

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

What happened to summer? I was literally cruising along with my bride of 40 years on the good ship *Norwegian Star* enjoying the life of Reilly when it was time to come home and get busy. I hope you are all ready to turn the seasonal corner and get back into the regularity of worship and Discipleship studies at your church.

Thankfully, or not so thankfully for my waistline, the *Norwegian Star* served other food than lutefisk. Lots of it. I'm sure it is possible to commit all the deadly sins onboard a cruise ship, but gluttony has to top the list. My self control went on vacation, too. Alaska's inside passage was truly beautiful.

I am encouraged by the response I have received about my intent to preach through the book of The Acts of the Apostles this year. This book of the Bible has been a great encouragement to my faith through the years. As I mentioned, I will give a brief overview of each chapter, then concentrate on one story from that chapter each Sunday. When you factor in seasonal realities like our annual stewardship emphasis, Christmas and Easter, and a couple of remaining vacation Sundays, you will see that Acts will occupy us all the way to the middle of June.

For those of you who want to go deeper into Acts, you will have two opportunities. **I will be at the Little Garden Café on NW Blvd. every Wednesday from 7-8 AM.** with Bible and cup in hand to have a Bible Study/Conversation of the upcoming chapter each week. Also, after considerable difficulty finding a mutually available mid-day timeslot, we are going to try Mondays as 12:30 PM. at the church. If you want to eat at this time, you bring it. Brown bag, white bag, or feed bag; the choice is yours.

See you in church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl