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From the Pastor

As many of you know, Cathy and I recently traveled to Germany. A big part of the trip was sightseeing related to the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Thesis. If there was a moment that gave rise to what we know as the Protestant church, it was the day before All Saints Day in 1517

when an Augustinian monk serving a church in Wittenberg Germany posted ninety-five objections to the doctrine and practice of the prevailing church as he understood and experienced it. Martin Luther was particularly concerned with the sale of indulgences: money paid to expedite penance for sins. Luther knew from experience that when indulgences were sold in his parish, the people didn't go to confession; how, reasoned Luther, could there be forgiveness without confession, repentance and contrition? Luther was hoping to invite an academic conversation about these ninety-five points; hence, he posted his objections at the university church rather than his parish church. It is only from our vantage point that we understand that Luther's actions ignited a revolution that changed his world and shaped ours.

Before we embarked on our Luther tour, we spent an afternoon at the Gutenberg museum in Mainz. I had never made the connection between the invention of movable type and the other technologies that combined to make the printed word available to common people in Luther's day and the Reformation. If there had been no printing press, then the Ninety-Five Thesis would have remained a local conversation limited to the churches and university in Wittenberg. It was the printing press that allowed Luther's thoughts to spread throughout the German speaking world in a few weeks and gave Martin Luther a voice far greater

than his ecclesiastical or academic stature suggested. The Reformation was really several things intertwining: a new technology found an ideal application in an important conversation.

I think we live in a time very much like Luther's. Communication technology has been shrinking the world steadily over the past century and has now been democratized to the point that anyone can communicate with anyone else on our planet in real time using a handheld device. Many of the questions that swirl in the Ninety-Five Thesis are still in play today: what is the relationship between faith and works? Can I do anything that will earn the favor of God? Who has the authority to remit sins and give expression to the voice of God in our world? Those were the questions five hundred years ago; they are still important questions today.

I came away from my time in Germany impressed at what happens when ideas and technologies combine in new and original ways. Five hundred years ago this October 31st, that combination changed the arc of European history. In all likelihood, the same kind of profound changes are afoot in our place and time. Martin Luther is remembered for his ideas and for his ability to bring new tools to bear upon his cause. May God grant to us in our time the wisdom to bring new technology to bear on many of the same questions that first set Luther afire half a millennia ago.

Carl

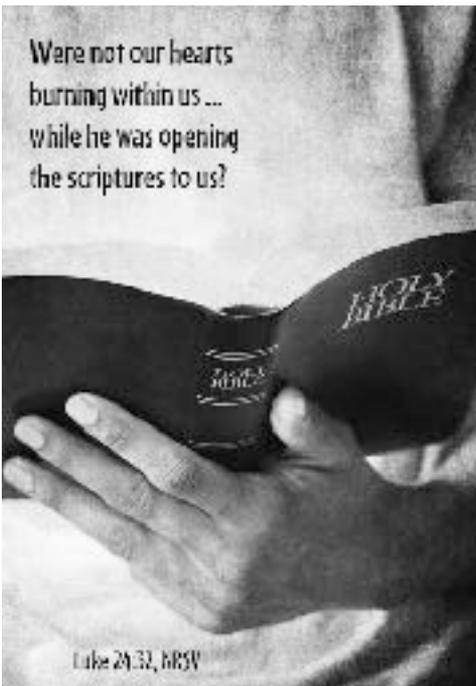
Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5th

Nurture

Marnie Winkelman/Wendy Woodley

The eight week *Discovery Zone* series on the Beatitudes concludes November 26th. Pastor Clint will be leading us that morning in a sing along and sequence review of the material covered during the first two fall rotations of Ezra, Nehemiah and the Beatitudes. Join us as we test our memories and have a little fun. The advent selection begins on December 3rd and is about Isaiah *Promised Jesus Fulfilled*.

Nurture committee is always looking for volunteers. If you'd like to help with games, cooking, art, music or drama, please let us know. In the *Discovery Zone* hour, Pastor Clint leads the gathering bible story time in Fellowship Hall. The opening is about 15-20 minutes, the youth then break in to their groups and the adults join with Pastor



Clint in the Adult Classroom. Everyone has the opportunity to learn corporately on Sunday morning as families together, learning the same message. We must always have volunteers assist us so that we can maintain two adults in every classroom on a weekly basis.

An additional paid child care worker is being sought out to assist Marlene in the nursery each week for two hours on Sunday morning. If you know of someone 18 years of age or older that might be interested in this position, please let Wendy or Marnie know. We are currently checking with the local colleges inquiring if they have students in need of child care credits.

Children are staying in the Sanctuary during the worship service. Kids under second grade are being supervised at the table located in the back of the Sanctuary, after the Children's Time portion of the worship service. For children older than second grade, blue busy bags are available at the table, they have coloring pages and work



sheets inside. The weekly context of the learning material offered in them is the same biblical context as the Discovery Zone material.

The Middle School and High School youth groups are now meeting with Giovanna every Sunday evening. The Middle Schoolers meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and the High Schoolers meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you would be interested in sitting in with Giovanna on a youth meeting or accompanying them on an outreach event please let her know. She is always looking for adult volunteers to join them.

On Friday, November 3rd from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning November 4th the middle and high school aged youth will meet at the church for an overnight lock in. Dinner and breakfast will be provided as well as a variety of fun activities.

November 11th at 10 a.m. all ages young and old are welcome to join the youth in a *Harry Potter Movie Marathon* viewing in the sanctuary. Two Harry Potter movies will be shown.

The High School youth go on their first outreach trip November 12th at 11a.m. They will go to Ronald McDonald House in Detroit. Lunch will be served to families of children with serious illness that are patients at Children's Hospital. They will return to the church around 2:00 p.m.

The Middle School and High School youth will also be hosting an untraditional holiday tea on November 12th at 4:00 p.m. The theme chosen for the tea is *Nightmare Before Christmas*. The kids are putting a new and different spin on the traditional tea. Please come enjoy the program they have in store for you.

The younger youth ages K-5 will be making Christmas ornaments in Fellowship Hall on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship

Submitted by Dave Fraser

The family Christmas party is December 10 at 5:00 p.m. Chef Randy is preparing the dinner. I believe our Dave Calendine will be there to provide music for. We are also expecting a visitor from the Great White North. Hope to see everybody there.

Expressions

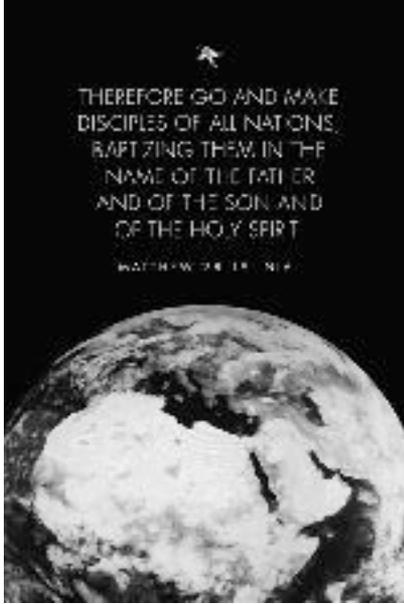
Co-Chairs: Michele Hintz & Kandi Wood

Expressions is currently working on preparing a Holiday Project for helping with needs in the community (more to follow).

Also, reminder that we will be helping host CHRISTNET at Journey of Hope the week of Dec 10th. We do not have details yet on shifts or jobs needed, but more to follow in the upcoming month.

We are currently considering options we can offer to start a *Clothes Closet* at Blair Moody elementary school – stemming from our Clothes Swap that we have held at the church previously. It would offer parents a chance to ‘swap’ clothes at the school, for different sizes as their children grow. We are working with the school currently on details, so more to follow as we work on this project.

Next meeting: Committee Day – Nov 5th @ 3pm – we would like to encourage anyone interested in joining the Expressions Committee to come to our next meeting and learn about how YOU can help spread God’s plans for helping our community needs!



Book Club

Joyce Rowley

We gathered on October 13th to discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. It was an interesting discussion of overcoming the environment into which a person is born. We decided it indeed was an interesting book, but not a favorite and we probably would not read it a second time.

Note the order of the books that will be read in the coming months:

November 10 – Slow Way Home by Michael Morris

December 8 - We will share Christmas stories/books that we each have read. (We did this last year.)

Please join us, helping us make decisions regarding future books we would enjoy reading in January and the following months. We are always looking for something new and different to be reading.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances, we always gather about 10:30, on the second Friday of each month, in either the Double Classroom or Fellowship Hall and are generally on our way by the Noon Hour. We are a very informal group and we always are happy to see new faces. Please remember it is not necessary to have read the book – if you would like to join us, just to see what our discussions entail, we would welcome your presence. As we always say, “Give it a try – you may find you will like it”, or “life is too short not to try something new” 😊



Deacons

Deacons' Duties in November

- Communion set up ~ Savastanos
- Communion clean up ~ All deacons present
- Pew Patrol ~ Savastanos
- Coffee clean up ~ Scott Barclay

Deacons' Duties in December

- Communion set up ~ Pat Tucker, Nancy Gillespie
- Communion clean up ~ All deacons present
- Pew Patrol ~ Mary Cline
- Coffee clean up ~ Mary Cline

Session Motions August 20 2017

Submitted by Connie Dainus

Motioned by and seconded to approve the use of the Fellowship Hall by Pat Tucker for a baby shower on November 4, 2017 from 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Pat Tucker will be the event coordinator. Motion carried.

Motioned by Rich Pratt and seconded to require that any expenditures from line items must have the approval of the committee chair. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nominating Committee to place into nomination the following names for Office of Ruling Elder class of 2020: Gus Cline and Rich Pratt. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nominating Committee to place into nomination the following names for the Deacon's class of 2020: Shirley Petlicki, Gloria Olsowy, and Sue Frederick. Motion carried.

Motioned by Nurture Committee that Session grant permission to the Youth Coordinator and the Middle School through High School Youth to use the building on November 3rd for an overnight Lock In at the church. Use of the building will be from Friday night at 7:00 p.m. until 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. Motion carried.

Senior Luncheon

Kay Snaddon

We will meet for our Senior lunch program on **Monday, November 13th at 12 noon.** The menu will be Turkey with all the trimmings and pie for a small donation of \$3.00. Plan to attend and bring your friends. This is open to ages 55 and older.

Calendar Notes

November Birthday

David Grove	11-1	Owen Hamilton	11-14
Megan Gillespie	11-1	Janice Hinson	11-20
Gus Cline	11-4	Stephanie Pratt	11-21
Michele Hintz	11-5	Bess Kirkland	11-28

Memorials

In Memory of Barney Barclay:
Bruce Aue

In Honor of Ron & Pat Well's 50th Anniversary:
Al & Barb MacDonald

Upcoming Dates

Wed Nov 1	7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Reformation Conversation
Fri Nov 3	7:00 p.m. Middle School Lock In
Sat Nov 4	10:00 a.m. Middle School Lock In 10:00 a.m. to Noon & Grounds Clean Up 6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time Ends 10:00 a.m. <i>Discovery Zone</i> 11:00 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Committee Day 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth 7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Mon Nov 6	Noon Rachel Circle F H
Wed Nov 8	10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle D C
Fri Nov 10	10:30 a.m. Book Club D C
Sat Nov 11	All Day Harry Potter Marathon
Sun Nov 12	10:00 a.m. <i>Discovery Zone</i> 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 Ronald McDonald House High School Youth 12:30 p.m. Deacon Meeting 4:00 p.m. Holiday Tea
Mon Nov 13	Noon Senior Luncheon
Fri Nov 17	6:30 p.m. Ornament Making Friends In Christ

Sat Nov 18	6:00 p.m. Bowling
Sun Nov 19	10:00 a.m. <i>Discovery Zone</i>
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	3:00 p.m. Session
	5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth
	7:00 p.m. High School Youth
Wed Nov 22	December Newsletter Deadline
Sun Nov 26	10:00 a.m. <i>Discovery Zone</i>
	11:00 a.m. Worship
	6:30 p.m. Sarah Circle Donnan's

Youth

Giovanna Savastano

For the month of November we have a few big things going on. We kick off the month with an overnight lock-in at the church on Friday, November 3rd for 6th-12th grade youth. We are meeting at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night, and we will be wrapping it up at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. There will be dinner and breakfast served, as well as many snacks throughout the night!

Our other big event this month is the Holiday Tea. It is a new and different take on our traditional Advent Tea. This year the youth selected *Nightmare Before Christmas* theme. This fun event will be on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 p.m. Please come out and enjoy an evening put on by our youth! Also on the 12th, the High School youth will be going to the Ronald McDonald House to serve lunch. We will be leaving the church around 11:00 a.m. and will be back around 1:00 p.m. that afternoon.

November 5th, November 19th, and November 26th there will be youth group in the evenings with Middle School at 5:30-6:30 p.m. and High School at 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please let me know! Thanks guys!

Giovanna

Prayers

We pray for those healing at home:

Joan Watson, Vorrey Holmes, John Fields, Pat Morton, Mary Wright, Arnold & Shirley Aue, Don Hardy, Laurie and Tim Barclay, David Grove, Jean Page

We pray for those needing long-term and emotional support:

Chris Newsom, Debra Creech, Patricia Kurish, Donna Clark, Joe Kurish (Elda Moore children), Katherine Hutchinson, Laura Mount (Fred Mount daughter), Jerry Pawelczyk (Shirley Petlicki friend), Ralph Schall (Hope Lambrix uncle), Sheila Morais, Dorothy Davies (Judy Nowak friend), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Barbara Willis (Terri Donnan friend), Kara Westra (Connie Dainus friend), Tammy Lathrup & family, Mickey Corcoran & family, Sarah Tyler (Stephanie Pratt friends), Chuck Stevens, Carol Barnard, Darcy Matthies, Ed Schenken (Jean Page friend), Brian (Gloria Olsoway friend), Ann Rowley Smith (Joyce's daughter), Brenda Price (Cash family), Michelle Sample (Dale and Vicki Simon's daughter), Sandy Tipshus (Vicki Simon sister), Nancy (Marlene Jones sister), Paula Schultz (Laurie Barclay friend), Dave Consiglio & Jason Dornoff (Sue Frederick friends), Andrea Green, Karen S (Daniel Bartok friend), Jamie Cigger (Phyllis Hunt friend), William & Brenda Martinelli (friends of Southminster), Carolyn Politi, Nan Bouchard, Elda Moore, Ken Renner, Sue Landis, Steve Premo (Stephanie Pratt friend), Michael & Linda Crosby (Shirley Petlicki family), Gordon Watson (Joan Watson family), Patricia Epperson, Phyllis Marken, Carl & Carol Linke, Christine Simpson family

We pray for those who serve our country:

Our President and Cabinet Officials, Robert Fraser, Bradley Schleicher II, Kevin Moody

Prayers of Sympathy:

For the Family of Barney Barclay who passed away October 8 2017.

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Weekly Worship Schedule:

Family Worship Service 11 am
Discovery Zone (Learning Time) 10 am
High School Groups 10 a.m.

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