

GOOD NEWS

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Pastor Shari Duminy, Associate Candidate - Procedures

We are pleased to announce that we have a candidate for the Associate Pastor position at Kountze Memorial. The Call Committee unanimously endorsed and the Congregation Council unanimously voted to recommend to the congregation to call The Reverend Shari Lounsbery Duminy to serve as Associate Pastor.

Pastor Duminy's Ministry Statement is as follows: "Ground in love for all, I'm led by God's forgiveness, justice, and peace as I join serving together with others through Christ's Church. Journeying boldly forward, using the gifts we are each uniquely given, we answer God's call, trusting the Spirit's faithful guidance in every discerning time and place."

Pastor Duminy was born and raised in Centerville, South Dakota. She attended South Dakota State University and Wartburg Seminary. She has served as Program Director at Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp (Slayton, MN); Children's Life Coordinator at Community Family Life Services (Washington, DC); Pastor of United Lutheran Church (Hampton, NE); Preschool Chaplain and Assitant Teacher at the Littale Angels PreSchool at St. Michael Lutheran

(Omaha); Chaplain at Papillion Manor (Papillion, NE) and is currently the Chaplain at Lakeside Senior Community in Omaha.

Pastor Duminy is married to Pastor Al Duminy (Sinai Lutheran Church, Fremont). She has two adult children, both of whom are in college. The Duminys live in Omaha.

Pastor Duminy will be preaching at Kountze on the weekend of October 3^{rd} and 4^{th} .

We will not be able to hold an in-person congregational meeting to vote on this Call. Instead (and we are awaiting approval from the Nebraska Synod) our hope is that members will request a ballot (request by mail, phone call or email) and can prayerfully consider whether or not to call Pastor Duminy. Ballots must be returned (in person or by mail) by a date that is yet to be determinied.

This is an exciting event in the midst of this pandemic. Let us commit ourselves to prayer.

Pastor Olaf Roynesdal

Welcome Back!

Saturday Worship to Resume in October

Beginning October 3, we will be resuming our Saturday 5:00 PM worship service. The same procedures will be followed as on Sunday mornings with the exception that everyone will enter through the handicapped entrance on the northeast corner of the church building.

Wearing a mask during worship is still required as is physical distancing. You must also pre-register with the church office (by phone or email) by Noon on the Thursday before the service you wish to attend.

WORSHIP with us...

Worship Times

If you plan to attend Worship in person on Saturday at 5:00 PM or Sunday at 9:00 AM, please call or e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the date you want to attend.

The plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/

Saturday: Enter through the handicapped entrance on the northeast

corner of the church building.

Sunday: Enter the church through the Kountze Commons Link Doors on

the west side of our facility.

Please Note: In order to maintain physical distancing, no one will be admitted without a confirmed reservation.



Worship with us on TV or via Internet Livestream



Our 9:00 AM worship service is broadcast live on television every Sunday on Cox Channel 13. You can now also livestream the service right from your computer on our church

website. Go to www.kmlchurch.org and click on the Livestreaming link on the Worship Tab. We encourage you to worship with us via television or Internet as you are able.



If You are Hospitalized...

If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please be sure to let the church office know at 402-341-7761 or e-mail info@kmlchurch. org.

Altar Flowers and Eternal Candle

Altar Flowers are provided by Janousek Florist and cost \$20 a bouquet. The Eternal Candle is \$7.50.

You can help us beautify the altar at Kountze by donating altar flowers or the eternal candle. Donating altar flowers is a simple and meaningful way to honor a loved one who has passed away, celebrate a special anniversary or milestone, or can be given in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the church bulletin on the weekend you select.

The Altar Flower and Eternal Candle sign-up is located in the Narthex, just before you enter the Sanctuary.



Church Broadcasts

You can sponsor a broadcast in memory of loved ones, in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary, etc. The cost of sponsoring one broadcast is \$200 for 2020.

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ERVE with us...



We have received several thank you notes over the past several months from people who are able to watch our television broadcast

or live streaming while they're not able to attend church because of the pandemic We so appreciate or for other reasons. Here are just a few of them:

the beautiful Sunday service during the virus restrictions. The message is uplifting and various musicians add to the beauty of the service. It is quite obvious Kountze has been in the TV business for years - it really shows. God bless your

ministry.

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We are enjoying the worship service on TV every Sunday. thank you for doing that. Beautiful service.

Hope to see you "All" Soon

Love,

Axxxx Gxxxx

Dear Wonderful Pastors &

Staff
We thank you for the beautiful
We thank you for the beautiful online services & your continued work in spiritually uplifting and inspiring us through these challenging times. We miss the comforting

fellowship & community at Kountze Memorial. We pray that the time of healing from this virus will come soon and that we can all

Love & Blessings to you & all be together again.

you do - stay safe and well. JXXXX KXXXX

beginning the middle of March, when we weren't able to

Worship in person, besides Nebraska and Iowa, we've had people join us via live-stream from Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. We've also had visitors from Australia, Germany, and Netherlands!

Kountze Food Pantry

Have you ever wondered how the Food Pantry works?

At 7:30 AM on Monday the first volunteer crew arrives to unload the truck from the Food Bank with items Susie has



ordered. With generous support from donors and the government this food has been free and will be until the end of October. Susie also orders food from Family Fare. The pantry budget pays for all food ordered. Three days a week volunteers stop at the 90th and 52nd Streets HyVee stores to pick up donated breads and sweets. These are not day-old items, but are within a day or two of "best used by" dates. Also picked up are 300 loaves of Rotella bread, which is freshly baked. Rotella's has been donating to the Pantry for many years. Fresh produce comes to the pantry courtesy of a USDA program - Farm to Table.

Other crews work Mondays 9:00 -11:00 AM and 11:00 AM -1:00 PM; and Fridays 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Each of these crews normally number around 15. The Pandemic has changed the way volunteers interact with guests. The garage door in the loading area is raised, tables put across the opening and down the inside walls. This allows filled bags and boxes to be picked up by guests from the front table and carried directly to cars. Volunteers are available to help carry. Guests line up 6 feet apart on the sidewalk. Bags are prefilled in the normal pantry, and taken to the front area where bread, sweets and meat is added to them. The amount of produce given has been large, so that is often in a separate box.

The inside crew works mainly in the regular pantry area. Some folks open packaging and move products from back shelves to the tables, while others fill boxes or bags. A typical bag contains these canned items: 1 fruit, 3 vegetables, canned pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, soup; as well as cereal, pasta, crackers, peanut butter and available snack items. Right now, between the two days about 600 people a week are being served. The need is still great.

Have you wondered how you can help?

• Monetary donations are always welcome. Even though right now some donations are free, that will not always be the case. Food always has to be purchased. The pantry periodically receives donations collected elsewhere - September 21 from Morning Star Lutheran Church.

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months.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...



Sunday School lessons are videotaped and posted on the KMLC Parents Facebook page as well as the Kountze Memorial Facebook Page. In addition, there will be pintables and activity suggestions that complement the

lesson. If you would prefer to receive the lessons by email, please contact Kristin Boe at kristin@kmlchurch.org.

First Communion

Due to social distancing restrictions, the First Communion class for the fall of 2020 will be cancelled. The curriculum for the class emphasizes the importance of gathering as a community and includes sharing a meal together. Because of this, we feel that we could not offer the class in a remote format without losing the importance of the lesson. In addition, it is tradition to commemorate with the First



Communion recipients as a congregation, another vital aspect in the faith formation of our youngest members. The next First Communion class will be held in the Spring.

Bible Sunday

Saturday, October 17 - Pick up Bibles - 9:00—11:00 AM Sunday, October 25 - Blessing of Bibles For Ages 2, 4, and 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades

Due to physical distancing restrictions, Bible Sunday will not take place in its traditional format. However, we honor the importance of this day and providing children with the Holy Scripture.

We are asking that you pick up your Bibles on October 17, between 9:00 and 11:00 AM, in the west parking lot of Kountze. On October 25, there will be a Blessing of the Bibles during the televised church service. Your children are encouraged to watch this service and have their Bibles with them at that time. Children ages 2 and 4 years of age, and those in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades receive Bibles. For accuracy, we ask that you have your child registered for Sunday School. If you have not done so yet, registration can be found online at

https://www.jotform.com/Kristinboe/Registration

Youth Forum

IN-PERSON: The youth group will meet in-person on the green space on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month held



in the green space next to the church and the link. The meeting on the $1^{\rm st}$ Sunday of the month will be current event Sunday. Please bring an article or current event to share. (Must be non-COVID related). The link doors will be unlocked during our meeting time, and I will also have key to the exterior gate. We will maintain good physical distancing during our in-person meetings. So long as it's not down-pouring rain, we will meet outside in the green space.

ZOOM: The youth group will meet via Zoom on the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays of the month. Mike Jensen will send out the link to the meeting. The Zoom meetings are approximately 30 minutes in length.

Kountze Pantry *continued from page 3*

Volunteer help is needed. There are folks, who have worked at the pantry
for years, that just cannot volunteer right now. You don't have to come every
week, although many do. Pantry workers come from Kountze, St. Michael,
Florence Kiwanis, the Mormon Trail Center, and other places. If you are
interested, please let the church office know.

CURRENTLY THE PANTRY MOVES 8,000 POUNDS OF FOOD EVERY MONDAY. Help is needed.



NEWS & Notes...

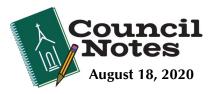


Starting October 11, members and friends of the congregation will have the opportunity to study Martin Luther's "Freedom of a Christian" (1520). The ELCA is encouraging study of this monumental text on its $500^{\rm th}$ anniversary.

Pr. Hall will post videos for this mult-week study on a Kountze Memorial designated channel on YouTube. The YouTube link to the videos is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChtalSdEjyMBKIzjbGGIyfA/. The text of "Freedom of a Christian" and the study guide are available for free on the ELCA's Reformation homepage: www.elca500.org.

deFreese Manor Service Coordinator Position Opening

This is a part time position, 20 hours a week. This position is to empower residents to age in place, to remain independent and self-reliant as long as possible. This position requires a degree in social work or a proven experience in service management working with the elderly. Please contact Sharon West at swest@defreesemanor.org for a job description and application.



The meeting was held in person with proper social distancing and safety precautions in place.

Previous minutes approved as amended.

Financial report written by Rick Kolkman and approved by Council. During the COVID19 pandemic people are supporting the church and its mission, thus financially we are still on firm ground. Motion and approval granting Noni access to the church bank records.

Staff reports given and approved by Council.

Committee reports given and approved by Council.

Board reports given and approved by Council.

The Nomination Committee recommends Tim Backora, Anne Dey, Kate Jones, and Melissa Osentowski for Council. Council Retreat Committee has completed a handbook and was approved by Council. The Council retreat is scheduled for September 11-12 at KMLC.

Endowment Board member Micah Fannin has resigned and the Nominating Committee will make a replacement recommendation. Pastor Olaf will be taking a stay-cation August 24-31. Motion and approval to support Justin Perkins. Motion and approval to support Kaitlynne Larson remaining tuition amount so her full tuition amount is met. Adam Klinker and Giselle Loucks will also receive support.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Book GroupOctober 11 at 10:15 AM



The October selection for the KMLC Book Group is "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore. This is a historical novel set in 1888 Gilded Age New Yourk which takes us back to the

miracle of the electric light in it's infancy. Moore has brought us a page turning legal thriller based on active events bringing characters, Edison, Westinghouse, Tesla, and Cravath to life. It is about genius, the cost of ambition, and the battle to electrify America.

Join us on October 11 after the 9:00 AM church service (weather permitting), as we meet in the west parking lot near the Commons entrance to discuss this ripping tale.



- Edward Camenzind, Meghan Gunia, Duane Hovendick, Steven Lamphere, Heather McShane, Mason Szymczak, Darlene White
- Janet Bain, Ardell Hobscheidt, Rodney Edwards
- Dana Boden, Lois Reinke, Neal Von Seggern
- Joshua Burt, Rebeca Dietrich, Nicole Peterson, Jack Wiese, Gail Durbin, David Clarke
- Angela Carlson, Diane Rasmussen, Ronald Rasmussen, **Tony Gustin**
- Carly Costanzo, Anna Swanson
- 7. Mary Jo Fike, Kathryn Geiger, Kenneth Kendall, Julie O'Doherty, Stephanie Stephens, Molly Ohm
- Gary Bannick, James Gleason, Roger Waller
- Christina Broekemeier, Robert Danenhauer, Janet Mason, Joan Jacobson-Trotter
- 10. Julie Dragon, Myrna Esluer, Barbara Nissen, Jerry Weible
- Dori Harshbarger 11.
- Alexandra Jenson, Warren Cooke, Allyson Fili, Samantha Kooienga, Ruth Martis, Michael Vutov
- Nathan Hagge, John Martens, Carmelicia Sieberson 13.
- 14. Robert Fonda, DiAnn Kolkman
- 15. Suzanne Choiniere, Amy Dyer, Ryan Kosola, Emma Link

- Kenneth Bailey, Keith Jansen, Sarah Kellams, Julee 16. Schroeder
- 17. Stephen Coufal, Richard Hagge, Elizabeth Morse, Thomas **Nippert**
- Jonathan Fischer, Ryan Gardner, Dawn Hiatt, Robert 18. Matuszeski, Marylin Oldaker, Linda Rosenberg
- 19. Marie Clymer, Matthew Hagge, Agnes Kracher
- Patricia Baker, Lisa Bladt, Ranae Gardner, David Klug, Jon Natvig, Allison Russell, Linda Sheely, Randall Strobel, Robert Ranney
- 21. Sarah Brumfield, James Comfort
- 22. Anna Kotula, Misty Parker, Gena Reynoldson, Benjamin Russell, John Sarich, Sydney Theisen
- 23. Robert Johnson, Brad Madison, Ryan Miller
- 24. Emily Christensen, Ronald Frykberg, Vicki Siderewicz
- 25. Dean Bard, Mark Kidder, Lindsey Natvig, Jorge Valquier-Cruz, Jonathan Vawter
- Alicia Brommer, Courtney Cameron, Juan Menchaca, 26. Jennifer Misbach, Mary Petersen, Amanda Schneiderman
- 27. Teri Meyer, Cody Senn, Annette Worley, Catherine Zinnecker
- 28. Jonathan Sarich, Dana Spier, Paul Sum, Paul Swanson
- 29. Ted Greguska, Robert Sundell, Melissa Walker, Margo Ward
- 30. William Fogle, Chel Hrdlicka
- 31. Steven Hirsh, Lynne Mosiman, Mary Taylor

Kountze Commons Mortgage Update

| Loan Balance, 8/1/2020 | \$2,843,335,07 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | |
| Principal Payment 8/17/2020 | \$75,000.00 |
| Principal Payment 9/1/2020 | \$19,297.36 |
| Interest Payment 8/1/2020 | \$9,355.64 |
| Balance, 7/4/2020 | \$2,749,037.71 |

Finances: thru August, 2020

| | August | Ye | ar-to-Date |
|--------------------------|--------------|----|------------|
| Total General Fund | | | |
| Income: | \$ 65,360 | \$ | 614,509 |
| Expenses: | | | |
| Benevolence | \$ - | \$ | 32,500 |
| Christian Education: | \$ - | \$ | 1,732 |
| Facility Costs: | \$ 12,906 | \$ | 101,543 |
| Staff Compensation: | \$ 47,463 | \$ | 380,488 |
| Worship & Music: | \$ 1,227 | \$ | 4,874 |
| Youth: | \$ - | \$ | 151 |
| Parish Life: | \$ 50 | \$ | 6,098 |
| Office & Administration: | \$ 4,072 | \$ | 40,107 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 65.718 | \$ | 567.493 |

Food Pantry Report

(1/1/20 - 8/31/20)

Balance, 1/1/20

| Income: | |
|------------|------------------|
| Donations: | \$ 70,012.62 |
| Memorials | \$ 41,707.94 |
| | \$ 111,720.56 |

51,520.26

| Expenses: | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Costco | \$ 198.70 |
| Hidden Valley Ind. | \$ 9,474.86 |
| Family Fare | \$ 10,276.61 |
| Food Bank | \$ 10,320.80 |
| Other | \$ 490.18 |
| | \$ 30,761.15 |
| Balance | \$ 132,479.67 |

The Food Pantry relies on your financial donations! Please be alert to the weekly needs of this important ministry!

Calendar...



October 1 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 2 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 3 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship - Reservation Only

October 4 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or Reservation Only 10:10 AM Sunday School Online 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12) (Zoom)

October 5 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 7 Wednesday

6:30 PM Confirmatiion via Zoom

October 8 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 9 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry Wedding Rehearsal

October 10 Saturday

2:00 PM Ingalls Wedding 5:00 PM Worship - Reservation Only

October 11 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or Reservation Only 10:10 AM Sunday School Online 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12) (Green Space)

12:00 PM Book Group

October 12 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 14 Wednesday

6:30 PM Confirmatiion via Zoom

October 15 Thursday

Council Reports Due Good News Deadline 4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 16 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

October 17 Saturday

5:00 PM Worship - Reservation Only

October 18 Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Online or Reservation Only 10:10 AM Sunday School Online 10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12) (Zoom) 10:30 AM Executive Committee

October 19 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 20 Tuesday

6:00 PM Congregation Council

October 21 Wednesday

6:30 PM Confirmatiion via Zoom

October 22 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 23 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry Wedding Rehearsal

October 24 Saturday

Feller/Seaman Wedding 5:00 PM Worship - Reservation Only

October 25 Sunday

Reformation Sunday
Bible Sunday
9:00 AM Worship Online or
Reservation Only
10:10 AM Sunday School Online
10:10 AM Youth Forum (gr 9-12)
(Green Space)

October 26 Monday

10:00 AM Pantry

October 27 Tuesday

12:00 PM Endowment Board

October 28 Wednesday

6:30 PM Confirmatiion via Zoom

October 29 Thursday

4:00 PM Healing Gift Free Clinic

October 30 Friday

5:00 PM Pantry

Pastoral Acts

(August16 - September 15)

Weddings:

Austin Adams/Allyson Carlberg August 22, 2020

Mark Hansen/Natalie Samson August 28, 2020

Funerals:

Jean Carol Holcombe August 22, 2020

Howard Frederick Jensen

August 28, 2020

Lois Jean Carlsen September 10, 2020



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Kountze History from the



Spanish Flu Epidemic and World War I, Continued

Letters from Kountze members serving in the military during World War I.

• August 18, 1918, France. LT. FRANK M. McKEE

I have not yet arrived in Berlin, but no doubt it won't be very much longer until the boys have the road clear. It will soon be time for me to put on my six-month foreign service chevron. The Kaiser has played dirty and we are going to drive him and the rest of his dirty players to the ground. The more we see of the war, the gladder we are over here and helping to fight a good clean winning fight. There is nothing that can equal the spirit of our men. No matter if they are wounded or gassed, they don't know when to stop and just can't be whipped. We are all proud of the way our friends at home are standing behind us and doing all they possibly can to help us out. You certainly must be proud of your service flag and all it represents, and I pray that the gold stars will be few when this war is over.

- After having traveled over 4,000 miles and being on the ocean for over three weeks one realizes the vastness of this universe. The hospital we are part of is located in the east central France about 75 miles from the Swiss border in a valley formed by several ranges of mountains. There are so many bicycles here, everybody seems to have one, like we have Fords in the States. Here the little village with its red and brown slate roofs appears through the trees with the sky pierced by a church spire. In this case the church was built in 1712, and to think our church was built in 1906. Everything here is new and interesting, but believe me we are a most anxious bunch wanting to get home.
- October 24, 1918, France. WALTER BRUNING

I am up near the line now and have seen quite a bit of action already; the other evening a Boche aviator was over the town and dropped several bombs; they did considerable damage. I think it is a tie between the submarine and the aeroplane in being the lowest way to carry on a war that was ever heard of or could be imagined. I have seen a great deal of France and French people already and like them very much, but their language is very hard to learn. They sure have seen some tough times during the last four years. It seems queer to see groups of children going to school with their big wooden shoes on; it sounds like a troop of cavalry coming down the street. Leather is so high here only the rich can buy leather shoes.

- November 19, 1918, Fort Riley, Kansas. ARMY REG. NURSE, MISS BERTHA ELSASSER
 - My dear, Dr. Baltzly and Rev. Shrader, Your letter along with the Kountze Newsletter came this morning. I was sure glad to get them. I certainly never expected to be a patient here, but one never knows what is in store for them. I nursed in a pneumonia ward from the day I arrived, and stuck it out sixteen days, then had to give up. I worked that last day up to 7 P.M. with a temperature of 103 degrees and the next thing I knew I was a patient. I never was so surprised in my life when one day I looked up and saw Mother and sister Sophia at my bed. It was only then I realized how sick I was. One morning the Doctor came and said he was going to give me some "chicken serum" and it would cure me. He punctured my arm five times and I guess the serum for "chickens" was the right thing all right, for it did the work. I note in the Newsletter, that the boys received a picture of the interior of the church, but failed to see where the Nurses came in at. As usual, the girls are left out!! Hm! (Sounds like Bertha may be a Kountze Suffragette)
- December 14, 1918, Base Hospital in France. CORP. CHRIS H. DAMM
 I apologize for not writing sooner as I have not had much time before I went to the front and was pretty badly wounded and sent to the hospital, and have been there ever since. I certainly have had the best of care. I feel pretty good now and anxious to get home. I am sorry to say I have not been to church very often as all churches here are Catholic, but we have the Red Cross in town and they have services every Sunday.
- December 14, 1918, Base Hospital No. 22, Bordeaux, France. P. J. BALTZER

 Just a note to let you know I came through the big game fine, except for a little "gas bum," which put me in the Base Hospital. Expect to leave Bordeaux in a day or two.

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January 15, 1919, Wirges, Germany. PFC. CHESTER A. HANSEN

I am with the First Division and joined them on the American drive at Cantigue. From here we went to Seissons and were the ones that freed that town. From there we went to St. Mahael and was in that drive from Verdun; from there to Argonne Wood and cleared them of the Boche for all times. We were the first division to go into Germany and the first to cross the Rhine and very glad to be able to say this, but am starting to think of civilian life very much now. I went to a German Lutheran Church Sunday, and it was the same as our good American church, only I could not understand the sermon, as it was in German.

This Old House

The inspector trained his infrared lens onto a misshapen bow in the ceiling, an invisible beam of light searching the layers of lath to test what the eye could not see. This house had been built generations ago, and I had noticed the slightest welt in a corner of plaster in a spare bedroom and had chalked it up to idiosyncrasy. Over time, the welt in the ceiling became a wave that widened and bulged despite the new roof. It had been building beyond perception for years. An old house is its own kind of devotional, a dowager aunt with a story to be coaxed out of her, a mystery, a series of interlocking puzzles awaiting solution. Why is this soffit tucked into the southeast corner of an eave? What is behind this discolored patch of brick? With a old house, the work is never done, and you don't expect it to be.

America is an old house. We can never declare the work over. Wind,



flood, drought, and human upheavals batter a structure that is already fighting whatever flaws were left unattended in the original foundation. When you live in an old house, you may not want to go into the basement after a storm to see what the rains have wrought. Choose not to look, however, at your own peril. The owner of an old house knows that whatever you are ignoring will never go away. Whatever is lurking will fester whether you choose to look or not. Ignorance is no protection from the consequences of inaction. Whatever you are wishing away will gnaw at you until you gather the courage to face what you would rather not see. ...

Many peple may rightly say, "I had nothing to do with how this all started. I have nothing to do with the sins of the past. My ancestors never attacked indigenous people, never owned slaves." And, yes. Not one of us was here when this house was built. Our immediate ancestors may have had nothing to do with it, but here we are, the current occupants of a property with stress cracks and bowed walls and fissures built into the foundation. We are heirs to whever is right or wrong with it. We did not erect the uneven pillars or joists, but they are ours to deal with now.

Isabel Wilkerson, Caste. The origins of our Discontents (Random House, 2020), pp. 15-16



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