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Presbyterian PATHS October Edition



From the Pastor's Pen

Autumn is a transitional time for nature & for the church. In nature, the last greens of summer gradually dull to the taupe's & browns of grassland & field, while wood & forest wax red, gold, & leather brown. In church, the color remains green until the end of November, but the mood & energy shifts from the hectic in & out disengagements of summer, back to the rhythm of worship.

What is God doing in this new season? Biblically speaking, God is doing what God always does: challenging, saving, rescuing, providing, judging, healing, revealing, enlightening, & blessing. God is also waging an all-out moral battle.

In the world there is evil, cruelty, unhappiness, illness, superstition, ignorance, brutality, & pain. God is engaged in a kinetic war against all that is not good (Isaiah 55:6-9). Yet God's kinetic war is different than ours. Kinetic war to us means bombs, guns, bullets- anything that means lethal force. Kinetic for God means positive transformation in the world.

God is for life, not death. God is for love, not hate. God is for hope, not despair. God is for heaven, not hell. Contrary to what you may have been told, there is no neutral ground in the universe. Every square inch is contested.

We are on God's side. Before we were even born, God picked us. We weren't given a few years to figure ourselves out, or to decide which side we were going to be on, or if we would even take a side at all. We either take up the lives to which we have been consecrated, or we defect from our lives & live as traitors to God & creation. We cannot at any point in life request a do-over, a cease-fire, or even a pause to catch our breaths.

What are we doing in this new season? We continue living lives in need of challenge, salvation, rescue, healing, resources, judgment, revelation, enlightenment, & blessing... And, biblically speaking, we too are doing what we always do. We are clear that the world is dangerous, unscrupulous, & wickedly competitive. We live peacefully, ethically, & cooperatively. We wage kinetic war to demolish a massive & entirely corrupt culture. Our tools are not for sale, trade, or manipulation.

We use our powerful God-tools for straightening warped thinking, finding the truth, telling the truth, & defending the truth. We use our powerful God-tools to tear down barriers built to oppress not just people, but even all of creation. Our powerful God-tools for this kinetic moral war are as follows: perception, gentleness, meekness, humility, humor, forgiveness, boldness, confidence, knowledge, cooperation, obedience, & discipline.

See 2 Corinthians 10: 1-7 for yourself.

Pastor Mary Jo



CABBAGE BURGER UPDATE

The cabbage burger numbers are in!! Our congregation pulled together with hard work, cooperation, generosity & spirit to make the day a success. Thanks everyone who contributed donations of cash, food, raffle items, personal time for set-up, clean-up, advertisements, baking, & ticket sales. **YOUR presence & efforts are very much appreciated!** Follow-up debriefing meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 7th from 3:00-4:00.

Prize winners are as follows:

Sonny's Gift Card- Amanda Easterly
Nativity set - Shirley Nightingale
Movie package - Bret Whartman
Kachina Dolls - Tammy W.

Silver Bar - Jim Ringleman
China set - Sally Harris
NE game tickets - Kim Langley

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Payne, Chris Kromberg & the Fellowship & Evangelism committee

Collecting

"Empty" amber colored medicine bottles.

Keep Sidney Beautiful is partnering with the Ladies American Legion Aux. in collecting empty amber colored medicine bottles. Please remove any labeling and wash the bottles out. Collected bottles will be sent to Doctors without Borders.

Drop off location is Keep Sidney Beautiful or
leave them at the church and we will drop off.

740 Illinois, Sidney (308) 254-5851

Open Mon.—Thur. 8:00am to 4:00 pm.

October Calendar

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25— Donuts 9:00am

Bible Study 6:00pm (Pot Luck)

Oct. 7— Reg. worship 10:00am (communion)

Oct. 14, 21, 28— Reg. worship 10:00am

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24— Bell practice 6:30pm -Choir practice 7:15pm

Oct. 21— Services at Sloan's 1:30pm



October



Birthdays

- 2 Wanda Rezac
- 6 Robin Easterly
- 6 Barb Jones
- 10 Bill Rush
- 13 Scott Easterly
- 14 Fritz Guenther
- 19 Jeff Bush, Milt Ehly
Paul Sheaman
- 20 Sue Wilson
- 22 Sheri Kurz
- 26 Zach Holtz
- 30 Ada Sharman



Anniversaries

- 21 Randy & Leslie Richards
- 29 Emerson & Elaine Ransom

Serving in October

lay readers
7 & 14
21 & 28 Wanda Whartman

greeter / usher Bret & Wanda Whartman

communion servers (7th)
Jennifer Holtz Sharon Hargreaves
Bill Struckmeyer Leslie Richards

local church committee
* D & S Nightingale *Jean Struckmeyer
Cindy Payne Marilyn Nightingale
Amber Talich

**Come and listen to my counsel.
I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.
Proverbs 1: 23**

If you have news to share please email or call the church office and leave a message. We would love to hear from you !

