



The Connection

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Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known

August Scripture Readings

1. Philippians 4:4-7
2. John 16: 31-33
3. Isaiah 26: 1-4
4. James 3:16-18
5. Isaiah 57: 18-21
6. Romans 5: 1-5
7. Colossians 3:12-15
8. Hebrews 12:12-15
9. 1 Peter 3:8-12
10. 1 Peter 5:6-10
11. Psalm 29:6-11
12. Romans 12:16-21
13. Romans 14: 16-19
14. Psalm 34: 11-15
15. Psalm 37: 34-37
16. Psalm 85: 7-11
17. Psalm 119: 162-168
18. Isaiah 9:6-7
19. Isaiah 54: 10-13
20. Isaiah 55:10-13
21. Matthew 11:28-30
22. John 14:24-27
23. Psalm 18:32-36
24. Isaiah 41:10-13
25. Galatians 5:22-26
26. Psalm 4:6-8
27. 2 Timothy 2:22-26
28. Luke 1: 76-79
29. Ephesians 2:14-18
30. Ephesians 6:13-18
31. Numbers 6:22-26

~Pastor~

Nick Genoff

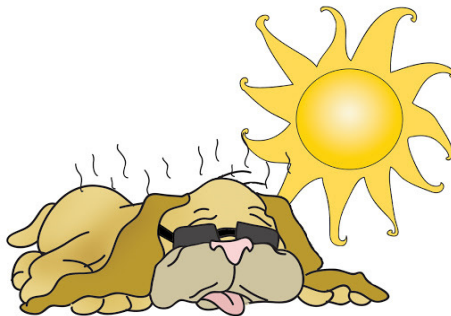
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Strange Days

Back in January, when I was assigned to Millington, everything seemed pretty normal. I was looking forward to a trip out west to visit my sisters, preparing to sell my house, and envisioning what it was going to be like when I arrived here.

By the time I got out west in March, everything changed. The world was hit by a strange virus. I found myself at my sister's home in California and there was daily talk of closing down all airline travel. I wasn't sure if I would be able to get back home; at least not by flying. I was able to fly back. But it was the strangest flight I've ever taken. Everyone was wearing masks and wiping down their seating areas with various hand sanitizers. From California to Colorado, I was seated next to a delightful young lady who was going home. Her classes at college had been abruptly cancelled, due to the virus situation. The plane was packed with young people in the same situation.

When I got back home, I found Michigan in the early stages of the on-going stay at home order. Therefore, selling the house was put on hold; no one was allowed to visit to take a look.

Three months later I arrived in Millington. It was nothing like I had envisioned back in January. Instead of starting to try to put names to faces-there were only masks and everyone keeping their distance from each other (just a little note: we're not social distancing, we're physically distancing-there is a difference). And, to top it all off, we had social unrest and rioting going on in some of our larger cities. Strange, to say the least; actually, quite disconcerting.

And so, here we are heading into August. There is a lot of fear, anxiety and bewilderment throughout our society; lots of questions. When is this going to be over? When, if ever, will things get back to normal? What's happening to our nation, our society? My answers are-I don't know.

As things have continued on their present course, I, like everyone else, have looked for some comfort, some peace of mind. Good news! I found it, where I always find it-in God's Word, specifically in Psalm 23.

The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not be in want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely, goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (NIV)

Each day brings its challenges to each of us. Even without the current virus, we get sick, we face difficulties and stumbling blocks to our hopes and desires. So, although things seem extremely out of kilter right now, life is actually still the same. We have our ups and downs, we take a few steps forward, and sometimes a step or two back.

The good news is, that through it all-God is with us!! He still gives us our time of respite and rejuvenation (some of us may have needed to slow down or take a break anyway). He still guides us daily, to do what is good and right (He is probably giving us the opportunity to reflect on our lives; to see if we're on the right course, or we need to make some correction). And although the world is in turmoil-He is still present with us. He is still protecting us. He is still blessing us!

His goodness and love are never failing. We just need to keep our minds focused on Him; the One who created all things and sustains all things. Take comfort in knowing that you are a child of God. Even as we face trials and tribulations in these strange days, God is for us and will never let us go.

Love and Blessings,

Pastor Nick



Mission Note for August 2020

Usually, in this Missions Note I make comments about some mission in foreign countries or here in the United States or here in Tuscola County.

This month I am going to focus on a situation brought to my attention by a newsletter from St. Joseph's Novitiate where two of my granddaughters are nuns. In this letter the Mother General cited a statement from a Priest Dan Bosco made in 1876. Could a statement made 144 years ago be pertinent for us in our church TODAY? What do you think?

He drew attention to a passage in Matthew 9:35-38. Matthew relates about a time when he was walking with Jesus and his fellow disciples through the villages and countryside, Jesus took note of the "many people who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" v36. Then He instructed the Disciples, "The (potential) harvest is plentiful, the workers are few, ask the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into the Harvest field" v37-38.

Do we have people in our towns and countryside who feel harassed and helpless?? Are we called to ask the Lord of the Harvest for workers?? Are any of us who reads this one who may be at least a partial answer to those prayers??

Your thoughts.....

Maury Chapin

Mission Chair

Finance



Moment

There is no report this month

Thank you to all who have shown your generosity by continuing your support of our church through the past five months.

United Methodist Women

The ladies have not met during the Pandemic, so there is nothing to report.

They will be meeting

August 10th at 1:00 pm

-Jennie Brown, UMW President



**Nothing is
scheduled at this
time**

Stay tuned.....

Have you hugged your
teenager today?





Upcoming Events and Information...

Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

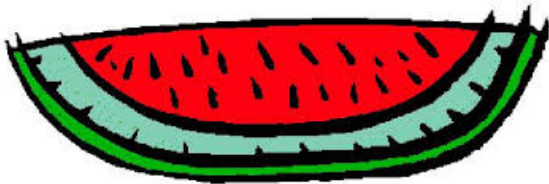
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He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. There has been a change effective March 1, 2020, the only thing that Planet Green will accept after that date is ink cartridges. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

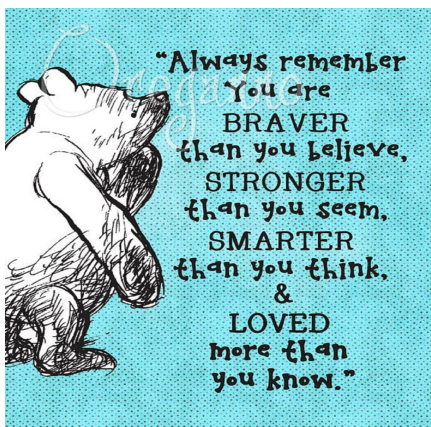
What we recycle: Ink Cartridges

We will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** cell phone & accessories, GPS & radar detectors, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, Digital/Video Cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, Video Game Consoles & Accessories.



SCRIP Gift Card Program

Graduations, Weddings, Birthdays and Anniversaries, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Barb in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs. There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order. We just recently earned another \$21.20 towards the youth group account. Thank you. See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.



◀ July	August 2020					September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Mary Hoard Memorial 11:00 am MUMC
2 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day National Ice Cream Sundae Day	3 National Watermelon Day 	4 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	5 8am Men's Bible Study	6 National Root Beer Float Day 	7	8
9 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	10 National S'mores Day	11 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	12 8am Men's Bible Study	13 Left Handers Day 	14	15
16 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	17	18 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study 7:30 pm CHURCH COUNCIL	19 8am Men's Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	24	25 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	26 8am Men's Bible Study Dog Appreciation Day 	27	28	29
30 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	31 National Eat Outside Day					

A Note from Barb...

Here we are entering the last month of summer already! I hope you are all enjoying it in your own "safe" way.

Don't forget to go out and enjoy the Perseids Meteor Shower which peaks August 11th, 12th, and 13th. You will still be able to see it for about 10 days after that. We enjoy it every year sometimes seeing 40-50 meteors in an hour.

Thank you to all who continue to send in their tithes/offerings to help offset the church expenses. We appreciate your faithfulness to God and your Church.

Please be safe and healthy!

Help us celebrate: Alfred and Albertine Burns' 70th Wedding Anniversary

In the strange time that we are living in...life goes on. Celebrations happen whether we can all get together or not. Alfred and Albertine will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on August 27th and we would like to invite you to join in that celebration by sending them a card or note with your best wishes. We'd like to think that we might arrange a little celebration after the first service on August 30th, but that remains to be seen. Thanks for playing a part in our celebration.

Trudy, Susan, Wayne, Pat, Leah and Kaitlin

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*August 27, 2020
Happy 70th Anniversary*



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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Check out our Sunday service online on our Facebook page.

10:00 a.m. Worship