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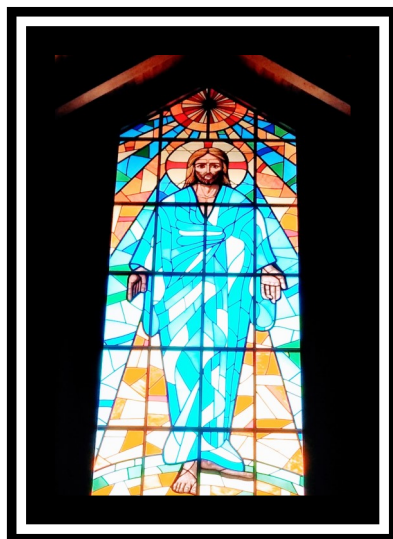
DEVOTION

THE ONE YEAR PRAYING IN FAITH DEVOTIONAL

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To New Heights

*Those who trust in the Lord
will find new strength. They
will*

*soar high on wings like ea-
gles. They will run and not
grow weary.*

They will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Long delays in the life of faith can wear us down. Our faith itself doesn't grow cold or heavy, but our assumptions and misperceptions about God's timing and means can seem to choke the faith out of us and leave us awfully disoriented. We long for resolution and fulfillment and God's plans so often seem to stretch the process out. We become weak, tired and powerless, wondering how long we can continue holding on.

God offers encouraging words to the weak, tired, and powerless. He promises new strength, soaring heights, and a spirit of endurance. He energizes our legs for the distance, revives our hearts with expectations, and reaffirms his purposes once

again. Like a marathon runner gets to that point of exhilaration where he or she forgets the pain and fatigue of the race, renewed faith takes us to new heights. We feel as if we could wait forever though we hope we won't have to. The assurances of God give us patience and joy in the meantime.

How do we get to such heights? They are a gift for "those who trust in the Lord." The more we exercise trust—that place of rest in the spirit that comes when we lean back into his goodness—the more our strength and energy are renewed. We can't ascend to new heights by trying, and we can't give rest to our legs by stopping. But when we feel like we can't go back and can't go on, we can remember the kindness and faithfulness of the one we believe. We can reaffirm our trust in him and discover his strength for our need.

Whenever you find yourself in that awful, awkward place

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of not being able to move forward in faith and not being able to go back to the beginning—that sense of being stuck or suspended without any resolution in sight—reaffirm your trust. Tell God you need strength and ask him for encouragement. Soon enough, your energy will return, your wings will spread, and you will see from a higher perspective. Your faith will look different from above.

The principal part of faith is patience.

GEORGE MACDONALD

When I read this devotional, that old adage “Patience is a virtue” comes to mind. What also comes to mind is that I have never really had that virtue. I think in my older age I have developed a better degree of patience. I am always laughing and chastising Sarah and Emily for their lack of it but then I remember how I was.

Isn't the world we live in today geared for lack of patience? We can “Google” some question we have and find the answer instantaneously. If we want to watch a movie we can find it immediately on one of the internet services. At one time, at least, we had to go to the store and rent one. If you want food, you can get it delivered to your house in just a few minutes time.

God has a tough job competing with all the world has to offer today! He needs a direct line so that He can answer our prayers instantaneously! I'm kidding, of course. But no wonder we have a difficult time as Christians waiting for God to answer our prayers. BUT God does. In HIS time, on HIS terms, according to HIS plan.

Our job, as a Church Family and as Christians, is to pray for those who are “feeling

fatigued” and like God is not hearing their prayers.

We have all been there. We have all felt like we have run a “marathon” and don't have the strength to take one more step. Whether it is due to an illness, the loss of a loved one, stressors in life, or other issues God is still there and He hears you. Sometimes His timing is not our timing and waiting is the most difficult part, especially when we are tired and broken.

If you are struggling with “fatigue” of faith, ask God for strength and encouragement. Send out prayer requests in our prayer chain. Let our wonderful church family pray for you! Before you know it, you will be “running a marathon” with new “faith” legs and soaring with wings spread. I think our faith will look AWESOME from this “higher perspective”, as the writer states. Don't you??

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sondra

Food & Fellowship

Supper Club meets once a month for dinner at a local restaurant. Food and fellowship is had by those who at-

tend! Here is the schedule of places to eat. You will also

find the restaurant choices in our bulletins and on the calendar on our website stjohnum.org.

See you soon!!



Here are the dates and locations:

Nov 28 Moonlight

Dec No supper Club

ST Benedict's News

A group continues to serve an evening meal at Saint Benedict's on the first Monday night of the month at 8 PM.

The meal consists of a ham and cheese sandwich, lettuce and tomato, beans, potato salad, and ice cream. This meal costs about \$125 to feed 50 or more men. Thank you for all of your recent donations, and support to this organization. St John is so appreciated for all

it does to help the community and those in need.

There is still a need for donations to cover these meals.



Please see Vicki Hast if you are interested in making a donation to St. Benedict's.

The dates we serve are:

November 6

December 4

Not sure about the dates, check out the calendar feature on our website,

stjohnum.org.

_Submitted by, Vicki Hast

RECIPES

Baked Mushroom Rice

Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
- 3 cups beef broth
- 1 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 1/4 cup butter
- 8 oz. sliced mushrooms (undrained)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9 by 13 pan.
2. Pour rice evenly over the bottom of the pan. Sprinkle with onion soup mix.
3. Pour in beef stock and mushrooms.
4. Top with sliced butter.
5. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake for an hour or until rice is cooked and liquid is absorbed.
6. Fluff with fork and serve.



United Women In Faith

United Women in Faith will not meet on November 7th due to Election Day. Another day will be announced when one is chosen.

The Candle Burning ceremony will take place on Sunday, November 5th. Names of "saints" being memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin and the candle will burn for the amount of time of the donated money. Thank you to all who have donated to this avenue for giving to missions.

On Sunday December 10 we will have our annual Christmas party to support the Mary Kendall Home at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us. Hope to see you there!

November Choir Notes by Sondra Jones

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Not sure how it got to be November and the Holiday Season! Seems like as soon as the trick-or-treaters were finished and the lights went off, the Christmas music started. I would like to enjoy Thanksgiving first! BUT.... Christmas trees are out and up. Christmas lights are being turned on in my neighborhood. People are excited to get their Christmas decorations up and out. I am still trying to get my leaves raked and decide on a Thanksgiving menu and when I will head to Emily and James'. I still can't believe this time last year, Piper was not here. My life is so full with watching her grow and change. So very much to be thankful for every year but even more this year with this beautiful, growing, joyful, healthy child!

The choir is "carrying a tune" and getting ready for the holidays, as well. Some new faces have brought their voices to the choir. So nice to have new members come sing with us. If you are interested, please consider joining us. You won't be sorry! It is always a wonderful time worshipping the Lord with song!!

We are practicing Christmas music for the Cantata and for the worship services to come during the holiday. ***Tapestry of Light*** will be a blessing to all who come on December 10th to hear it.

This is such a special time in the life of a Christian...the birth of Christ! What a joyous event! I love the music of this time of year. I really could listen to Christmas music all year long...not the commercial kind you hear in stores but the church kind that celebrates Jesus' birth. How blessed we are that God sent His Son to Earth! We should spread the news. Christmas is a great time to invite others to worship. If only we could wait to see all the Christmas stuff until a little later!!

Blessings,

sondra

Make a
Joyful
noise
Unto The
Lord!
PSALM 100:1

Family Life News

It's that time of year again! It goes so fast, doesn't it? With holidays and parties abounding:

In November we have our annual Harvest Dinner with lots of good food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the bulletin. Please see me if you are willing to bake a turkey or a ham. The church will provide this meat for you. Mark your calendars for November 12th at 5 pm—you don't want to miss it!

In December, there is a church-wide Christmas Party planned. It's a festive time immediately following the 11 am service. Bring your favorite, fancy Christmas snacks to share. A Christmas carol sing-along is to be enjoyed by all. Mark your calendar for December 17th.

In January, we are celebrating your birthday! Watch for details and mark

your calendar for January 14th at 11 am.

And in February, there is a Valentine's spaghetti dinner planned—watch for details in upcoming Satellite issues.

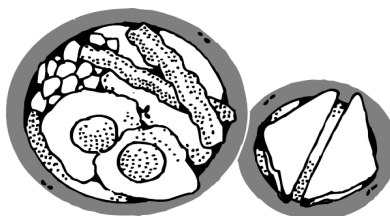
Collections of "brown bags" full of food and supplies continues through November 12th. If you don't have a bag (or bags), they are located in the rear of the sanctuary. The bags are blessed during the morning service and delivered the morning after the Harvest Dinner. Your overwhelming generosity is so appreciated by the Help Office. There are so many mouths to feed. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and be blessed as bless others.

Thank you,
Dorothy
270-401-8702



Methodist Men's News

A wonderful day and a great turnout for the October UMM meeting on Saturday, October 21. Another wonderful job from our cooking team! We had great conversation about the upcoming craft and car show, which as of this writing, will be held on



Saturday, October 28. Hope the weather cooperates. Our next meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Thanks.

Jim

CRAFT FAIR

What a day!! The 1st Annual St. John Car Show and the 18th Annual Craft Fair was a day to BEHOLD! And so many did. Memaw said we had 32 volunteers that day. I am so proud to be a member of this church family! One of the vendors said this was his 2nd year and he goes to many shows. He stated, "This is the best organized one I go to, by far." What a wonderful compliment to Memaw and all who work so hard to put this together. The food was excellent, the fellowship was top-notch and the love felt by those who came unprecedented!!

Then the Car Show—WOW!! 47 cars and \$1300 raised for St. Benedict's and the Help Office. What a wonderful experience

and day we had outside with the beautiful cars, NO RAIN and the visitors here for that. I would say for the first time hosting the event, it was a VERY impressive turnout. Thanks to Terry Ralph for organizing it and all who volunteered to help set that up. I hope it continues for many years to come. A great outreach and fellowship time was happening out there too!

A very special thank you to Friends of Sinner's volunteers, Gordon, Lance, Charles and Jarad. They helped direct people for parking, stir the pot of soup, run for items, and pretty much anything anyone asked of them. Thanks to all who made them feel welcome!



A LITTLE VISIT

A couple of weeks ago I had 2 visitors in the office—Rev. Dave and Miss Linda. They stopped by on their way to see the grandkids and they also were missing Little Caesar's pizza.

said “forever home”, they may have meant a “forever project.

Rev. Dave likes to tinker and build so he is definitely happy. Miss Linda is helping too. They look great!

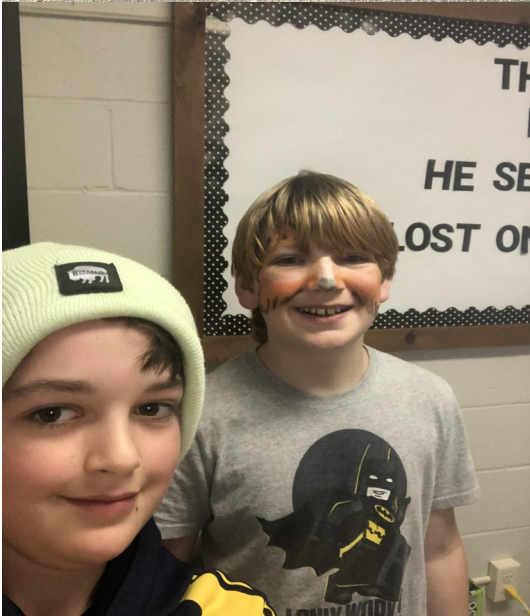
The house is coming along. They have some siding up and Rev. Dave has been up on the roof...YIKES! One of the main walls is done that establishes the separation of rooms, I think they said. When they

I have pictures below of some things Rev. Dave has built. The latest he built for Miss Linda for her birthday in the kitchen. I thought some here might want to see the progress.



CRAFT FAIR & CAR SHOW PHOTOS THANKS TO ABI BOWLES





Thanksgiving Word Search

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Fruits

BEANS

Cornucopia

Prayers

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Tradition

Apple

Parade

Turkey

Pie

Thursday

November

Togetherness

Feast

Gobbel

Festival

Cranberries

Stuffing

Pumpkin

Plymouth

Happiness

Yams

Fall

Indians

Dinner

Holidays

Thanks

Gravey

Squash

Native Americans

Potatos

Sweet Potatos

Harvest

Celebrate

Grateful

Happy Thanksgiving

Family

Mayflower



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

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Nov. 5, Charge Conf. @ 6:30

*Nov. 6, Worship Com. @ 4
pm*

*Nov 6, St. Benedict's @ 7:45
pm*

*Nov. 12, Harvest Dinner @ 5
pm*

Nov. 13, Ad. Bd. Mtg. @ 5 pm

Nov. 18, MMen @ 8:30 am

*Nov 28, Supper Club @ 5 pm
@ Moonlite*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

