

THE FOLD

Monthly Newsletter of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

October 2017



*In Memoriam to the Christian Life
of
P. Delores Lebeck*

July 21, 1921 - August 24, 2017

We pay tribute in this FOLD issue to our dearest friend and sister in Christ, Delores Lebeck. Both her loving family and wide circle of caring friends shared a beautiful celebration of Delores' life together on August 20, 2017. Without question, Delores was very special to all of us. Del trusted the Lord with all her heart and soul. Throughout her remarkable and full lifetime, she always acknowledged and praised her Savior, Jesus Christ. Delores faithfully followed His pathways, teachings and example. We will always remember and honor Delores for her grace, loving spirit, and dedication to others. She lived her life in volunteer mission and service to the Lord.

Her delightful smile, warmth, and caring hugs were all truly uplifting, and always at just the right time of need. We are deeply thankful to the Kramm and Lebeck families for sharing this very "special lady" with all of us at Good Shepherd. We have received many blessings because of Del's loyal presence, unwavering devotion and service to the community, and beyond. Her firm convictions and steadfast witness have enhanced our lives.

Delores was a role model of Christian discipleship. She first started attending our Church at the age of five with her parents, Arthur and Ruth Johnson. At the age of thirteen, she declared Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined the Church in 1934. Delores Lebeck's remarkable "83" year membership to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is only surpassed by her extraordinary spirit of faithfulness and love to the Lord, her entire family, the greater Dearborn community, and her never-ending circle of friends. Delores' memory will live on in perpetuity through the many lives she touched and the countless acts of kindness and love she so freely shared.

Fred Michaelson

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'" Matthew 25:23



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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday,
10:00am – 3:00 pm

Sunday Schedule
9:30 am: Adult Sunday
Study
10:30 am: Worship Service
Coffee & Conversation in
Fellowship Hall following
worship.



Meditating on Religion and Happiness

True Religion: For Wesley, "the being happy in God" in this world as well as in the world to come is God's purpose of creating human beings.¹ The thing to prevent human beings from being happy in their life is idolatry, a pattern of life to look for "happiness independent of God."² The idolatry is a human desire to seek happiness in creatures rather than in the Creator. It is a lustfulness or affection in human mind with a tendency to decline honoring or glorifying God the Creator. In this regard, Wesley characterizes true religion in two distinctive points, "gratitude and benevolence: gratitude to our Creator and supreme Benefactor, and benevolence to our fellow creatures."³ It is the religion Jesus summarizes; "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matt. 22:37, 39-40)

Idolatry in Christianity: Further, Wesley argues that Christian religion can also fall into a dangerous, harmful or subtle pattern of idolatry if it fails to be the religion of "the giving [of] the heart to God."⁴ In Christianity are found four forms of idolatry: (1) The religion that does not center in God who is revealed in Christ, through whom the world is reconciled with God, is not true but false. In Christianity Christ is "the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last point."⁵ (2) A religion of opinions as a system of doctrines, even though it is constructed upon the basic doctrine of Christianity, that is, salvation by faith, can take a form of idolatry if it is not the religion of giving hearts to God and loving humanity. (3) A religion of outward forms and regulations, including the worship service and the Lord's Supper on every Sunday, is dead and meaningless. Attending these religious ceremonies without personal and existential commitment to God does not make us Christians. (4) Atheism is also found in a Christ religion when it depends on human works or righteousness, not on God's grace and righteousness. Salvation is God's work. It belongs to God's grace and is appropriated by faith in Christ alone, which is foundational to Christianity.

Happiness: Knowing and loving God is prior to and fruitful of loving our neighbors as ourselves; "Gratitude toward our Creator cannot but produce benevolence to our fellow creatures."⁶ Our love of Christ not only prevents us from doing evil or harm to our neighbors but also promotes us to be beneficial to them by doing useful things to them and living a pattern of life represented by morality and holiness, "justice, mercy, and truth."⁷ This is the true religion producing happiness in our life, the happiness originating from the knowledge of God, whose love is spread in our hearts in Christ and through the inner testimony of the

Holy Spirit. Christian happiness is in communion with God in Christ, in whom we have "liberty from sin and sorrow"; because of the reconciliatory work of Christ, we are able to pray to God without ceasing and beyond our circumstances, giving thanks to God, and moreover, encouraged to share our benefits with our neighbors. 8 Ultimately, our happiness on earth comes from our transformation into the image of Christ. The increase of our happiness results from the measure of our growing up to the fullness of the image of Christ, in whose life God's love to us is fully manifested.

1 John Wesley, "The Unity of the Divine Being," The Work of John Wesley, Vol. 9 & 10, (Grand Rapids, MI; Baker Books, 2007), p. 534.

2 John Wesley, "The Unity of the Divine Being," p. 534.

3 John Wesley, "The Unity of the Divine Being," pp. 535-536.

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7 John Wesley, "The Unity of the Divine Being," p. 536.

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Office Hours

Please note that Pastor Lim will be out of the office on Monday and Tuesday, October 16 and 17 for a conference retreat, and on vacation from October 23 through November 5.

Annual Charge Conference

This year's church conference is Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm. Please attend this important annual meeting with the district superintendent as we review the last year and look forward to Good Shepherd's future.

**Help
Restock
Your Food
Pantry!**

**We need
toiletries!**



In October, the Hands4Detroit event will include a food drive. Good Shepherd will be blessed with a portion of the food collected. Last year we received 24 cases of food. **There will be a special pantry work session on Oct. 11 at 1 pm to start sorting the food.** If you are available that day, please come help out.

Also please consider donating toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant) to the pantry in October. Meijer often has good sales on these essentials. Other popular items to consider donating are dish soap and maxi pads. Each month we run out of both.

Thank you for supporting the Community Food Pantry.

ADVENT STUDY

The season of Advent is a time of preparation and hope, looking forward to the birth of the infant Jesus as well as Christ's return in glory. The book study for Advent is "The Lord Is Our Light," by Elaine Crawford. She calls us to explore our hope for new beginnings, praising God as we patiently but eagerly await the birth of Christ in our lives. The topics to be discussed are: Mindful Waiting, Expectant Preparation, Anointed to Serve, Humans Plan - God Laughs, and In Word and Song. This is a five week study starting November 2, 2017 through December 7, 2017. Meeting at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$5.00. If you have any questions see Jean Mackey

Life Expressions Sign Making FUNd Raiser



A sign making party, Life Expressions Décor, is going to be held at Good Shepherd on Saturday, November 18th beginning at 2PM in our Fellowship Hall.

The cost to you for each 4" X 24" wooden sign that you create will be \$25, with ten dollars from every sign created that day going to the church Food Pantry and other ministries. There will be holiday signs as well as many every day phrases for you to choose from.

You do NOT have to be crafty to create these, no drawing is required. Everyone will leave that day with finished 4" X 24" wood signs ready to hang or give as gifts. There are NO requirements regarding artistic ability, *everything is seriously easy*. You make all the choices regarding the creation process, including the phrase you want, the color, and the technique used for the painting. Our demonstrator will lead everyone through the very easy process of creating each sign.

Invite friends and family to come with you! There is room for everyone you care to invite to join you. The more signs that are made the larger the benefit to the church Food Pantry and other ministries.

PLEASE sign the sheet at the Opportunity Center so we know how many to plan for. A final count

has to be turned in on Friday, October 27. See Kathy Lewis or Pam Post if you have questions.



- 10/6 Marti Boynton Tamaroglio
- 10/11 Kaylee Bracken
- 10/13 Helen Hosker
- 10/15 Kellie Beach
- 10/19 Shirley Lantz
Brandon Williams
- 10/20 Margaret Malone
Sarah Perry
- 10/22 David Johnson
- 10/23 Neicy Lines
Ellen Peck
- 10/24 Bradley Durkee
Linda Gottron



- 10/3 Jennifer & Mark Malone
- 10/5 Jim & Jan Woods

**Articles for the November Fold are
due in the office by October 16th!**

Looking Forward in Worship

Message and Text

October 1	Exodus 17:1-7 The Water from the Rock
October 8	Exodus 20:1-14, 7-9, 12-20 The Identity of God's People and the Ten Commandments
October 15	Exodus 32:1-14 The Idolatry among God's People and Moses' Prayer
October 22	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Paul's Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Church
October 29	Guest Speaker

Worship Leader

October 1	Neicy Lines
October 8	Jean Mackey
October 15	Dean Lewis
October 22	Carla Schneider
October 29	Georgia Grovesteen

Ushers

October 1	Al Costantino & Donna Eberhart
October 8	Annie Smith & Anita Polzin
October 15	Anita Polzin & Donna Eberhart
October 22	Al Costantino & Annie Smith
October 29	Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin

Acolytes

Josh Costantino
Lilly Lawson
Sabrina Perry, Substitute

Counters

1 st	Scott Williams & Carla Schneider
2 nd	Scott Williams & Jim Woods
3 rd	Jim Woods & Carla Schneider
4 th	Carla Schneider & Scott Williams
5 th	Scott Williams & Jim Woods

Greeters

1 st	Fred Michaelson & Pam Post
2 nd	Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin
3 rd	Annie Smith & Paula Turbett
4 th	Donna Eberhart & Anita Polzin
5 th	Fred Michaelson & Pam Post

Nursery

1 st	Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
2 nd	Lori Lawson & Kathy Lewis
3 rd	Carolyn Costantino & Lori Lawson
4 th	Kathy Lewis & Paula Turbett
5 th	Lori Lawson

Openers

1 st	Thomas Garrant
2 nd	Al Costantino
3 rd	Scott Williams
4 th	Marti Boynton Tamaroglio
5 th	Georgia Grovesteen



Prayer Requests

The family of Dave Allerdyce, Lisa Andrews, Gary & Diane Atkins, Bondy family, the family of Colleen Bushnell, Jack Charlefour, Devine family, Donna Draper, Denise Fitzpatrick, Breanna Gillespie, Griffin family, Rev. James Herbolsheimer, Chris Hillier, Helen Hosker, Robert & Kathy James, Shirley Lantz, Lamp family, the family of Delores Lebeck, Doug & Lynn Lebeck, Aron & Danielle Lewis & family, Ho Lim, Elmer Lugh, Jack & Marilyn McTavish, Terrie McCullough, Drew & Elizabeth McDonald, Mesick & Hood family, the Mihalik family, Samantha Myers & family, Bill Noble, Pigeon family, Amber Przygocki & family, Sally Rausch, Mercedes Ruiz family, Ann Schaub, Michael Schlorff, Megan Schroeder, Tim Shaw family, Marie Shearer, Ruth Smith, George & Karen Stoops, the family of Coleen Tesnow, Jeremy Travis, Andrew Urban, Nate Wilson, Fran Zimmerman

Our Home Bound

(Addresses and Phone Numbers in Current Directory or Church Office)

Judy Barker, Anne Creek, Helen Hickey, Mary Catherine Luoma, Robert Signoretti

Our Military & Their Families

Zachary Danke, US Army

Stop Complaining about Sunday Morning Sports

By Keith Anderson, January 30, 2013

It's a common complaint among clergy types, "Sunday morning sports are taking people away from worship!" This lament and the exasperation that accompanies it go deeper than just whether a family shows up on a particular Sunday. It is the lament of the loss of the privileged place that the Church — and clergy — once enjoyed in our culture. And in our lament we risk alienating the very young families we seek to engage.

The emergence of Sunday morning sports is just a symbol of a shift that's happening in our society where the church is no longer given deference. Clergy resent this loss and mourn our own diminishing cultural position and privilege. That's what I hear just under the surface when clergy complain to each other about Sunday morning sports — it's the loss of *our* place, *our* privilege, *our* position. I mean, do you notice how we never complain about activities scheduled for Friday evenings for our Jewish friends or Saturdays for Seventh-Day Adventists, or how they interfere with Hindu or Muslim observances? Other traditions have had to deal with this a lot longer than the Church.

And, frankly, it's not a bad thing for the Church to stand on its own, apart from cultural props. I don't want the Church to be dependent on the world to say that Church is important. I want us to say that this is important because of Jesus, the persuasiveness of the Gospel, for its own sake, on its own terms, not because my local Recreation Department says so.

Help Families Reclaim Their Vocation

The problem is that our frustration, grief, and anger slip out in our preaching, conversations, and recruitment. It is guilt inducing, and we lose the grace we seek to extend to people. We have to watch our language, assumptions, and expectations, because most of them were formed in a culture that we don't live in anymore.

Instead, we should save our lament for the families dependent on dual incomes, working two or more jobs, slammed with the cost of healthcare and education, who are consumed with kids' activities, which are highly programmed because the world is not as safe as it was when we were growing up. Sometimes in our institutional need for attendance, volunteers, pledges, and relevance, we miss the needs and realities of our people.

The antidote is an understanding of vocation through which people see their entire lives — and not just time spent at or for the church — as their ministry. During the Reformation, Martin Luther argued that "a holy calling" was not just reserved for those in ordained ministry; it belonged to everyone. We call it the "priesthood of all believers," but we often reduce the meaning of that to ministry done by lay people at, with, and for the church. Luther argued it extended far beyond church — into our homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

Rather than wishing away the changes in culture, but far from simply accommodating them, let's find a third way to talk about the life of faith, one in which parents can see all the shuttling around they do, the homework help, getting kids dressed, and, yes, even watching their kid play hockey on Sunday morning as ministry in and of itself. Let's make their time at church something that renews and strengthens them for their

ministry of family and parenting, rather than making them feel guilty for wanting to be at their kids' games. Here are some questions to spark your planning.

- Can we help people see their daily work — jobs, parenting, grandparents caring for grandchildren — as holy, sacred work? Can we help them claim their life's work as ministry, as spiritual practice?
- How can our programming support this? I'm a fan of ministry that takes ministry beyond the church building to reinforce that God is present in neighborhoods, pubs, coffee shops, play grounds, social media — anywhere people spend time and gather.
- How can we enable people to volunteer remotely, via phone, smartphone, or laptop, when they can grab a few spare moments between activities or when the kids are down?
- Do we need to have an alternate worship time outside of Sunday morning? And what would that look like?

"Godless Harvard"

When I served at Harvard's Memorial Church, my mentor Peter Gomes used to talk about the controversy that erupted at Harvard in the middle of the 19th century when Harvard stopped requiring its students to attend chapel. People mocked the decision and gave the school the moniker "Godless Harvard" — but many people continued to worship, and they knew why they were there, why they practiced their faith — not because they were required to, but because they wanted to and Harvard continues to have a vibrant worshipping community today.

We risk making the same quick judgment in our time — that this is just godlessness all around — for we too would be wrong. While the church and its clergy may have been displaced in our culture, God has not. God is where God has always been — embedded in the lives of God's people. So, let's stop complaining about Sunday morning sports and start helping make the connections between their faith and their daily work, their vocation.

Keith Anderson

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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	2	3 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	4 Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm	5 Tai Chi 10 am	6	7 6 th Hands4Detroit, Southwest Detroit 8-4
8 Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	9	10 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	11 Special Food Pantry Work Session 1 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm	12 Tai Chi 10 am	13	14 Second Saturday Bible Study @ 8 am Parsonage
15 Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	16 SPARK 6:30 pm	17 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	18 Food Pantry Prep 1 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Choir 7 pm	19 Tai Chi 10 am	20	21 Monthly Food Pantry 9-11 am
22 Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am	23	24 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	25 Choir 7 pm	26 Tai Chi 10 am	27	28
29 Willing Disciples 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am 5 th Sunday Clothing Drive	30	31 Mindful Meditation 6:15 pm	1 Choir 7 pm	2 Tai Chi 10 am	3	4

Worship for Oakwood Common residents is on Sundays at 1 PM and for Hubbard West residents on 2nd Sundays at 4:30 PM.



For October please consider donating toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant). More details inside.

Work sessions scheduled for two Wednesdays this month: October 11 and October 18, both at 1 PM.

Monthly Food Pantry, Saturday, October 21, 9-11 AM.

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