

AUGUST 2019
SONBURST

*He saved us through
the washing of
rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit...*

Titus 3:5

Mooresville First United Methodist Church
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- Aug. 1 Meet the Teacher Night
- Aug. 5 First Day of Preschool
- Aug. 5 Carnival Workers' Dinner
- Aug. 9 5th/6th Grade Youth Lock-in

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Dear Church Friends,

Will you still love me?

Maybe you have heard this story. It was a busy morning in the doctor's office. Just a few minutes after eight an elderly gentleman in his 80s showed up to have some stitches removed from his thumb.

He told the nurse that he was in a big hurry because he had an important appointment at nine that morning and he must not be late. The nurse took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before anyone would be able to see him.

The nurse noticed that the man kept looking at his watch urgently and she decided to see if she could help the man. She looked at the injured thumb and it looked good. It was healing nicely. She reported this to the doctor and he told her to go ahead and remove the stitches and to redress the thumb. As she was doing this, she and the older man got into a nice conversation.

"So, you have an urgent appointment at nine this morning?" she asked. "Yes," he said, "the same appointment I have every morning. Every morning at nine I go to the nursing home to have breakfast with my wife." The nurse said, "You are such a handsome gentleman. I bet that is the highlight of her day."

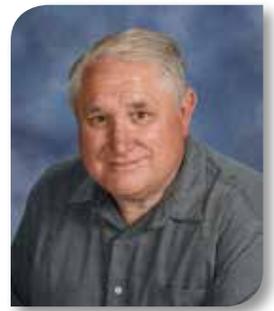
The man blinked and said, "She does not know who I am. She has had Alzheimer's disease for quite a while. She has not recognized me in the last five years." The nurse was surprised and asked, "And you still go every morning even though she does not know who you are?"

The man smiled, patted the nurse's hand and said, "She does not know who I am, but I know who she is!"

There is a word for that – it is called love – unwavering, unshakable, unconditional love!

This is God's unconditional love! God told them, "I've never quit loving you and never will. Expect love, love and more love." (Jeremiah 31:2-3, MSG)

Pastor Dennis



Upcoming Sermon Series

"Life of Joseph"

- AUG. 11 **"Can You Trust God with Your Life?"**
Genesis 50:20
- AUG. 18 **"How Will You Be Remembered?"**
Genesis 50, Hebrews 11
- AUG. 25 **"Are You Pleased with God?"**
Genesis 45
- SEPT. 1 **"Do You Want to Be Set Free?"**
Genesis 44-45
- SEPT. 8 **"How Big is Your God?"**
Genesis 41
- SEPT. 15 **"Are You Willing to Wait on God?"**
Genesis 40
- SEPT. 22 **"Do You Know Who You Are"**
Genesis 39
- SEPT. 29 **"Do You Know Why You Were Born"**
Genesis 37

Wellness Awareness

by CHERYL HOWARD, parish nurse

"May peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces." Psalm 122:7

RUNNING THE DISTANCE

As children and teachers and leaders return to another school year, we all join in prayer for safety, peace and joy. Just as important as reading and math and history, so is their spiritual development. We want to teach our children to live in society in meaningful and productive ways. We want them to integrate because God has given them each gifts and talents that He expects to be shared amongst others. Teach them GRATITUDE – to say 'thank you' for this day and the people we meet along our path. Ask for light to be given just for the step we are on TODAY – stay present with children. Support them in knowing we must respect our own direction in life as well as others and their direction. Walk in faith that God is in control! Teach them how to COMMUNICATE, problem solve, empathize and be resilient. Stay INVOLVED in their lives. Provide boundaries and assistance with good decision making. How is this done?

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8

MEDITATION

"Be still and know that I am God." It can be difficult to block out our moment-to-moment to do list. But as God teaches us to live healthy lives, we need to develop this practice. And it is a practice. I found this explanation helpful.

Don't become attached to the end result (don't go in with expectations – just BE). Trust that it is about being present and what is happening in this moment. And then listen – breathe – God is here.

A LITTLE NUTTY

Numerous studies have linked diets rich in nuts to lower risk of cardiovascular disease and many cancers (BMC Medicine, Dec. 5, 2016). However, about half of the peanuts eaten in the U.S. are in the form of peanut butter. Previous studies suggest that peanut butter lovers may not fare as well as people who eat nuts.





An Ebenezer Stone

by CATHY MOSIER

EBENEZER = Hebrew [ebhen hā-'ezer]; stone of help

Do you remember the words to *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*? "Here I raise my Ebenezer; here by Thy great help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger..."

2 Kings 4:1-7

Do you remember the story of Elisha and the widow?? She was in a mucky mess, her husband (from the company of prophets) had died leaving her in DEBT. AND now creditors were coming to take her two sons as payment. The man of GOD asked the woman, "What do you have?" And she replied, "Nothing...except a little oil." He said, "Go and ask ALL your neighbors...don't ask for just a few." As Eric Ferguson led us through this story in October 2015, he noted how increasingly ODD the widow might be perceived by her neighbors AND the growing uncomfortableness of her sons trailing behind their "crazy" mother.

As we know Christ more and more I wonder – in the mucky mess of our current situation, are we willing to take the "little oil" we have and "ask those around us for jars." That in our mess...their blessing of jars may change our lives?

As I listened to this teaching while walking around the park I was struck by the general hesitancy to ask for prayers. I know it's difficult to ask for prayers and have someone think "I can't handle things," BUT the truth is I CAN'T HANDLE MY MESS WITHOUT the supernatural intervention of Jesus.

BUT the woman repeatedly knocked on doors and asked for jars. This next part is inferred in the scripture "because the man of GOD told her to." Elisha isn't recorded as saying, "Drag out your dirty laundry and show it to your neighbors as you ask for the jars." SO why should we

explain just why we want our neighbor to pray for us? DO THEY REALLY NEED TO KNOW?

Matthew 6:8 states, "For YOUR Father knows what you need before you ask HIM." Our Loving Father GOD already knows we need help. We demonstrate humbleness when we invite our neighbor to pray for us. The act of knocking on doors, Eric said, is what activated the miracle of the "little bit of oil" filling many jars.

Matthew 7:7-8

"Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks receives, he that seeks finds and to him that knocks the door is opened."

Just like Matthew 7 instructed us, we prayed at lunch time for financial blessings for our church that we might do GOD's ministry in our community. AND GOD answered. We prayed at lunch time for our staff, committee leaders and workers, and a leader for second service. I can't wait to witness how GOD answers our prayer!

Ebenezer Scrooge played it safe. He wasn't looking to change, he was only interested in reflecting Jacob Marley...UNTIL he was challenged to CHANGE by the Ghost of Christmas Present! "REMEMBER," he challenged Scrooge at the coming of the Ghost of Christmas Future, "Go forth and know him better!" And in the going forth Scrooge became a better friend, a better Master, a better man, and he knew how to keep Christmas well. May that be truly said of each of us.

As always, if either the Prayer Team or Stephen Ministry Team may aid you on your journey to know HIM better we are as close as an email, a phone call, or a visit in the hall.

In Christ's service, Cathy

A Timeless Gift

by JOHN EHRHART

If you were in worship July 14, you heard Rev. Dennis talk about having your business in **order**. As we move through life its important to access and evaluate the issues we need to be thinking about as we move through different stages of life. I would just like to reiterate some of the issues that we need to address as we mature. The following bullet points are some that he touched on:

- a. Do you have an updated and current will?
Have you included your church in your will?
- b. Do you have ample life insurance to meet your family's needs?
- c. Have you addressed any estate planning ideas or agendas?
- d. Have you met with your Funeral Home Administrator to establish how you would like things to be handled as we make our way to heaven?

We want you to know that you have resources within our church body that will be glad to assist with some of your questions related to the above items. Please feel free to call the church office to seek further guidance.

memorials
& gifts

Trunk OR Treat

Psst...it's early, but think about dressing up your car for Trunk-or-Treat.

HALLOWEEN
WILL BE
HERE SOON!



Back To School Lock-in 5th & 6th Grade Youth

by DAN HERRON

The 5th and 6th grade youth will be having their annual Back To School Lock-in at the church on Friday, August 9 at 7 p.m. Bring a sleeping bag and a friend! We will eat dinner together, play games in the dark and have a great time learning about prayer. Kids can be picked up Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

Please RSVP to Dan Herron by email, dherron59@gmail.com, or text at 317-501-9665.



Ditch Work Help

by CURT SIDENER

In the July Sonburst, you read about the ditch work that was to take place in July. Due to some circumstances, the date has been changed to Saturday, Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. **Help and equipment is still needed to complete this project.**

- A light duty tractor with a bucket (for gravel/backfill)
- Five/six volunteers to install the drainage system
- A crew of supporting personnel is welcome

This is envisioned to be a one day event. We will start in the morning with coffee, donuts and prayer. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you for all those that are willing to come help on Aug. 17. If you able to come, please contact the church office at 317-831-3376.



Thankful
FOR YOUR KINDNESS

Thank you for remembering us since May 8 with cards, food, phone calls and home visits. We truly appreciate this great church family!

Lloyd and Marge Snider

United Methodist Women

by CHERYLL HOWELL

FINALLY a break in the weather! I, for one, will welcome the south side of 90 degree heat. Unfortunately I lost two potted plants in the process.

United Methodist Women (UMW) have no projects for the next few months. We are still collecting aluminum cans in the Fellowship Hall receptacle. We are still offering a one-time scholarship to any young woman. Please see a UMW member or ask Kim in the office for an application.

I read an article in the Indy Star Thursday – “Don’t call it a ‘manhole’ in Berkeley.” The council member who proposed the measure must have had a lot of spare time on his calendar. “There is power in language,” he said, “This is a small move, but it matters.”

Does it matter to you? Not to me. I like being a woman and I like knowing who is a man. Are we wasting too much time trying to point out the differences or the samenesses? If anyone is willing to be that person or do that job, good for them. Changing the title isn’t important to the job. Doing the job well is important. And on and on.

Be good to one another and enjoy the month of August!

Henderson Mission Team

by DAVE NANCE

PARKING CARS

Old Settlers Festival is rapidly approaching, August 4-6. The Henderson Mission Team joins forces with the United Methodist Men to organize the parking of our property for this big event. For the Team this is a fund raiser and a fun fellowship time. Everyone is welcome to assist in the fun and fellowship, collecting parking donations, organizing the parking, or in support efforts. Many hands make light work, but also make for great fellowship. We will be extending a friendly welcome to our community,.

For more information, or to add your name to the list for parking volunteers, please contact John Ehrhart.

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

One of the Team members spent a week at Henderson Settlement in June. He was with a team of United Methodist Men from Lafayette. The group completed a room addition for a family in the Frakes community. He was also able to hand deliver much appreciated medical supplies donated to their community outreach coordinator from our local medical community and St. Thomas More Free Clinic.

October Mission Trip: The next planned trip to Henderson Settlement will be the week of October 14. We are in the process of building a team so we can define activities and schedules to fit the team. There is something for everyone and every skill or ability. For information please contact Dave Nance at nance.david@att.net.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

In July, we had a summer fellowship time at the home of Marie and Herb Haggard. The event was fun and well attended, with great food, of course.

CHURCHES IN MISSION GIFT

In June, our Church was able to take advantage of an opportunity to leverage a significant corporate match through double match days at our local Meijer. The Henderson Mission Team provided funds such that our local Churches in Mission received a spending account through Meijer. The Missions Committee also participated in the effort to increase the leveraging. Combining the \$2000 from the Henderson Team with \$1000 from the Mission Committee resulted in a \$6000 donation from Meijer, for a total \$9000 to Churches in Mission. It is through your giving and serving that opportunities like this can be both recognized and acted upon on short notice.

Praise God
The Mission Committee



Mission Committee Updates

by DAVE NANCE

The Missions Committee is thankful that God has blessed our congregation with the desire and so many abilities to serve. Your gifts in May were so generous that, through planning and coordination with the School Corporation, we are able to provide resupplying of food for the later portion of the summer break for the elementary students in need.

Churches In Mission will have their annual banquet on Thursday, August 22. You can visit the mission's website at www.churchesinmission.org. There you will find a link to the event page with specific venue information and timing. The Mission Committee would like to reserve tables for as many of our congregation as wish to attend. The tables will seat eight. Last year we had three tables. We will be following the same pattern as last year where we reserve the tables based on the number of you from our congregation that are committed to attend. The tickets are \$50 each at full face value. However, the Mission Committee discretionary funds will be used to reserve tables sponsored for our church, splitting the cost with each person in our congregation that is committed to attend. Adding your name to the list is simple. Just provide a donation to the Mission Committee Discretionary funds of \$25 per seat requested with your name. The committee will confirm your request and the receipt of the donation. We will need the names of those joining you. We are looking at reserving full tables very soon. To become part of this, you need to act quickly as we will finalize our list with this 50 percent discount on or before Sunday, August 11. Please contact your committee chair for additional information at nance.david@att.net. Act quickly so we can sit together as a group at the big event for our Churches In Mission.

Please watch for changes in the "Missions" area of our website at <https://moorevillefumc.org/serve>. We desire to grow this area of our website. There are so many of you serving in so many missional projects. We want to show as much information as possible about each mission, including how to get connected for service. Please let us know if you would like to discuss changes or additions to the Missions area of our site.

The mission opportunities abound, but so does the desire to serve.

Praise God!

The Mission Committee

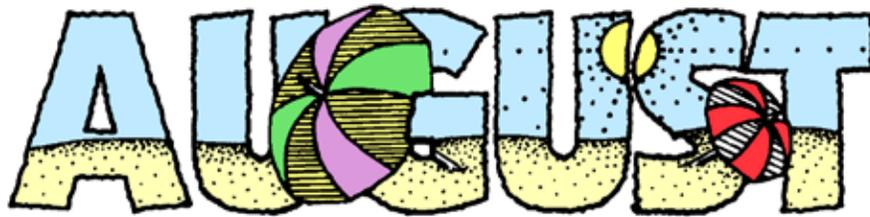


Fundraising for Hope

Churches in Mission is having their annual fundraising banquet Aug. 22, starting at 6 p.m. There will be a dinner and auction held at The Sycamore at Mallow Run.

Read above to see how to get a ticket at half the price.

All proceeds will benefit the programs of Churches in Mission of Morgan County.



Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Start Date	Description of Study
Sunday Groups					
Booster Sunday School	9:45 am	Room 104	Maggie Overpeck	meeting now	bible study
Seeker Sunday School	9:45 am	Room 106	Mosier/ Sparr	meeting now	bible study
Friendship Class	9:45 am	Room 110	Yeager/ Harris	meeting now	bible study
Here and Now	9:45 am	Parlor	Dave Nance	meeting now	bible study
Alcoholics Anonymous	4:00 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	support for addiction

Monday Groups					
Visitation	6:15 pm	Work Room	David Klehm	As needed	visiting in our community
Trail Blazers	6:00 pm	Parlor	Cheryl Howard	meeting now	bible study
Henderson Mission	7:00 pm	Parlor	Herb Haggard	Sept. 30	mission outreach locally & regionally
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	offering support from addiction

Tuesday Groups					
Prayer Group	7:30 am	Prayer Chapel	team leaders	meeting now	Praying for our church & community
Quilters	9:00 am	Parlor	team leaders	meeting now	bring your sewing machine
Asbury Circle	1:00 pm	Parlor	team leaders	August 20	mission-focused women's group
Bible Study Fellow.	6:30 pm	Sanctuary	team leaders	Sept. 10	inter-denominational women's study

Wednesday Groups					
Hand Bell Choir	5:30 pm	Room 105	Rebecca Vernon	September	bells for 8:30 traditional worship
Traditional Choir	6:30 pm	Room 103	Rebecca Vernon	September	songs for 8:30 traditional worship
3rd Service Practice	6:30 pm	Sanctuary	Mark Hill	meeting now	songs for third worship service

Thursday Groups					
LRE Visitation Team	9:30 am	Room 104	Sandy Fanning	August 8, 22	meet for devotions, then visit nursing homes, shut-ins
2nd Service Practice	6:30 pm	Sanctuary	TBD	meeting now	songs for second worship service
Brain Injury Support	7:00 pm	Room 106	Cheryl Howard	August 22	support for brain injury persons

Friday Groups					
Alcoholics Anonymous	7:30 pm	Parlor	team leaders	meeting now	support for addiction
Al-Anon	7:30 pm	Room 110	team leaders	meeting now	spouse support for addiction

Saturday Groups					
Genesis	7:00 am	various locations	Dave Nance	meeting now	contact Dave Nance for location
UMMen's Breakfast	8:00 am	church	team leaders	August 10	breakfast & devotion with sharing

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 Hot Shots 6:00 Meet the Teacher 6:30 2nd Service Band Practice 	2 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Al-Anon	3 7:00 Genesis Men's Connection
4 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Children & Adult Sunday School 4:00 AA	5 9:00 Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 3:00 Carnival Workers' Dinner 6:00 Trailblazers 7:30 AA 	6 7:30 Prayer 9:00 Quilting 9:00 Tomorrow's Promise Preschool	7 9:00 Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 6:30 iMPACT Youth 6:30 3rd Service Band Practice	8 9:00 Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 9:30 LRE Visitation Team 6:00 Hot Shots 6:30 2nd Service Band Practice 7:00 Insurance Meeting	9 9:00 Tomorrow's Promise Preschool 7:00 5th/6th Grade Lockin 7:30 pm AA 7:30 pm Al-Anon 	10 8:00 UMM Breakfast Wade Family Party
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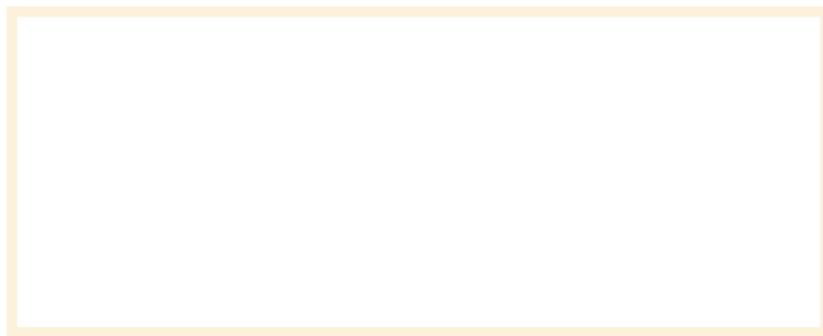
Upcoming Events

The life of our church stays active. With our own busy schedules, it is always nice to see reminders of what might be happening next. Here are some important dates in the upcoming months.

- Aug. 1 - Preschool Meet the Teacher
- Aug. 5 - First Day of Preschool
- Aug. 5 - Carnival Workers' Dinner
- Aug. 9 - 5th & 6th Grade Lock-in
- Aug. 12 - Achieve Weight Loss Starts

- Sept. 21 - Life Line Screening
- Sept. 25 - Blood Drive
(Note: the blood drive is on a Wednesday)

Watch for Life Groups to be added to this list starting in the fall. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the office at 317.831.3376 or office@moorevillefumc.org.



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