Bi-Weekly No. 23, November 6, 2019

LOOK AT THE TREES

...Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers most of which are never even seen—don't you think God will attend to you, take pride in you, do God's best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way God works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how God works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

The above words are the words of Jesus from Matthew 6:28-33, as written in the Message version of the Bible. The first line references wildflowers but it could easily read trees. Walk out into the fields and look at the trees. Just look at the trees- they are glowing! Yet, a fierce fall storm could blow through and all of our trees could be bare tomorrow. The trees will change, the seasons will change, but our God never changes! Our strong, Creator God who painted a masterpiece of color in Missouri this fall is as attentive to your needs as God is to the trees, even more so! Read through the verses again, God is proud of you. Did you catch that. God. Is. Proud. Of. You. Yes, you.

Take a moment, walk into the fields and look at the trees and remember, you are loved by the One True God who created all the glorious colors before you. Be thankful. Take courage. Re-~ Candace joice.



Self-Led Communion is available in the Chapel of Clouds before, during, and after each of our weekend services. The Bread and the Cup are placed on a small table near the kneeler. Please feel free to serve yourself, pray, and write in the Encouragement Journal.

One Day. One Voice. One Purpose.

ORPHAN SUNDAY

Join us this weekend (Nov. 9/10) as we observe Orphan Sunday during all the services. On Orphan Sunday, Christians stand for the orphan. We are a people called to defend the fatherless...to care for the child who has no family...to visit orphans in their distress. The children's Sunday School (all 1st—5th graders) will meet in the Friendship Hall during the Sunday School Time.

Attitude goes a long way toward our success or failure in life. An early follower of Jesus, named Paul, wrote a letter to a church all about JOY. His crowning verse is 4:13. Let's look at Philippians together this weekend!



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Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Annual Youth Sponsored Church-Wide Thanksgiving Dinner for Missions will be held Sunday, November 24 at the Celebration Center Friendship Hall. Come join us! Serving starts at 11 a.m. A Love Offering is available for the 2020 Youth Summer Mission Trip. Sign up on this weekend's Connection Card (bulletin insert) if you can donate a food item.

HEARTBEATS

- **VIMpact Youth** meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 6pm-8pm at the Celebration Center. All 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us for dinner, games, a lesson, and breakouts.
- For confidential, spiritual, and emotional support in a 1-on-1, caring relationship, contact a **Stephen Minister** at 620-4484.
- ♥\$25 Key Fobs for the Fusion Wellness Room are available for sale by contacting Tehya at the church office (827-2993) or

fusionroom@firstsayyes.com.

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Christmas Musical Practice

Love the Christmas season? Love to sing? Come join the choir in the performance of *The Thrill of Hope* by Joseph Martin and Heather Sorenson. It is a beautiful presentation of the birth of Jesus. The performance will be Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. (hopefully in the new church on Thompson). Rehearsals are Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room at the Celebration Center. If you have questions, contact Lori Broyles at 620-7299

WOWSOME!

WOW is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. through Nov. 13th. There are classes for children, youth and adults. Come to one of the adult classes going on now: ~Parenting 101 Using Love and Logic—led by Ruth Dale or ~Whistle While You Work!—Working on Projects around the church.

A meal is served at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$5/person; \$20 cap for family; 3 & Under are free. You must sign up for the meals in the lobby or church office by noon on the Monday before.

LADIES' MOVIE NIGHT

All women of the church are invited to a Ladies' Movie Night at 6 pm on Friday Nov. 8th in the theater. Bring a friend! If questions, call Candace 660-890-4849.



Keeping in Touch Care Packages

Semester finals time is nearing and the *L.O.T. Class* is making plans to do the K.I.T. (Keeping in touch) Care Packages again.
Contact Liz Rooks or the church office (827-2993) with the names and addresses of full time 2 yr or 4 yr students by 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 as we are planning to do the packages on November 24th. Donations of items for the packages or money to help with the postage are always welcome.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The time to think about Operation Christmas Child Boxes is upon us. Our church will be collecting them again for our members who would like to participate. You can find boxes with all the information you need attached in the Entryway. You can return your boxes by the OCC cross in the lobby anytime between now and 12:30 pm on Nov. 24th. National Collection week is November 18th-25th. IT IS VERY IMPOR-TANT that all boxes be turned in no later than 12:30 Sunday November 24th, so we have time to get them to the collection location! All boxes received after November 24th will be saved for the next year. If you have any question, please contact Stacy Fite at:

fitethegoodfite777@gmail.com.

Common Grounds Café
OpenTuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Coffee and limited menu available for purchase.

THANK YOU: (On display at Bulletin Board behind Wall Fountain)

We received a thank you from:

James & Mary Beth DeMotte, Heber Hunt School, & Rowan Jenkins Jameson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETING

UMW will meet November 12, 2019 at 1 p.m. in the First Family Room. Patsy Harrison will be the Program Leader, Prayer Calendar and Hostess will be Karen Cairer. All Ladies are invited. If questions, please call Myra Reser, 660-547-3685 or 660-281-5587.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come be a part of the children's choir! Join us on Wednesday nights for practice from 6 to 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The children will be a part of the Christmas Musical "The Thrill of Hope" on December 15th, 2019 at 6 p.m. If questions, please contact Lancy Ulrich, Children's Director, at 660-287-3496.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT

All children thru 5th Grade (ages 4 and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to a movie night on Friday, November 22 from 7—9 p.m. in the EyeSee Theater. We are going to show "The Grinch". Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. Bring a friend and come join us! Parents and grandparents are welcome.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron & Cheri Cunningham 3241 Cunningham Drive Sedalia, MO 65301 660-281-6820/660-281-7826



WE CELEBRATE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN

If your birthday is not listed, please let us know so it can be added!

Tammy Coffey, Crystal Hurlburt, Becky Arbisi, Ruthie Dugan, Mary Gorrell, Trevor Brown, Wesley Waldrep, Marra Bowen, Sarah Grupe, Mary Lou Griffin, Eric Mothersbaugh, Brooklyn Dick, Melissa Stone, Carolyn Spradling, Viola May, Donald Walker, Sr., Connie Kiburz, Mike Harrison, Heaven Ferolito, Leo Richards, Jeanette Bert, Rodney Iuchs, Crystal Wood, Dwight Miller, Diane Mosier, Carol Craig, Jack Doll, Ruth Dale, Eric Mateja, Carla Staley, Grant Lockard, Willis Charles, David Kelley, Braylon Wooster, Marilynn Luetjen, Stephanie Zink, Kevin Ambrose, Aaron Douglas, Frances Antoine, Austin Bunch, Liam Parney, Melissa Rutledge, Donna Fields, Eric Yazell, Kaitlyn Walters, Miranda Doyal, Coleman Fowler, Ethel Esser, Tom Anaya, Karen Anaya, Elliott Schenewark, Issabella Smith, Steve Turner, Deborah Norton, Nancy Embry, Jeff Leeman, Cheri Cunningham, Beth Palmer, Paul Pripusich, Jennifer Lentz, Bill Parris, Bob Farkas, Rachel Walters, Kaitlyn Kehde, John Frazee, Mason Soderberg

FIRST STEPS

Oct. 26-27

Sunday School 76 Worship 604

Nov. 2-3

Sunday School 111 Worship 633

October 2019 Totals

Budget \$ 55354.60 Building \$ 9945.00 Specials \$ 24099.68

Our Family

OUR PRAYERS FOR:

Darlene & Virgil Burgess, Kenneth Burgess, Cansata Arnold, Annabell Hackman, Glenda Horne, Kristina Johns, Dana Gillig, Virginia Davis, Jeff Zullig, Jim Richwine, Rebecca Kolsky, Barry Brock, Our Military Families, Strong Tower Haiti, Whittier and Horace Mann Schools, and our covenant churches in Mozambique

HEALING PRAYER TIME

If you or someone you know is in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing, join us in the Chapel of the Clouds on Wednesdays.

Prayer pastors will be available to pray with you from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm.

CHILD SAFE
Sedalia Celebrity
Dessert Auction
Spaghetti Dinner

November 26 at 5:30 p.m.

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FIRST United Methodist Church of Sedalia

Celebration Center, 1701 W. 32nd St

Worship //Saturday 5:30pm //Sunday 8:35am 9:45am // 11:00am



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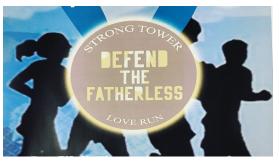


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STH ANNUAL LOVE RUN/WALK

Strong Tower Haiti's annual LOVE RUN/WALK will be November 9th starting at 8 am at the Celebration Center. Please plan to support this great event either by volunteering or to run/walk the event. You can register to run/walk through the strongtowerhaiti.com website or get the forms at the welcome center. (You can even do a virtual run this year).

CARE MINISTRY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Our Care Ministry will again be hosting its annual Sweet Sensations Holiday Gift and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 16th from 9am - 5pm at the Celebration Center (Lobby). Please note changes! There will be home baked goods, sweet packaged treats, and our beautiful hand-made wreaths. Come and support our Care Ministry Fundraiser.

