

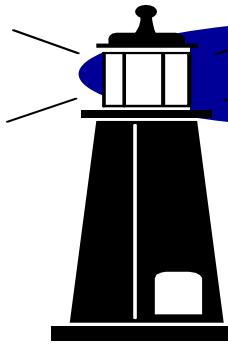
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Last week marked a date (Sep. 22) that usually only astronomy nerds and possibly some farmers pay attention to, the autumnal equinox. That's the date when our days begin to get shorter than the nights. From now until the winter solstice (Dec 21) each day will be a little darker, each night a little longer. As human beings, we don't like this. We generally like the light, so if nature gets stingy with daylight, we get creative. We invent bonfires, candles, lightbulbs, glowsticks, flashlights, telephones with flashlights, anything to produce light. We go inside and turn on our lights and try to ignore the dark outside. But then day-light savings time (another creative attempt to deny the dark) catches up with us and it gets darker even earlier. No matter how hard we try, we can't deny the fact that the days are getting shorter and the darkness is growing.

We spend a lot of time and energy trying to push back the shortening of our days. Poets, authors, and Christian devotional writers have written a mountain of words comparing the autumn season to our later years. Sometimes they are bitter-sweet words, sometimes sentimental, nostalgic words, sometimes painful, tired words. Here's my response to those words.....Blecchhh! (That's me sticking out my tongue - sorry our newsletter doesn't have emoji's yet)

I love the fall, it's my favorite season. I actually like when it when it gets darker, and for that matter I like getting older too. Nothing against our wonderful children and youth, they are enjoying their springtime of life, and well they should. But even as I get up a little slower in the morning, ride fewer miles on bike, and have to eat less than ever just to maintain my weight, I am still a better version of me than I ever have been. I am wiser, more patient, more generous, more bold. None of that is bragging, because God has worked those things in me, often through some bumpy lessons. Quite a few people asked me this spring if I was ready to be a grandfather, as if my first grandchild suddenly makes me old. My answer is simple, my grandson better get ready for me. God has given me a lot of love to share and taught me some neat lessons that I can't wait to pass on. I will be an awesome grandfather, because this is what God has spent all these years creating me to be.

Each of us is a creation that God has been working on for years. Because God never stops working on us and in us, none of us are the same person we were ten years ago. As long as we draw breath, God is creating something new in us, something that is meant to be shared. I appreciate what God has done in me, and I look forward to seeing what He will do next. As long as God's light is at work in me, I never have to worry about the dark.

Let God's light shine in you!

Brother David

Thoughts for October: Storytelling

When I was in high school my uncle took the youth of our church on a hayride one crisp October evening. We ended the ride by a creek in the woods where we build a campfire, sang songs and told stories. To this day, I associate October with hayrides, campfires and storytelling.

All around us there are people longing to hear a story, not just any story, but the story of Jesus. They are longing to hear the truth, the way to peace. The great hymn writer Frances Crosby said:

*Tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word;
Tell me the story most precious, sweetest that ever was heard.
Tell how the angels in chorus, sang as they welcomed His birth,
"Glory to God in the highest! Peace and good tidings to earth."*

Another hymn writer, Katherine Hankey said:

*I love to tell the story; for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.*

Become a storyteller: tell the story of Jesus.

Tell your own story – the story of Jesus in your life.

Pray for those persons who are longing to hear the story, to know the truth. Pray for openings that give you opportunities to witness to the lost. Pray for ways that Bethesda can connect with the lost that live in this community, all around the church.

Pray for our children, youth, and those who work with them. Our young people have a heart for God, a heart for service. Ask God to bless them, to give them the desire of their heart – to share His love.

Pray for our teaching and discipling ministries: Sunday School, Bible studies, Stephen Ministry, where we are learning more of the story and how to share it. Ask God to bless Jan Flowers as she teaches the Stephen Ministry class of sharing God's love with persons facing crisis and critical needs in their lives.

Thank you for praying.

Diane Wilhelm, Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Can You Help? Manna House Food Drive October 1st - November 30th



*Items Needed: brownie mix, canned meat or fruit, corn muffin mix, pasta,
cake mixes, cereal products, or mac & cheese.*

*For information or for pick up contact Manna House
@ 912-826-2037 office or Lisa Bush @ 912-665-1985*

Children's Church Workers

1st Sunday	Tina Keener
2nd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
3rd Sunday	Lyna Morgan
4th Sunday	Vickie Oliver


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SPROUT OCTOBER SCHEDULE (K - 5TH GRADE)



OCT. 7TH - NO SPROUTS
OCT. 14TH @ 4:30PM
OCT. 21ST @ 4:30PM
OCT. 28TH @ 4:30PM

***NO UMW Hope Landry
Circle during October***

Our next meeting is Nov. 6th

<p>Happy October Birthday Wishes to:</p> <p>1st Clayton Morgan 5th Bryanna Hodges 6th Ashley Dasher 7th Phillip Dickerson 7th Dencie Edgy 15th Tyler Schoonover 20th Macy Schoonover 21st Frances Ambrose 21st Gibson Nease 22nd Erin LeNeave 24th Brandi Strickland 25th Paulus Zittrouer 25th Alma Zettler 26th Leslie Glick 26th Corey Gordon 28th Kason Pack 29th Thressa Morgan 31st Ashton Saxon 31st Dennis Heinen</p>	<p>Mark your calendars now!</p> <p>Sunday, November 4 we will have a <u>Churchwide Fall Fun Day</u> at the Zettler/Bethesda Tent at the Effingham Methodist Campground in Springfield, 4-6pm. We will have inflatables and games for both children and adults, dinner, Bingo (with prizes) for all ages and fellowship. Plan to bring your whole family and a friend or two, or more!</p> <p>(In late October, we will ask for a count or sign up so we know how many to cook for.)</p>	<p>Prayer list:</p> <p>Our Pastor All Ministries at Bethesda UMC Stephen Ministries Military Leaders of America Jack Adams Carolyn Bannister Samantha Billeiter Woody Brewster Diana Cato Justin Cox Irma Davis Al Deleeuw Lula Dixon Jason Duboise Harry & Reba Edwards Emmory Ely Ethan Ferguson JD Fulcher Tony Hickman Betty Hinely LouDean Hinely Ashley Helmey Pam Jernigan TJ Kessler Ginger Kieffer Mike Lance Samantha LeNeave Jake Long Kevin McDaniel Clayton Morgan Scott Morgan Caroline Morton Royce Nease Eileen Olsen Allen Perry Edra Pierce Martina Purvis Connie Shuman Alice Smith Stan Standefer Irene Stanford Bobby Wadsworth Joyce Wadsworth Alma Zettler Bernard L. Zipperer Dwight Zipperer Neill Zipperer George Zittrouer</p> <p><i>If you have someone you want to <u>add</u> or <u>remove</u> from the prayer list please send me an email, call the office or leave a note on my desk.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you, Linda</i></p>
<p>Trunk or Treat Saturday October 27th 5-7pm</p>	<p>November 2018 Newsletter Deadline is 10 -16 -18 Please turn in all announcements, articles, or other information by this date. T.Y.</p>	
<p>OCTOBER NURSERY SCHEDULE</p> <p><i>7th Ricky & Johnna Stringer</i> <i>14th Cathy Hickman & Wendy Zittrouer</i> <i>21st Wanda Evans & Izzy Granat</i> <i>28th Dencie Edgy & Jana Fox</i></p>	<p>NO Administrative Council Meeting this month</p> <p><i>Bethesda Women's Association</i> <i>Oct. 16th at 7:00pm</i> <i>Hostess: Thressa Morgan</i> <i>Program: Laurie Stregles</i> <i>Place: Morgan's Pond House</i></p> 	
<p>Happy October Anniversary Wishes:</p> <p><i>2nd Bruce & Tina Keener Married 25 years</i> <i>6th Bobby & Joyce Wadsworth Married 45 years</i> <i>9th David & Wendy Zittrouer Married 8 years</i> <i>16th Len & Kathy Morgan Married 25 years</i> <i>20th Mike & Erin LeNeave Married 6 years</i> <i>28th Odell & Eileen Olsen Married 55 years</i> <i>29th DJ & Megan Dennard Married 2 years</i> <i>31st Kem & Linda Dugger Married 44 years</i></p>		
<p>October Stephen Ministries Meetings Sundays at 11:15am or Mondays at 6:00pm</p>		

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Bethesda UMC Youth October 2018



Wednesday, October 3	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, October 7	UMYF-"The Escape Company" Sign up and payment (\$32)—September 26
Wednesday, October 10	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, October 14	No UMYF-Fall Break
Wednesday, October 17	Bible study 6:30-7:30pm
Sunday, October 21	Worship/Lunch/PHP -bring \$ for lunch/snack
Wednesday, October 24	Bible study/PHP bags 6:30-7:30pm
Saturday, October 27	Trunk or Treat 5-7pm
Sunday, October 28	UMYF-Corn Maze -bring \$10 plus \$ food -- 3pm
Wednesday, October 31	No Bible study

“May the Lord bless you and keep you!”

Questions??? Tammy Saxon or Jennifer Granat

Bethesda is collecting household items for our families at **People Helping People**.
Our goal is to supply 15 bags per month.

We will be packing people helping people bags on the
fourth Wednesday of every month.

We appreciate your donations and pray these bags will bless these families.

The list of items include:
(full size—not travel size)

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| Detergent | Soap | Toothpaste | Toothbrushes | Paper towels |
| Lip Balm | All purpose cleaner | | Lotion | Dryer Sheets |
| Toilet paper | | | | |