

Oct. 7th – Care Net's 13th Annual Banquet, COSUMC is hosting a table of 8. Contact Susan Abrams, 661-816-1278.

EXTRAS

BIRTHDAY: Peter Tatum – July 20th.

ANNIVERSARY: Jeff & Cindy Sheldon – July 22nd.

NEW EMAIL for PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or send an email: pastor@cosumc.com.

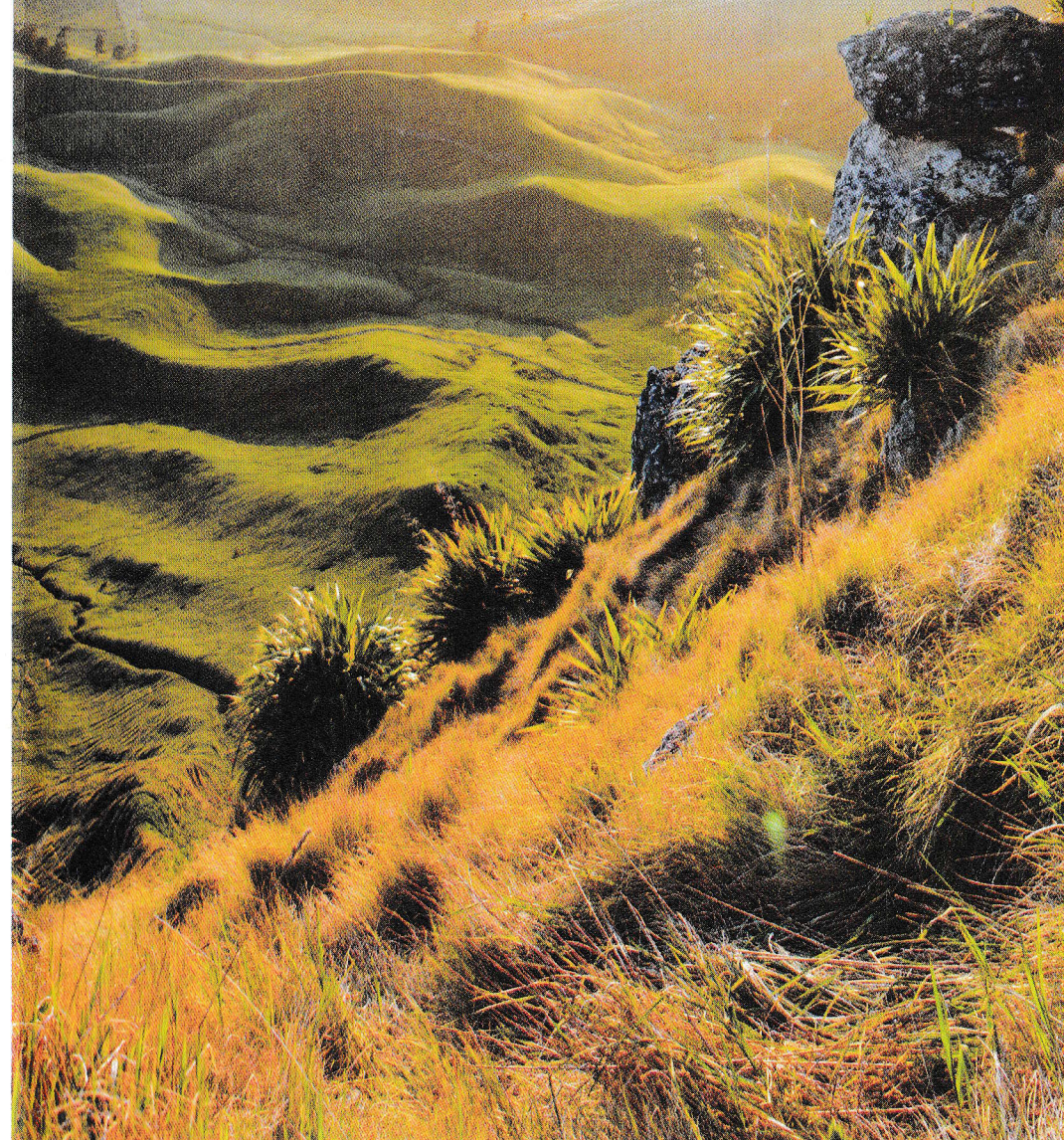
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he holds all
creation
together
Colossians 1:17





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Our Worship on July 17, 2016
Worship Leader: Susan Abrams

Welcome! When we gather to worship Almighty God, we are letting the sunshine of His Love flow into our hearts. Jesus brings light in the darkness, hope to our discouragement, and a new vision of the spiritual dimension surrounding us.

We invite everyone to remain after Worship to enjoy some friendly conversation and refreshments in our Lobby.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*
Opening Devotion and Prayer
Singing Praises to Jesus
Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer
Scripture: Luke 7:11-17 Pg. 717
Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "A Widow & Her Son"

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God
Closing Song
Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Love one another, as I have loved you. —John 15:12
As I study the subject of "separation" in the Old and New Testaments, I discover that the weight of Scripture lies in the direction of fellowship rather than separation. What is the great overwhelming evidence that we have passed from death unto life? It is love! Jesus Christ clearly was speaking of visible unity, such as can be seen by the world. His motive for praying was that the world might believe and the world might know. He prayed for unity among believers. God, who wills man's unity in Christ, is a God of variety. So often we want everyone to be the same—to think and speak and believe as we do. Many Scripture passages could be called to witness that love is the real key to Christian unity. In the spirit of true humility, compassion, consideration, and unselfishness, we are to approach our problems, our work, and even our differences. – Franklin Graham

Prayer for the day: In a world needing Your love, let me not judge those who love You too. You have made us all so different, Father. Teach me, by Your loving Holy Spirit, compassion and true unity.

TUESDAY:

Women's Bible Study will resume in August.
7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study on Galatians will resume on July 27th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 21st - 24th - Girls Chrysalis Flight
July 28th - 31st - Boys Chrysalis Flight - Robert Abrams Jr. Lay Leader
July 31st - Fifth Sunday - Church on Bikes - David and Andrea Gutierrez preaching/singing
August 1st - American Red Cross Blood Drive - Noon to 6:30PM
August 20th - Saturday - UMC Lay Leader Training - Lancaster UMC
August 27th - Saturday - UMC Lay Leader Training - Lancaster UMC

“FRIENDS OF JESUS – FRIENDS OF MINE” Series
Jesus becomes friends with all sorts of odd characters, who are not so odd after all, and are actually very much like us.
Let’s become their friends too.

Message #5 of 5
“A WIDOW & HER DEAD SON”
God has come to help His people.
Luke 7:11-17 / July 17, 2016

Series Summary:

1. ***The Short Man & The Sycamore Tree*** – The most determined and focused person in the history of the world took time in His busy schedule to care for those no one else wanted to care for.
2. ***The Centurion & His Servant*** – We are to be Christ’s servants who value people highly, plead for them earnestly, go willingly and heal readily.
3. ***The Pharisee & The Prostitute*** – Jesus let’s the ‘bad’ and even ‘good’ sinners touch him. And not even you are as ‘good’ a sinner as you think you are.
4. ***The Demon & The Drunkard*** – You are a lot worse than you think you are, and God’s grace is a lot bigger than you think it is. So get over yourself and reach out to someone in need.
5. ***The Widow & Her Dead Son*** – God has come to help His people.

TODAY ...

- ✓ Jesus went to a town called Nain
- ✓ A large crowd went along with him.
- ✓ As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out ...

1. THE WIDOW – DESPERATION

- “Her son was dead.” – v.12b
- Her “only” son was dead. – v.12c
- She was a “widow.” (Her husband was dead.) – v.12d

God’s only Son experienced death too.

2. THE LORD – INVESTIGATION

- “The Lord ... saw her.” – v.13a
- “Jesus heart ... went out to her.” – v.13b
- “Jesus said to her, ‘Don’t cry.’” – v.13c
- “Jesus ... went up to the coffin.” – v.14a
- “Jesus ... touched the coffin.” – v.14b
- “Jesus ... spoke to the dead man.” – v.14c

God’s heart goes out to us all the time.

3. THE MAN – RESTORATION

- “The dead man ... sat up.” – v.15a
- “The dead man ... began to talk.” – v.15b
- “The dead man ... was given back to his mother.” – v.15c

God wants us to get our lives back.

4. THE PEOPLE – INSPIRATION

- “They were all filled with awe.” – v.16a
- “They praised God.” – v.16a
- “The news about Jesus spread throughout the immediate and surrounding country.” – v.17

God has come to help His people.

Friends of Jesus – Friends of Mine

ACTION PLAN:

1. **Look** at the people around you
2. **Acknowledge** them
3. **Talk** with them
4. **Begin** a spiritual conversation
5. **Share** your story

For further Study: The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations – Walking Alongside People Who Believe Differently
by Mary Schaller & John Crilly