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Weekly Message from the Pastor and Sermon Notes for August 22, 2021

It is that time again when I am required to fulfill my military obligation. I will be gone this weekend serving our men and women on the base as their chaplain. In light of this past week, I know it will be a busy weekend of ministry. Please keep our service members and veterans in your prayers.

The Church is looking for toys for a new ministry called the “Mom’s Group”. This ministry will provide a play area for young children during the cold weather months. We are looking for good quality toys appropriate for ages 18 months to 5 years old. Please contact the church if you would like to donate such items. We are looking to start the ministry beginning October 1st, on Fridays from 10:00-11:30.

This week’s message is from Mr. Hugh Findlay in the church’s series on faith through the generations. Hugh is a P.K. (Pastor’s Kid). His story of faith is an inspiring one. Many thanks also to Bob Macallister for aiding in the service as the Lay Reader.

Rev. Derek L. White

(Sermon notes on back)

Sermon: Faith Through the Generations, Part III, Scripture: Proverbs 22:5

In week one of this, series I talked about Generation X and the 1980's church life in America with the shift of the American family. In week two I talked about Millennials and the 1990's, with the emergence of the Christian Rock Culture. The method of how church is done may change, but the Gospel message remains the same from generation to generation.

I have had many conversations with Hugh Findlay since I arrived at Federated Church. He has been a great source of information on the history of The Federated Church over the years. As a Pastor's kid, I have learned a lot from him as I think of the challenges my sons face as Pastor kids.

Hugh has seen the ups and downs of churches as his father and family made the sacrifice to move many times to share the Gospel. Some things never change in church, like children playing games in the pews during the sermon, or the challenges of capital improvement campaigns. And over the years Hugh has grown in his faith and learned something from every minister he has met, even ones he has not agreed with.

What I find extraordinary from Hugh's life is the honesty and truth with which he tells it like it is. Faith doesn't mean hard times won't happen, but it does help when times do get hard. As a man who has loved, lost, and found new beginnings; Hugh's journey of faith is an inspiring story.

I am extremely grateful to have come to know Hugh, and I am so thankful he has graciously offered to preach this week while I am away on military orders.

Next week will be Faith Through the Generations Part IV. This will be about the first generation of Federated Church from 1920, written by the first pastor of The Federated Church, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Dixon. In 1920 Pastor Dixon wrote a book called "The New Federated Church; Its Spirit and Aim". What is remarkable is that the vision of the New Federated Church in 1920 is so ahead of its time, that it truly speaks to the new generation of today. It defines the need for an interdenominational community church that serves the community. It is revolutionary today, but it was truly revolutionary then.

This will be the final message on the series of Faith Through the Generations until future generations tell our story. The pathway forward from here is to leave a legacy of faith to guide the next generation. The method of the church may change, but the Gospel message remains the same from generation to generation.