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From Our Pastor

Hebrews 11:1-2

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

It's soon to be October, a grand and splendid month, neither too hot nor too cold! It's the month of harvest, the World Series, Halloween fun, and the remembrance of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. I only add the Cuban Missile Crisis as a reminder that in every age we face challenges that do evoke anxiety and fear, when we would much rather be enjoying the blessings around us. So far in 2017 the crises seem ever present from hurricane disasters, civil unrest, to threats of global war.

Faith is the response we offer to fear and anxiety. Faith is one of the elements that led people in 1962 facing nuclear extinction to also build home bomb shelters planning to survive! In spite of the gloomy evidence of unimaginable devastation to the contrary!

Faith is “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see (NIV). It is that willingness to trust God in spite of what we see looming before us as threat and challenge.

Faith is what Martin Luther is said to have expressed when someone asked him what he would do if the world was to end tomorrow: “I would continue to tend my garden,” he said.

As people of faith (trust) we can continue to enjoy that which is good and bountiful and believe that there will be a future for us in spite of apparent evidence to the contrary. This is Faith in God the Maker of Heaven and Earth the one we call “Our Father.”

So, I hold forth that we enjoy the blessings of a Fall October 2017, let go of fear and anxiety, anger and hate, and trust God. We still will have to make decisions about government, home, and community but we can rest in knowing the outcome is not completely in our hands!

Trust and obey, for there is no other way....

With those words....I will leave you singing your way through October!

Blessings,
Pastor Barry

Fish Fry – Fellowship Supper

Our October First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be a fish fry. The fish will be provided; please bring side dishes and desserts. Join us Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. for good fellowship and good food.

Men's Breakfast

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

Choir Notes

Let's practice Sunday, October 8 immediately following worship service. We would welcome new choir members. We will soon begin to 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 Wednesday, October 18 at the home of Ernestine Clark, 2414 Gauphin Lane, Smyrna.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. The address is 507 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna. If you would like to donate to the group's fund to give Study Bibles as gifts, see Dot Pressley or Lytle.

Laity Meeting

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on Monday, October 23 at Emery UMC, 2989 Emery Road, Murfreesboro. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Bucket Offerings

In September our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR helps many during and after various disasters.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 15. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Our annual Charge Conference has been scheduled. It will be Sunday, November 5 at 6:30 pm.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the Nourish 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 our local food bank. The suggested item for October is tuna . All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Who Said This?

"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God "

--NRSV

(hint – the book of 1 Samuel)

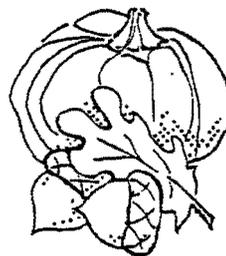
Mark 4:41 spoken to one another by the disciples of Jesus was the quote in the September newsletter.

Happy Birthday to:

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

Happy Anniversary to:

Rob & Delann Dunbar	October 5
Myron & Teresa Palmer	October 10



World (wide) Communion Sunday

World (or Worldwide) Communion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in October in several denominations throughout the world. On this one day Christians around the world celebrate communion. It can be a way to imagine that the church around the world is sitting down at one table in celebration.

Community as a Spiritual Discipline

I used to think that "spiritual disciplines" were mostly to do with private practices like prayer, reading Scripture, confession and so on. But I have come to see that being in community is a spiritual discipline.

Congregational community life is one of the greatest gifts the church has to offer in a society where people are fragmented between many different communities. We are created for community.

When Jesus called the first disciples to follow him (Mark 3:13-14) he made it clear that companionship was part of his call. So we might well conclude that the life-long process of learning how to be good companions – of Jesus, each other and our neighborhood community – is part of the call to discipleship.

Let us be open to the new ways in which we are invited to be the church in our time. With the help and the grace of God, let's commit to community.

Ann Siddall

Reverence

Reverence is a gentle virtue; it is also strong.
Reverence is a tender virtue; it is also tough.
Reverence is a patient virtue; it is also persistent.
Reverence bears no ill will toward others; it is able to bear the ill will of others when necessary.
Reverence is a virtue that prepares us well to belong to one another; it reaches out to those who have given messages of not wishing to belong.
When we approach others with gentle reverence, we bring gifts and they share theirs with us.

Paula Ripple



October Calendar

Sunday, October 1:

World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 3:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4:

6:30 p.m. Fish Fry (Please bring desserts and side dishes.)

Saturday, October 7:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 8:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

After Worship Choir Practice

Tuesday, October 10:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 15

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, October 17:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 18:

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

Sunday, October 22:

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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Monday, October 23:

6:30 p.m. Laity Fellowship
Emery UMC

Tuesday, October 24:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 29:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 31:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



**“I don’t know about this ‘bear
one another’s burdens’ stuff.
When does the tranquilizer wear off?”**

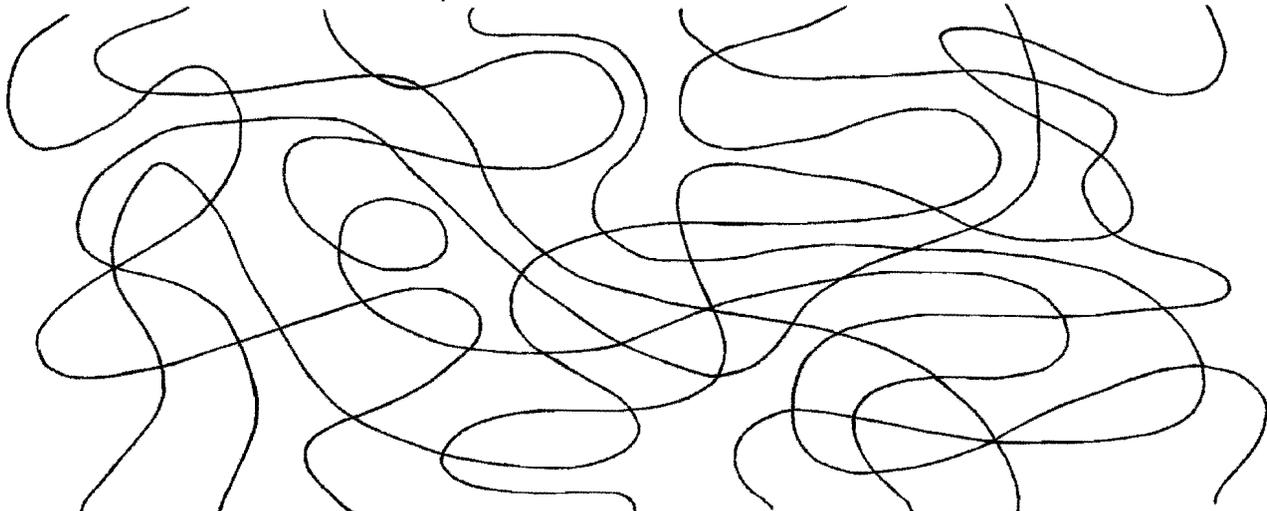
*“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill
the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2 ESV).*

THEME: COMPASSION

Bear Habitat

Where do these bears live? Follow the lines to find out.

Black Polar Sun Spectacled Brown Panda Sloth Asiatic Black



China India U.S. and Canada S. Asia S. America SE Asia Arctic N. America, Europe
Japan, N. Asia