

June 21, 2007

WFMCC Weekly Superhero Deborah

*"In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath,
In the days of Jael, the highways were deserted,
And travelers went by roundabout ways.
Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel,
Until I, Deborah, arose,
Until I arose, a mother in Israel."*

--Judges 5:6-7



Dear Friends,

We are moving right along this Sunday with "superheroes" in our Summer Cinema Sermon Series, and this week the spotlight is on a woman by the name of Deborah. Like our leading man Samson last week, Deborah's story is also found in the book of Judges. Deborah is an amazing woman; the Bible says she was a prophetess, someone whose wisdom was sought out by all the people, and a great leader in battle. She was a biblical character that even Xena, Warrior Princess would admire!

Deborah lived during a time when her people were under siege and greatly oppressed, and by her strength, faith and courage she led Israel into forty years of peace. As the only woman to be a Judge of Israel, she kept her eyes on God and not on the circumstances all around her. If life has you feeling like you are "under siege" at the moment, if you are longing for an experience of peace in the midst of challenging circumstances, then I invite you to come to church this Sunday and hear what Deborah's story has to say about finding victory in the midst of oppression.

Many blessings,

Lea

**P.S. Don't forget that our Worship and Praise Band will be leading us in worship this Sunday!
Come to church early - they will begin playing at 10:30 a.m.**

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1. Summer Cinema Sermon Series Continues

As we look ahead to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender film series the church will be hosting in August for Pride Week, we will also be exploring a different kind of "cinema" in sermons throughout the summer. What kind of movies do you like best during the summer? Romances? Superhero flicks? Blockbusters? Did you know you can find all three in the Bible?



From May 27 - August 26 the sermons on Sunday mornings will highlight some of the great romances and superheroes of the Bible, plus that great biblical blockbuster, the Book of Revelation. This Sunday will be all about our second superhero, Deborah, from the book of Judges in the Hebrew scriptures. Next week Rev. Margaret Scales will share with us about a "leading lady" of the scriptures in the gospel of Luke: the widow who Jesus praises for giving all she had.

2. 20th Anniversary T-Shirts Are Here

If you ordered a t-shirt at our 20th Anniversary Revival, it has finally come in. Please talk with Hallie at church about picking yours up.

3. Parking at WFMCC

On Sunday mornings, please leave the spaces in front of the church building open for those with mobility issues and our first-time visitors. Thank you!

4. 10-4-20 Change Drive Continues

Between now and the end of 2007, we are collecting loose change as a fundraiser for the church. Our goal is to receive 10 gallons of change for the next 20 years at WFMCC. There are two five-gallon containers at the back of the church where you can put your change, and cups are available that are labeled 10-4-20 to collect your coins at home or in your car or at work. Together we can make it all the way to 10 gallons by December 31st!

5. Board of Trustees Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of our Board of Trustees will take place this Sunday, June 24th, at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6. Thanksgivings and Prayer Requests

Thanksgivings for Ron, Samantha, and the chance at fatherhood...for new jobs...**Prayer requests** for Vickie Rogers...for healing for Toni, for strength and courage for Hallie and Becky, and for Tammy who can't be here...for father's love...for Cathi and Deb...for clear answers for Grant...for strength for Glenn and healing for his mother...for Melissa, Heston, Pam and Juli...for comfort for Donni...for courage for Mary and healing for Bill Thomas.

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