

## Rev. Brian Episcopo

Genesis 1 tells us God made humanity on the sixth day of creation. Then on God's seventh day, He rested. But for us humans, we BEGAN our existence with...ready? Wait for it...REST. Our day one agenda was to rest. For our first order of business, humanity...rested. Enjoyed paradise. Hung out with God. Did nothing. Sabbathed. Think about that. Every muscle fiber perfectly handmade by God, in perfect shape, no flaws, no fatigue, and our first day was to...rest. Simply rest. Mark 16:19 tells us that currently, right now, at this very hour, Jesus is "seated" on the right hand of God. The fact that Jesus is "sitting" loudly proclaimed the message, "The work is done! It is time to rest." The writer of Hebrews insists that salvation is about entering into "God's rest" through belief (Hebrews 4).

If you were playing Charades and you drew "Salvation" and had to act it out, the best way to do it would be to sit down and look relaxed. While the world outside may be in chaos, the spiritual life inside should be...sitting...resting. I do not think we will ever know just how much was "finished" at the Cross when Jesus said, "It is finished," (John 19:30). But I challenge you to believe today that there was more finished than you'll ever fully know. So in your spirit this morning...sit down. And rest. Jesus sure is.

#### **NOTES**

# TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY

AAC serves grape juice instead of wine. Please see an usher or deaconess before the service if you would like a gluten-free cracker.

#### **ADULTS**

### Things to Come Class

April 17-May 25 | Dates and times vary Worship Center | No cost Register at aachur.ch/attc4517

Things to Come: How it All Ends and Begins Again is a six session class focusing on the End Times. The class is taught by senior pastor Dr. Dennis Episcopo.

#### Israel Trip 2017

Oct. 23-Nov. 2, 2017 More info at **aachur.ch/it102317** 

Join Pastor Dan Dinkler with his wife, Cindi, and Pastor Mark Byrom on an inspirational tour of The Holy Land. For an informational flyer or an application, stop by the Welcome Center or email cgrandlienard@appletonalliance.org

## HELP FOR THE HOMELESS Hygiene Collection Drive

Today, March 12 Collection points at both East and West Hub Entrances

AAC is participating in **The Family's** Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive. Please place your donations in the collection bins before 1:00 p.m. today.

## **SENIOR ADULTS**

#### **Dessert and Short Film**

Thursday, March 23 | 6:30 p.m. B127 | No cost Register at **aachur.ch/sanp32317** 

Enjoy a short film, *Musical Chairs*, which shows the fears, emotions, and challenges of moving into retirement. Great for those already retired, too!

#### Senior Retreat: Faith For All Seasons

April 21-23

Green Lake Conference Center Cost: \$175 per person (includes food, activities, and lodging) Register at aachur.ch/samr42117

Join other senior adults on an inspirational weekend away with guest speakers, Pastor Dave Zimmermann, and his wife, Nancy.

For more information, visit their kiosk in the Hub today.

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

#### DivorceCare

Thursdays until May 25 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. AAC | Cost for book

DivorceCare offers support and guidance for those facing the pain of a severed relationship. Regardless of where you are in the process, this group will help you in your healing recovery. You do not need to register for this event.

Other support groups at AAC include: Celebrate Recovery, GriefShare, Men of Integrity, and Relationship Dependency.

## WELCOME We're glad you're here!

Stop by the Welcome Center in the Hub. We have a gift for you and would love to connect with you. Find out what's happening at AAC at appletonalliance.org

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