



The Connection

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Millington United Methodist Church

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

August Scripture Readings

- 1—1 Chronicles 16:8-14
- 2—1 Peter 5:6-11
- 3—Colossians 1:9-14
- 4—Ephesians 3:16-21
- 5—Ephesians 6:10-17
- 6—Exodus 15:1-3
- 7—Hebrews 4:14-16
- 8—Isaiah 12:1-6
- 9—Isaiah 26:3-9
- 10—Isaiah 40:28-31
- 11—Isaiah 41:10-13
- 12—Isaiah 43:1-3
- 13—John 14:26-27
- 14—Joshua 1:7-9
- 15—Philippians 4:4-9
- 16—Philippians 4:10-13
- 17—Proverbs 18:10,24
- 18—Psalm 9:7-10
- 19—Psalm 27:1-5
- 20—Psalm 27:6-14
- 21—Psalm 28:1-5
- 22—Psalm 28:6-9
- 23—Psalm 32:6-11
- 24—Psalm 33:6-11
- 25—Psalm 34:8-10
- 26—Psalm 34:17-22
- 27—Psalm 46:1-7
- 28—Psalm 62:1-2
- 29—Psalm 62:5-8,11-12
- 30—Psalm 89:14-21
- 31—Psalm 91:1-4

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August National Days

- 1—National Respect for Parents Day
- 2—National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 3—National Sunflower Day
- 4—National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- 5—National Work Like a Dog Day
- 6—National Root Beer Float Day
- 7—National Lighthouse Day
- 8—National Whataburger Day
- 9—National Book Lovers Day
- 10—National S'Mores Day
- 11—National Son's and Daughter's Day
- 12—National Vinyl Record Day
- 13—National Filet Mignon Day
- 14—National Creamsicle Day
- 15—National Relaxation Day
- 16—National Tell a Joke Day
- 17—National Black Cat Appreciation Day
- 18—National Fajita Day
- 19—National Soft Ice Cream Day
- 20—National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
- 21—National Senior Citizens Day
- 22—National Tooth Fairy Day
- 23—National Ride the Wind Day
- 24—National Waffle Day
- 25—National Kiss and Make Up Day
- 26—National Dog Day
- 27—National Peach Day
- 28—National Thoughtful Day
- 29—National Chop Suey Day
- 30—National Grief Awareness Day
- 31—National Eat Outside Day

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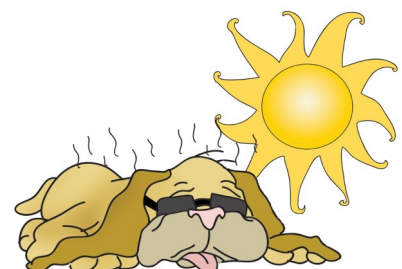
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Pastor David's Corner

I received a phone call today from my friend and your former pastor, Pete Crawford, regarding the death of a member. He was asking me if I would mind if he ministered to the family and officiated at the memorial service. For the sake of protocol this was handled exactly as it should be. I am grateful that he is available. I have not conducted a funeral service in many years, and his willingness to help the family, the church, and me is very much appreciated.

I recall the first week I started at North Lake UMC after returning to Michigan from Kentucky. The morning before I was scheduled to start there, I got a phone call from a member that her mother had died. I went to meet the family to get to know them and get prepared for the service. As the day arrived, I got the news that that morning the member's brother had died. That day I learned so much from that family that established a relationship that lasted many years.

At my next appointment I was tasked with doing funerals for four of the long-term male members who died the first week I was there, including two funerals in one day.

It is a difficult time for families and churches to have loved ones die when a new pastor has just arrived who is an unknown person for the churches and the families to the new pastor. I am thankful that here in Millington there is someone for whom you are as much of a blessing as he is to you. And I also thank my friend, Rev. Wallace Peter Crawford, for following the proper channels and protocol in this matter. He has made a difficult situation less stressful for the family and for me. I hope to assist him in whatever way we can resolve to minister together. My ego is not so big that I can't put families first, as long as we don't overdo it.

Now to some matters of lesser importance. We are entering our second month together. We are still trying to establish ourselves as pastor and congregation. This will take some time and a lot of effort because I am not a resident of Millington. I drive for 45 minutes each way to get to the church three days a week at the present time. I have not yet introduced myself to the leaders of your community, because those introductions take time and proper situations. I am meeting with Pastor Pete for breakfast weekly as we are able, and I hope that these times will generate some learning about who you are and how I can best serve you in my limited capacities. We are in transformation, and we have to learn who we are together.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David

Finance



Moment

Stewardship cannot be reduced to a program or a yearly campaign to meet the church's budget. Stewardship is an attitude, a way of life in which every area of life is brought into a faith relationship. It is based on three underlying convictions.

First, all of us have a need to give. Imagine a world without generosity. Imagine a world where everyone thought only of themselves. What an impoverished world it would be. The truth is that generosity is an essential part of what it is to be human, made in the image of God, the One 'who gives generously to all'.

Second, the world has a need to receive. Generosity is not only essential to our wholeness. It is also a sign of Christ's love to others. When we share our resources, we participate in God's amazing work.

Third, money has a power to which we need to remain alert. Money brings with it the temptation to place our faith in it. We know it is possible for our possessions to possess us, to gain the whole world and lose our soul in the midst of it all. We know that money can be a wonderful servant, but a terrible master.

What we do with our finances reflects our priorities and commitments. The fact that we live in a culture that tends to emphasize 'never having enough' or that 'bigger is better', or that 'our spiritual needs can be met by material things' means that generosity does not happen by accident or osmosis. It requires intentional resolve and incremental steps of growth in faith.

Excerpts from: A Statement on Christian Financial Stewardship
First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MB 0719

A former resident of Millington needs our help. Larry Pedrotti, son of Janet and the late John Pedrotti, has been fighting liver failure since March and is in need of a liver transplant. The complications that he has dealt with have left him in the hospital in ICU for a week or more at a time and has to be repeated frequently. Larry hasn't been able to work, and his wife, who is a nurse, works 12 hour shifts and at times has to miss work due to his condition.

Previous testing shows that the liver failure isn't due to alcohol abuse or hepatitis, or drugs besides his anti-seizure ones, so they really don't understand why this is happening.

A Go Fund Me account has been set up for him, but they recently found out that a percentage of that goes right back to the account. So what they are asking is for donations to help with his medications (which are very expensive), and to help with travel, treatments, and supporting Larry through this. Please donate if you can. Every contribution helps. Your support really matters. And please continue to keep Larry in your prayers.

Donations can be mailed to: Larry Pedrotti, 1102 Smith Road, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Thank You!

Things to know:

Summer Festival Events

August 8-10*

Thursday:

Kids Day
Most Honored Citizen
Prince & Princess

Friday:

Parade—6pm

Saturday:

Kids parade—noon
Fireworks— 10pm

Thursday thru Saturday:

Bingo Tent

Souvenir Booth

Beer Tent

Food Booths

Kids Games

*Check out the program at Souvenir Booth for details

American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Friday, September 6th

Noon to 5:45pm

Adopt-a-Highway

Roadside pickup

September 21st-29th

The **Missions and Outreach Committee** met and discussed a yearly calendar of outreach events that we regularly carry out. Maury Chapin is the expert mental file keeper of "all things missions" and when they occur, and the rest of us need to see it in print and refer to it often. We went through a year's time, month by month, and listed what, if anything, was to be done or started planning for that month. There are always opportunities to do something new, if we can, so please keep a willing and open mind (and possibly, time) when you might have the chance to help. We have a budget for several well-known and deserving missions around the state and world, but we have ways we can serve locally and show appreciation in our own town, too. Sometimes that involves food or small purchases --and that's where you can all help.

The NEXT upcoming Missions and Outreach endeavor is the Sno Cone and Popcorn booth at Millington's Old Fashioned Summer Festival on August 8-10. This helps to fund what we do. We need two workers for each shift beginning at 9 a.m. and closing at 9 p.m. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Help is needed for booth setup, which will happen on Wednesday morning, August 7, at 7:30 a.m. (so that the freezer can be cold for ice on Thursday morning). Booth removal will happen at 8 p.m. on Saturday night. Many hands make light work, guided by the wonderful workers who have years of practice. Please consider helping one of those times. Also, because we have a booth, we need three people to work setup (anywhere needed by the Festival Committee) on Tuesday at 6 and cleanup on Sunday morning, August 11, at 8 am. Please consider one of those options to help, as one of our three volunteers. They are such a well-oiled organization, that those volunteers usually only have to work 2-3 hours.

And . . . **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6!!!**

We are so blessed to be able to vote.

Sharon Trato
Missions and Outreach



August 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 pm National Night Out—Twp. Parking lot. FREE	2	3
4 10am Worship	5	6 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	7	8 Summer Festival Kid's Day Carnival	9 Summer Festival 6pm Parade Carnival	10 Summer Festival 12 noon Kid's parade 10pm Fireworks Carnival
11 10am Worship 7pm- Hymn Sing Millington Baptist Church	12	13 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	14	15	16	17
18 10am Worship	19	20 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	21	22	23	24
25 10am Worship	26	27 8:30 am Women's 4th Day	28	29	30 Beginning of Labor Day Weekend Be Safe!	

A Note from Barb...

Here it is, already the end of July. And August always just *flies* by! What with trying to cram in a vacation, school shopping (for some), football practice starting (for some), hanging out with friends and family, harvesting crops, and canning or freezing things from your gardens, there is always something to do. I, myself, am on the planning crew for our class reunion. I can't believe that it is coming up so fast. Mentally, I can't believe we've been out of school that long, but physically, I am beginning to believe that it may be true.

One of my favorite things to do in August is to take advantage of viewing the Perseids Meteor Shower. I remember the first time I was aware of it. We were camping up at the Strait's State Park in St. Ignace right by the Mackinac Bridge. We were laying out on the beach and the meteors were flying from every angle, hundreds every hour. At that time, I felt so in awe of the universe that our God created.

Whatever you decide to do this month, I hope you all appreciate the warm breezes, hot sun, gentle rains, and thunderous storms, as well as being grateful for summer moments like, making s'mores, splashing at the beach, or just sipping lemonade on the porch.. God's blessings to you all.



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