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The Church Window



November
2018

“Lord, Save Us!”

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is Matthew 8:23-27 which Adam Hamilton shares in his book, “Unafraid.”

I love the story of the lake crossing in Matthew 8. Jesus is sleeping in the back of the boat as his disciples are rowing away. A fierce squall sweeps in. As the winds rise and waves threaten to swamp the boat, the disciples become increasingly afraid. Yet Jesus sleeps on. Finally, they rouse him, shouting, “Lord, save us!”

Here's what the text says happened next: “He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’ Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?’”

What just happened here? Jesus' friends were awestruck – first by their fear of the storm, then by their awe of the One who commanded the wind and waves to be still.

I remember a woman in my congregation telling me that during her battle with cancer, when things seemed most frightening, she would think about this story in scripture, and she would pray, “Lord, I trust that you are in this boat with me. I belong to you. Please help me remember that you are here, and since you are here, somehow, this is going to be okay.” Releasing our fears to God requires that we trust that God is always by our side, big enough to care for us, and stronger than any storm we might face.

Do you see how awe, wonder, and trust in God's power lead us not to be afraid? Isaiah said it this way” “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation” (12:2). It is why the psalmist could write, “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me” (Psalm 23:4). It is why the disciples, after Christ calmed the winds and the waves, would no longer be afraid as long as Jesus was in the boat with them.

This is what Paul was talking about when, from his prison cell in Rome, he wrote, “Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

You and I will experience fear, but we don't have to be oppressed, defeated, or controlled by it. We can face our fears with faith, examine our assumptions in light of facts, attack our anxieties with action, and release our cares to God. And in doing this we will discover the “peace of God that exceeds all understanding.” This peace allows us to live unafraid with courage and hope.

Live Unafraid!

Pastor Bud

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*The Christian Education team has
been busy this year!*

Halloween Hoopla was again a success despite the windy and rainy weather – thank you to all who attended and to all who helped make it happen!

Some activities we had were eating a donut hanging on a string (with no hands), Pumpkin Painting, Photo Booth, Pumpkin Tic Tac Toe and OF COURSE, Food!

Trunk or Treat “Award Winners:

1st Place — Straka Family (Minions)

2nd Place — Holly Rands
(Greatest Showman)

3rd Place — Sarah Torgerson (Pumpkin)

This week we will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, it is a goal to have EACH Christian Ed student pack their own box!

We are also starting to prepare for the Christmas Program which will be held on December 9th at 10:30 AM. Practice will be on December 8th from 9-11 AM and songs assigned to each class in the next couple weeks. We will also be having a movie night on December 1st – watch for more information on that!

The Christian Education Team

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear God,

You made a beautiful world,
With sun so warm and light.
With grain and fruit to nourish us,
With streams so clean and bright.

Help us to care and keep it safe,
With wisdom, thought and deed.
With respect for all it offers us
With generosity, not with greed.

We pray for those who suffer,
With lack of rain for crops.
With hunger and such poverty,
With war, grief and loss.

Guide us, as we work and play,
With strength to learn and share.
With grace to enjoy all we have,
With courage to change the world.

Amen.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



United
Methodist
Women

UMW NEWS

Gratitude

Welcome November!

Thanksgiving season is a time of gratitude . . .
Gratitude is an amazing lens with which to view
the world. When we focus on our blessings, we
tend to be happier.

When we realize how much we possess, we tend
to be more thoughtful of those who have less.

When we talk about the good together, we tend
to appreciate each other more.

Being grateful is really about being more mindful.

Perhaps this mindfulness will help us all to focus on
the abundance in our lives and how we can
share it with others.

This November, engage in gratitude. And,
remember, it only takes about thirty days for a
new practice to become a habit.

Thanks be to God!

**Taken from UMW Communication Website.*

Reminders:

The UMW will have handmade covers/quilts out
during November and December. They make
wonderful gifts. If you wish to purchase one,
please call Harriet Brun or Marilyn Brodt.

Our Christmas Potluck is the first Wednesday of
December here at the church at 6:00 PM. Please
join us for a delicious meal, fellowship and
preparing our cheer plates. See you there!



Youth Impact is going strong! We meet regularly on
Sundays from 4:30-6:30pm in the FUMC basement.
Our time together is different from one week to the
next, but we try to include a mix of games, small
group time, prayer, and activities that grow our
faith.

Thank you to the Donna Bickford Family for helping
us upgrade to a big screen TV in the basement. This
will come in so handy as we watch videos on
some Sunday nights, in addition to many other
times throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the
scavenger hunt for the Fennimore food pantry! The
youth had fun collecting, and we hope you had
fun seeing them around town! A total of 422
pounds of food were collected and
donated! Thanks also for the donations of chili
and treats.

If you or someone you know is in sixth through 12th
grade, please join us at Youth Impact
on Sunday nights! (They don't need to go to
church here, or anywhere for that matter!). If you
are an adult who wants to help - you are
welcome too!

Here are a few special upcoming dates:

Sunday, Nov 4: 4:30-6:30 PM

Sunday, Nov 11: 4:30-6:30 PM (with special speakers
- don't miss it!)

Sunday, Nov 18: "Thanksgiving" Progressive Dinner
starting at St. Peter's at 2:30 PM. We will be walking
(with stops at Bethany, St. Mary's, and Trinity), and
ending at FUMC around 4:30 PM with a family style
dinner at 5 PM. Families are welcome at the dinner
at the end.

No Youth Impact on Nov 25. We are back to the
usual 4:30-6:30 PM meeting time the following
week, December 2.

Call or email Katie Volz-Oyen with any questions!
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“What are your Chains?”

I recently listened to a message that talked about the song “Chainbreaker” by Zach Williams. I am sure most of you know the song. The pastor asked “What are your chains that are holding you back? (addictions, past mistakes, failures, fears, etc...) Those are all negative things in our lives that are the chains holding us captive from living our lives to the fullest. But the interesting thing to me was he mentioned another kind of chain that holds us back as well. Can our chains be something we see as a positive thing in our lives? Think about our religious life? (we go to church, sing hymns, read devotions, read the bible, pray, etc...) Those sound-like positive things, don't they? Do you think that those things could potentially be chains as well?

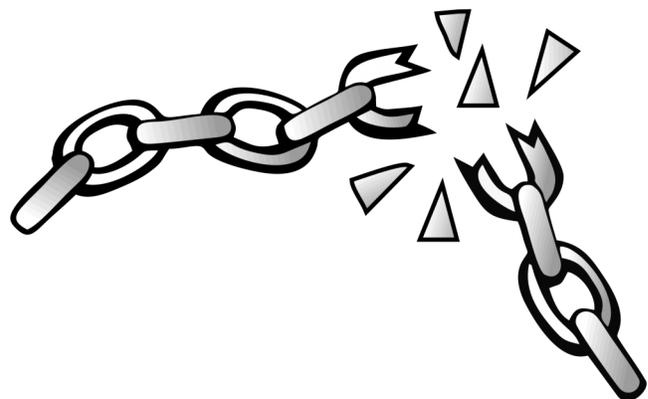
Think of it this way. Do we just do these things as a routine or do we truly do them out of admiration and love for our Lord? Do we get excited to lift our voices, and prayers to Him knowing that He hears us loud and clear and that He is just as excited to hear from us? Do we mumble through a song during worship or do we sing with passion like we are serenading someone we love with all our heart? Do we skim through verses in the bible just to get through it, or do we truly STUDY the bible in order to understand His word and how He calls us to live our lives? How about prayer? Do we pray a few words to Him occasionally, or do we pray to Him like we are talking to our best friend? God is all about relationships and He wants that with each and everyone of us. He wants us to come to Him for anything, good or bad. He wants to celebrate our exciting times with us, comfort the worries in our minds, and guide and encourage us throughout our entire lives. He loves each of us more than any of us can ever imagine and He is always with us, waiting for us to acknowledge Him. But remember, prayer is not just about us talking to Him. Listening is just as important. He is always with us and guiding us with the Holy Spirit. But if we are just going through the motions of our normal routines & not focusing on Him, we probably won't hear Him. Or maybe we hear Him, but it's not what we wanted to hear so we ignore it. You know what I mean.

We feel Him nudging us to do something, but we say we are too busy and don't have time to do it. Or maybe you feel like He wants you to reach out to someone, but you don't know them or don't care for them, so you make justifications in your mind as to why you can't do it. Or we tell ourselves, “I am a good Christian. I go to church on Sunday, I read a daily devotion and a couple scriptures each day (well, some days). I already do all of this, so I don't think I need to do more. Besides I have a busy life with work, my family and all the other things that I want to do. Plus, I already do more than a lot of people do, so I shouldn't have to do any more.” This is being self-centered because we are putting ourselves first instead of God. If we are just going through the motions, we are not really devoted to Him. And if we ignore Him or try to justify our actions or lack of actions, we are not only not being His Faithful Servants, but we are sinning against Him as well. So yes, what can appear to be positives in our lives can also be a chain that is holding us back from living up to our full potential that God has planned for us.

So, no matter what those chains are in your life. Start by putting God first and foremost in your life and look to him always. Keep your focus on HIM and submit yourself and these chains to HIM and HE will break you free, lift you up and take you to new heights in your life that you could never imagine. Remember He loves each of us more than any of us can comprehend and wants the absolute best for us all.

In God's Love and Grace,

Paul Adney



November 2018 Mission



The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Under its original name, The Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR) was founded in 1940 by the Bishop Herbert Welch, in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II. In his address at the General Conference that year, Bishop Welch stated that MCOR would serve as a "voice of conscience among Methodists to act in the relief of human suffering without distinction of race, color, or creed." This mandate remains true to this day. The organization's name was legally changed to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at the 1972 General Conference.

UMCOR's Vision and Mission are as follows:

Vision: As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities.

Mission: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

UMCOR's work can be categorized into three major areas:

- 1) Humanitarian Relief/Disaster Response
- 2) Sustainable Development
- 3) Global Health (in collaboration with Global Ministries)

November Food Pantry Needs:

Mixed Vegetables
Baked Beans
Tuna
Canned Fruit
Cereal
Ramen Noodles

In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

Our deepest Christian Sympathy to the
Families and Friends of:

Ledgynn Jerrett Bruegmann

*Thank
you*

Thank You to all whom provided or served food at the Memorial Service for Ledgynn. Also, special thanks to Pastor Bud for officiating the service.

Thank You!
The Bruegmann Family

A Note From Paul Adney:

Importance of Multimedia –

I want to take a second and thank each of you for allowing me to serve FUMC over the last several years in implementing multimedia into your worship experience. Everything from projection, videos, sound, cameras & recording. All of this is done to improve the worship atmosphere to help everyone feel more relaxed, ready for worship and open to hear Gods word. We also have recordings of our services posted on Facebook and the FUMC website so that other individuals that are not able to attend on Sunday can watch online and still be a part of our worship of our God and Savior. These videos are an important part of worship, because they become a door to our church to allow anyone the opportunity to join us in worship no matter where they are. For the last several years we have averaged 16 different countries across the globe that our videos have been played in. I have received several correspondences over the years from people thanking us for having these videos available. When you get a letter from a soldier stationed overseas thanking us for a video because the message touched their heart and was exactly what they needed to hear that day. It gives you a whole new perspective of the importance of what we do in ministry. It is not just about us gathering Sunday morning and listening to the Pastor. Jesus calls us all to grow in our faith in Him and to go forth and share His Love, Words and Grace with everyone. Our media team strives to make this happen not only within the walls of the church, but also to touch the lives of people across the globe that we will never meet.

The Next Chapter –

As most of you have heard, I decided it was time for me to resign from my position at FUMC, which I submitted the end of August. I made this decision after a lot of prayer for God's guidance. This was not an easy decision because this church and ministry has been a huge part of my life and my family's life. However, I feel God has other plans for me and He has given me a peace with all of this and continues to support and guide me every day. Over the last couple months, I have worked with individuals from Staff Parish during the transition in hopes of training a replacement because I know the importance of what we do. We have had several individuals step up and learning to operate things for Sunday worship and I am very thankful for them. I pray that more people will step up as well and that each of you support these individuals as they learn to operate these systems. Unfortunately, there is still a lot of technical stuff done behind the scenes that is not covered by these volunteers. All of which, must be done for the media ministry to continue. After discussions with Robert Kenney I agreed to pray about all of this, which I have. I recently agreed to continue to assist FUMC with the website, video creations, worship layout and schedule creations to keep moving forward with this ministry. I will continue to assist with this as needed as God guides me into my next chapter of his work. I do not know exactly what He has in store for me yet, but I do believe He is calling me for much more than He has in the past. By me stepping back it will give me time to heal, get my emotions in check and more time to focus on God in preparation for whatever He plans for me in the future.

Thanks again for your openness and support to all of this over the years and I pray that God will continue to bless this ministry for years to come.

Paul Adney

Who's Serving in November?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/4/2018	Curt and Kathi Freymiller	Sandy Knapp Connie Neal
11/11/2018	Dave and Ann Stenner	Wehrle Family
11/18/2018	Bob and Maggie Miller	Carl and Betty Austin
11/25/2018	Pam and Chris Kreul	Glen Klais Family

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/4/2018	Heidi Millin and Bobbi Jo Pink Family	Sandy Knaap Connie Neal
11/11/2018	Sarah Torgerson Family	Wehrle Family
11/18/2018	Rochelle Lindow Rogene Needham	Kim and Christina Cathman
11/25/2018	Shawn Handfelt	Wes Fry Ruth Everson

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/4/2018	Heidi Millin	Connie Neal
11/11/2018	Ann Stenner	Jackie Wehrle
11/18/2018	Rochelle Lindow	Kim Cathman
11/25/2018	Carmen Burkum	Glen Klais

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/4/2018	Brogan/Corbin Demo	
11/11/2018	Keira Kartman	Ethan Sheckler
11/18/2018	Ava Winkers	
11/25/2018	Drew Torgeson	Jackson Sheckler

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
11/4/2018	Krista Demo
11/11/2018	Maggie Kartman
11/18/2018	Confirmation
11/25/2018	Confirmation

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
11/4/2018	Burkum's, Rands' Freymiller's and Miller's	Sandy Knapp Connie Neal

IN EVERYTHING
give thanks
 1 THES. 5:18

Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

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

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector

Morningside
Cheryl Burr