

¡Saludos en el nombre de Jesucristo!

My friends, I want to start today by reminding you about a few things that will soon be happening in the life of our church. First, I hope that everyone will be joining us Sunday after the 10:30 service for our Fall kickoff when we play bingo and enjoy a potluck lunch. I'm also looking forward to our baseball outing on September 23 as LPPC gives a big cheer for the Isotopes! Unfortunately, it is too late to sign up to join us at the ballpark, but if you have signed up for a ticket, please don't forget to pay Janice Langdale \$15.50 per ticket.

Today, I also want to remind you about two things happening on Sunday, September 24th. First, at 9:30am on that day, Ken Cuthbertson will be giving a presentation on the 10th anniversary of his book titled *The Last Presbyterian? Remembering the Faith of My Forebears*. Then, after the 10:30 service, we will be having a forum to talk about our recent experience with the Kid's Day Out daycare. I want to talk about what we have learned from this experience and what the Session plans to do going forward with a future daycare program. Both forums will take place in the Upper Room.

Finally, today, I want to encourage all of us to pray for the people of Morocco and Libya after an earthquake and floods have taken thousands of lives in these countries. Sometimes when tragedies happen a half a world away, we often feel like these tragedies are not real. But they are as real as tragedies that happen to any of us, or to our neighbors next door, and they are certainly real to God. As we pray for these folks, I promise that I will also let you know about any opportunities to offer financial help to aid with the recovery process for these two disasters.

This Sunday, our scripture readings will be Genesis 50: 15-21 and Matthew 18: 2-35. My sermon is titled "As We Forgive Our Debtors". Please join me at 8:30am in the Upper Room or at 10:30am either in the sanctuary or over Zoom.

Blessings,

Pastor Rich