



From Seed to Fruit

A woman had a dream of walking into a new shop in a mall.

To her surprise, the clerk behind the counter was God!

"What do you sell here?" she asked with an excited voice.

"Everything your heart desires," God answered.

In a heartbeat, she blurted out all her hopes and dreams for her family:

♥ ***That her children would know they were loved and maybe even grow to love each other.***

♥ ***That they would grow up to be responsible and caring adults.***

♥ ***That they would find a purpose for their lives and develop the personal resources to fulfill that purpose.***

♥ ***That families everywhere would know joy and love and peace.***

"I think you have got me wrong," God said. "We do not sell fruit here – Only seeds!"

~ *By David Inglis*

As I begin to see signs of new life popping through the fields and gardens, I am reminded of the seeds of faith that God has planted in my life. I am thankful for the nurturing of that faith by my parents, the church of my childhood and college years, and the many children, youth and adults with whom I have been blessed to be in ministry with during these past 35 years.

It was a joy in May, as we celebrated the Festival of the Christian Home, to invite others to give thanks for the women & men that nurtured their lives. On Pentecost we gave God thanks for the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We prayed that these gifts might be upon the hearts of our graduates.

We are blessed, here at Trinity to be entrusted with the seeds of faith. What a joy it is to watch a child from their early years of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, to the day of his or her Confirmation and on into an adult life filled with faithful discipleship. It is through our love and faithfulness, that these God-given seeds bear the fruits of the Spirit. We are to model the way of Jesus sharing love with others in an extravagant and inclusive manner, so that the seeds of faith are nurtured and bear fruit.

May God's spirit be upon us as our faith continues to bear fruit through our service to the Lord. Together we shall continue to be care-takers of God's precious seeds of faith.

Blessings to you and those you love.

~ *Love, Pastor Jane*