Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Love Assumes the Best"

By Pastor Lyn Linde, Norton First United Methodist Church

things."

Corinth. Love has no limits.

Love never says, "You've gone too far. I can't love you now." "All things" means everything is included. Christlike love leaves no doubt in the mind of another that you will continue to love steadfastly. Do those close to you know that they can fail and do foolish things, yet you will not falter in your love for them? Are others assured that, even when they hurt you, you still love them, holding nothing against them?

These words come was unintentional. someone continually Christ gives you. from the Apostle If someone seeks to provokes you, you "en- Paulsaid that he was Paul to the church at harm you, you "bear dure all things." You nothing if he had the

"Love...bears all Love assumes the best all things," forgiving never lose hope in the things, believes all about others. If some- unconditionally. If a ones you love. You things, hopes all one inadvertently of-positive light can be practice the same things, endures all fends you, you choose shed on a difficult en- unconditional love to believe the offense counter, you graspit. If toward others that

> faith to move mountains, the tongue of an angel, and the gift of prophecy to understand all mysteries, yet not have God's love.

It is unacceptable to say, "Well, I just can't love people that way!" When God loves people through you, this is the only kind of love He has! I encourage you to read 1 Corinthians 13 with gratitude that God has already expressed this complete and selfless love to you.

Pray and ask Him to express it through you now, to others.



N ost of us can remember a time when **V** we spoke to people instead of recordings, when addresses were for physical places and did not consist of www.com, when "service" station did not mean self-service. We spoke person to person and eye to eye on nearly every occasion. Today when you are face to face with someone, let your spirit shine through. Visit God's house each week and greet your fellow worshippers warmly. Make the most of your human connections.

Weekly Scripture Reading 1 John 2 John 1 John 1 John 1 John 1 John 2.1-17 2.18-29 3.1-24 4.1-21 5.1-21 Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society

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