

THE BROADCASTER

September 27, 2023

Pastor's Piece

The midday sun is still hot outside but lately I can feel the fresh air in the morning and in the evening. We had such a hot summer this year I still can't believe we've had many days with over 100-degree temperatures. At one point I was so tired of the extreme temperatures I did not want to do anything but hide myself in my basement and lay down to watch movies. But the hot summer is gone and fall has arrived again this year. I like all seasons, but autumn is my favorite season of the year for several reasons, but I think there's nothing prettier than the leaves changing colors in autumn.

When my family first moved to the current parsonage, there was a maple tree planted in front of the parsonage. It's a pretty good size and beautiful one too. One thing I like about that maple tree is that I can watch the leaves change colors in autumn. This time of year, when I see the leaves start changing its color, I know that autumn is near. In my eyes my maple tree is the prettiest one among many other trees on Clay Street. I invite you to come and take a look.

A few days ago, as I was watching the maple tree through the living room window, I realized that this tree hasn't changed at all from the time when I first moved about eight years ago into my current parsonage. Now my body begins to ache once in a while, my eyes are becoming blurry, I am getting more gray hairs. As I turned 50 this year, I feel like I am no longer the same compared to eight years ago. But that maple tree just stands right there unchanged.

Suddenly, I felt envious of the tree. The eight years were equally given to me and the tree, but yet why do I feel so different from the tree? Because I don't look the same and I don't feel the same, but the tree looks the same. However, I know the maple tree is also growing older. Even though the tree stands in the spot where it is planted, it changes very slowly without anyone noticing.

Again this year the leaves of the maple tree start changing its color as it silently prepares for winter. Even if the trees don't seem to have done anything, at least they would have clearly drawn another growth ring within them.

I might be changed a lot, but God hasn't changed a bit. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8 declare that God is the same always and never ever changes. He is always good, always loving, always all-powerful. No matter how this world changes around us, we can trust God is consistent. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Would you praise the goodness of God with me this fall?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ji



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those Within the Church

Dick Bartel, Tammy Taylor, Val Wall

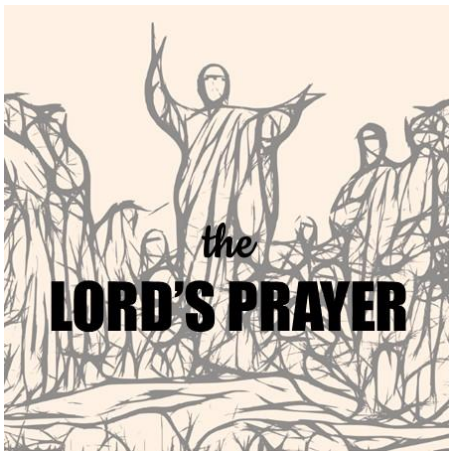
Our Leaders

Law Enforcement Officers in our community and in the nation, the persecuted Christians around the world. God's Guidance and Strength for President Biden, Our Troops and their Families

Our Military

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| † Michael Barbett – Darryl & Val Wall's son-in-law | † CPL Jay McDoniel |
| † CPL Cody Blair – Judy Lann's grandson | † Erik Nott & family – Doug & Gay Vannaman's son-in-law |
| † Dennis Burns Jr (DJ) – Dennis Burns Sr & Lisa Soetebier's son | † MSGT Leah Oakleaf – Walt & Janet Southards' granddaughter |
| † Lt. Col. Adam Coffman – Gladys Coffman's grandson | † SGT Steven Pearce – Walt & Janet Southards' nephew |
| † Kristopher Dewitt – Mary Stout's grandson | † Erik Ralsten |
| † Chance Greenhoff – Army | † CPL Bethany Reeves McDoniel |
| † James Harris (MP) – Bill & Joy Page's grandson | † AIC Bradley Southards – Walt & Janet Southards' grandson |
| † Austin Kroeger | † Joey Thiessen |

Sermon Series



October 1 we are beginning a new sermon series "The Lord's Prayer." It's the model of prayer Jesus taught his disciples and us how to pray. For the month of October, we are going to explore different components of The Lord's Prayer and learn its meaning and power of the prayer. Join us as we walk through The Lord's Prayer verse by verse and learn together from this model prayer.



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| 1 Jim Boyd | 1 Helen LeBlanc | 2 Martha Underwood |
| 2 Sophie Girtz | 3 Gwyneth Clark | 4 Jessica Strong |
| 4 Kathy Marshall | 5 Ted Schupp | 5 Jill Lipke |
| 7 Virginia Kerth | 7 Tracy Miracle | 7 Zane Devereaux |
| 8 Craig Bright | 9 Leah Newfer | 9 Tara Newfer |
| 10 Shawn Williams | 10 Don Saylor | 12 Hailee Clark |
| 12 Sawyer Doolen | 13 Tony Wilbur | 14 Chloe Schultz |
| 15 Kelly Taylor | 15 Tiffany Frazier | 19 Walt Southards |
| 20 Stephanie Bartel | 20 Bethany Lindstrom | 20 Tammy Taylor |
| 22 Charlie Anderson | 23 Kaitlyn Taylor | 23 Linda McCormick |
| 25 Gay Vannaman | 26 Robert Leewright | 26 Morgan Thatcher |
| 27 Betty Bogard | 27 Hannah Hall | 30 Kennedy Nicholson |
| | 31 Joleen Zivnuska | |



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| 1 David & Cris Brownlee | 2 Kevin & Emily Reamey |
| 3 Shawn & Lynn Williams | 5 Darryl & Vicky Gooch |
| 10 Randy & Pat Stone | 17 John & Roxanne Richerson |
| 22 Fred & Martha Underwood | 26 Don & Judie Myers |



WEEKLY:

SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Traditional Worship 9:00a	Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		JOY Group 9:30a FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC
Sunday School 10:00a	Progressive Class 7:00p FS		Soul Trainers 10:00a WCC		
Contemporary Worship 11:00a			Chancel Choir 5:00p SAN WOW ZONE! 6:00p WCC/Basement UMYF 6:00p FH/14B/15B		

SPECIAL:

Main Street Threads Sale Saturday, October 7 East Parking Lot	Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever Friday, October 13 11:00 a.m. / WCC	East Parking Lot Repaving Monday, October 16- Friday, October 20
Lunch & Learn / Marquette Thursday, October 19	FUMCVC Charge Conference Sunday, October 22 2:00 p.m. SAN	Book Club Wednesday, October 25 6:00 p.m. / CR
	VC's Trick-or-Treat Street Monday, October 30 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	

SCOUTING GROUPS:

Adventure Crew First Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40021 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40316 First & Third Mondays 6:00 p.m.
Boy Scout Troop 494 Mondays 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 40870 Mondays 7:15 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack 494 Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
	Girl Scout Troop 40037 First & Third Thursdays 7:15 p.m.	

FUMCVC'S GOINGS ON...

Our Stewardship Campaign will end Sunday, October 1. Please return your packet to the church office as soon as possible.

Main Street Threads will have a sale in conjunction with the Valley Center City-Wide Garage Sales on **Saturday, October 7**. Contact the office if you would like to help.

The Progressive Class finished their study on the book "Clutter Free." To implement the "clutter free" lifestyle, we will participate in the Valley Center City-Wide Garage Sales. We will have a Garage Sale at Amy Patrick Stamm's house on **Saturday, October 7**. All proceeds from this sale will go to GraceMed – Downing Family Clinic. If you would like to donate items to be sold at this sale, please contact Amy in the office. We will set up through the week.

Eat, Pray, Quilt...Whatever will meet **Friday, October 13** at 11:00 a.m. in the WCC. Please bring a craft to work on and a salad to share.

THE EAST PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 FOR REPAVING.

****THE BUS IS FULL**** Our October Lunch and Learn takes us to Marquette. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. on **Thursday, October 19** and should return about 4:00 p.m. Contact the office to get your name on the waiting list!

FUMCVC's Charge Conference will be **Sunday, October 22** at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

October's Book Club selection is *Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World* by Vivek H. Murthy. In this groundbreaking book, the 19th surgeon general of the United States Dr. Vivek Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today—from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health, but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society. His message underscores the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community. We will meet **Wednesday, October 25** at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The church has copies of the book available for \$10.

Ways to Give

October's giving for Open Door and the Valley Center Food Pantry is canned vegetables and canned fruit. **Donations can be brought to the middle foyer and put in the storage cabinet on the south wall.**

Trick-or-Treat Street – We will collect Halloween candy to be used at Valley Center's Trick-or-Treat Street. Candy can be brought to the church any time before **Monday, October 30** at noon.

From the Ground Up – This holiday season we will again support From the Ground Up (formerly VC Cares for Kids) with Hornet Holidays. We will ask for Visa, Target, Walmart, and Amazon gift cards. Watch for more information.



We celebrated two baptisms on Sunday, September 17. **Annie Barr and Rainbow Norris** joined the family of God!

"...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

Galatians 3:27





FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

WCC

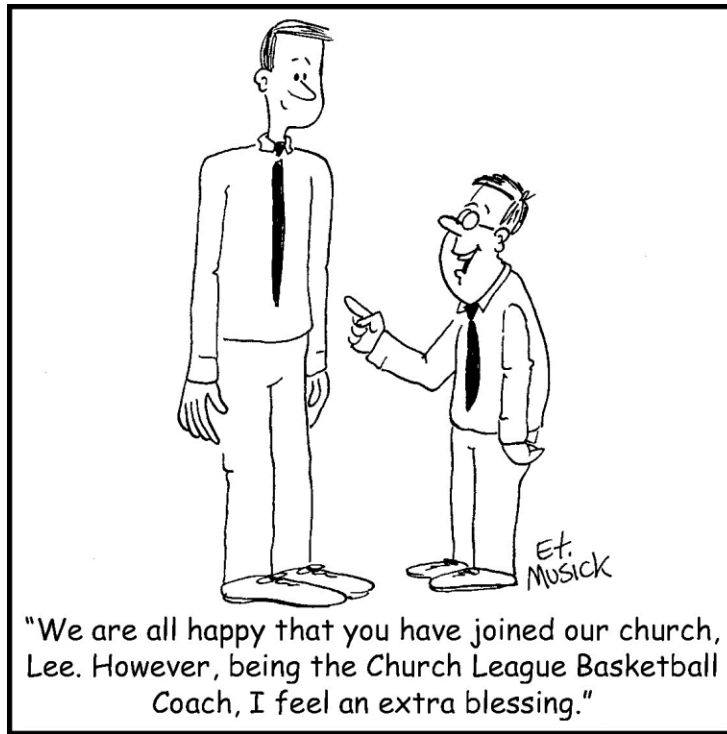
FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds benefit High School
Summer 2024 Mission Trip

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

Join our young families on the east lawn for a Family Fall Festival! **Sunday, October 29** from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We'll have games, roasted hot dogs, and s'mores! We'll also have a pumpkin carving/decorating contest – *bring your own pumpkin!* Please contact the office before Friday, October 27 at noon to be included in the fun!





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