



September 2024 Newsletter

A Loving Church for a Living Lord!

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***Our Mission: To Make Disciples for the
Transformation of the World***

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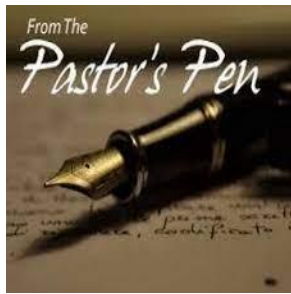
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Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on my spiritual renewal leave with the gathered community by talking about the parables in Mark four and the healing of the Gerasene Demoniac in Mark five. In these two chapters of Mark, Jesus prepares us for the work “on the other side.” I believe the other side Jesus prepares us for is a place that is unfamiliar with Christ and his teachings. An example would be to say it is the people on the others side of the door that leads from the sanctuary.

Loving, learning, and leading is the system I have been talking about for the past few years and is important to growing disciples and teaching people about the love of God. Jesus concentrated his teaching for twelve people; he taught everyone but worked closer with twelve individuals. Who are your twelve? Who are the twelve people in your life that you are loving, learning about and leading to Christ? If each one of us had twelve people and invited one of the twelve each month to come to church; that’s twelve visitors per person per year, imagine the growth possibilities for our church.

Here are some statistics about how people find their way to church:

- 6-8% Walked in by own initiative
- 2-3% Liked a program offered
- 8-10% Liked the pastor
- 3-4% Had a need met by the church.
- 1-2% Were Evangelized
- 3-4% Attracted by Sunday School
- **70-85% Invited by a relative or friend!**

The average is 83% came to church because of an INVITE by a friend or relative.

Billy Graham Association issued a statistic that says, the average Christian can identify 7 unchurched people that they have a personal relationship with. They conducted a national survey and 82% of the non-churched say they would come to church with a friend or relative if invited.

82% of twelve is 9.84. Of your twelve people nine or ten are likely to come to church with you if you invite them; You are the key to growing our church. Your involvement in the mission and ministry are important to growing the Kingdom of God.

Love people, accept them as they are. Learn about them, spend time with them to get to know their experiences, their values, their giftedness, talents, and passion. Lead them into the opportunity to know Christ and his teachings through your words and actions; you are more influential than you give yourself credit for. Do you remember the parable of the mustard seed? The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds and grows to be one of the biggest bushes in the garden. Jesus also said that if you had faith the size of a mustard seed you could move a mountain. We can do amazing things if we invite God to come beside us in the things we do.

Pastor Brian Fellows

Food Ministry

Sept news (GOD WILL PROVIDE)



More doom and gloom, beside the state messing with grants, United Way is also reducing funding to feed those in need.

GOD WILL PROVIDE.

We are ramping up for the Holiday Season. We have ordered from Food Link Holiday packs for both Nov. and Dec. We will fill in those packs with food we can source locally. So, the list will be coming out shortly.

GOD WILL PROVIDE.

We will be receiving a donation of 30 turkeys for Christmas which will go very nicely with December Holiday Packs, we will need some volunteers to help in receiving packs and dividing up the refrigerated items.

Please let us know if you can help.

Your Food Ministry

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UMCOR Hygiene Kits

Relief supplies provide care for the most vulnerable following a disaster or during times of crisis. UMCOR collects relief supplies in the form of cleaning kits, hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene kits that are assembled by United Methodist volunteers for distribution in the United States and its territories. The kits are stored until a request for supplies is received; once a request is processed, the kits are shipped to communities in need.

THE MOST RECENT U.S. 2024 DISASTER RESPONSES

Hurricane Ernesto

UMCOR has awarded a solidarity grant to REHACE in Puerto Rico in response to the storm's devastation. Up to 1 million Puerto Ricans are without power due to the storm. UMCOR is in close communication with U.S. conferences as they prepare for impact.

Northwest Wildfires

UMCOR awarded a solidarity grant to the Pacific Northwest Conference to support initial response efforts to widespread wildfire in Washington and Idaho.

Hurricane Debby

After making landfall in Florida on Aug. 5 and traveling up the U.S. coast, this storm brought historic amounts of rainfall and flooding. UMCOR has awarded a solidarity grant to the Florida, South Georgia and **Upper New York** conferences and is coordinating with disaster response ministries in other affected conferences.

Hygiene Kit Items:

Hand Towel (15x25 – 17x27 inches) New and Unwashed, No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.

Washcloth New and Unwashed, No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels.

Comb Sturdy with at least 4 -7 inches of teeth.

Toenail or Fingernail Clipper

Bath-size Soap (3 oz. bar or larger) Individually packaged, No Ivory or Jergen's Soap

Adult Toothbrush Individually packaged

Band-aids (3/4 by 3 inches)



July 2024 Results

In July the actual expenses came in at \$1521 over budget. This is due to paying two months of church utilities. Revenue was up about \$1000 from June. The church financial results for the month of July 2024 are shown below:

Revenue	\$	14,347
Actual Expenses	\$	16,129
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	\$	(1,782)

Good news is this would have been a positive month for revenue minus expenses if there was a normal utility payment.

All your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are greatly appreciated.

Tom Brickle

Finance Team Chair



I saw pumpkins for sale at Tops yesterday. Must be fall is fast approaching. Time to start thinking about our Winter heating season. Thankfully we were able to draw some money from our endowment earnings to get the heat pump compressor replaced in the downstairs hallway. So we should be good for the upcoming heating season.

A special thank you to some anonymous donors for getting the painting of the OCP offices done. It has been on the list for a couple of years and Dan McIntyre worked with Clingerman Painting to finally get that end of the hallway dressed right up.

OCP secured a grant to help us paint, repair, and clean up our class rooms. Very much appreciate OCP efforts to help get things looking good around here.

Eric Lehman has been doing a fantastic job with the flower beds outside. He even took it upon himself to edge the grass encroaching on the sidewalk. As he likes to say, our goal is to have the prettiest flower beds on Main Street. I think he is achieving our goal.

So, lots of good news on the maintenance end of our wonderful Church.

Thank you and God bless,

John B. Mueller

FYI: We are no longer collecting medicine bottles. BUT we are collecting the tabs from cans. They will be given to the Ronald McDonald House. They are turned in for money (the tabs have the most metal). Look for a collection container in the Grace room in the near future.

