

The Connection

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

Pastor Carol's Corner

October has always a special month for me. 1st I love fall; I love the cooler temperatures, even when I complain about them, I love the changing of the colors, and I love to watch the harvest come off the fields. 2nd it happens to be clergy appreciation month; isn't always nice to be appreciated. The 3rd reason is what I want to focus on, it is my birthday month, but let me get to my point... it is not about the presents or even a celebration. Because my birthday was often in the middle of harvest it meant my dad had to intentionally think about with me. I can tell you I opened my birthday present and had cake as a kid, at least once at breakfast, and I it happened at the elevator at least once. (My dad was the manager of the bean terminal near Fairgrove when I was a kid.) No matter where or when I celebrated my birthday, it was family time and it was always intentional.

In the middle of harvest it was not easy for my dad to pull himself away from the elevator. Those intense weeks of harvest meant that dinners were taken to him, set on his desk and eaten when possible. Early mornings and late nights, just like the farmers, were the hours that he kept. But on October 13th, my birthday, everybody knew my dad was going to step away at some point. It might be coming in a little later than normal, going home for lunch or dinner, or having our family at the elevator. But in someway the day was different.

Why do I tell you this? Because I am invite us to be intentional in what we do. On my birthday, every year, my dad was intentional about being present for me. As followers of Christ we are called to be present for others. To be the hands and feet of Christ, but also offer the a shoulder to lean on, a listening hear, encouraging word, joining in celebration, empathy in grief.

My challenge to us all is to be intentional in your words and actions to other people. How do you use your words and actions to be present with others. We build people up? How do you celebrate others? How do you let others know that they are important to you? You begin by being intentional in being present with them. So this month of October, be present with someone you love, someone you are getting to know and someone who is a stranger. Be the love of Christ to them.





October Scripture Readings

1. Philippians 4:6
2. Romans 8:26
3. Luke 18:1
4. Matthew 7:11
5. Matthew 6: 9-13
6. Proverbs 15:29
7. Psalm 145:18
8. Psalm 4:1
9. Romans 12:12
10. Psalm 141:2
11. Psalm 102:17
12. Psalm 17:6
13. Proverbs 15:8
14. Mathew 26:41
15. Matthew 5:44
16. Mark 11:24
17. James 5:13
18. Job 22:27
19. Jeremiah 29:12
20. Ephesians 6:18
21. 2 Chronicles 7:14
22. 2 Chronicles 6:21
23. 1 John 5:15
24. 1 John 5:14
25. Colossians 4:2
26. James 4:3
27. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
28. Hebrews 4:16
29. Matthew 6:6
30. James 1:6
31. Luke 6:27-28

October National Holidays

1. National Homemade Cookie Day
2. National Smarties Day
3. National Techies Day
4. National Taco Day
5. National Do Something Nice Day
6. National German-American Day
7. National Chocolate Covered Pretzel Day
8. National Fluffernutter Day
9. National Pro-Life Cupcake Day
10. National Walk to a Park Day
11. National Sausage Pizza Day
12. National Gumbo Day
13. National Train Your Brain Day
14. National Dessert Day
15. National Grouch Day
16. National Boss's Day
17. National Pasta Day
18. National Chocolate Cupcake Day
19. National Seafood Bisque Day
20. National Chicken & Waffles Day
21. National Reptile Awareness Day
22. National Make A Dog's Day
23. National Mole Day
24. National Food Day
25. National Merri Music Day
26. National Pumpkin Day
27. National Black Cat Day
28. National Chocolate Day
29. National Oatmeal Day
30. National Candy Corn Day
31. National Caramel Apple Day



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Finance Moment



Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. - C. S. Lewis

This is the fundamental principle of biblical stewardship. God owns everything; we are simply managers or administrators acting on his behalf.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, What about your responsibilities? Owners have rights; stewards have responsibilities. -Bill Peel

With responsibility, comes accountability. Eventually we will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things He has entrusted to us. We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented, so that at the end of life's journey we hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant! "



Mission & Outreach Notes for October

We, here on our committee, are venturing into a new arena this year. We no longer have a Rotary Club here in Millington. Rotary, for many years have distributed dictionaries to all 3rd graders and they have also given "Golden Rule" awards to a student in each grade 9-12 at the High School. We have decided to adopt these 2 projects for our church to sponsor.

We have decided, however, since we skipped the 3rd graders last year, we will give dictionaries to 4th graders this year. We have a total of 76 4th graders this year who will receive them.

Concerning the Golden Rule awards, we have decided, after consulting the school administrators, to promote the Golden Rule to grades 6th thru 12th this year. We are certain you are fully aware of the rule for living that Jesus promotes in Matthew 7:12 which has been labeled "The Golden Rule." We feel that this will be a good thing to recognize the students in each of the grades 6th thru 12th.

We will be starting the process of selecting these children by asking the various teachers to nominate students, then asking these to write up what it means to live out the Golden Rule. Then we would like to have a dinner in their honor next spring. More about this next spring.

One further thought; we, as well as the teachers and administrators at the school will be encouraging the students to follow the "Golden Rule" in their relationship with their fellow man. What a different world we would have if this rule were followed in every arena in the life of our world. JUST THINK.

Maury Chapin, Chair

MORE THINGS TO COME.....

Shop with Scrip now Called RaiseRight

As you may know we have participated in the Shop with Scrip Gift Card program for many years. As we have changed, so has it...

1. Shop with Scrip is now called RaiseRight.
2. Ad Council has approved changing the use of RaiseRight rebates to help fund our Sunday morning music costs.
3. There will be a change to the Raise Right program as we knew it. Change for the better giving you more options to purchase Gift cards. We are still fine tuning the way we will make it work for MUMC. Consider setting up an online account at: RaiseRight.com/enroll . Use the enrollment code **2ACBCLL41569L** Stay tuned.....

Sunday Morning Coffee

Are you a Coffee drinker? How about water? Well then you are in luck... each Sunday, coffee, hot water and ice water will be available for everyone from before Sunday School until fellowship time after worship. There will be lids for coffee cups if you need them. Let's stick around and build back community.

Church Conference:

Believe it or not it is time to think about our annual Church Conference. It has been a few years since we have had an in person fall Church Conference. This year, our District Superintendent Rev. John Kasper is using Discipleship Zones to complete our Church Conferences. **Ours will be Sunday, October 16th at 6:00 pm at Mayville UMC.** All are invited to attend this meeting. All members of Millington UMC are invited to vote on the business at hand. There will also be a short presentation on the current status of the relationship between the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church. There will be an attempt to clear up misinformation and answer questions to the best of our ability.

The local World Service CROP WALK will be held on:

Sunday, October 11th beginning at 2pm.

It will be held at Vassar First United Methodist Church with Registration beginning at 1:30pm.

Please consider walking or if you are unable to do that, pledge an amount for our walkers. Pledges are able to be made online as well as in person.

Become an online Hunger Walker or donor by visiting:

www.cropwalkonline.org/Vassar/Millington/Reese

Bonus:

25% of your pledges will be returned to our local Food Pantry!

Here are some of the things that CROP WALK does:

- ♦ *Food Assistance*
 - ♦ *Expertise and Partnership*
 - ♦ *Long-Term Help*
 - ♦ *Respond to Emergencies*
 - ♦ *Help Vulnerable Children*
 - ♦ *Provide Clean Water*
 - ♦ *Find new homes for those who can't*
- This years' funds will go towards Ukraine refugees and countries taking them in and also to flood victims in U.S.*



Upcoming Events and Information...

Mission & Outreach Mtg.

October 10th 7pm

Finance Mtg.

October 24th 7pm

Fast Track Disciple Bible Study

Begins October 12th

9am and 7pm

Charge Conference

October 16th—6pm

Mayville UMC



TRUNK OR TREAT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022
5:30-6:30 PM
MILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT
Sponsored by NHS and MUMC

- Bounce House
- Boy/Girl 18" Bike Drawing
- Trunk or Treat
- Photo Cards

Rain or Shine



Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. 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.

Committee on Nominations

and Lay Leadership will be meeting

Attention everyone – it is that time of year as we look to our slate of officers and examine how God is calling us to serve once again. Our Committee on Nominations and Lay Leadership will begin to meet very soon and we will be exploring our needs for 2023 and beyond. Please be in prayer for us and our church family.



Have you hugged
your teenager today?





REACH THE FORGOTTEN

JAIL MINISTRY

FAREWELL BUT NOT FORGOTTEN—DR. CHAPIN

No rain, no snow, no sleet, nothing could stop Dr. Chapin, for the last 23 years, from coming into the Tuscola County Jail to visit each in-mate multiple times every week. He came to me about a month ago and said, “It’s time for me to bow out, I feel that you are the right man for the job.” My heart sank to the ground and I was at a loss for words. Coming into the Lead Chaplain role in December, knowing Doc was there helping and leading so many to Christ was a huge comfort. It was very hard to digest at first. He is one of the most righteous people I have ever met, and I selfishly wanted more time walking beside him. Doc told me when he first started in the jail, that the Lead Chaplain at the time told him to go to the catwalks, and that’s exactly what Doc did, bringing with him his word of the day and Jesus. I’ve tried to follow and watch Doc ministering to my brothers and sisters, gaining wisdom and gathering up crumbs of the Gospel that he drops. His impact and foundation in the jail will last until Jesus returns. I have yet to meet someone that spent at least a week in the county jail not ask, “Is Doc still going there?” It was once said to me by Lt. Harris, “It’s like this: you have God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and then there’s Doc.” He will be missed and irreplaceable in jail ministry.

He will have more time that he well deserves enjoying God’s grace and blessing with his wife Dorothy. We acknowledge and thank you, Dorothy, for supporting and sharing Doc with the chaplains, deputies, brothers and sisters in Christ, and the Lord all these years. One more thing just for you Doc:

Doc’s Quote: “If you have met me (Doc Chapin) and forget about me, you’ll have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus Christ and forget about him, you will have lost everything.”



A Prayer for our Church Family

Based on Ephesians 3:16-20

*God, empower my family with inner strength through Your Spirit.
(Eph. 3:16)*

God, inhabit the hearts of my family and I pray they would put their trust in You.

(Eph. 3:17a)

I pray that my family would be intentional about growing deep into Your love.

(Eph. 3:17b)

God, give my family the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep Your love is for them.

(Eph. 3:18)

I pray that my family is complete with the fullness of life and power that comes from You.

(Eph. 3:19)

I pray that my family will trust You to accomplish infinitely more than they could ever ask or imagine.

(Eph. 3:20)



October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor Appreciation Month
2 10 am Worship 9am Sunday World Communion Sunday	3	4 8:30am Women's 4th Day	5	6	7	8
9 10 am Worship 9am Sunday	10 7pm Mission and Outreach mtg.	11 8:30am Women's 4th Day	12 9am Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	13	14	15
16 10 am Worship 9am Sunday 6pm Charge Confer- ence—Mayville UMC	17	18 8:30am Women's 4th Day	19 9am Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10 am Worship 9am Sunday	24 7pm Finance mtg.	25 8:30am Women's 4th Day	26 9am Pastor's Bible Study 7pm Pastor's Bible Study	27	28	29
30 10 am Worship 9am Sunday Reformation Sunday	31 Reformation Day	Take an "awe" break Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks. -Gunilla Norris				

A Note from Barb...

I'm always trying to "hold on" to summer just a little bit longer. But along with that, I am always glad to welcome fall for its cooler but comfortable weather, its beautiful colors, and watching the hustle and bustle of the area farmers as they harvest their crops. (This year is extra special since one of the neighboring farmers has planted sunflowers around us and they are all open and beautiful!) I am always glad to return home to the "welcome" that I feel when I see the sunflowers.

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a great reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to be right and so on.

We need to embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go.



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