

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Exuberance, joy, and excitement, all rolled into one big package, involving a bit of effort; **“WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, in the world can it be”?**

Well, it could be but it is not making to another birthday celebration; well, it could be but it is not finishing the final go around of our “Pasty Making” for the 2016-2017 “Pasty Season”; well, it could be but it is not closing in on our soon to be **AWESOME** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Ely United Methodist Church Family; no it is none of these things this big package of exuberance, joy, and excitement.

So, why this exuberance, joy, and excitement, all rolled into one big package, involving a bit of effort, **“WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, in the world can it be”?**

Indeed, **“WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, in the world can it be”?**

The answer to what this exuberance, joy, and excitement, all rolled into one big package is-----can you give me a **“DRUM ROLL PLEASE”**-----the **WALLEYE** fishing season has opened!!!

However, a little reminded here, and the reminder has to do with the word **EFFORT!!!** Yes, in order to experience a sense of exuberance, joy, and excitement, from the walleye fishing season requires a bit of **EFFORT!!!** Here are few examples of the **EFFORT** required to participate with a sense of exuberance, joy, and excitement, in the walleye fishing season, equipment preparation, rods, reels, various types of tackle, thoughtful consideration of baits, lakes, and weather conditions, and of course travel by car, truck, boat, canoe, kayak, to name a few!!! Yes indeed, we are talking at least a wee bit of **EFFORT!!!**

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So, developing high quality relationships requires a wee bit of **EFFORT!!!** Further, high quality relationships rooted in **LOVE** tend to nurture **EXUBERANCE, JOY,** and also **EXCITEMENT** in our lives!!!

I like the sound of, I like the idea of, **EXUBERANCE, JOY, EXCITEMENT,** all rolled into one big package, even if it does involve a wee bit of **EFFORT!!!** If we are going to have high quality relationships with each other, we must be willing to put in a wee bit of **EFFORT!!!** If we are going to develop high quality relationships with our gracious and loving **GOD** we must be willing to put in the **EFFORT!!!**

When we spend time with **GOD** in worship, when we spend time with **GOD** in prayer, and when we spend time with **GOD** in the Holy Bible, we are putting forth a wee bit of **EFFORT** which in turn creates the potential for a big package of **EXUBERANCE, JOY,** and **EXCITEMENT!!!**

May we as Children in the Family of God begin to use the various building blocks our **GOD** has provided to enhance our potential for consistently preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits, for developing much higher quality relationships with **GOD!!!** Indeed, feel the **EXUBERANCE,** feel the **JOY,** and feel the **EXCITEMENT!!!**

Love in Christ,

Pastor Dana