



August Scripture Readings

1—Luke 10:27
 2—Deuteronomy 6:5
 3—1 John 4:19
 4—John 14:21
 5—John 3:16
 6—Deuteronomy 7:9
 7—John 14:15-17
 8—1 John 3:1
 9—Romans 5:8
 10—Matthew 6:24
 11—John 14:23-24
 12—Galatians 2:20
 13—Mark 12:29-31
 14—1 John 4:16
 15—1 John 5:3
 16—1 John 4:7-8
 17—Zephaniah 3:17
 18—John 15:12—14
 19—Romans 8:37-39
 20—1 Peter 5:6-7
 21—Psalm 86:15
 22—1 John 4 :8
 23—Ephesians 2:4-5
 24—John 17: 24-26
 25—Romans 5:5
 26—1 John 2:4-6
 27—1 Peter 4:8
 28—Proverbs 8:17
 29—1 Corinthians 13:13
 30—1 Corinthians 2:9
 31—Matthew 22:37-39

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National Days for August

1—Respect for Parents Day
 2—National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
 3—National Watermelon Day
 4—National Night Out Day
 5—National Work Like a Dog Day
 6—National Root Beer Float Day
 7—National Purple Heart Day
 8—National Sleep Under the Stars Night
 9—National Book Lovers Day
 10—National Lazy Day
 11—National Son's & Daughter's Day
 12—National Middle Child 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 Bacon Lovers Day
 21—National Senior Citizens Day
 22—National Senior Citizens Day
 23—National Ride the Wind Day
 24—National Peach Pie Day
 25—National Banana Split Day
 26—National Dog Day
 27—National Just Because Day
 28—National Thoughtful Day
 29—National College Colors Day
 30—National Grieg Awareness Day
 31—National Eat Outside Day

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Pastor David's Corner

Hello again.

The other day as I was pondering the state of Millington United Methodist Church, I was remembering a church I served 40 years ago. This church had a grand history in the rural community in which it was built with over a hundred years of ministry.

The church was in a beautiful setting in the hills and lakes of southern Michigan. This was one of the closest churches to Hell (Michigan, that is...). Some members would remind me that they had to go through Hell to get to church every week. In some ways it showed.

This church basically had three different congregations. One for the summer, when many members moved north for the weekends. One for the winter, when many Snowbirds headed south to avoid the Michigan winters. And one of those who stayed all year round.

The residents of the beautiful state of Michigan have this tradition of summer weekends spent enjoying the beauty and splendor of our states northland. Lakes are meant for fishing and boating and swimming. Campgrounds are abundant. Summer is a splendorous time in this Great Lakes State. During the winter there are those who enjoy the snow and ice available to us for snowmobiling and ice-fishing and skiing.

As a pastor I dont get to enjoy the great outdoors much. As a pastor I am charged with caring for a flock of sheep that strays from the attention and feeding available at home. Their spiritual life suffers. Their church suffers.

Please remember that when your pew is empty at your church home, so too, is the offering plate. We cherish your presence most importantly. But we also need to know that you have not forgotten our financial needs here as well.

Enjoy your summers and winters wherever you may be, but please remember your church in your prayers, your gifts, and your offerings as well.

Prayers and blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

Why Does It Matter That We Give?

- Giving changes us inside. Giving moderates our drive for acquisition. We live in a materialistic society that pressures us to pursue many things that do not lead to real happiness. Giving resets our internal compass in the right direction, helping us to draw closer to God.

Giving mirrors God's nature. We are created with God's nature imprinted on our souls; we are hard-wired to be social, compassionate, connected, loving, and generous.

Giving encourages intentionality. The practice of generosity opens us to deeper reflection about wealth and how it relates to our purpose and happiness.

- Giving deepens our relationship with God. When we give generously, our beliefs and trust in God rise to tangible form. We become doers of the word and not hearers only. Generosity feeds our love for God.

The practice of generosity stretches us to offer our utmost and highest to God rather than to give in a manner that is haphazard, unplanned, reactive, or mediocre. People who are generous make giving a first priority, and they go the second mile. They do not give from the '*what's left over*' place, but from a '*what comes first*' priority. From "Five Practices of Fruitful Living, by Robert Schnase"

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We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)⁰⁹¹⁹

Mission and Outreach Notes

Millington United Methodist Church will again be having a sno-cone and popcorn booth at the festival August 7th thru 9th. We will need lots of volunteers to fill the slots from 9 to 9 each day. You can volunteer for as many shifts as you can and bring a family member or friend to help as well, and double the fun! We will also need able-bodied volunteers to set up the booth and get it ready on Wednesday, August 6th, as well as taking it down on Saturday, August 9th. Any way that you can serve your church and community in either of these events are most appreciated. Please contact Susan Burns or Sharon Trato if you are able to help and bring a friend!

Lifelong learners

"If you don't have wisdom that goes with knowledge, you are only a walking encyclopedia," wrote Jack Wellman, a Kansas pastor. "A book of knowledge is useless without the wisdom to know how to apply that knowledge. ... Information without transformation leads only to frustration."

Consider the many benefits of wisdom — and how you can use what you've acquired to serve God, your church and your community. To better fulfill your calling, what wisdom might you yet need to acquire?

As another school year begins, here's a prayer for students of all ages: All-wise, all-knowing God, make us willing learners and seekers of your wisdom, not for the gain of knowledge for its own sake, but that we might handle every situation we face with the wisdom of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

Beautiful feet

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15, NIV). Such beauty has nothing to do with the feet being clean, newly pedicured, elegantly clad. They may be the dusty feet of aid workers bringing food to drought-stricken areas, or the muddy shoes of those rushing disaster relief to flood zones. They may be the swollen feet of a dedicated nurse after a 12-hour hospital shift, or the tired feet of a parent pacing with a baby at 3 a.m.

In the upper room before Jesus' arrest, he declared his disciples' dirty feet beautiful by touching and washing them lovingly, preparing them to go out yet again with his good news for all. And on the cross, Jesus' own feet — nail-pierced — were beautiful.

After Pope Francis died on Easter Monday 2025, many mourners who paid their respects noticed his shoes. Instead of new, well-polished "dress shoes," the scuffed items clearly had walked countless steps. They were the sturdy boots of a worker, a pilgrim, a travel companion on the road of life, the journey of faith. They were the shoes — the feet — of a disciple of Christ willing to go wherever needed to bring the good news of God's love. How beautiful!

—Heidi Hyland Mann



**Need a
Vocation
Vacation?**

"It is not more vacation we need," said Eleanor Roosevelt. "It is more vocation" — in other words, something that God calls you to do. God uses his people to accomplish amazing things, even during the summer! Call it a "vocation vacation."

If you're planning a trip, call ahead and offer to serve at a local homeless shelter or urban ministry. If you want to be outdoors, ask a Bible camp or recreation department if it needs volunteers. Other possibilities include assisting with programs that help elderly residents or people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities.

You'll enjoy summertime fun (vacation) *and* the knowledge that God is working through you (vocation).

Inspiring Quotes for the Journey Ahead

*Allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. - St. Teresa of Avila

*Time spent in prayer is never wasted. -Francois Fenelon

*Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings. —William Arthur Ward

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. -Nelson Mandela

August 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10am Worship 9am Sunday School	4	5 8:30am Women's 4th day	6	7	8	9
10 10am Worship 9am Sunday School	11	12 8:30am Women's 4th day	13	14 6pm Care Vet Clinic consultation— Open to the Public	15	16
17 10am Worship 9am Sunday School	18	19 8:30am Women's 4th day	20	21	22	23
24 10am Worship 9am Sunday School	25	26 8:30am Women's 4th day	27	28	29	30
31 10am Worship 9am Sunday School						

A Note from Barb...

I have a pillow that my mom gave me that says, "I know that God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish He didn't trust me so much."

That is so true. I think of so many others that have so much more on their plate and watch how they deal with it, and I am amazed with them.

Sometimes I wonder how much more He will hand me. But then I remember this saying, and I know that whatever He gives me, I can make it through.

Life is a roller coaster ride with ups and downs along the way. When we are up, the view is great. And when we are down, that's when God helps us back up. We just need to remember that and trust that we will make it through with His help.

One of my favorite bible verses that I say to myself when going through some tough times is Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

I just have to remember to trust Him enough to help me get through.



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