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EATON
METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM
Pastor Jeff Jewell

A GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord,

As I write this, school is beginning for another year. Occasionally, I remember back to those days when I was getting on a school bus. It was an exciting time. It was a nervous time. Who was I going to sit next to on the bus, at lunch, in the classroom? How difficult would homework be this year? Would I like the teacher(s)? Would they like me? Yet, every year, I had fun, learned, and made new friends. Each new year I pray for the successful learning for the kids and an enjoyable year for the teachers. Having once been a teacher, that last part IS important.

Our spiritual life is a lot like a child headed for school on that first day. When we see everything in life as a school and the subject is "Spirituality", how have we been learning and growing? I hope and pray that we are all looking for what God is doing in the world all around us. The fun part of this school (of life) is when we can help our fellow students get a handle on something they had a hard time learning. This attitude change is a movement of being served, to being the servant. Jesus wants servants to follow him. Jesus washed his disciples' feet in the ultimate example of service. He, then, told his disciples to do likewise. That was our example to follow, too. Once we see someone learn what they have had difficulty learning, we are energized to go help someone else. This energy comes from God and that strengthens our faith, and, not to mention, gives us a stronger awareness of God in our hearts.

Every day can be an exciting time. That, of course, depends on our attitude. Do we expect life to just happen and we respond to what happens? We won't be effective witnesses for Christ that way. It helps when we look to see what God is doing in the world and seek to help one another see God's actions when we can. This is how good evangelism happens. We have to be able to see what God is doing in people's lives before we can help them see it.

The easy part in all of this is our life experience. We've all "been around the block" a few times. What we have learned thus far will help us in helping others find the Lord.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

The War Room Bible Study is a 5-session small group course by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. It uses video clips from the film *War Room* to teach participants how to fight spiritual battles through prayer rather than fighting against people. Bible Study dates are: September 13, 5:00 PM, **NO BIBLE STUDY SEPT. 20**, September 27, 5:00 PM, October 4, 5:00 PM, October 11, 5:00 PM, October 18, 5:00 PM and October 25, 5:00 PM Movie "The War Room". Contact Josh Weatherly or the church office with questions at 937-456-4670.

FINANCE

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SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

Sunday Night Bible Study will begin **Sept. 13, at 5:00 PM in room 2. See details in the Spire article on page 11.

Mondays

The Monday Night Bible Study will begin **Sept. 14, at 6:00 to 6:30 for fellowship and 6:30-8:00 to begin the study in room 2. We will be studying the Gospel of John. If you need a book, please see Sandie Fudge or let Del Hoover know. Everyone Welcome!

Wednesdays

The ladies Emmaus Group continues to meet on the **second and **fourth** Wednesday of each month. Contact Jackie Brown at 937-456-3256 with questions.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Will begin **Sept.9, 10:00 AM in room 2. Contact Pam Long or the church office at 937-456-4670.

Grief Support Group meets the **third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM in room 2. Contact Pastor Jeff Jewell or the church office at 937-456-4670 with questions.

****Chancel Choir: Will resume** rehearsals on Wednesday **Sept. 2,** 7:00 PM. First Sunday to sing is **Sept. 13.** All are welcome! If **interested in joining, see Steve Shafer to arrange an audition.**

****Bell Choir** practice Wednesday 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us! Contact Jay Conard @ jayconard58@gmail.com

DEMENTIA CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Come talk to others who are traveling this journey. The group meets the **2nd Tuesday** of each month, **6:00 PM** at the Preble County Council on Aging 800 E. St. Clair St. Eaton, OH. Contact Gary Ketron with questions.

Some people need to "bottom out" in life before they seek God. Others are more "friendly" to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We start by praying that the Holy Spirit goes before us into the hearts of others we will meet. Then we pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to give us the right words to say. The Holy Spirit will use our life experiences to help us see what others may need. Another help for us is when we share our walk (with God) with 1. Our friends, and 2. Other Christians.

I firmly believe our world is looking for what is missing in their lives. With the craziness in our world today, people are looking for peace. If someone is actually looking for extra drama in their life, we need to pray for them. The Devil is great in drama. God is superior in peace. We just need to remind ourselves that the Bible ends in the book of the Revelation, and God puts an end to drama in that book.

I pray God's peace for you today. Let's share God's peace wherever we go. Pastor Jeff

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

Charge Conference will be coming in a few months. We will be looking for tomorrow's leadership. If you feel you have been overlooked, now is the time to let the Pastor and Committee know how you would like to serve our Lord. Some positions are only a three-year term. Others last as long as you wish to serve in that position. Training will be provided in January if you don't feel qualified. Jesus qualifies the called. Rarely does Jesus call the qualified (but it does happen at times). Ideally, I would love to see every member connected to Evangelism, Nurturing ministries, or Missions ministries. We all, hopefully, do all three in our lives, but we usually "specialize" in one area or another. I pray we will all get on board! Pastor Jeff

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Councill met on August 11. Council reviewed the financial report, approved meeting minutes, and discussed the upcoming Church Conference. Minutes are available at the office

Church Council is requesting that each committee meet and review any policies or procedures (i.e. -Safe sanctuary, finance policies, mission projects/priorities, etc.) prior to the October Council meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rita Jewell.

MISSONS (FORMERLY OUTREACH)

The committee would like to thank everyone who donated items to Birthright. We collected over 150 items for them. Birthright is also looking for individuals who would like to volunteer in assisting mothers and to assist at the house when needed. If you are interested, contact Rita Jewell.

The committee would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Common Good as well as those who volunteer at the food pantry and the Common Good store.

We would like to thank those who contributed to donations for the Hit Emergency Food Pantry. This food pantry assists those in need of food until they can get to the Common Good Food Pantry as well as homeless individuals. The HIT Homeless Shelter needs volunteers to prepare meals for the shelter. If you are interested, you can sign up by using their "Meal Train" page.

Upcoming Mission projects –

Preble County Council on Aging Christmas Baskets

Preble County Christmas for Kids

And Shoebox Ministries.

Watch the Bulletin and next SPIRE for additional information….

MINISTRY TEAM (FORMERLY CONGREGATONAL CARE)

The Ministry Team served the Armacost funeral dinner in July. Thank you to all who served, made food, and helped in any way. Without all of your help we wouldn't be able to do this. Bless you!!

We also served the Garden Club luncheon this month. Our social room is such a nice place for them to meet.

We helped with the Fifth Saturday Service on August 29. We provided sloppy joes, potato casserole, and ice cream plus your additions. Everyone enjoyed it.

OUR CONGREGATION AT WORK AND PLAY

Say hello to Annabelle's new puppy "Waffle". Waffles joined The Werts family in August. Also, part of the Werts family is Smokey Marshmallow the cat who belongs to John Werts!

John presented Chief Steven Hurd below with a police protection medal he purchased on his own. Thank You John for caring about our Eaton Police Officers.

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS LUNCHEON

Hello,

Believe it or not, our first 55+ of the season is almost here. We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

We will meet on **Thursday, September 3, 3026 at Noon** in the Church Social Hall. The Committee will provide: Chicken salad and ham salad sliders, Janes' baked beans, Sandies' salad, assorted chips and ice tea, coffee and lemonade. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our Speaker will be Jeff Poynter. He will give a short talk about things we may not know about Preble county.

We welcome Cyndee Schubert to our Committee of: Tom & Jane Harris, Sandie Fudge, Cheryl Marcus, Steve & Carole Toothman, Joni Rizzolo and Jackie Brown. Thanks to Sharon Smith for providing our table decorations each month.

And always, love and thanks to our founder, Phyllis Montgomery.

Please enjoy the rest of you Summer. In Christian Love,

Donna Sue Donohoo

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE

I would like to thank Sandie Fudge for her work over the years on the Prayer Chain and Attendance. Sandie has decided it was time to step away, and Rita Jewell has volunteered to take it on.

Please add Ritadailyjewell@gmail.com to your email contact list if you haven't already. We have heard that originally the email was going into the "junk" folder. If you have a new email address, you would like us to use, please let Bev or Rita Jewell know. In addition, if you would prefer not to receive the prayer chain via email, please let one of us know and we will take you off the list. May God be with you always.

MISSONS (FORMERLY OUTREACH) BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped at the BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT, and to all those who donated ice cream. We had 46 kids plus lots of parents and adults who stayed and enjoyed ice cream sundaes, fun and fellowship! We also want to thank canine Loki and Officer Jones for stopping and visiting with all the kids!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, thank you for your prayers, cards and well wishes during the time of my surgery. Only minor bumps and I'm healing well. I appreciate all of you! In Christian Love, Kim Barney

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 AM Quilt Club RM 2 (L. Aukerman) 10:00 AM Trustee RM 1 (J. Barney)	***2*** 7:00 Choir practice	**3** Noon: 55 Plus Luncheon Social Hall	**4**	**5**
6 **9:00 AM Sunday School** **10:00 AM Worship Service**	**7 LABOR DAY Church Offices Closed**	**8** 9:00 AM Quilt Club RM 2 (L. Aukerman) 6:00 PM Dementia Support Group at Senior Center	**9** 7:00 Choir practice 10:00 AM Bible Study RM 2 (P. Long)	**10**	**11**	**12**
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20 **9:00 AM Sunday School** **10:00 AM Worship Service** **No War Room Bible Study Tonight**	**21** 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study RM 2	***22*** 9:00 AM Quilt Club RM 2 (L. Aukerman)	***23*** 7:00 Choir practice 10:00 AM Bible Study RM 2 (P. Long)	**24**	**25**	**26**
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