

Circuit Writer

Feeding the Spirit, Mind and Body

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Waiting

It is hard to wait. At least for me it has been difficult recently waiting for spring. The calendar says it is supposed to be spring, but the weather has not cooperated. With all of our technology we get used to things happening right away and we do not like to wait. There are times we have to wait on God. We do not like it, but we can grow during those periods.

“God always pays the rent, but the check does not always come on the first of the month.” That is a phrase I heard years ago, but has stuck with me. We know that Jesus is faithful and keeps His promises, but there are times that we have to wait to see what God is doing. We would like it if Jesus took care of all of our problems before they happened, or at least as soon as they come up. We may not like it, but this is not how Jesus usually chooses to work. A lot of times we need to wait.

It is in times of struggle that we grow in our faith. When everything goes well we do not have to grow in our faith. As we struggle through difficulties we draw closer to Christ. When we finally get through the struggle we realize that we have gained from our difficulty. Our task is to hold on in faith and follow the leading of Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Bob

Church Events

- 5/8 West End Alliance - 6:30 pm (Social Hall)
- 5/13 Mother's Day
- 5/14 Church Council - 6:30 pm (Parlor)
- 5/15 Echoes - 10:30 am (Social Hall)
- 5/15 Chick Fil A Fundraiser for Relay For Life - TBD
- 5/18-19 Mick/Landes Wedding (Sanctuary)
- 5/21 - June Newsletter Deadline
- 5/22 United Methodist Men - 6 pm (Social Hall)
- 5/28 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- Food Pantry (every Wednesday) at 9:00 am
- Alpha Study (every Wednesday) at 6:15 pm (Cherryvale UMC)
- Choir Practice (every Thursday) at 6:30 pm

5 Ways Volunteering is Good for You

by The Editors From Guideposts
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In getting homeless youth off the streets, Kathy Tillotson found that volunteering benefits not only those being helped but the volunteers as well. That's something the people at Good Samaritan Society – Ambassador, in New Hope, Minnesota, have experienced. We talked to them about how volunteering does you good:

1. It gives you new purpose. This is especially true for people who feel lost when their working days are over. George Rosch came to Ambassador as a rehab patient after brain and spinal injuries landed him in a wheelchair, ending his career as a truck driver. "He was very depressed," says customer engagement coordinator Barb Burger. "He had no idea how to find meaning in life. I reminded him God works in mysterious ways. We were looking for a concierge, and I thought, Who better to talk to patients than someone who's been through it?" Rosch is now in his fifth year as a full-time volunteer. "I do many different things here, and I love it all," he says. "It feels good to know I can help other people. This is my job now."
2. It improves mental and physical health. Volunteering helped Rosch recover from depression and traumatic brain injury. Studies have shown that seniors who volunteer have fewer physical limitations, less depression and better cognitive function than non-volunteers.
3. It lets you meet people. Social interaction is vital to well-being. Rose Marie "Toots" Holland, a resident at Ambassador, packs nutritious weekend snacks for local elementary students and makes fleece blankets for women in shelters. "My husband passed away, and I need to keep myself busy," she says. "It's fun to meet the other ladies volunteering."
4. It helps you develop new skills. Georgia Helvick, originally a pet therapy volunteer, liked the seniors at Ambassador so much, she asked her church to do more outreach there. "'Sure,' they said, 'but you'll have to lead the ministry.' That was new for me!" she says. Rosch, meanwhile, went from not wanting to touch the computer to "I can do this!" His tasks now include scanning documents.
5. It helps you grow spiritually. Volunteers find their compassion for and interest in others deepen. Rosch says he's become "more understanding, more caring toward people." Helvick adds, "You can't tell from the outside what an interesting life someone has led. You only find out when you sit down and talk to them."



Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible in the chronological order in which its stories and events occurred.

Tue, 5/1	2 Samuel 5:1-10, 1 Chronicles 11-12
Wed, 5/2	Psalms 133
Thu, 5/3	Psalms 106-107
Fri, 5/4	2 Samuel 5:11-6:23, 1 Chronicles 13-16
Sat, 5/5	Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68
Sun, 5/6	Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132
Mon, 5/7	2 Samuel 7, 1 Chronicles 17
Tue, 5/8	Psalms 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
Wed, 5/9	2 Samuel 8-9, 1 Chronicles 18
Thu, 5/10	Psalms 50, 53, 60, 75
Fri, 5/11	2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19, Psalm 20
Sat, 5/12	Psalms 65-67, 69-70
Sun, 5/13	2 Samuel 11-12, 1 Chronicles 20
Mon, 5/14	Psalms 32, 51, 86, 122
Tue, 5/15	2 Samuel 13-15
Wed, 5/16	Psalms 3-4, 12-13, 28, Psalm 55
Thu, 5/17	2 Samuel 16-18
Fri, 5/18	Psalms 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
Sat, 5/19	2 Samuel 19-21
Sun, 5/20	Psalms 5, 38, 41-42
Mon, 5/21	2 Samuel 22-23, Psalm 57
Tue, 5/22	Psalms 95, 97-99
Wed, 5/23	2 Samuel 24, 1 Chronicles 21-22, Psalm 30
Thu, 5/24	Psalms 108-110
Fri, 5/25	1 Chronicles 23-25
Sat, 5/26	Psalms 131, 138-139, 143-145
Sun, 5/27	1 Chronicles 26-29, Psalm 127
Mon, 5/28	Psalms 111-118
Tue, 5/29	1 Kings 1-2, Psalms 37, 71, 94
Wed, 5/30	Psalm 119:1-88
Thu, 5/31	1 Kings 3-4, 2 Chronicles 1, Psalm 72

The very practice of reading [the Bible] will have a purifying effect upon your mind and heart. Let nothing take the place of this daily exercise.

Billy Graham

Prayer Requests

Sandy Allen	Rhonda Harley	George Sanderson
Scott Baugher	Jerry Harman	Ina Mae Sheets
Louise Bennett	Mark Harman	Katherine Sheets
Dave Botkin	Wendy Harman	Evelyn Smith
Kelly Botkin	Gene Kane	Kevin Sweeney
Matt Brown	Peggy Knowles	Shawn Sweeney
Alex Caldwell	Marcella Landram	Wayne Swisher
Melinda Campbell	Carrie Lotts	Blanche Tutwiler
Phil Carletti	Dana Moore	Haley Wisman
Charles Chenault	Fern Moran	Mary Jane Withers
John Clatterbaugh	Donna Parady	Tommy Wood
Loretta Cline	Elizabeth Poe	also...
Carmen Collins	David Ramsey	Those in the Armed Services
Rodney Davis	Jack Ramsey	The United Methodist Church
Ray Ergenbright	John Rexrode	Our Local UM Churches
Jonathan Gillette	Billy Rischol	Our Community
		Our Nation

*In him we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the
riches of God's grace.*

Ephesians 1:7

To be a Christian
means to forgive
the inexcusable
because God
has forgiven the
inexcusable in you.

C.S. Lewis

Thank you

- Thank you to my church family for your prayers, cards and food following my recent surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Bob for his hospital visits. ~ Audrey Baugher
- Thanks to all of our church family for all the prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, etc. during the passing of our loved one, Ken. He was an inspiration to many people. We will appreciate your continuing prayers and support. ~ Phyllis, Jean & Family
- Lindy and I would like to thank everyone who gave food, monetary donations and provided help on Friday, April 20th for the Lions Club Dinner. We also would like to thank Jerry and Marion for running to pick up food. We made \$790 that will go to the church expenses. We greatly appreciate what you do for our church. Thanks, Sammie

Christian Sympathy

- The family of Kenneth Wiseman; his wife, Phyllis; his daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Mike Doyle; his grandchildren, Derek Doyle and his wife, Julia and Audra Doyle and his great granddaughter, Lauren Doyle following his death on Friday, March 30th.
- The family and friends of Randall Jolly following his death on Monday, April 9th.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

2	Tim Rexrode	16	Ray Ergenbright
6	Jason Swats	18	Emma Lane
7	Amy Dill	21	Rebecca Ergenbright
	Karri Greenlee		Sharon James
8	Marcella Landram	22	Derek Doyle
10	Ann Hewitt		Wilma Harlow
14	Phyllis Wiseman	28	Ina Mae Sheets
15	Patricia Campbell	31	Bailey Campbell

♥ Congratulations to Garrett & Melanie Glendye who will celebrate their 7th wedding anniversary on May 28th.

In Memoriam

Kenneth Lynwood Wiseman

October 22, 1932 - March 30, 2018

*Joined Marquis Memorial UMC
on June 7, 1998*

Randall Steven Jolly

February 16, 1969 - April 9, 2018

*Joined Marquis Memorial UMC
on January 1, 2009*

SMILE NEWS

- Bailey Campbell made the A Honor Roll for the 3rd nine weeks. She was also chosen as a good citizen for her class.
- Caryn Ergenbright was recognized at a recent Relay For Life meeting as being the first participant in Augusta County to raise at least \$1000 for the American Cancer Society. She thanked her family and friends for supporting her fight against cancer.
- Jayden and Seth Luckey participated in the Miles for Meals SCS Division Wide 5K.
- Zoey Ziegler received A's and B's on her report card.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A brass plate has been added to the memorial plaque on the wall in the Arcade in recognition of a donation made to the church in memory of John E. Sayers by the Sayers Family.
- Our church website has been updated with **NEW** content! The monthly newsletters, weekly bulletins/inserts and Bob's sermon are now available. If you aren't able to make it to church one Sunday, you can now stay up to date on what you missed. The church calendar is also up to date so if you need to know if the Social Hall is available or what time a meeting is scheduled, you can check the website to obtain that information. If you have suggestions of other things you'd like to see on the website, please contact Caryn in the church office.
- Here we are going into May and we're on the down hill slide for the kits for conference. Looks like we should be able to obtain or exceed the goal of 100. Thanks to all who are making this possible. In June we will need volunteers to help assemble the kits to be taken to conference. As in the past we will provide a light supper for those helping. As we get closer to the date we will set a date and time. Once again thanks from the mission committee.

EVANGELISM

Christians are all evangelists. How do you share Jesus with an Atheist? First, pray for them. It is the Holy Spirit who draws people to Jesus. John 12:32. Second, speak the truth with love. Plant the seed. We are not trying to win a debate, rather loving them to Christ. Stay in touch with your atheist friends. (excerpt from BillyGraham.org)

MISSION COMMITTEE

Kits For Conference

During May we will be collecting:

- Soap - must be 3 oz or larger, NO Ivory soap due to moisture content and do not remove from original packaging

Food Pantry Needs

- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Ramen Noodles - Chicken or Beef

ECHOES

Echoes will meet Tuesday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. at Country Cookin' for a Dutch Treat Lunch. All are welcome to join us.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. All men are invited to join.