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“God Is in the Details”

“Would this be any good?” asked Bilbo.... “I found it on the ground where the trolls had their fight.” He held a largish key. – The Hobbit, Chapter 2

After coming down from the mountains, the three trolls – William, Bert, and Tom – had pillaged villages near Rivendell. They finally settled in the woods not far from the road, and from there they waylaid travelers.

The trolls chose this spot for a reason: They can't bear sunlight, which turns them into stone. Staying awake all night – on the graveyard shift, so to speak – they hide during the day in a cave or hole. But right here William, Bert, and Tom had discovered a cave with a stone door. It was the perfect hidey-hole.

The cave, as it turned out, was an ancient treasure trove, complete with a key to unlock the door. (Now, what are the odds of that?) William, as leader, kept the key in his pocket. But after catching Bilbo, he and Bert began fighting like dogs, rolling on the ground, kicking and pounding each other. And the key tumbled out of his pocket.

Now, with the trolls turned to stone, Thorin and company were safe. But the dwarves and Bilbo still had no food. So Gandalf reminded them that the trolls must have a cave nearby.

After a careful search, they did find a stone door in the side of the hill – but no matter what they did, they couldn't open it. Soon the dwarves were exhausted and cross.

That's when Bilbo held up the key and asked, “Would this be any good?” Gandalf snatched the key, inserted it in the keyhole, and opened the door. Inside, the travelers found not only food to eat, but pots of gold coins and several swords. The food filled their bellies and the coins provided wealth. Two of the swords in particular proved to be extremely valuable.

A key is such a small thing. And the Bible asks, “Who has despised the day of small things?” (Zechariah 4:10)

The answer, unfortunately, is that *most* of us have at one time or another despised small things. Yet those things are often the key to solving the larger problems that beset us. Sometimes we literally need a key – we've probably all locked ourselves out of our house or car at some time. And if you've ever forgotten the password to your email account or couldn't remember the PIN for your bank card, you know the frustration of being unable to get the information or money you desperately need.

We can't be held responsible if our keys get lost while trolls battle – but as we all know, that's usually not how things are misplaced. Important items go missing because we're in a hurry, or we don't pay enough attention to put them in their proper place.

Some people are so meticulous and methodical that they almost never have this problem. Good for them. But even the best-organized people can misplace things. Then even they get down on the floor to search, look through dresser drawers, and turn pockets inside-out trying to figure out just where “it” is.

But perhaps the worst thing is to look and look for a lost item, only to realize later that it was in front of us the whole time.

October Mission

Northcott Neighborhood House

Northcott Neighborhood House, Inc. is a multi-purpose community center originated by the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the General Board of Global Ministries in 1961.

Missions and Goals:

The agency mission is to support family stability, provide educational and recreational programs for youth, lessen neighborhood tensions, combat community deterioration, and provide various social services for the residents of Harambee (downtown Milwaukee neighborhood) and surrounding neighborhoods. In these capacities, Northcott Neighborhood House serves approximately 10,000 community residents annually. The agency goals are:

- To empower families to meet their survival needs and to provide good parenting to their children
- To provide a safe place for youth after school, Saturdays, and in the summer with recreational and skill-building activities
- To provide the neighborhood with space, activities, and the opportunity to engage in community building and crime prevention activities

Programs and Activities:

Youth Programs: After school and summer programs for teens and pre-teens that serve approximately 3,000 youth annually.

Three Head Start Centers : Currently we serve 295 children and their families at three locations.

Fresh Start/Milwaukee Builds: These programs provide job training for young adults in the construction trade, educational enhancement, and actual construction experience.

Neighborhood Development: In addition to our major home building efforts, Northcott has a long history of work with neighborhood organizations in many joint projects and collaborations.

Emergency Services/Health: These services include a food pantry, a commodities program, a clothing bank, and information/referral services.

October Food Pantry Needs:

Mixed Vegetables
Baked Beans
Tuna
Canned Fruit
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

Our deepest Christian Sympathy to the
Families and Friends of:

Richard Bryhan

 Attendance

September 2018

September 2	128
September 9	230
September 16	183
September 23	174

Who's Serving in October?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/7/2018	Curt and Kathi Freymiller	Carl and Betty Austin
10/14/2018	Klais Family	Sheckler Family
10/21/2018	Rob and Karla Rands	Connie Neal Sandy Knapp
10/28/2018	Bobbi Jo Pink Family	Karen Rosemeyer

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
10/7/2018	Krista Demo
10/14/2018	Maggie Kartman
10/21/2018	Confirmation
10/28/2018	Confirmation

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/7/2018	Torgerson Family	Carl and Betty Austin
10/14/2018	Klais Family	Sheckler Family
10/21/2018	Logan O'Brien Racheal Loy	Wes Fry Ruth Everson
10/28/2018	Chuck and Barb Weist	Linda Stephenson

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/7/2018	Stenner's Burkum's, Klais' and Miller's	Sandy Knapp, Linda Stephenson Austin's

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/7/2018	Karla Witzig	Linda Stephenson
10/14/2018	Klais	Lori Budzinski
10/21/2018	Logan O'Brien	Connie Neal
10/28/2018	Linda O'Kane	Linda Stephenson

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
10/7/2018	Brogan/Corbin Demo	
10/14/2018	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
10/21/2018	Ava Winkers	
10/28/2018	Drew Torgeson	Jackson Sheckler



Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds,
Dennis Freymiller, Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackbourn and Paul Rector

Morningside
Cheryl Burr



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UMW NEWS

ALL IS HERE !! AUTUMN BLESSINGS TO ALL !!

UMW met in September and a lovely discussion was held on our Personal Faith, our current selves and our memories and wishes of the past. We enjoyed the fruits of the fall season with a delicious apple crisp and a scrumptious pumpkin dessert.

We are looking forward to December and our last Meeting for 2018. It's a Christmas Potluck on December 5th where we will finalize our 2019 schedule and put together cheer platters for Christmas giving. Yes, Christmas is coming very quickly it seems. Please save the date, we would love for you to join us!

Speaking of Christmas, our Creation Team has several covers/quilts available to purchase for gifts. We will have the racks out on Sundays in November and December if anyone wishes to purchase one. Please see Marilyn Brodt or Harriet Brun ANYTIME, if you are interested. **ALSO:** The Creation Team meets the Third Tuesday of every month here at the church to work on them. They welcome busy hands, so if you have a knack and wish to participate, please stop in.

A little fall folklore for you....



Winter will be cold and snowy if corn husks are thick and tight, apple skins are tough, and birds migrate early.

Keep an eye on the weather on October 9. If it's sunny, the following winter will be very cold. If it's cloudy, winter will be milder.



Youth IMPACT is BACK and off to a great start!

Youth IMPACT meets every Sunday from 4:30-6:30*, in the FUMC Basement. Youth IMPACT is for ALL students in 6th - 12th grades. We have small group discussions, music, food, social time (which church-y people call fellowship), and more! Throughout the year, Youth IMPACT plans special activities, outings, and service projects - so please join us for fun and faith-filling time! Please bring a friend along, regardless of where they attend church (or whether they go at all)!

*The time is subject to change later in the year as we navigate many scheduling dilemmas.

**If you're interested in helping out regularly or occasionally (leading worship/music, small group discussions, or something else), please contact Katie Volz-Oyen at kvolz324@gmail.com.

A few of the MANY activities we have done so far include:
A Photo Scavenger Hunt and Apple Cider Pressing!

Fields of Faith:

6:45 Pm to 8:30 PM
Boscobel High School

5th Quarter

Thank You to ALL those who have brought food, chaperoned and helped in any way! The saying "it takes a village" is SO true! We have had an average of 60 to 70+ kids each night.

A special Thank You to Papa Murphy's for the donation of Pizza. It was thoroughly enjoyed by many!



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That can happen with the "keys" of scripture: Sometimes we wonder what to do in a new or perplexing situation, only to kick ourselves later – after we've mishandled things – when we learn that the Bible speaks clearly on that very subject and situation. Yet many of us, because of a lack of knowledge if even the most basic scriptures, fail to do the right thing at the right time. Even if we're vaguely aware that a certain verse says something along the lines of such-and-such, we don't remember exactly what it says – and often have no clue where in the Bible it can be found.

Jesus promised, "The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will reminds you of everything I have said to you" (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit longs to remind us what God's Word says – but we need to read the Bible in the first place to learn what Jesus said.

As we read Scripture, we may wonder, *How does this apply today?* That's fine – if we turn that question into a prayer, God can provide answers for everyday living, even for the most complex situations.

Don't despise the "day of small things." Small things are often the keys to vast treasures.
– A Hobbit Devotional by Ed Strauss

Pastor Bud



October 4 and/or October 11, 1998

Do you remember where you were?

Some of us in our FUMC church family were here, "YES" at 1450 Second Street, for the very, very first time in our new church facility! What made those first services so very special, for many of us, was recalling all the number of volunteers--our friends as well as members -- who "invested" many, many hours to assist especially with "clean-up" duties of our new facility each weekend for numerous weeks prior to those October dates!

During those many weeks prior to October 1998, Doris Schneider documented many of the hours and much of the work these volunteers donated through photographs she took during that time. With "many, many" thanks to Doris and her family, you can now view these photos in the album that she prepared and which we hope to display in the Lobby during October this year!

