



# The In Touch

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*Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation*

## Ramblings from the Liturgist....

### God and Evil - A Scientific Proof

A university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists?

A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"

"God created everything?" The professor asked.

"Yes, sir," the student replied.

The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil, since evil exists, and according to the principal that our works define who we are then God is evil."

The student became quiet before such an answer.

The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.

Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"

"Of course," replied the professor.

The student stood up and asked, "Professor, does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course, it exists. Have you never been cold?"

The students snickered at the young man's question.

The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature.

Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat.

The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir, darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wavelengths of each color. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally the young man asked the professor. "Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. "These manifestations are nothing else but evil."

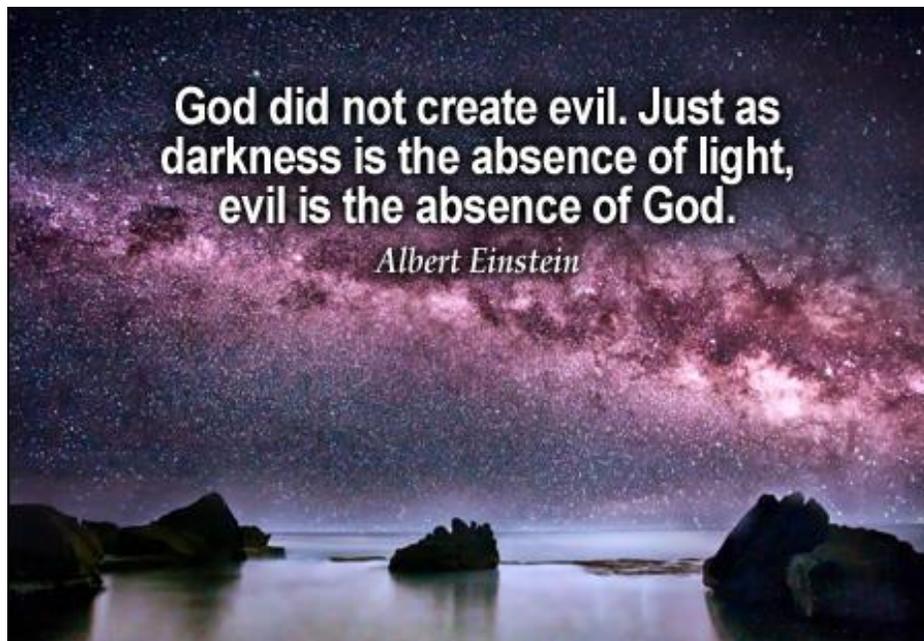
To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

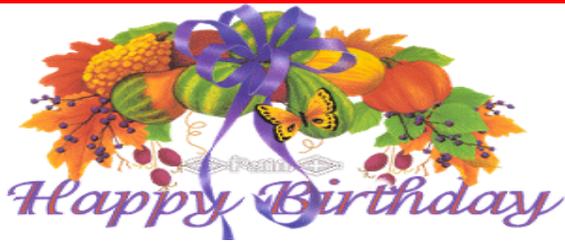
The professor sat down.

*The young man's name? - Albert Einstein*

*Makes you think, doesn't it?*

*Peace, Georgeann*





- 10/1 ~ Wilbur Tveit
- 10/6 ~ Guy Menefee
- 10/10 ~ Karen Walls
- 10/18 ~ Donald Johnson (grandson Byrne & Carole Johnson)
- 10/27 ~ Georgeann Wright
- 10/29 ~ Johan Tanem
- 10/30 ~ Grant Oettinger (son of Pamela, grandson of Gary & Carolyn Davison)
- 10/31 ~ Brian Toder (son of Olga Reuter)



10/1 ~ Samantha Crossley



- 10/22 ~ Guy Menefee
- 10/25 ~ Waylon Rasmussen

## Being a Christian is kind of like being a pumpkin. . . . .



Here's what God does when we invite Him into our hearts...

**First we: Wash our pumpkin**

**Then again ...** "We're not a pumpkin, but we're kind of like one. God picks us from the patch, brings us in and washes us clean. Just like a pumpkin, we have an inside and an outside. **People only see the outside, but God sees the inside as well.**"  
*People look at the outward appearance, but the JESUS looks at the heart."*

**Next we : Carve an opening in the top of the pumpkin large enough to fit your hand into**  
**Though...** - "God wants to change our inside, but the only way he can do it is if we become open to Him."

**Then we: Put our hand in and pull out the insides**

**However ...-** "God scoops out all the yucky stuff in our lives. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, impurity and greed. Jesus was willing to get messy for us...He died on the cross to cleanse us from all our sins."



**Next we: Carve the eyes and happy, smiling face**

**Then...** "Jesus gives you a new smiling face. When all the yucky stuff (sin) is gone, you feel so happy!"

**Finally we: Add a candle inside the pumpkin**

**However...** "If we leave the pumpkin empty, it will just be hollow inside. We need God's light inside of us to make us alive! When Jesus lives inside of you, you can glow! You will want to tell people about him, be kind to others and bless others more than yourself."

**Bible Verse - John 8:12** – "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

# October '17 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>1</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Becky Lucas & Robin Monahan	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>8</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Michele Dahlin & Melanie	Wilbur & MaryAnn Tveit
<b>15</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
<b>22</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Jeanne Corrin & Lee	Donna Day & Karen Walls
<b>29</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen	Carole Johnson & Melanie	John Shewchuk Flossie Knutson



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Georgeann & Donna
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	 9:30am Coffee Landing  Team/Vestry 6 pm				Flossie
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Flossie
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Newsletter Deadline				Carolyn & Helen
29	30	31				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		<i>Happy Halloween</i> 				

