTWIG, Maria	08/16
YOUNG, Violet	08/18
THOMPSON, Candi	08/19
YOUNG, James	08/23
COSTIN, Karen	08/25
LEIDENHEIMER, Matthew	08/28
DOEBELE, Bill	08/29
GODBY, Aiden	08/30
BRUNSON, Linda	08/31

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:45 Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:45 Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:45 Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:45 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:45 Worship	31					