



Whitestone Life

Thank you, teachers!

I sometimes remind myself of the story of Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley. It seems that while she was a motivated and hard working woman her husband was, well..., less motivated. One day while he was just sitting and observing her, after she repeated an instruction for one of her children, he commented, "That's the 18th time you've told that child the same thing." She replied simply, "Well, if I hadn't told him the 18th time I would have wasted the previous 17."

Have you ever said, "How many times do I have to tell you?" The logical answer is obviously, "At least once more." I've tried that one and it wasn't very well received.

I remembered the story of Susanna Wesley when I was reading an article about teacher. The article included the top twenty answers teachers gave when they were asked to finished the statement, "Teaching is 90% ____ (blank) _____."

My favorite answer was, "Teaching is 90% repeating yourself over and over...."

If there are 25 students in your classroom some are sure to be distracted others won't understand and still others just weren't listening. My grandson was recently taken to the hearing specialist because of the number of times he asks, "What did you say?" His hearing is fine, his listening is still developing. L

We have a number of teachers who attend Whitestone and as school begins I think of them. I am exceedingly thankful for them. I know they work hard. I know they aren't getting rich even though they enrich the lives of so many others. I know most of them love their work and their students (at least most of them).

I like the following definition of an elementary teacher's job. "A teacher's job is to take a whole bunch of live wires and, by the time they have finished, be sure they are all well-grounded."

Good teachers not only give information they also communicate wisdom and truth. They don't simply teach the facts, they teach critical thinking skills. More than dispensing knowledge, they also instill confidence along with ethics while tempering confidence with humility. And all of this must be done while timing personal bathroom breaks so that the classroom is never left unsupervised.

Thank you to all of you teachers! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Pastor Kurt

Oh---, one last quote. One teacher observed, "Being a teacher makes it hard to decide what to name your own children."



Events at Whitestone Mennonite Church

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship
Tuesdays: 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

- 3 21st Century "Slaves and Masters" 1 Corinthians 7:23-24; Ephesians 6:5-9 (Col 3:22, 4:1; 1 Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:9; 1 Pet 2:18; 2Pet 2:19)**
- 5 7:00 pm Elders
- 6 5:45 pm 1st WOW
- 7:30 pm Worship Planning
- 7 9:00 am Whitestone Mennonite Women
- 10 A text for our time: Let the one without sin cast the first stone. John 8:1-11**
- 13 7:00 pm WOW
- 17 A text for our time: Neither do I condemn you. John 8:1-11**
- 20 NO WOW— Homecoming parade
- 24 A text for our time: Go and sin no more. John 8:1-11**
- 28 10:00 am Villa Coffee

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The Library committee placed posters in the library with some guidelines.

If you have any questions about these guidelines or any other library concerns please contact any of the committee members.

~Karla Simpson, Donna Koehn, Barb Esau, or Heather Finely

- 2 Anne Brenneman
- 3 Tami Keim
- 4 Elaine Horst
- Brynn Johnston
- 5 Carson Orpin
- Brenda Christophel
- 8 Owen Landis
- 10 Bill Nitzsche
- Amelia Broadfoot
- 11 Mariah Staufer
- 12 James Peters
- 14 Kevin Finley
- 15 Ron Moyo
- Janie Mullet
- 16 Wesley Wilder
- Nora Bell Dalke
- Kason Landes
- 17 Anthony Swartzendruber
- Jeanette Wedel
- Briggs Stauffer
- 18 DeeDee Landes
- Simon Mungecho
- 20 Mike Isaacs
- 21 Jan Stutzman
- Andrea Peters
- Marilyn Wilder
- 22 Delbert Tieszen
- 25 Tanner Copeland
- 27 Eli Royston
- 28 Chandra Copeland
- Betta Kym
- 29 Meg Leatherman
- Pearl Rodgers

Library Policies



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- Please return books after **3** weeks.
- Please put the checkout date with year and your full name on the card.



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- Chris & Sheri Esau
- Tyson & Rachel Miller
- 4 Ron & Sue Moyo
- 5 Gary & Louisa Oyer
- 8 Ivan & Twyla White
- 11 Del & DaLonna Schroeder
- 14 Paul & Andrea Schrag
- 20 Dean & Sondra Leatherman
- 21 Jerol & Becky Schrag
- 27 Leroy & Sharon Koehn

