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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Isn't it amazing when we see something old become something new? Isn't it amazing when we have looked at something for years and then suddenly it all seems brand new? I have been told by a few folks, up in years I shall say, to hold on to my neck ties, because that style will come back again. As I look at the ties in my closet, I have one thing to say; I hope that style doesn't return. What was I thinking when I bought some of these ties. I would like to proclaim that they were gifts given by someone else; however, I must be honest; I bought them. I can't even blame them on Zondra. They were my choices and only mine.

The next thought is: why are they still in my closet? Why do I keep all those ugly ties? If I have come to the conclusion that they are so ugly that I will never wear them again, why do I keep them on the tie rack with all the others? Why did I bring them with me when we moved here a year ago? Wish you could see me sitting here scratching my head and trying to come up with an answer on that one.

It is amazing of all the old stuff we keep around. We have no explanation except that we just do. We have new things, but we keep the old things. We have no rhyme or reason for keeping them.

We do the same things with our lives. We keep the old us when the new us is much, much better. We keep the old us in spite of all that we believe. We keep the old us when the new us is worth celebrating. We keep the old us even though it continues to bring the

image that we have of ourselves so low. We could throw it out. Instead, we keep the old us. Those memories of who we were before Christ Jesus changed us. Those memories that may still make us feel ashamed. Those memories that may cause us to doubt what God can do and has done. In Luke 15 there are three Parables that tell of the amazing grace of God. The Stories are of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son. Go ahead and read them again; I'll wait..... Did you see it? Did you see the new part? Let me help you. The new part is that all three stories of that which was lost were valuable to God! The Parables tell us that we are valuable to God. We are special to God. So Special that "He sent His own begotten Son" for us. For each of us.

Sometimes we continue to see and hold on to the old us and never get to the celebrating part of being renewed in Christ. We have so much to celebrate. We are valued and worth so much to God. God didn't throw us away. He renewed us. He forgives us. He makes us complete. Revelation 21 states that God says, "I am making all things new". All things! US!!

That's one reason we come to Church. To join with others to celebrate not only what God has done but also what God is doing. We are new in Christ! The old has passed way. We are called the children of God. Let go of the past and thank God for today and the future.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 reads: (11) "For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (12) "Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." (13) "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,..."

You are valuable to God. You are somebody. You are a child of the Most High.

As far as my old and ugly ties? Well, I think I will tell Zondra the Parables in Luke 15. And share with her that God didn't throw me away so I can't throw my ugly ties away. I can hear her now; "you can keep them; just don't wear them". Who knows? When that style comes back, I'll be ready!!

See you in church!

Blessings to All of You,

Pastor Brian



Sunday morning worship at 11:00 AM in Friendship Hall

Nursery and One Room Sunday School at 11:00 AM

SNAP, Monday thru Wednesday at 9:30 AM

Karate, Monday at 6:00 PM in Crusaders Classroom

Boy Scouts, Monday at 6:30 PM in Cottrell Hall

Trustees, Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor

ACTIVITIES

Children's Event, "Back to School Bash" will be held

on Sunday, September 8 from 2-4 PM

Carol Hutchison is the Event Leader

and

Race Against Hunger will be held on September 28.

Registration is at 8 AM and race is at 9 AM.

This Sunday, September 1 is the deadline for donations. Let's make

St. Andrew UMC a major donor to this cause for our community.

Please make checks payable to St. Andrew UMC with a note on

the memo line "Race Against Hunger".



The days and times for our small groups are as follows.

Amy's and Bob's small groups are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on ZOOM.

Diana and Tim's small group is on Thursdays at 11:00 AM on ZOOM.

The Fishermen's small group meets on the second Thursday of each month.

In September this will be September 12. They meet at 11:00 AM in
the Wesley classroom.

The Fishermen's small group also meets for lunch at Christ 's Kitchen
on the fourth Thursday of each month.

In September this will be September 26.

FOR ZOOM MEETINGS: link meeting ID: 870 9640 8438 and the
passcode is 44703.



Needs for Christ's Kitchen: white sugar, Ragu spaghetti sauce, 8 oz Styrofoam coffee cups

Needs for Food Pantry: peanut butter, vegetable soup, tomato sauce, complete pancake mix,
one pound dry macaroni or noodles, cake frosting



SPECIAL NEEDS

SNAP returned on August 5th and enjoyed some summer fun preparing a fish dinner in the kitchen, Bingo at the Hansford Center, and movies and games in class. The highlight of our month was a picnic in Mason County where we enjoyed fishing and swimming with family and new friends

In September we look forward to bowling, bingo, going to the movies to see **Beetlejuice 2**, and a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with lunch at Rio Grande. We are hoping to visit the Clay Center, as well.

If you would like to join us at any of these activities, please check with us for the times, and we will see you there. Or, if you would like to stop in to visit with us - to read a story or share an experience with us - we would love for you to come by the classroom

Our special in class project during September is preparing gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse.

As always, SNAP is grateful for your love and support; and if you would like to make a donation, please do so to Special Needs Adult Program, Inc.

Wishing everyone a colorful autumn , Ms Ruth, Ms Wanda, Ms Linda & our SNAP Family



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Randy Boggess	September 3
Dot McGraw	September 5
Peter Theodos	September 5
Walter Wood	September 10
Claudia Bowles	September 16
Lois Shreve	September 17
Matthew Handley	September 21
Lee Roberts	September 21
Barbara Foster	September 22
Bob Hubbard	September 25
Joanne Hart	September 29



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Cynthia and Norma Maret	September 1
Kathy and Robert Stalnaker	September 2
Claudia and Jim Bowles	September 23
Sherry and Walter Wood	September 27



CHILDREN'S CORNER

We are in URGENT need of volunteers for our church hour nursery (little ones up to age 3) and One Room Sunday School (for the older children).

You would be scheduled on a rotating basis. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping us with this vital ministry. Call the church office to volunteer or for more information. (304) 727-7114

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2:00 TO 4:00 pm: "Back to School Bash"

Carol Hutchison, Event Leader



CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATES SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham

Peg Henrich

Allison Hubbard-Jones

Bob Hubbard and Family

Dan Rittenhouse

Gary and Barbara Asbury

Jill Taylor, friend of John Danford

Emma Gandee

Bobby Ball by Alice Baldwin

Ann and David Estep

Libby Lamp Thompson

Elizabeth Ross

Suzie Maxton, niece of Jeannie White

Donna Keene, niece of Lois Downey

Frank Frame, brother of Bruce Frame

Marvin, his daughter Brooke and family by Ernie Downey

Ralph Lawrence by Nancy Lawrence

April Craig, friend of Margie Cook

Shannon Powell, niece of Sherry Wood

Terri Drury

Cindy Swope, daughter of the late Sue Fowler

Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Beverly Loftis by her family

Donetta Blankenship, by Sheila Radochio

Sue Holstein by Sherry Wood

Please contact Randi Robinson with prayer requests. (304) 206-6172