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The Church Window

November
2017



“DEA...”

I have learned many things as a pastor and am sure I will learn much more. One of the main things I have learned is that people do not like talking about... death and dying. People would rather talk about anything else, just not that topic. However, death is part of life and it is something that we all must face.

Losing someone is hard and one would rather it not happen. Throughout history people have sought to find a way to cheat death and live forever. Of course, the one that has been recently made famous again is Captain Jack Sparrow and the Fountain of Youth. The Fountain of Youth is a spring that supposedly restores the youth of anyone who drinks or bathes in its waters. Tales of such a fountain have been recounted across the world for thousands of years, appearing in writings by Herodotus (5th century BC), the Alexander romance (3rd century AD), and the stories of Prester John (early Crusades, 11th/12th centuries AD). Stories of similar waters were also evidently prominent among the indigenous peoples of the Caribbean during the early 16th century, who spoke of the restorative powers of the water in the mythical land of Bimini. The legend became particularly prominent in the 16th century, when it was attached to the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon. Tradition says that Ponce de León was searching for the Fountain of Youth when he traveled to what is now Florida in 1513, but this is a myth. He actually was looking for gold and the expansion of the Spanish empire.

Genghis Khan with all his wealth and power questioned numerous and various religious leaders about the secret to living forever in this world - but failed.

One of the greatest searches for immortality was led by Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of China. He ruled at a time when various provinces were at war with one another. A great military leader, he conquered province after province and created one nation, launching the Qin dynasty, for which China probably was named. Qin Shi Huang had an expansive vision for his country. His public works projects included the unification of diverse state walls into what later became the Great Wall of China and a massive new national road system. One of the emperor's greatest concerns was his own death. He undertook a futile search for an elixir of immortality, which he did not find. Realizing that he would in fact die one day, he used his wealth and power to build a city-sized mausoleum for himself. Craftsmen created a life-size terracotta army to guard it. The purpose of the warriors, cavalry, soldiers, and horses was to protect the emperor in his afterlife. The army took years and years to build. By the time Qin Shi Huang died in 210 BC, his mausoleum was surrounded by more than 8,000 soldiers, along with chariots and horses. When you see the pictures of the terracotta warriors and horses, you cannot help being amazed at how China's first emperor focused his resources on himself and his experience of the afterlife.

Today, with the use of modern technology, we seek immortality. We have had success in living longer but not immortality. But what if I told you the answer is right in front of us?

(To be Continued)

Pastor Bud

Christian Ed. News

We have been very busy in Christian Ed! We just finished our "Journey to Mars" theme and will be doing a "Pumpkin Pie" lesson then believe it or not, we will start our Christmas curriculum "The Star." We will be sending home Christmas songs very soon for students to practice.

Round Bales

The classes had an amazing time decorating the round bales for Halloween Hoopla. They all did a great job and looked fabulous! We took pictures of the day and Paul is putting them on the website. Make sure to go online at www.fennimoreumc.org to take a look.

Halloween Hoopla

Thank you to everyone who helped, decorated their trunk or participated in the events ... It was a huge success! We had over 100 students go through for trunk or treating and 25 decorated vehicles. It was great to see so many new faces having such a great time. We had 5 winners for the trunk decorating. They were Rob and Karla Rands for the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang theme, Ryan and Holly Rands for the Wreck it Ralph theme, Jackie Wehrle for the Winter theme, Rosemary Collins for the Halloween theme and Chuck and Barb Weist for the Halloween and Older Couple theme (Did Chuck have a mask on or NOT??).

Thanks again to everyone who made it such a great event!

Movie Night

We are hosting movie night on November 10th at 6:30 PM featuring "Cars 3." Concessions will start at 6:00 PM. A reminder to wear your PJ's and bring a pillow and a blanket to snuggle up with for the movie!

UNICEF

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Please remember to bring in the boxes to Christian Education.

We greatly appreciate your help with this mission!

Christian Education Field Trip

We will be going on a special field trip on Sunday, November 19th to the movie "The Star." This is the opening weekend for the movie and Platteville will be getting it. We will be going to the 1:00 (ish) time movie. We won't know an exact time until closer to the date. The cost will be \$7.50 and that includes admission, small drink and small popcorn. We HAVE to have the money in advance for this. Families are welcome to go and meet us there also. We are hoping to have a large group attend. If your child wants to go please let Renee or Sherry know as soon as possible.

Christmas Program

Our Christmas program "The Star" will be on December 10th at the 10:30 AM service. We will have regular Christian Education that day so we can practice our songs and anything else that is needed. We will be handing out parts, songs and readings in the very near future. Please help your child at home with any part or song they have.

Program Practice

We will have a quick run through during class time on December 3rd and a full practice on December 9th from 9-11 AM. If your child will not be here it is very important that we know as soon as possible.

Jesus' Birthday Party

We will celebrate Jesus' Birthday on December 17th during Coffee Hour (9:00 AM). We will sing Happy Birthday for each month. When your birthday is in the month we are singing for you put as many pennies in the jar as your age (ex: 29 years old = 29 pennies). The students will go to their classrooms for a party until class is over at 10:25 AM.

NO Christian Education

Just a reminder there will be **NO Christian Education** on December 24th OR December 31st. We will return on January 7th with a special REWARD party!

Thank You for allowing us to share the love of Jesus with your children. Please let Renee or Sherry know if you have any questions!

Youth



News

We're kicking off IMPACT on Sunday, November 12th at 7:15 PM. We've done a few activities already but haven't officially met so we're looking forward to Fun, Fellowship, Food and Games. Fields of Faith and a Faith Based Drug Awareness Night—Wide Awake are a few things that have been available for youth to attend thus far.

Fundraising - Again this year, the youth will be selling the very nice calendars and note pads. Be sure to purchase yours when you come to worship.

Our last quarterly meeting is set for Wednesday December 6th at 6:00 PM and it is our annual POTLUCK! Come and join us for a delicious meal and fellowship. We will go over the calendar for the next year and put the Cheer Baskets together.

The holidays will soon be upon us. So take time to enjoy these few cool sunny days, as they will soon turn into cold snowy days!

Autumn is the hush before winter.
— French Proverb



thankful

DREAM TEAM

In the spirit of Thanksgiving I'd like to say to each of you, "Thank you for being in my life, for being who you are and blessing the Church Family with all that you are." Its also a great time to consider if you're doing and being all you can be. There is NO better day than today to step it up, because tomorrow isn't guaranteed.

On my Christmas List I have a FUMC Sweatshirt and FUMC Jogging Pants. What a GREAT IDEA! Order forms are available at the Church to make it easier for you to order your Christmas Gifts, too!

Have a **BLESSED** Thanksgiving!
Love, Renee

Speaking of Christmas ... Plan on attending a Worship Service(s) this Christmas Eve. We have many opportunities — 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM and 11:00 PM OR you can be like Kevin and Audrey and spend the day here with us at the Church!



Thank you to all the "Dream Teamers" for providing the Fall Kickoff Brunch. Your efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated!

CONNECTIONAL GROUP

The "I Am Second" Connectional Group has been fulfilling and beneficial for those attending. We will be having new groups available shortly after the new year. Please be sure to consider being a part of one of the upcoming groups.

Are you interested in sharing a handshake and a smile on Sunday morning? Please sign up to be a Door Greeter. We would love to have you! If you are a visionary or have great ideas, please Contact Jeff or Renee Thomas ... because we have a chair for you at our meetings!



God is Good. All the Time.

ANGEL TREE

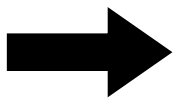
Again this year we will be participating in the Angel Tree; giving tree. The Grant County Holiday Project will be getting us Names/Families in the near future (hopefully before Black Friday). We will need to have the gifts back to the Church wrapped and ready to go by December 13th, we will distribute the gifts December 14th-16th.

Jeff Thomas, Dream Team Leader
and The "Dream Teamers"



Budget Update:

As of October 23, we are currently \$18,522.09 behind on giving.



November Mission

Gideons International

Distributing God's Word Around The World

People are often led to faith in Christ by the truths discovered in His Word. By reading and studying the Bible, these individuals grow in their faith and, eventually, share with others. For this reason, Gideons International focuses on distributing complete Bibles, New Testaments, or portions thereof in over 95 languages and take copies of God's Word to the world by either personally handing them to individuals or by placing them in select public locations.

Gideons International believes distributing copies of God's Word plants powerful seeds that God can use according to His own timing (I Corinthians 3:6), allows many to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32), provides a lasting witness (Hebrews 4:12), and makes it easier for those we reach to boldly spread the Good News (II Timothy 2:2).

Areas of Distribution

Members of The Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to police, fire, and medical personnel; prisoners; military personnel; students in the fifth grade and above; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed by Gideons in key locations, such as hotels, motels, hospitals, convalescent homes, medical offices, domestic violence shelters, prisons, and jails.

Changing Lives for More Than 100 Years

The Gideons International began distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, there are more than 270,000 Gideons and Auxiliary – and an untold number of supporters – in 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe. These dedicated individuals have given their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word. We have placed and distributed more than 2 billion Bibles and New Testaments around the world.



The Gideons International

November Food Pantry Needs:

Vegetable Beef Soup
Peanut Butter
Tuna
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Shampoo



Christmas CAROLING

Mark your calendars for Christmas Caroling on **December 10th from 4 to 6 PM.**



Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and phone calls I received after my surgery and for my 90th Birthday.

It's great to have you as my Church Family!
Herb Brun



Thoughts ARE WITH YOU

In your time of sorrow, my

Our deepest Christian Sympathy to the Family of Donna Bickford.



October 2017 Attendance

October 1	229
October 8	195
October 15	250
October 22	195
October 29	203

"CLAPPING" DURING WORSHIP? OH MY!

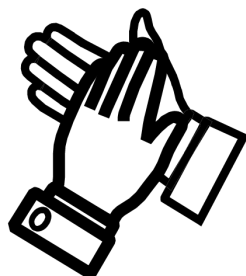
(Shared by Sue Lewison of Your Worship Team)

Having "grown up" in the church and, as an adult, participating in various musical activities during worship services for the past 50+ years, I expect this is the comment I would have heard at any service if a worshiper(s) would have applauded at any time during the service--in addition to those individuals being stared at by frowning faces!

Well, times have changed!! And, in my opinion, for the better! Why do I think so?? Well, "experiencing" worshipers'--children and teenagers as well as adults--participation during worship through laughter, voices that I can hear singing, and sometimes "off-the -cuff" comments as pastors ask questions or make comments during their messages, and yes, even "clapping" (applause, as some would say!), indicates to me how engaged and involved each of you are in the worship experience. For me, that is a very "refreshing" experience!

Pastor Bud has shared with me a book **Revolve — A New Way to See Worship** by two pastors, Nelson Searcy and Jason Hatley, that addresses this topic of why "clapping" matters. May I share some of their thoughts with you?

1. Many of us learn more by "moving." Clapping draws those of us who "learn through movement" into worship more than just by standing and singing.
2. For those of us who may be involved in a number of "family" duties and "distractions" before arriving for worship, clapping during worship can help us "shake off" those distractions we experienced as we focus on worship.
3. Clapping leads to more "active" participation that, by the way, leads to singing (even though someone might say he/she really can't sing!), which, of course, leads to worshipping!
4. When we clap after a song, one we have sung or one presented to us, "we are **not** giving the worship leader (**nor** the presenter or presenters) a big ego." So, as Searcy and Hatley have concluded, "go ahead and clap if the moment feels right," to which I add my "AMEN"!



CHAIRS

Thank You to those whom have purchased chairs from Fellowship Hall. We still have plenty left to sell, so if interested please call either the Church Office or Audrey Doan (822-6527). The funds used to purchase the new chairs were taken from Memorials and the incoming revenue from our old chairs is being credited back to Memorials.

Thankfulness

(Lessons from a 5 Year Old)

By: Mike Woodard

"**Coby, you have to be thankful,**" is the line of conversation between my two grandsons that caught my attention. I listened as Domonic, the 5 year old, was attempting to teach his 3 year old brother a profound life lesson.

They were negotiating who should play with which toy. Domonic's plan was to use the "Eeny, Meeny, Miny, Mo" rhyme to determine who should get the more desirable one. But before he used this as the solution to their disagreement, he coached his little brother, saying, "**Coby, if you get the larger toy you have to be thankful. No complaining. You have to say thank you. If you get the smaller toy you have to be thankful. No complaining. You have to say thank you.**" However well-meaning Domonic was, Coby did not appreciate the wisdom offered by his brother that day, but maintained, "*I want this one.*"

God has some similar advice for us. In fact, it is a command. In the letter to the Corinthians, Paul urges his readers, "*Be thankful in all circumstances.*" Thankful words come easily in the moments when we get what we want. It is a little more challenging in the difficult moments to respond with gratitude.

Being thankful in all situations is a step of faith. It is choosing to believe, in spite of the circumstances we're facing, that God is wise, loving and has a good plan for us. When I make an attitude adjustment and choose to say "thank you" in the difficult moments, it moves my focus from one of complaining, at least in my heart, to anticipation of what God will do and how the circumstances will fit into God's bigger plan.

"*And we know that all thing work together for good to those who love God and are called for his purpose.*"
Romans 8:28

Who's Serving in November?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Winkers Family	Sheckler Family
11/12/2017	Rob Kenney	Linda S. and Karen R.
11/19/2017	Bob and Maggie Miller	Carl and Judy Nelson
11/26/2017	Bobbi Jo Pink and Heidi Millin	Wesley Fry and Rassiah

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Maggie Kartman	Pastor Bud
11/12/2017	Jeff Thomas	Pastor Bud
11/19/2017	Sherry Kieler	Sherry Kieler
11/26/2017	Krista Demo	Pastor Bud

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Ruth Mergen and Logan Ceceilia Hollister	Sheckler Family
11/12/2017	Herb and Harriet Brun	Rod and Jackie Wehrle
11/19/2017	Rachael Loy and Logan Mindy Johnson	Carl and Judy Nelson
11/26/2017	Richard and Bonnie Carlin	Sheckler Family

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Thomas', Burkum's, Robert Kenney, Lori Budzinski, Audrey Doan	Rod and Jackie Wehrle, Linda Stephenson and Karen Rosemeyer

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Carmen Burkum	Brent Sheckler
11/12/2017	Linda O'Kane	Jackie Wehrle
11/19/2017	Karla Witzig	Judy Nelson
11/26/2017	Phil Alm	Lori Budzinski

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/5/2017	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
11/12/2017	Blake/Abigail Droessler	Jackson Sheckler
11/19/2017	Peyton Hollister	Brayden Fry
11/26/2017	Corbin/Brogan Demo	Cooper Leffler

Happy
THANKSGIVING

Remember our Friends at:

Morningside Assisted Living

Norma Neuroth

Orchard Manor

Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center

Nip Leffler, Arlene Schmahlenberger, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds, Lois Jean Preston, Jeannette Schneiderwind, Keith Krue

Sunset Fields

Donna Blackburn, Paul Rector

Join us for our NEW Teaching Series!

November 26—December 24



When you see the phrase “Follow the Star,” what does it mean to you?

More than 2,000 years ago, a star burst through the darkness and signaled the long-awaited birth of a Savior. Today, another star shines, piercing the darkness of our world with hope. His name is Jesus, and His light draws us to follow Him with the promise of a life that will never be the same.

Join us as we make our way through this incredible journey leading up to Christmas!

Worship Times

(November 26, December 3, 10 and 17)

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM or online at
www.fennimoreumc.org

Christmas Eve Worship Times

(December 24)

9:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
8:00 PM and 11:00 PM