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Notes for the Journey

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Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, October 22 is our "Pastor Appreciation" Sunday. To honor Pastor Steve and Liesl and our Youth Coordinator, Stacy Bare, we are having a "Brunch" for everyone that will follow Morning Worship Service. (No Sunday School that day).



There will be ham, biscuits and gravy, breakfast casseroles, rolls and other sweets. We ask all our wonderful cooks in the church to bring a side dish to add to the brunch.

Special cards and/or gifts of appreciation would be very nice.

Please plan to stay for this occasion. Your presence is very important on this special day.

Thoughts

We live in a world of constant change: technology, fashion, music, and even the food aisle at the grocery store (Think of the different flavors of oreos, potato chips, coffee and even spam).

Some embrace change and seem to thrive on it. I for one sometimes find my head spinning trying to make choices and keep up. I yearn for things to simply be the same for just a little while.

It is in those times I am reminded of the one who never changes. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Jesus, the unchanging one offers us this invitation in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." In a world that can sometimes be overwhelming, I encourage you to let Jesus, the unchanging one, be your source of strength and guidance.

TRUNK OR TREAT

We would love to have a few more people willing to decorate their car trunks for "Trunk or Treat" on October 29. Let Stacy know if you can help with this.

We will also need individually wrapped candy to pass out from the car trunks. You can bring that to the church at any time. A container is in the foyer for donations.



Finding Our Way Back to the Center of God

A Special Evening for Ladies

Friday, November 3, 6-9pm all ladies are invited to attend an evening of fellowship and inspiration here at our church.

The event will include dinner, worship, special speakers and more. There is no cost but space is limited, so please preregister by calling the church office 392-3761 or the parsonage 395-4487. Reserve that date now and watch for more information.

Lectionary Scripture

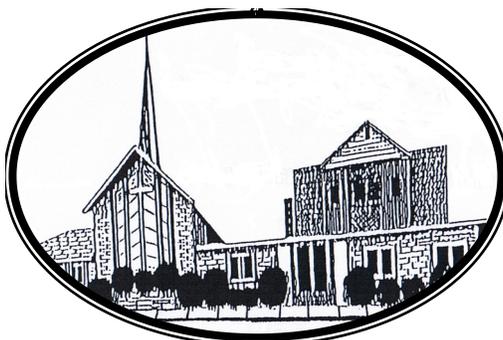
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Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22



Mission

A community of believers endeavoring to live and love as Jesus taught.

Come—Experience Community!

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 22

Morning Worship 9:30am
 Pastor Appreciation Brunch (no Sunday School today)
 Student Ministry Group 6:00pm
 Adult Ministry 6:00pm

Monday, October 23

Smoking Cessation Group Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 24

In This Together Group 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 25

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Friday, October 27

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Happy Birthday



Pastor Mel Nead October 23
 Janette Linder..... October 24
 Eric Combs..... October 25
 Pastor Harold Neeley..... October 25
 Sonny Sheets..... October 25
 Bill Bunn..... October 26
 Paul Clodfelter..... October 26
 Jim Tredway..... October 27
 Sophia Grove..... October 28
 Jolie Kramer October 28

In This Together

Our support group for those dealing with depression, anxiety and other forms of mental illness will have its second meeting Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Our intention is to gather to support and encourage each other in our journey. The group is also open to family members of those suffering.

The group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month,

Assemble Back Packs

Our church will be assembling food back packs on Thursday, November 2 at 4:00pm here at the church.

This is a ministry that serves many area children who would not have adequate food for the weekend if they didn't have this backpack.

Please call the church office (392-3761) if you can help. Thanks.

Statistics for October 15

Morning Service	113
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 4,628.97
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 4,732.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 3,912.00

Prayer Needs

Don Stoll—health
 Family of Sandy Greene
 David Shoulders—health
 Leota Burkett—health
 Dean Garrett—health
 Several Unspoken Needs
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



Baptism Service October 29

We are having a baptism service on Sunday, October 29. If you have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and would like to make that commitment public through baptism, please contact Pastor Steve.

WIC Needs

As the seasons change, we are needing warmer clothing for the WIC gift bags. Monetary donations as well as gifts are accepted. Call Kathy Trout at 393-6836 or 618-302-1300 if you can help. Thanks.

♦ Operation Christmas Child ♦

Many children around the world will be smiling this holiday season as they will be getting Christmas presents coming in the shoeboxes packed with gifts just for them.

Our church has a container in the foyer for

donations you may drop off anytime. We will be packing the shoe boxes in just a few weeks.

Thanks for your generous donation.

