



The Steeple

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Greetings, People of Infinite Worth!

November 1st is **All Saints Day**; it is a holiday that often gets overlooked in the United Methodist calendar. Halloween, the day before All Saints Day is better known and much more celebrated. Halloween parties are a staple in our culture; they are celebrated by adults and children alike. Halloween shows up every year with costumes and candy and all sorts of decorations. All Saints Day has not been commercialized; it is a quiet holiday that often goes unmarked. A quiet holiday it might be, but our founder, John Wesley enjoyed it and celebrated it in his own way. In his journal, he describes it as a, "festival I truly love." This might sound odd to us because we as Protestants and United Methodists in particular, do not observe the celebrations of saints' days.

Our Catholic brothers and sisters celebrate the days commemorating saints. Often the day they celebrate is the date the saint was born, or the date on which he or she died. Catholics pray to the saints as intercessors between them and Jesus. For example, people will pray to St. Jude, the patron saint of the lost for the return of a missing item. John Wesley cautioned United Methodists against holding saints in such high regard, because our intercessor is Jesus Christ himself. In his essay, "The Articles of Religion", Wesley made a statement against the invocation of the saints; his statement made its way into our Book of Discipline.

Wesley was clear that we ought not revere the saints, but he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether. In the Catholic Church, saints are people who have caused two miraculous events to occur. If those two events can be proven, the person is canonized into sainthood. Wesley recognized saints, but his definition was much broader than that. When Wesley refers to saints, he speaks about all who have gone before us in the Christian church. A saint can be Saint Matthew, the tax collector turned apostle, or it could refer to Aunt Betty who played the church organ for 50 years. A saint could be that pastor who prayed with you in the hospital, or the youth leader who reminded his students that Jesus loves them, or that church member who bought groceries for his neighbor when they were suddenly unemployed.

All the way back to the early days of Christianity, there has been a sense that the church consists not only of all living believers, but all those who have gone before us. In **Hebrews 12**, the author refers to a "*great cloud of witnesses*" that cheers us on and encourages us to persevere. All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a celebration of our history. Who are the saints you remember with love this All Saints Day?

Be Blessed!
Pastor Debra

"THE WONDERFUL THING ABOUT PRAYING IS THAT YOU LEAVE A WORLD OF NOT BEING ABLE TO DO SOMETHING, AND ENTER GOD'S REALM WHERE EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. HE SPECIALIZES IN THE IMPOSSIBLE. NOTHING IS TOO GREAT FOR HIS ALMIGHTY POWER. NOTHING IS TOO SMALL FOR HIS LOVE." ~ CORRIE TEN BOOM

REFLECTIONS...



Team Honduras News!

We are currently filling out order forms for some of Team Honduras' **Apple Butter** and **Peanut Brittle**; help us to raise funds for the 2021 trip to Honduras! **Orders may be called in (259-5210) or filled out at church!** Give your filled-out order forms to Pastor Debra!

Apple Butter – made by hand, cooked over a bonfire in a copper kettle.

- * Pints – Regular and sugar free – \$7.00
- * ½ pints – Regular and sugar free – \$4.00

Peanut Brittle – handmade by our team members.

- * 1lb. Bag – \$8.00
- * ½ lb. Bag – \$5.00

Pay when you pick up order! Make checks out to:
Main Street UMC (put HONDURAS in memo line)



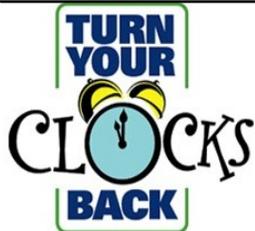
All proceeds go toward the Honduras 2021 Mission Trip!

Mission Possible UPDATE 😊

We continue to lower the remaining debt to the Endowment Fund on a monthly basis. Please continue your prayers and generous giving as we seek to meet our goal of “no indebtedness.” Hopefully, the end of our debt to ourselves will allow us to better meet our apportionments to the greater United Methodist Church.

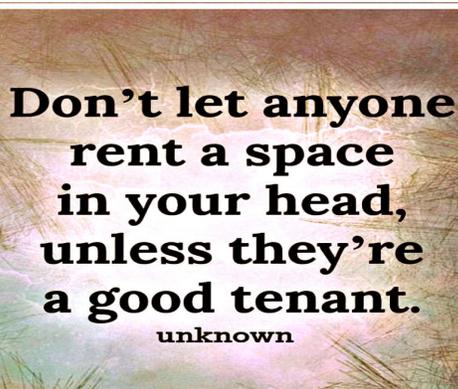
Many blessings and thanks to all, from your current St. Paul UMC Trustees:
Mike Tappy, Scott Gwaltney, Ian Martin, Noël Schiber, Joe Hoertel, John Hendricks,
Karen Challandes (secretary), Jim Herndon (chairman), and Pastor Debra Hoertel

DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME ENDS
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1

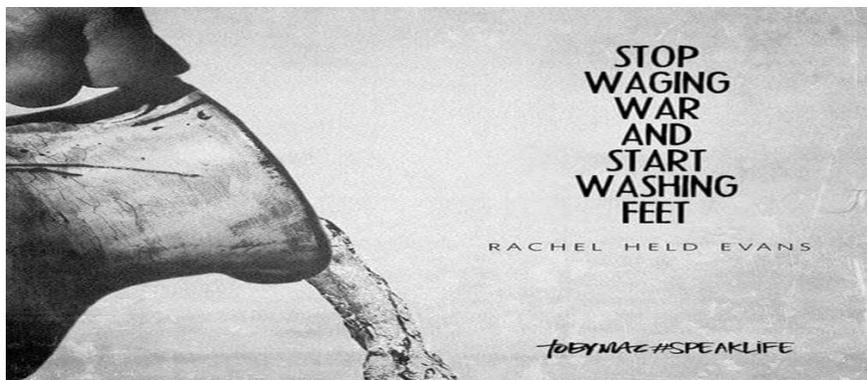


ISAIAH 43:19 NLT

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.



I am a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in a body that doesn't.





OUR CHURCH FAMILY & THANK YOUS!

- Congratulations go to Dorothy Kasinger’s granddaughter, **Emily Korinek & Chris Elliott** for their wedding held on Friday, October 16th! May God richly bless them in their life together!
- And congratulations go out to Susan Rowe’s daughter and Herrell & Bettie Lewis’ granddaughter, **Kristen Rowe & Aaron Arbuthnot** for their wedding held on Saturday, October 24th! May God pour out His blessings on them in their life together!
- October was the month for weddings as we also offer congratulations to **Stephanie Redden & Chris Oliver** for their wedding on Saturday, October 24th! May the two of you and your family know the blessings of God!
- Our deepest sympathy goes out to each family that has recently lost a loved one. This includes the families of **Heather Feyerabend**, granddaughter of the late Alice Burrows; **Evelyn Hinkle** (see obituary on page 5); and **Stephen “Steve” Finley**, long-time friend of Ruth Bell and Lois Mitchell. **May all who are touched by loss know God’s peace now and in the days ahead.**
- **2020 Altar Flowers:** Thank you to all who signed up this year! Remember to pay for your flowers when the time comes around or if you have received a reminder card. **Sign up for 2021 SOON!!**
- A big **THANK YOU** to all the guys who helped with equipment set up for the outdoor service this summer season. Also, continued thanks and appreciation to the sound and video guys who have been taking care of the outdoor, indoor, and online services. We really couldn’t do it without you!
~Worship Ministry Team~



In a world where you can be anything... Be Kind!

KIND Youth will continue studying “**Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that Matter**” during the month of November. **We are looking for lovely because we are looking for God.** We want to see where He is moving, what He has created, and how He is faithful. There’s a correlation between beauty and perseverance, between looking for lovely and not giving up. As Christians, we are not promised lives of ease. And only when we learn to spot the lovely in the midst of hardship can we experience the transcendent peace of God that keeps us persevering when we want to give up. We have to be collectors. We have to look around our lives and store up the lovely moments, the profound, the simple, the ones that help us to hold on and persevere.

→ **We will meet in person on Sundays in November after the second service.**

Also, we are **looking for 5th grade students** to join our youth group. This will be a junior youth group and we will be meeting separately from the older group; occasionally we will meet all together. The older youth will be tasked with picking a prayer buddy. This will help mentor the 5th graders and help them transition to youth group when they enter 6th grade. **Parents may inquire by emailing Lauren at laurenfrieese20@gmail.com. Or call her at 660-7967.**

We love you, church, and love your prayers for us!
In God’s Love and Kindness, Lauren Frieese - Youth Director



St. Paul Sunday Services in NOVEMBER 8:45 & 10:30 a.m.

We continue to bring the message to you each Sunday - inside. For now the Traditional Service meets in the Sanctuary at 8:45 and the Awakening Service meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30. The online service will continue for those who still cannot join us. The Facebook Pages are: St. Paul United Methodist - East Alton, IL and AwakeningWorshipSTPUMC. The Website is: www.stpaulwired.org - look under Sermons for the link.



We conclude this Sermon Series in November: *Enemies Of Gratitude!* Gratitude is an important element in our walk with Jesus. What are the attitudes that interfere with gratitude?

1st: All Saints Day. SERMON SERIES: ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE
Message: Greed - It's All Mine! Scripture: *Matthew 22:15-22*.
Theme: Give to God what is God's.



8th: Veterans Sunday.
CONCLUDE SERMON SERIES: ENEMIES OF GRATITUDE
Message: Disappointment. Scripture: *Deuteronomy 34:1-12*.
Theme: Don't let loss keep you from appreciating the good!

15th: Bounty Sunday.
Message: How Many Shopping Days? Scripture: *Psalms 90:1-12*.
Theme: Life is a gift; use it wisely!



22nd: Christ The King Sunday.
Message: The Last Word. Scripture: *Ephesians 1:15-23*.
Theme: Christ has the last word.



29th: First Sunday of Advent.
ADVENT SERMON SERIES: COMING SOON!
Message: Stay Tuned. Scripture: *Mark 13:24-37*.
Theme: Something big is coming; watch and wait!

WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Wesley Sunday School class and teacher Iris Uzzell continue to meet on Sundays! It meets at **9:15 a.m. in the Parlor**. If you would like to join them, wear a mask, plan to spread out, and know that the room will be well disinfected! If you have questions, **give Iris a call at 259-8106!** There is room for more people and they would love to have you join them!



We Say Goodbye To Our Dear Friend...



Evelyn (Tubb) Ford Hinkle (92) born on July 22, 1928 in Falls of Rough, KY to the late Dwight & Pearl Tubb died Monday, October 19, 2020. She had four siblings, and is survived by one sister, one brother, and many nieces & nephews.

She was married 45 years to her high school sweetheart, the late Robert L. Ford, Jr. He was their high school's basketball team captain and she was a cheerleader. They had 5 children. Two passed in infancy. She is survived by three children, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She later married Robert Hinkle, Sr. in June 2000. They were active members at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Rosewood Heights as long as they were physically able. He passed away earlier this year.

During her adult life, Evelyn enjoyed a daily walk most every morning & evening, gardening, and she was a gifted seamstress and artisan. Her handiwork won many State Fair first place ribbons.

Evelyn enjoyed telling detailed stories of growing up "in the country" during the struggles of The Great Depression, and delighted in the mischief she and her siblings would inevitably get into. She was quick witted and enjoyed a good laugh.

It is impossible to fully summarize her 92 years of life in a few paragraphs. She participated in and supported many organizations throughout the years. Even more so, she participated and contributed to the lives of many people. She was kind-hearted and demonstrated such through word and action. Everyone who knew her could tell you

a story of how, in different ways, her life impacted their own. Her acts of kindness, though perhaps "small," made a difference.

For those that may desire, you are welcome to honor her in your own way, whether through flowers or a donation to the organization of your choosing. What would probably please her most is if one simply remembered her from time to time and performed a simple act of kindness.

We look forward to seeing Evelyn again. Please remember to keep her family in your prayers as they mourn her passing.



Annual Coat & Shoe Drive - Redone!

For several years we have collected new & used coats & shoes for the Riverbend Head Start & Family Services families. **We do this in the fall...**

BUT this year the general guidelines they have given us have changed. Because of COVID-19 they are unable to receive physical coats or shoes from us. They have asked to receive only monetary gifts and they will use all of that to buy the coats and shoes that are needed. For us the drive will finish on **November 8th**. We ask that if you can, please, add a gift for the **Riverbend Head Start & Family Services "COAT & SHOE DRIVE"** in with your tithes and offerings.

Mark on the front of your offering envelope the amount we should direct to them for this annual event! Thank you so much in advance! Call the church with any questions (259-5210). **-OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM-**



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

“Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work!”

- 01-Nov Richard Demond
- 01-Nov Kyle Norris
- 02-Nov Larry Ballard
- 03-Nov Monna Bishop
- 04-Nov Maximus Justice
- 05-Nov Larry Champa
- 05-Nov Raegan Martin
- 05-Nov Amber McCammon
- 06-Nov Karen Hatten
- 06-Nov Brett Huff
- 06-Nov Madelaine Ramirez
- 06-Nov Morgann Ramirez
- 06-Nov Lilly Shaffer
- 07-Nov Corinne Crandall
- 07-Nov Courtney Dorsey
- 08-Nov Donna Badman
- 08-Nov Christopher Ricketts
- 09-Nov Caroline Crandall
- 11-Nov Julie Brown
- 11-Nov Bill Crain Jr.
- 12-Nov Daniel Jensen Jr.
- 12-Nov Charlie Sparling
- 13-Nov Charles McKnelly

- 14-Nov Jim Funke
- 14-Nov Julie Natsch
- 15-Nov Cathy Dorsey
- 15-Nov Joe Hanfelder
- 15-Nov Steve Natsch
- 17-Nov Lydia Chester
- 17-Nov Kristi Ward
- 17-Nov Frank Yankovich Jr.
- 18-Nov Ashley Babcock
- 18-Nov Heather McCammon
- 19-Nov Nathan Chester
- 20-Nov Elaine Gowan
- 21-Nov Emma Martin
- 21-Nov Jason Ortegren
- 22-Nov Ryleigh Spurgeon
- 25-Nov Jill Taylor-Sullivan
- 26-Nov Emma Wood
- 27-Nov Paul Mormino
- 27-Nov Greg Mortland

- 28-Nov Dan Davis
- 29-Nov Jacob Crews
- 30-Nov Sam Brown
- 30-Nov Adyson Bunt
- 30-Nov Dot Elliott
- 30-Nov Rachel McPheters



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Nov Mark & Debbie Bacus
- 01-Nov Douglas & Susan Phelps
- 03-Nov Mickey & Cathy Dorsey
- 03-Nov Jim & Anna Mae Stewart
- 05-Nov Daniel Jr. & Lindsey Jensen
- 07-Nov Mike & Bobbie Jean Schlemer
- 11-Nov Josh & Jordan Brown
- 18-Nov Ian & Tamera Martin
- 19-Nov Gregg & Lana Liedtke

- 19-Nov Jeremy & Tiffany Nairn
- 23-Nov Allan & Kyle Napp
- 26-Nov Jim & Anita Dawson
- 29-Nov Mike & Ricci Voorhees



Information to update the Church Directory!

Please contact the church office if you (OR A FAMILY MEMBER) have had a **change of address, phone number, or email address since the last printing!**

A NEW Church Directory may not be ready until January 2021!

Thank you for your patience!



OCTOBER Stewardship

Budget Offering:	through 10/31/2020	\$20298.00
Designated Giving:	through 10/31/2020	\$1458.97
	Capital Improvements	210.00
	Loose Change	42.97
	Upper Room	2.00
	Flowers	50.00
	Hickerson Scholarship	40.00
	Women of Worship	500.00
	Reimbursements	614.00
	Memorials	0.00
Coat & Shoe Drive		230.00
Online Giving		250.00
Capital Campaign		625.00
Total:		\$22861.97



Just a quick reminder... during this time when you may or may not be able to join our in-person services there are still ways to send your tithes & offerings. You can send it through the **US Mail**, through **Bill Pay** with your bank, through our website's **Online Giving**, and by handing it to us at the **door to the building**. If you plan to bring it by here, please, call first to make sure we are in the office. Thank you so much!

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Organizers have confirmed that the next General Conference will now be on **Aug. 29-Sept. 7, 2021** in Minneapolis. The organizers are still looking for ways to ensure delegates, even if they can't meet in person, can participate online in what many expect to be a historic legislative meeting.

Keep this 2021 meeting in your prayers!

**DEADLINE FOR
December 2020
STEEPLE,
Thursday,
NOV. 19th!**



MONTHLY LOOSE CHANGE PROJECT

The November Change Project is the **Mid-West Mission Distribution Center** in Chatham, IL. This is a United Methodist warehouse/depot out of which materials and supplies are distributed throughout the United States and the world at times of natural and man-made disasters. May God bless and multiply your gifts!

Follow the 3 W's

- WASH** your hands
- WATCH** your distance
- WEAR** your mask

#SlowTheSpread



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION -**

If bad weather requires the cancellation of one or both worship services, we will:

- ✘ **ACTIVATE “OTTO” OUR PHONE TREE CALLING SYSTEM!**
- ✘ **contact TV Channel 5 to list it**
- ✘ **post a notice on our website www.stpaulwired.org and on our Facebook pages (St. Paul United Methodist-East Alton IL and Awakening STPUMC)**
- ✘ **contact those on the e-mail & phone prayer chain (if possible)**



Bounty Sunday, November 15th

is a long-standing tradition within our church. It is a time when we stop and reflect how God has richly blessed us. We will do this during the 8:45 & 10:30 a.m. worship services. The best response to God's blessings is to give thanks & praise Him. **Bounty Sunday** is filled with music, prayers, and praises. We bring an offering of food and other necessary items for our food pantries: **Community Hope Center** and **Operation Blessing**. Suggested items are listed on the bulletin page. If you will not be in worship on the 15th, please do not let that stop you from bringing in a sack or more of food. You may place it in the food collection area anytime **before Nov. 15th**.

We invite you to participate in our **Bounty Sunday**. For us, it captures the true meaning of Thanksgiving!

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11TH NOVEMBER
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VETERANS DAY

★ ★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★ ★

2020 New Pecans

**to arrive early to mid
November!**

**1 lb. Pecan Halves cost \$11
and the
Chocolate-covered cost \$9**

~ Women Of Worship ~



ALTAR FLOWER INFORMATION:

- November 1:** Sponsored by **Tracy Franks** in honor of **her Grandkids!**
- November 8:** Sponsored by **Anna Mae & Jim Stewart** in celebration of their **70th Wedding Anniversary!**
- November 15:** Sponsored by **Dotty Aitken** in celebration of **Julie & Steve Natsch's birthdays!**
- November 22:** Sponsored by **Anita & Jim Dawson** in celebration of their **55th Wedding Anniversary!**
- November 29:** Sponsored by **Karen & Tom Martin** in memory of **George Tappy.**
- December 6:** Sponsored by **Joyce & Randy Brueggeman** in memory of **Wilma & Ken Brueggeman.**

➔ **Thank you! Please remember to pay your \$10 sponsorships! Some have not.**



There is a "Thanksgiving Offering" envelope in with your regular envelopes. As you plan what to give for a "thanksgiving offering," you may choose to designate it for a missionary, a mission project, or a local church special fund like the Capital Fund Campaign. You may also leave it "undesignated."

The undesignated monies will go: **100% to our General Funds to help in the cost of all ministry here at St. Paul UMC.** We thank you in advance!

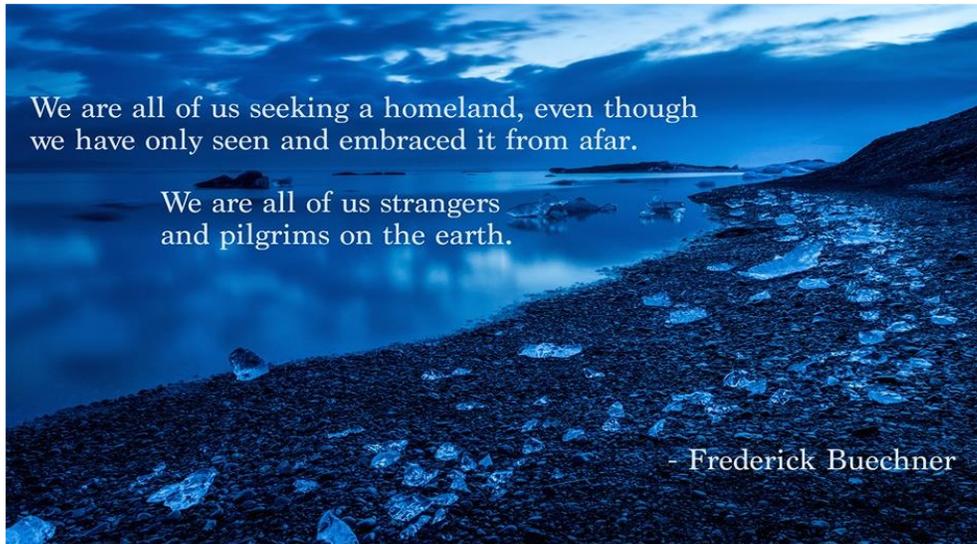
Cap 'N Mitten Tree 2020



NOV. 8th - DEC. 6th!

Advent

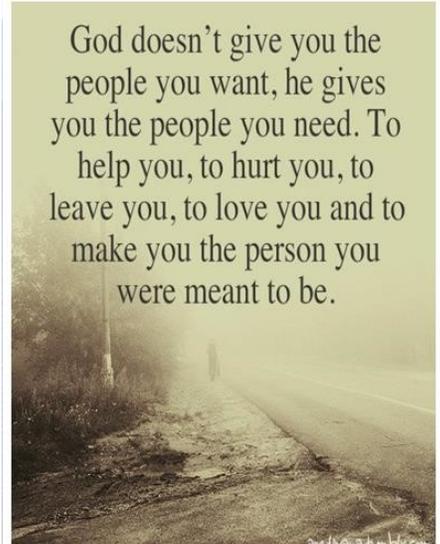
BE WATCHFUL. BE ALERT



We are all of us seeking a homeland, even though we have only seen and embraced it from afar.

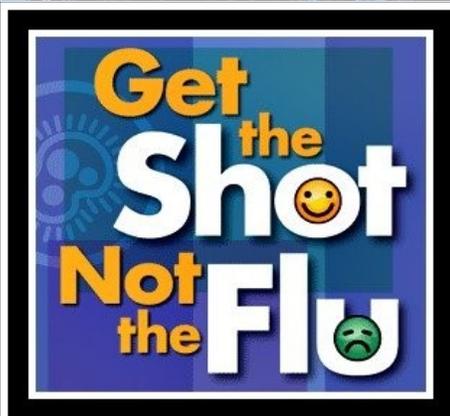
We are all of us strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

- Frederick Buechner



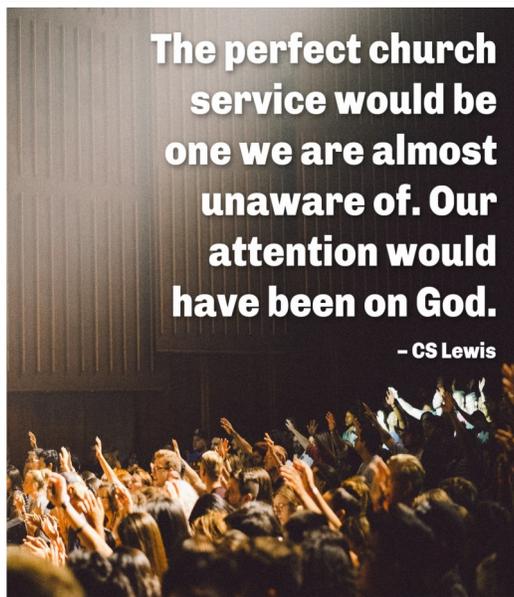
God doesn't give you the people you want, he gives you the people you need. To help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you and to make you the person you were meant to be.

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The perfect church service would be one we are almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God.

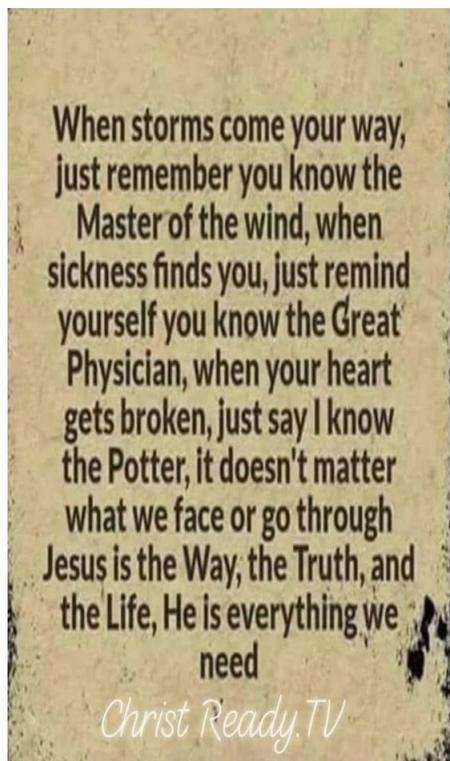
- CS Lewis



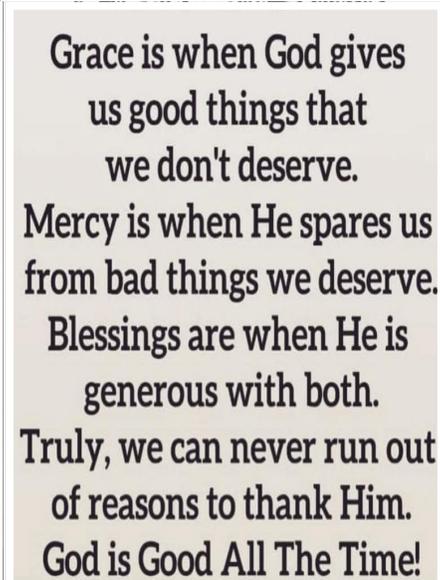
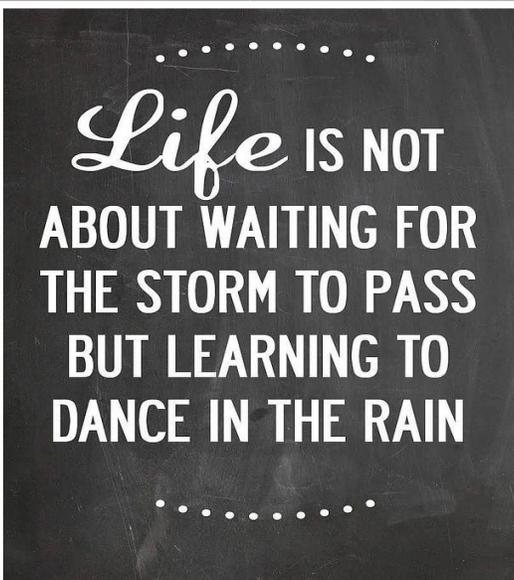
God is saying to you today, stay strong, I am your strength. I see what you are dealing with and I will bring you through. Trust Me through each storm. I have never left you before and I won't leave you now. Better days are coming. Trust Me.
-Shelby Condo



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Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

DEVOTIONAL BY OUR DS:

One afternoon my husband David and I were driving along a two lane highway in the Mark Twain National Forest and we spotted an eagle on the side of the road. As we drove by, he flew upward and for a couple of hundred feet flew directly in front of our vehicle, like he was leading the way, his huge wings magnificently moving him forward so gracefully. We could see his mighty talons underneath him. I thought to grab my phone to take a photo and then immediately said no. I want to be fully present to this moment, as I marveled at his majesty.

Reflecting on those days, I thought, thank you God! I needed that! These words of Jesus came to me. *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life... Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."*

It's still true today. Worrying never helps anything, solves any problems, or cheers us on in any way. But in these days of COVID-19, we're all tempted to worry as we face new demands and ongoing stress as the uncertainty continues.

Jesus concludes His sermon by saying, *"Seek first the Kingdom of God!"* He invites us to live in the present and live in His presence--celebrating the goodness of God here and now. He urges us to make God our highest priority. Living without worry may seem impossible. But Jesus shows us how: by finding the holy space(s) in our lives that draw us close to God. We all need that!

Rev. Allynn Walker

District Superintendent, Mississippi River District



Messy Church to Go is a fun, Christ-centered on-line learning experience for children from K – 3rd grade.

Registration: October 26th – November 7th
Packet Pick-up from Nov. 9th – 13th
Packet includes: Crafts, Lesson and Snack
Video lesson available on Facebook
Saturday Nov. 14th

Call St. Paul UMC to Register your child(ren) at 618-259-5210 (no charge)



CHURCH OUTREACH FOR CHRISTMAS

The last **ten** years our church has supplied unwrapped gifts for the Student Council of Roxana High School's annual party for at-risk children. Approximately **110** children are identified by school nurses and teachers from all the area schools. These are children from very low income families. This year due to the pandemic the students may not meet together for a sit-down gathering but may have a "door-to-door" Santa delivery! This is being planned for the **week of December 7th**. Our gifts supplement those purchased through other funds raised by the school. Details follow:

What Is Needed:

Donations of money or unwrapped new toys & clothes for children aged infant to 13 years, wrapping paper, tape

Due Date To Bring To Church:

Collecting **NOW** through **Wednesday, Nov. 25th**

Where To Place Them:

Place items in the big Christmas box currently in the entryway by the sanctuary!
Place monetary gifts in the offering basket and mark on the envelope or the check memo line that it is for "Church Outreach for Christmas."



The gifts will be wrapped by the students.