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Follow Me

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, and will bring you back from captivity.—Jeremiah 29:12—14

Apathy is not the first word that comes to mind when I think about contemporary American culture. Our children are involved in sports and community service. We ourselves are engaged in their activities as well as our own.

Within a 10 mile radius I can shop at Nordstrom, two different Macys, three Targets and get my tall, nonfat, no water Chai at at least six Starbucks. If I'm bored, I can go to West Chester Regal Cinema and choose from 16 different movies all playing throughout the afternoon and evening.

And when all else fails, I can surf the internet to my heart's content. My usual haunts are CNN, Times of Malta (don't ask), checking my six email accounts, Epicurious, The Carrot Box and the biggest time-killer of all—Facebook.

Nothing in any of this is intrinsically evil or sinful. But what does all this activity and distraction do? It keeps me from being engaged in my life and in the lives of those around me. I become apathetic.

As Kathleen Norris says, "we lose our capacity for wonder."

It is when we are able to wonder, to be completely captivated by the real world around us, we see God. We see the God who created those teeny, tiny bright red bugs that make you itch. We see the God who placed the stars in the sky, some whose light we see is all that is left. In the faces of our children, we see the echo of our spouse or even shadows of parents and grandparents.

And when we see God, we have a choice. We can choose to ignore the world around us or we can engage with Elohim—Creator and Preserver?

Dear friends, wake up and seek Him.

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

Thanks to everyone for helping out with VBS, either with supplies or service. A special thank you to those who helped plan— January Britt, Lynn Watts, Martin Harris, Ann Brown & Bethany Piersol.

We are still in need of teachers and assistants for Summer Sunday school. If you can lend a hand on the following dates, please contact Jill at 288-1911. July 15—teach Toddler and PreK, July 25—assist Toddler and PreK, August 1, 8, 15, 29 teach K—5th, August 1, 8, 15, 29 assist K—5th.

Nursery Schedule

	Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.	July 4*	Jean Ray	Gretchen DeFrancesco	Megan Lloyd
		Nancy Knight	Todd DeFrancesco	Chris Lloyd
	11	Ann Brown	Kate Garitz	Wynn Burr
		Boyd Brown	Shawn Garitz	Blake Burr
If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.	18	Heather Creswick	Stacy Relyea	Linda Wilson
		Tom Veech	Bob Relyea	Wendell Wilson
	25	Carol Grainger	Laura Allin	Elizabeth Spadea
		Kathryn Martin	Danny Cox	John Spadea

*No Sunday School—please report for duty at 10:15