

Monday - April 7

I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life. John 8:12 CEB

Committee or ministry impact? Let's acknowledge together that giving of our time, talent and treasure IS our ministry impact; yippee for church committees! If you are reading this, know that Kim La Rue, Karen Curren and I, are blessed to serve as the Lenten Devotional committee. In almost 30 years, I have served on many PUMC committees. Initially Staff-Parish Relations and Administrative Council complemented the business skills I'd learned. Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants, youth musicals and performing arts productions (directing, acting, dancing and choreographing) charged my childlike wonder. Pop-up planning committees like capital campaigns, strategy, vision and outreach complemented a growth focus. Whereas, missions, lay leadership, endowment, and finance committee aligned passions and realities. Thankfully I've skirted participation with the Board of Trustees. (Facilities and property ministry.) God bless those who get HVAC.

I continue to feel blessed to this very day by the stained glass committee. As the chairperson, I worked with Alan Shore, Terri Goldring, Dick Clark, Deb (Weaver) McLaughlin and Jack Parren. From November 2006 to December 2007 we forged past our differing tastes, budget planning, and vendor relations to implementation and church dedication.

Like faith, there is a mystery to glass; a fitting symbol of transformation. Simple ordinary sand exposed to fire gives us glass and metallic salts and oxides create the color. I hope the next time you sit in our sanctuary you will allow the stained glass colors and imagery of God's light (sun's rays) to reach you; the crown of thorns to ground you; and the holy spirit to connect you in heaven and earth.

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Prayer: Holy God, Thank you for the earthly relationships we've formed in your church. Please continue to bless our time, resources and hearts to be transformed in glory for you.