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From Our Pastor

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage---with great patience and careful instruction"

2 Timothy 4:2

The expression "in season and out of season" probably means to speak forth the message of Jesus regardless of any circumstance such as.....lack of interest from the hearer or the distractions of a hundred worldly interests! I also like to think that some "seasons" might create conditions that open people to hear a word from God. Certainly church attendance picked up greatly after the terror attacks on 9/11 in 2001. Since then, however, attendance has been on the decline in American congregations. Out of season!

Weather sometimes creates difficult occasions for many eg the recent hurricanes in the Carolinas and many will not be able to attend a church service but many will listen for an "encouraging" word from the Lord.

"Seasons" mean different things to different people. One first grader, when asked by his teacher to name the four Seasons, responded by saying "Salt, pepper...and I think Ketchup and Mustard!"

I think of October as the great "in between season" in the Fall. We are in between the start of school and Fall Break; in between warm and cool weather, in between the end of professional baseball and the beginning of hockey and basketball!

Church life too has its seasons where we highlight our Bible stories and Christian fellowship. In October we will celebrate World Communion, Reformation Sunday, and the Eve of All Saints Day! If your preacher is faithful he or she will "preach the Word" regardless of whether the season is "in or out" or in between! And will find ways to "correct and encourage." As for the call to "rebuke".....I am still working on that (!). When the need arises....I will still do that with "patience and careful instruction!" And I will plan to include ME in the appropriate "rebuke!"

Pray with me as we enter the heart of Autumn---the "in between" October!
God's mercy and love be upon you.....always and in all seasons!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper Indoor Wiener Roast

Our monthly First-Wednesday Covered-dish Fellowship Supper will be October 3. Danny and Martha Fraley will prepare the wieners at home and bring them to the supper. The buns will also be provided. Others attending please bring side dishes and desserts. Join us for this October event.

Men's Breakfast

The October Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 6. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Men, we hope you can join us. This is a time of good fellowship and good food.

Choir Notes

Thanks to those who sang solos for our homecoming service. We will discuss possible October practice times.

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.

Bucket Offerings

In October our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to our local food bank.

Happy Birthday to:

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

Happy Anniversary to:

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

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 14. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local 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 peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Looking Ahead

Our 2018 Charge Conference has been scheduled. It will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 4 at Kedron. Rev. Lloyd Mabry will officiate.

Laity Meeting

A meeting site for the Rutherford County Laity Fellowship has not been confirmed for October. An announcement will be made.

Outreach

In September, Pastor Barry suggested to our children and youth (and others interested) a project to donate teddy bears and similar stuffed toys to children experiencing traumatic situations. The toys will be given to organizations such as fire departments to be distributed.

On September 23 an UMCOR offering was taken for hurricane aid.

2 Thessalonians 3:13 was the quotation in the September newsletter.

Who Said This?

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

--NRSV

(hint, Book of 1 Samuel)

World Communion

Customs and menus may vary, yet there is something special about spending an important family meal together. World Communion Sunday is about capturing that same feeling for the Christian family. The idea began in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in 1936 with the suggestion that all churches celebrate communion on the first Sunday of October. The idea really took off in 1940 under the influence of Rev. Jesse Bader, a minister with the Disciples of Christ and head of evangelism for what was then the Federal Council of Churches in the U.S. He recognized that some churches celebrated communion every Sunday, whereas others did so less often, perhaps monthly or quarterly. Rev. Bader encouraged churches of all denominations all around the world to celebrate communion on this one day as a way of symbolizing our unity in Christ.

Like any family, the branches of the Christian church do not always agree or get along. We may use different prayers, different rituals, and even understand the meaning of communion in different ways. Yet we hold in common this central ritual of remembering Jesus in the communion. World Communion Sunday is a wonderful witness to Christian unity.

Reformation Day – All Saints' Day Eve

Martin Luther chose October 31 to nail his 95 theses to the castle door in Wittenberg, Germany, an act which many view as the start of the Protestant Reformation. Luther knew that on the next day, All Saints' Day, everyone in town would file past on their way to church, and thus would notice his posting. Luther's 95 theses got people talking about church, and faith, and theology.

Almost 500 years later we still debate some of the things Luther wrote about, and many more besides, as Christians struggle with how to be true to the calling of Jesus. It is a challenge. We do not always agree. But relationships thrive not so much on agreement as on honest and open communication.

- Logos Productions

Faith Formation

Plans are moving toward a Faith Formation group for Youth later this fall. See the Pastor for details.



October Calendar

Tuesday, October 2:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, October 6:

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 7:

World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 9:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 14:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, October 16:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 21:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 23:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 28:

Reformation Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. November newsletter

information due. Email:

Tuesday, October 30:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

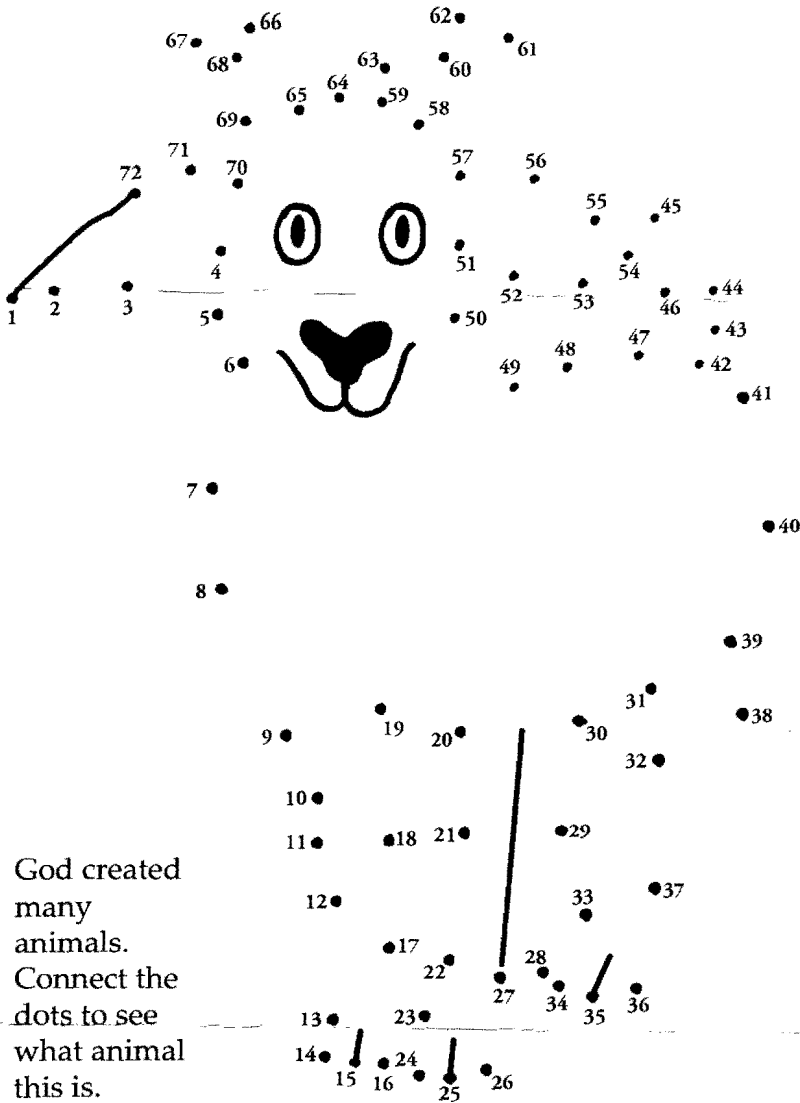
Wednesday, October 31:

All Saints' Day Eve



"HOW LONG, OH, LORD, MUST I SUFFER UNDER THIS HEAVY-HANDED TASKMASTER, AN' THESE CHAINS OF BONDAGE?"

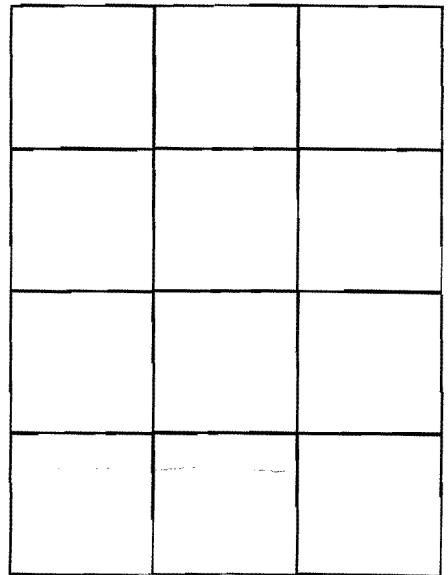
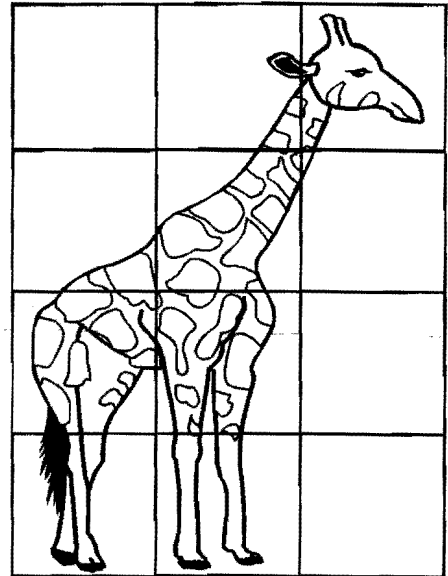
Dot-to-Dot



God created many animals. Connect the dots to see what animal this is.

Drawing

Using the grid as a guide, redraw the picture below.



Animals

Using the code at right, fill in the missing letters to find the names of animals.

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H □ RS ◆

SN ○ K ◆

L □ □ N

C ○ T

C □ W

G □ R ○ FF ◆

C □ Y □ T ◆

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K ○ NG ○ R □ □

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