

Our mission is to: Come alongside senior adults in a dynamic season of life to provide friendship, laughter, spiritual care and a great lunch.

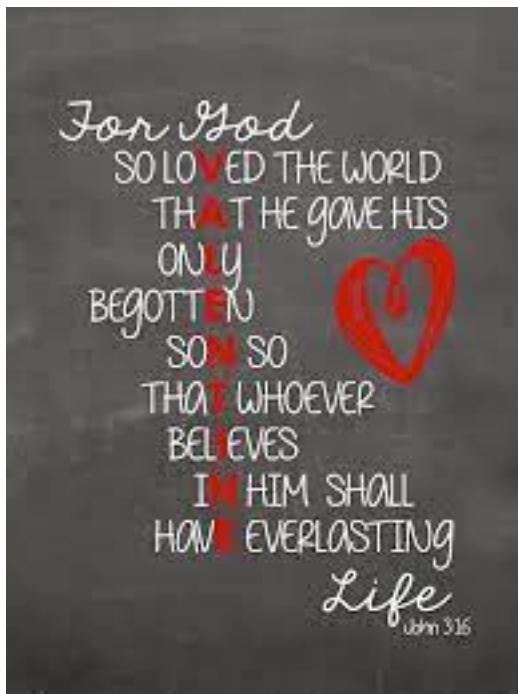
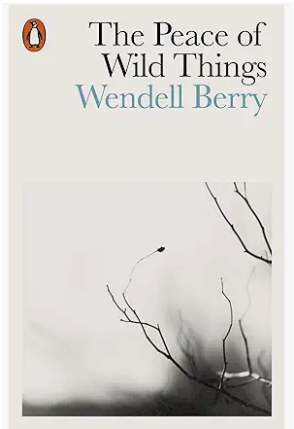


H A P P Y Valentine's Day

Recently, I have been introduced to the poems of Wendell Berry who is now 89 years old. He is a novelist, farmer, environmentalist, and follower of Jesus. I have been touched by his rural themes and beautiful images he offers. Here is a favorite from 2012

The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.



Lunches for February

Thursday, February 1:

Last year, we had a very popular speaker who came to talk to us about **Bitcoin**. **Professor Don Patterson** was very informative and engaged us about money in general, in the Bible, and as a currency. Many of you asked if he could come back. So, your wish has come true! This time, in addition to answering any lingering questions about Bitcoin, he is going to give an interactive talk about **AI (Artificial Intelligence)**. He will also be offering a demonstration, which promises to be informative and fun. For lunch, we will serve savory bratwurst, sauerkraut, pork belly, brown bread, and German potato salad! Hope to see you!

Thursday, February 15:

We have been loving our time talking about the **Kingdom of God**. On this day, **Pastor Doug Ranck** is going to come and share with us on this topic. Here are some fun facts about Doug: he was raised in Baltimore and loves crab, he is a lifelong learner, he loves being a youth pastor, and every Christmas he plays his horn for the carols at church. Now, don't you want to come hear him speak? For lunch, we will be serving stuffed portobello mushrooms, winter salad, baked cauliflower with gruyere. Please invite a friend.



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the official start to the Lenten season is on February 14th this year. We invite you to come to our service that evening at the Free Methodist church at 6:30pm where Pastor Colleen will be preaching. We will sing hymns, have prayer, and the imposition of ashes. It will be a meaningful time together!



How to Actually Pronounce 'Worcestershire,' 'Açaí,' and Other Commonly Mispronounced Words

The 5 words below are taken from an article on the web. The author extracted these 5 most commonly mispronounced words from statistics gathered by Google of the 5 phrases most commonly searched where the person searching was looking for the correct pronunciation of a word.

Gyro

I'm starting with a tricky one. "Gyro" is either a shortened form of "gyroscope" or the name of a Greek lamb sandwich.

In the unlikely event that you're talking about gyroscopes enough to need to shorten the word, it's pronounced "jeye-roh." The greek sandwich, according to Websters, is called a "yee-roh" or a "zhir-roh." It's rhymes with "hero." Interestingly, the Greek word for "to turn" is the root of the word for both the sandwich and the machine, but the terms came into the language at different times, so we don't say them the same way.

Açaí

The berries from the Açaí palm tree that grows in South America have become popular enough that you may be called upon to say their name at brunch. If so, it's pronounced aa-saa-ee. It doesn't seem to make sense based on the spelling, but those accents over the "c" and the "i" tell the story: The word's root is from Portuguese, and the accent over the "c" means "soft s sound," and the mark over the "i" means "long e."

Nguyen

"Nguyen" is a common last name in Vietnam, and Vietnamese is a little tricky for English speakers. We

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aren't used to starting words with an "ng" sound. To add complexity: "Nguyen" is pronounced differently in different parts of Vietnam. In south Vietnam, it's pronounced close to "win" or "wen." In the north, they're more likely to say something like "nuh-win," but as close to one syllable as possible.

Gif

It's pronounced "Jif" like the peanut butter, according to Steve Wilhite, the creator of the Graphics Interchange Format. Or it's pronounced with the hard "g" sound because that makes more sense to you. There is no right answer.

Worcestershire

Worcestershire is a county in England where they invented a delicious condiment in the 1830s. It's pronounced wu-stuh-shr. It's not pronounced "Wor-chest-tir-shire."

(If you would like read the whole article, here's the web address:

<https://lifehacker.com/how-to-pronounce-worcestershire>



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