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*From Our Pastor*

Revelation 21:1-4 “And then I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth.....”

October, the most promising of the Fall months arrives! Not too cold yet but just enough away from the heat of summer. Leaves turning as many travel to state and national parks for such natural beauty. Homecomings abound whether in schools or churches. And in spite of COVID19, people want to celebrate the changing seasons and events in communities heading toward even more celebrations in November and December!

I also note that we could “bookend” October with a sporting celebration and religious high points! On October 1 we are told the very first World Series Game was played in 1903 between the Pilgrims and the Pirates (!). On October 31 we celebrate Reformation Day (1517) and the eve before All Saints Day. The latter has become Halloween the second most successful commercial day in the USA with children’s parties and costumes.

Somewhere in all this wonderland of October is the notion of playfulness as healthy for body and soul. For all the necessity of taking our life and faith seriously, there is the element of joy and happiness expressed in play and leisure, fun in the outdoors and also in parties that reflects the joy of the original goodness of Creation and our eventual Homecoming to a New Heaven and a New Earth.

Again, in spite of our anxieties and apprehensions about our future, we express our faith through activities that celebrate the many gifts of life together for the sake of our joy and happiness as well as providing that very thing for others. Even as we have to adjust for health safety, there are creative ways to still enjoy play, leisure, relaxation, sport, and community togetherness. In so doing, we anticipate the joy of Heaven even in the struggles of this life. Let’s make October a month to celebrate even if we have to still wear masks and keep some distance!

Be blessed so as to be a blessing to someone else!

Pastor Barry

## Men's Breakfast

Breakfast is planned at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3. Anyone not feeling safe should not attend. We are planning on using all possible safety precautions. We look forward to fellowship with those who come.

## Administrative Council

Our Council will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4.

We will wear masks and believe we can social distance to be safe.

## Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be Sunday, November 1 at 3:30 p.m. The Conference will be virtual. This will be a Zoom meeting with telephone access for those people who don't use Zoom.

## Bucket Offerings

In October, the bucket collections at Sunday Worship will again be donated to UMCOR. The United Methodist Committee on Relief helps in times of natural disasters. The workers continue to help long after the initial impact of the disasters.

## Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for October is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated. The need is great.

## Where are these words found?

"Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

-NRSV (hint – a Psalm)

## Happy Birthday to:

Geri Lee	October 7
Dee Rouse	October 10
Justin Lee	October 23

## Happy Anniversary to:

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

## Resources Available

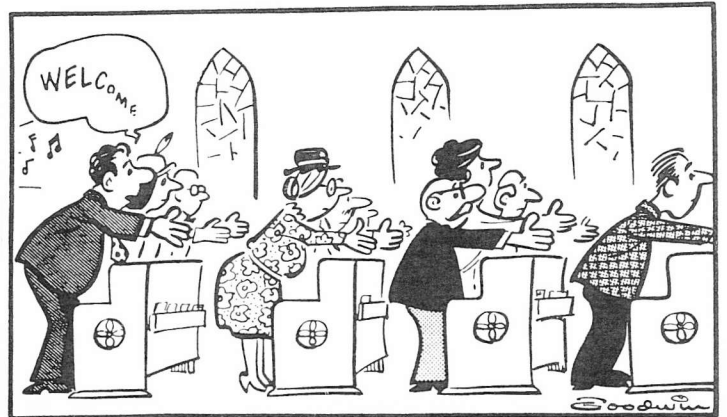
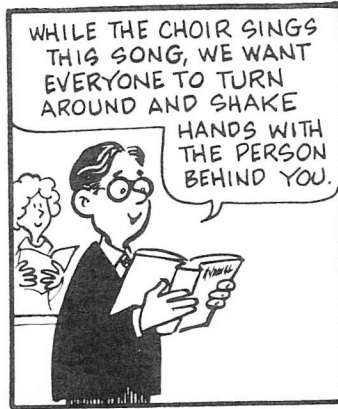
Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or someone you know that might benefit from counseling and/or spiritual support are listed below.

- Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro  
615-383-2115 for in person or  
Online/phone counseling
- Upper Room Prayer Ministry  
615-340-7200
- Talkspace.com  
Online/phone counseling

**1 Corinthians 10:31** was the quotation in the September newsletter.

## October Calendar

October 3:	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
October 4:		World Communion Sunday
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	1:00 p.m.	Administrative Council
October 11:		
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
October 18:		
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
October 25:		Reformation Sunday
	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	Nov. newsletter info due lf_fraley@prodigy.net or call Fay 615-459-2618



# Jesus Is the Way

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Find the path that leads to Jesus.

