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SANDIA FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY NEWS

October 16, 2025

Do Not Disturb

A while back I received a book from my mom called "Hiking Through" written by Paul Stutzman. Mom bought each family member a copy in memory of my sister, Lori, who enjoyed hiking and lived near the Appalachian Trail. It's a story of a guy who walked the entire AT following the loss of his wife from cancer. It's not too often that I find a book that really captivates me, but this restaurant manager turned storyteller kept my attention as he endured an incredible 2,176 mile journey through the AT wilderness.



Here is an excerpt from his book that I found interesting and challenging. *"Every day, it seemed that God revealed more of Himself to me. Perhaps it was because I wanted to hear. Several days before, I had been following a young man on the trail. When I was within speaking distance, I attempted a conversation with him but was ignored. I realized that he had earbuds in and was focused on his music. That earpiece was like putting up a "Do Not Disturb" sign. This*

ear-plugged hiker shut out not only all conversation with fellow humans, but also all the sounds of nature. He could not hear the singing birds or the whispering pines. Apparently, he could not even hear the approaching thunder.

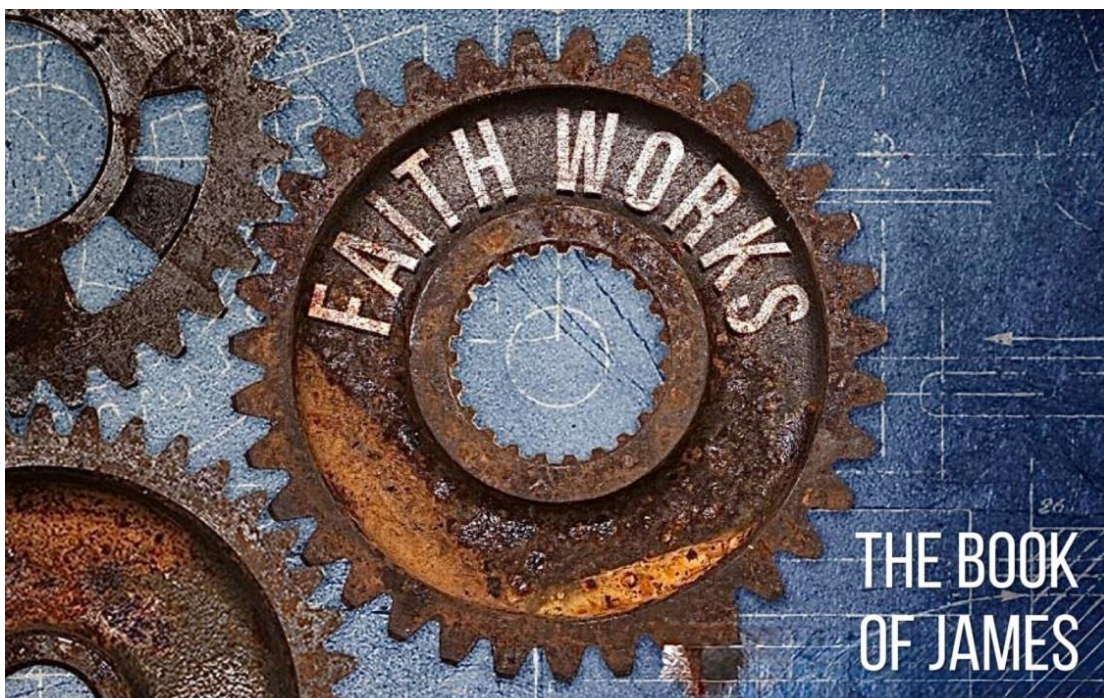
This young hiker had a hiking partner a short distance in front of him. The unplugged hiker - hearing the thunder and seeing the storm - left the trail to find shelter at a country church down the road. This friend yelled out to the younger hiker, but with his head down, focused on his music, he didn't hear the cries of his friend nor the thunder of the approaching storm. Soon he was soaked by the rain and separated from his partner.

Though I watched with amusement as this little scene played out, I felt an inner nudge that said, "That's you, you know." And I got it. I saw myself in church on Sunday mornings hoping to hear from God, but letting so many worries and distractions clog my mind that I never could hear Him, even when He stood there calling my name.

The last thing most of don't want to do is put out a spiritual "Do Not Disturb" sign toward God. It's not something we intend to do but it is easy to allow our temporary fears to crowd out the voice of God in our life. By the way, if you are the "wilderness type," I do recommend this book; and even if you aren't, I think you might still enjoy it. Have a great weekend and see you Sunday!

In God's Grace,

Pastor John



MESSAGE FOR THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

"Conflict Matters" James 4:1-12

This Sunday we are continuing the sermon series *Faith Works* which is based on the New Testament Book of James. This Sunday James tackles the tough issue of conflict in the church, including what causes it and how we are called to work through the conflicts that we face individually and as a community.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 9



Launching a Living Legacy

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In 2024 we got the keys but in 2026 we are going to OPEN THE DOORS and gather to worship, fellowship, and be discipled together as followers of Jesus Christ in our new building! We are also looking forward next year to expanding our staff to include a **Director of Family Ministries** that will focus primarily on our children and youth ministries. We invite you to prayerfully prepare to discern your investment in partnering with your church for this coming year through our **Launching a Living Legacy** Stewardship Campaign.

The second Sunday of November will be our Stewardship Sunday where we are asking our Sandia Fellowship family to present their Estimate of Giving cards for the upcoming ministry year of 2026. The Estimate of Giving cards are an opportunity to express our gratitude to God and generosity in supporting Sandia Fellowship in our call to make discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Fellowship Luncheon @ Sheraton Uptown

Sunday, October 26
11:30 AM



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON FOR OCTOBER

Our next Fellowship Luncheon is coming up on Sunday, October 26! It will be held at the Sheraton Uptown at 11:30 AM, after our worship service.

Click [here](#) to RSVP by October 20 and let Holly know how many are planning to attend, as well as which entree selection each person in your family would like.

Choose from one of these three options

- Chipotle Orange Gazed Pork Loin with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables
- Chicken Piccata with Rice Pilaf and Seasonal Vegetables
- Vegetarian Dish - Squash Ravioli

For kids 10 and under: chicken strips, French fries and fruit cup

Cost is \$25 and children are free.



VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sandia Fellowship is preparing to offer a Children's Church on Sunday mornings during the morning message. We are still receiving volunteers to teach a lesson to our 5–12-year-olds during the morning message time. Lesson materials will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please click [here](#) to send us an email and we will follow up with more details.



BUILDING OUR FUTURE - UPDATE

We have still not received our permit so please keep praying. I have heard reports that the city is trying to address their backlog. We'll see. Demolition has started in our building and all the carpet has been pulled up. More

crews will be working this week to tear down the walls set for removal.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

Have you visited our website lately? There's always fresh content being added: [announcements](#) and church news, current [sermons](#) as well as [past sermon series](#), weekly [newsletters](#), and more.

You can also [submit a prayer request](#), learn about our various [Life Groups](#), read about the [missionaries and outreaches](#) we support, set up [online giving](#), learn more about the [mission and vision](#) of Sandia Fellowship as well as the [Global Methodist Church](#), and so much more!

Bookmark our site and check back regularly!

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SEND US YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sandia Fellowship has a dedicated Prayer Ministry that intercedes weekly for various needs and requests. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

There is no prayer need "too small" or "too big" for the Lord. If our hearts are burdened by anything, God wants us to bring it to Him in prayer -- and He promises us His peace when we do.

You can submit a prayer request in one of three ways

- Send a request through our [website](#) or click the red button below.
- Email us at prayer@sandiagmc.org.
- Fill out a **Prayer Request card** available at the Welcome Tables on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to be a part of this Prayer Ministry, please email Holly at hklein@sandiagmc.org.

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Sundays @ 10 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday!

Childcare is available for ages six months through five years old.





SANDIA FELLOWSHIP YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Did you know you can subscribe to the Sandia Fellowship YouTube channel? All of our weekly sermons are uploaded to our YouTube channel [here](#) as well as on our [website](#).

Search [@sandiafellowship](#) on YouTube (or just click the photo).



This exciting venture in faith would not be possible without God moving upon the hearts of people to give towards this work. Your generosity helps create a church where we can bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. The mission of Sandia Fellowship is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. We strive to humbly serve others as ambassadors of Christ.

Click [HERE](#) to give safely and securely online.

NOTE: Donations can be made to either the **General Budget** or the **Building Fund** by choosing from the dropdown menu. You can also make a donation to our monthly **Communion Offerings** via the dropdown.

Checks can also be mailed to

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