



The Connection

October 2020

October Scripture Readings

1. Ephesians 5:20
2. I Chronicles 29:11
3. Psalm 115:9
4. Proverbs 3:5
5. Proverbs 19:21
6. Mark 1:3
7. Psalm 61:2
8. Phillipians 4:6-7
9. I Timothy 1:5
10. Isaiah 66:13
11. Matthew 11:28
12. Psalm 34:4
13. Deuteronomy 31:8
14. I Corinthians 16:8
15. James 1:2-5
16. Psalm 12:1-2
17. Psalm 23:14
18. Psalm 34:9
19. Proverbs 14:16
20. Proverbs 18:2
21. Romans 8:28
22. Micah 7:8
23. I Corinthians 14:33A
24. James 1:19-20
25. Isaiah 40:28-31
26. Psalm 62:5-8
27. Zephaniah 3:17
28. Psalm 94:19
29. Luke 18:27
30. Psalm 139:14
31. Proverbs 3:3

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Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known

October Holidays

1. International Day of Older Persons
2. National Custodian Day
World Smile Day
4. World Communion Sunday
National Cinnamon Roll Day
5. Amazon Prime Day
World Teacher's Day
10. World Mental Health Day
12. Columbus Day
Farmer's Day
13. National M & M Day
15. National Grouch Day
16. National Boss's Day
17. Sweetest Day
19. National New Friend's Day
21. International Day of the Nacho
National Apple Day
22. National Nut Day
23. National Mole Day
24. United Nations Day
25. Reformation Sunday
27. National Mentoring Day
Navy Day
28. First Responders Day
29. National Cat Day
National Internet Day
31. Reformation Day
Halloween



October Birthdays

1. Jessica Cram
Charles Tanner
2. Debbie Norman
5. Krista Daniels
Austin LeVan
6. Konner Blackmer
Ashleigh Trato
8. Elizibeth McVay
13. Lily Morrill
14. Abby Cline
15. Jeremy Johnson
Addyson Cline
17. Chris Shores
Lauren Olmstead
Coleen Snyder
23. Ann Marie Tanner
25. Diana Slough
26. Connie Loveland
28. Courtney Hartwick
Larry Olmstead II
Melanie Truett
31. Kurt Cobb



Have you "hugged" your pastor today?

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Talking with God

“Pastor, I’m really bad at praying”, is something I’ve heard many times. Folks are looking for some guidance, some direction. They are searching for some formula of language to communicate with God. The problem is they (we) are complicating the matter, instead of simplifying the matter. We feel that just talking to God, as who we are, isn’t sufficient. We feel that simple talk isn’t adequate. And so, we try to express ourselves differently than we normally would. We attempt to become poets and great orators. Because...well, because.

Our relationship with God is personal, it’s intimate. However, many times we come before God as though we are going to be judged on our eloquence, our diction and our language skills. So, we start trying to talk or act like someone or something we’re not. In prayer what we’re doing is having a conversation, just like we would have a conversation with our best friend. How often do we talk with a friend as if we’re giving a speech? How often do we talk with a friend as if we’re supposed to use a language other than our own? When I talk with my best friend I speak plainly. I’ve never referred to him as ‘Thou’. I’ve never talked to him as though I’m trying to pass an English test, or an archaic English test. I talk to him in my own way, using words and phrases I normally use in my everyday speech. I don’t try to be eloquent and flowery. I just talk with my friend.

But, again, when we go to time of prayer, we somehow think we should be different. We don’t think of God as a person, a person whom we have a close relationship with. Instead we treat Him like a professor who is going to grade us or judge us on our presentation. That’s how we make things difficult, complicated and uncomfortable. That’s how we get to our thoughts of inadequacy. This is how we start to think of prayer differently than we should.

God wants to hear from us. God wants to hear our own thoughts, ideas and emotions. He wants to hear us from our hearts, as the person that we are. Therefore, we should just be ourselves. Talk to God person to person, friend to friend. He is listening to us, not sizing us up. You can call Him Lord, you can call Him father, you can call Him Jesus; however your heart and mind feel at ease. So that you can express yourself, as yourself. Don’t complicate things...simply have a conversation. God knows who you are. He understands how you think, how you speak, how you communicate. He speaks and understands your personal language. So, just talk to God and you will be heard and understood.

Oh! And take time to listen! Remember, it’s a conversation not a speech.

Love and blessings,

Pastor Nick





Mission Notes for October 2020

October is already upon us. Can you believe this!!?

I will share a little of what is happening in our little arena.

The COVID-19 situation has put our church budget into a bind and we were unable to pay any of our mission opportunities the first 2 quarters this year. I just talked with Esther Perkins, our Treasurer, and as of this date our financial situation has improved so she was able to pay one quarter and hopes to be able to catch up as our financial situation continues to improve.

Peter and Kate Walugembe are back in Uganda, and by now, they are back in their home and doing the good work God has called them to.

We need to keep our state and our nation in prayer that this coronavirus situation will come under control soon so that our schools, our churches, our economy, and our various ministries can get back in "full swing". One specific ministry we need to pray for is our ministry to the youth of our church and of our community. Please pray that the COVID-19 situation will be controlled to a "new normal" but until that happens, that God will raise up someone who will be able to use technology in some way to reach out to these special people.

Stay healthy,

Maury Chapin

Chair of Missions

Finance



Moment

An Episcopal priest, named John Claypool tells a wonderful story of two brothers. They were farmers, and worked their adjacent farms over the years. One brother had a large family. The other was a bachelor. The married brother thought about how his brother had no one to help him farm, and that limited his productivity. So, each night, he would take grain out of his supply and take it and add it to his brother's. The bachelor brother thought about how his brother had so many mouths to feed and so much more responsibility. So, each night he would take grain from his supplies and go and add it to his brother's.

One night they encountered each other, and each explained what they had been doing. The brothers embraced in the joy of their mutual sharing. Each had been so willing to give, and each had richly received.

That is what giving is about. The joy of unselfish, sacrificial sharing is always rewarded with grace.

Thank you to all who have shown your generosity by continuing your support of our church through the past seven months of pandemic un-

United Methodist Women

The ladies met in August and decided to postpone their moneymaker Fall Brunch. They spoke with the guest speaker and she agreed to come speak whenever they decide to hold the brunch. They might possibly have a bake sale to raise money.

Their October meeting will be held on October 12th at 1:00 pm.



**Nothing is scheduled
at this time**

Stay tuned.....

Have you hugged your
teenager today?





Upcoming Events and Information...

SPRC Meeting

Monday, October 19th

7:30 pm



Finance Meeting

Monday, October 26th

7:30 pm



God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.



Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. There has been a change effective March 1, 2020, the only thing that Planet Green will accept after that date is ink cartridges. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

What we recycle: Ink Cartridges

We will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** cell phone & accessories, GPS & radar detectors, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, Digital/Video Cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, Video Game Consoles & Accessories.

SCRIP Gift Card Program

Graduations, Teachers Gift, Weddings, Showers, Birthdays and Anniversaries, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Barb in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs. There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order. We just recently earned another \$33.09 towards the youth group account. Thank you. See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.



◀ September		October 2020					November ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div><div>PASTOR APPRECIATION</div><div>Preacher - Teacher</div><div>Counselor Friend Leader</div><div>Father in the Lord</div></div>				1 9 am to 4pm Quilt Class International Day of Older Persons	2	3	
4 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm Men's 4th Day World Communion Sunday	5	6 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	7 8 am Men's Bible Study	8	9	10	
11 10:00 am Worship 6:00pm Men's 4th Day CROP Walk 2pm Townsend North	12 5:30 to 7pm Girl Scouts 1pm United Methodist Women meeting Columbus Day Farmer's Day	13 8:30am Women's 4th Day 7pm Bible Study	14 8 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 to 1pm Quilt Club Sanctuary/Pav	15	16 National Boss's Day	17 Sweetest Day	
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A Note from Barb...

Thoughts I share... by MaryAnn Sundby:

"Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its' deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor—mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade.

I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all."

Whether you be in your spring, summer, fall, or winter season, know that God will be there with you through them all.

Thank you to all who continue to send in their tithes/offerings to help offset the church expenses. We appreciate your faithfulness to God and your Church.

Please be safe and healthy!





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OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Check out our Sunday service online on our Facebook page.

10:00 a.m. Worship