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Notes for the Journey

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Neighborhood Block Party!

We are looking forward to our Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, October 15 from 4:00 to 6:00pm. The purpose is to invite our neighbors to come and make use of our new playground and share with them the other ministries we offer for children, youth and adults.



As a part of the festivities we would like to offer several door prizes. If you would like to donate a door prize (gift cards, free services from your business, etc.) please contact Pastor Steve.

Of course, there will be the cookout, games, and lots of fun for everyone! We would like to ask people to bring your favorite yummy desserts to contribute to the cookout.

Put the date on your calendar and make plans to attend. This is also a kickoff for our Sunday evening ministries which will begin the next night.

Thought of the Week

I once had the opportunity to attend a service in a church of whose customs I was relatively unfamiliar with. For me it was a reminder of what it is like to be a visitor in one of our services. Let me share my experience.

Pulling up to the building my first quandary was, where to park? Then I wondered which door I was to go in. After entering the building, I then made my way to the sanctuary and realized I was one of the first people to arrive. There were a few people already there sitting on one side of the room. Was this the side everyone was to sit on or could you sit anywhere? I chose a seat on the other side near the back and watched with some anxiety as others came in and sat on the side with the others (Oh my, am I sticking out? But what if I go over there and I'm not supposed to.) Finally others were sitting on my side near the back also, "Whew."

It was nearing the time for the service to start and I knew there would be elements of the service that were different from what I was accustomed to. Do I participate in them all; do I just sit there? What if I don't do something quite right?

It was about that time that a lady I knew came to my pew and asked if she might join me. It was not long into the service that I could tell she "knew the ropes" and if I followed her lead all would be well. Afterwards I thanked her for "coaching" me along. She may never know how relieved I was to have someone offer to sit next to me and guide me through some unfamiliar water.

For those of us who have been coming to our church for years, things are all very familiar. We know where to park, where to sit (which seats are most comfortable and which ones you can hide from the pastor in). We know when to stand, when to sit and so much more. But for those new to our church, it is all unfamiliar ground. They have made a very brave decision to try something new and just might be a bit nervous. May I encourage you to keep an eye out for those folks and be the friend who asks, "May I sit with you?" Please be a committee of one to reach out and help make everyone feel at home.

"Painting Party" Fundraiser

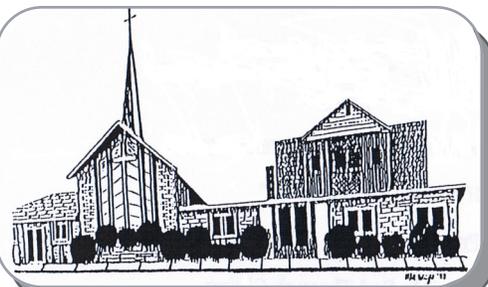
The painting party fundraiser for the 2017 Mission Trip is just a few short days away—October 13 at 6:30pm is the date and time.



The cost is \$40 each (a portion will go to the Youth). There are a limited number of spots so get your bid in to Stacy now. Maybe we will discover a future "Picasso" in the group!!

Lectionary Scripture

(for October 9, 2016)
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19



Mission

*A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!*

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 9

Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
Choir Practice for Christmas Musical	5:00pm
Mission Trip Meeting	5:00-6:00pm
Youth Group	6:00-7:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, October 11

Board of Administration Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 12

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Thursday, October 13

Painting Party—Youth Mission Fundraiser 6:30pm

Friday, October 14

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm



Happy Birthday

Tice Weidner October 9
 Paula Sterchi October 9
 Chad Brinkley October 11
 Logan Vaughn October 11
 Tiffany Cowger October 12
 Lincoln Keller October 13
 Patty Luster October 15



Happy Anniversary

Adam & Sarah Miller October 9
 John & Nancy Means October 11
 George & Anita Westall October 12
 Dave & Christy Shoulders October 13

Communion Sunday

This Sunday, October 9, we will celebrate communion in our morning worship service.

Statistics for September 25

Morning Service	94
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 4,434.50
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,758.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 3,525.00

Prayer Needs

Margaret Varner—health
 Family of Jim Wingert
 Family of Paul Zuber
 Millie Parnell—health
 Lisa Nixon—health
 John Means—health



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR NEEDS PREVIOUSLY LISTED

CPR/AED Training

The new date for the CPR/AED Training that had to be postponed earlier will be announced soon. As our church has recently purchased an AED, we want to have several people properly training, just in case we ever need it.

Those completing the course will receive their CPR certification. Cost is only \$4.00 per person.

Board of Administration Meeting
 Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00pm

Choir Practice

The Choir Practice for the Christmas Musical, "Gloria, Christ Has Come!" will be held this Sunday, October 9 at 5:00pm.

If you didn't make it to the first rehearsal, but plan to attend, please let Pastor Steve know so he can make sure to have enough music on hand.

We want you to come to help us make this musical a special part of the Christmas Season this year.

