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From Our Pastor

Psalm 148 A Psalm of the Creator

"What could be more exciting than an October day? It's your birthday, 4th of July, and Christmas all rolled into one!" - Peggy T Horton

I think Ms Horton is very fond of October. It sure seems an exaggeration, but I agree there are reasons to be excited about that middle month of Fall. At least in Tennessee, the weather of day and night nears perfection, frost will take care of ragweed pollen, and trees will break into color! Plus, we get football, the World Series, pumpkins, and school and community festivals of all kinds.

And for the Church, she has a month bordered by World Communion Sunday and lastly All Saints Eve. These are well placed to remind us of our Christian worldwide fellowship in the midst of all our Endings. The saints commune and serve on earth and rejoice eternally in Heaven at the Kingdom Banquet Table. That combination is hard to beat!

There is still "much trouble afoot" and we need days like Halloween to help us take both seriously as well as "lightly in costume" our mortal condition.

Try to make the most of a month that shows us and speaks to us of the depths and heights of life made possible by the Creator in Psalm 148 who revels in all Creation!

Enjoy the month!

See you in church as well as your "being the church!"

Fall Blessings!

Pastor Barry

Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 1. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday covered-dish fellowship Supper will be October 5. We will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Choir Notes

Let's plan to practice Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 p.m. and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23.

Would you like to sing with us as we prepare for Christmas?

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to knit and crochet. The group will meet on October 19 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. Currently Jeremiah is being studied. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna. The group has a fund to purchase Study Bibles to be given as gifts. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please see Dot Pressley or Lytle Hodge.

Pastor Barry – Prayer and Fasting

At lunch time on Thursdays, Pastor Barry is having a time of prayer and fasting. He is thinking of our nation. If you would like to join him and others, contact him for time and location of the week.

Fifth Sunday Singing

We will come together on Sunday, October 30 to sing for about an hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. Those attending will request the songs we sing. Lock's Memorial UMC will join us. After singing we will have a time of conversations and sharing the snacks we have brought.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 30. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Fall Study

This fall study will use Adam Hamilton's book Half Truths. Each of the sessions is self contained so anyone can come to any session and not be left out of the loop. Most anyone can weigh in on "Hate the sin, love the sinner" or God helps those who help themselves." Half Truths The study begins Sunday, October 1 at Eagleville UMC. A different United Methodist Church will host each session. The study runs for five Sunday nights. We will skip the last Sunday in October and conclude in November. If you want more information, contact Pastor Barry.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet at Emery UMC, 2989 Emery Road, Murfreesboro on October 24. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Bucket Offerings

In October offerings placed in the buckets at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the Fisher House at the Veteran's Hospital in Murfreesboro. The house provides a place to stay overnight for families of patients in the hospital.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the food items on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested items for October are canned tuna and salmon. All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Who Said This?

"... stop and consider the wondrous works of God."

--NRSV

(hint – book of Job)

Happy Birthday to:

Geri Lee October 7
Dee Rouse October 10
Debbie Harris October 16
Lauren Jennings October 21
Justin Lee October 23
Josh McCollum October 26

Happy Anniversary to:

Myron and Teresa Palmer October 10

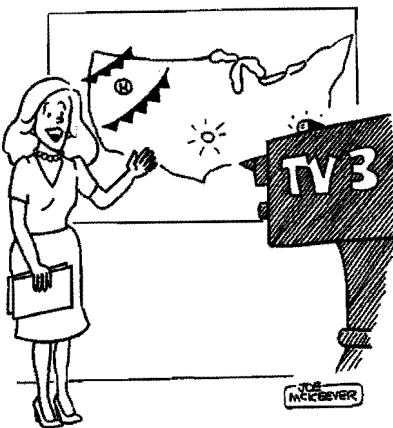
John 4:42 spoken by Samaritans was the quotation in the September newsletter.

Understanding one's worth

A man very much interested in old books ran into an unbookish friend who'd just thrown away an old Bible, which had been stored in his attic. The latter happened to mention that "somebody named Guten-something-or-other" had printed it. "Not Gutenberg!" gasped the book lover. "You idiot! You've thrown away one of the first books ever printed. A copy sold at auction recently for more than \$400,000." The other man was unmoved. "My copy wouldn't have brought a dime," he said. "Some fellow named Martin Luther had scribbled all over it."

You can't know value, as they say, without knowing background. Perhaps that's why so many suffer from low self-esteem; they don't know their worth because they don't know the Scriptures.

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AND SUNDAY LOOKS LIKE A LOVELY DAY TO
FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLING OF
YOURSELVES TOGETHER.

October Calendar

Saturday, October 1:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 2:

World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 4:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Sunday, October 9:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 11:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 16:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 18:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 19:

10:00 a.m. Handwork Ministry at
Ernestine Clark's home

Sunday, October 23:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. November newsletter
information due.

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1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Monday, October 24:

6:30 p.m. Laity at Emery UMC

Tuesday, October 25:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 30:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council
Meeting

6:00 p.m. Fifth Sunday Singing

Monday, October 31: All Saints Eve

Dove of Peace

Here is a symbol of peace.

Connect the dots.

