



First United Methodist Church

September Newsletter

Do All The Good You Can To All The People You Can, In All The Ways You Can, As Often As Ever You Can, As Long As You Can.

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The restaurant was almost empty. Still, the waiter seated Lisa and her grandmother right next to a single businessman, who was enjoying his newspaper and a leisurely lunch. Lisa began to panic. She was accustomed to her grandmother's idiosyncrasies since the onset of Alzheimer's, but she wasn't sure the businessman would be as understanding.

As soon as they were seated, the questions began. "How am I going to pay for this food? I don't have any money. Who's going to pay my bills? I shouldn't have moved here. I'm just a burden. Why don't you leave me in the gutter to die?"

Patiently, Lisa tried to calm her grandmother's fears, answering the same questions she answered week after week. Forty minutes passed. Lisa couldn't stop worrying about the man sitting next to them. *He's trying to relax, she thought. My grandmother's probably driving him crazy.*

Lisa was relieved when the man finally folded his paper and prepared to leave. Then to her surprise, he headed straight for their table. Lisa prepared to apologize for any aggravation her grandmother might have caused him. Instead, he looked at Lisa with a smile and whispered, "When I get older, I hope I have a granddaughter just like you."

Even the smallest gesture of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life. Keep your eyes and heart open for the opportunities today brings.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Collins



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Weekly Activities

- ☺ Sunday School at 9:45
- ☺ Sunday Church Service at 10:45
- ☺ Youth on Wednesday's 6 p.m. see Sean for Locations
- ☺ Choir Practice at 7 p.m. here at the church

Things to do in September

Youth Spaghetti Lunch	10
After Church Service	
Memorial Meeting 6:30 p.m.	12
Trustee Meeting 7 p.m.	12
Council Meeting 6 p.m.	13
United Methodist Men 6 p.m.	20

Let's Remodel!

September the 14th is just around the corner! Now you ask yourself what's so important about September 14th? September 14th is the date set to begin remodeling our church kitchen! The hammer, the saw, and a bunch of work will be starting. First everything in the kitchen will have to be removed as we will be gutting the whole kitchen. New water lines will be installed to ensure proper water flow and drainage. When we are done, we will have a brand new kitchen with new appliances and all the fixings. The last two Sundays we have handed out pledge cards asking for your financial support for this project. As of this date, we are only at 20% of the needed amount to complete the kitchen remodeling. So needless to say, we are 80% short of our goal. However, we are going to press on with the remodeling as we are confident that we will be able to meet our goal and finish our new kitchen by December 1st, if not sooner. The thought of remodeling the Church kitchen has been on the minds of our congregation for quite some time and with the costs rising every year, we decided now was the time to take action and get this project underway. So, lets all do what we can to help complete the kitchen. It will be a real treat to work in a modern kitchen where the drain drains, the water flows, and there is more than enough electrical outlets to carry the load safely and not having to worry about popping a breaker. Thank you for your support, Neal



How are we suppose
to do this?

Friendship Is Necessity In Daily Life

"Not enough time to clean the house. Not enough time to exercise. Not enough time to cook. Not enough time to We live in a fast-paced society. Both parents often work. Children are involved in extracurricular activities. There's never enough time to do all the things we think we should do or want to do. One of the biggest losses is the lack of time to make friendships, let alone nurture them. Journalist Marla Paul realized this void and wrote a book titled "The Friendship Crisis: Finding, Making, and Keeping Friends When You're Not a Kid Anymore." This book gives useful tips about what makes friendships work and how to keep them from failing. She calls these "friendship busters" and "friendship boosters."

Friendship busters

Repeatedly canceling scheduled plans. She believes this is insulting and implies your life is more important than your friends.

Expecting an orange to be an apple. Imposing your standards on other people. Make peace with imperfections and differences.

Living in Emerald City. Jealousy and envy of your friend can snake into your comments or actions. She suggests when you realize this is what you are feeling, simply understand it as a useful emotion to stretch yourself and grow.

Friendship boosters

Paying attention. Keep tabs on significant events in your friend's life. Did she get a promotion? Send her a note or take her to lunch. Did his mother have bypass surgery? Check in to see how she is doing. Did her twins just go to camp for the first time? Call to see how it is going.

Being honest when something's important to you. One of your closest friends overlooks a significant milestone in your life. Even when you wish it didn't matter, it does. Say so. Understand it matters because the friendship is important to you.

Returning calls and e-mails promptly. Lengthy delays or not calling back at all can hurt. If nothing else, leave a brief message on her machine explaining you'll be in touch when you're able.



Play Often.

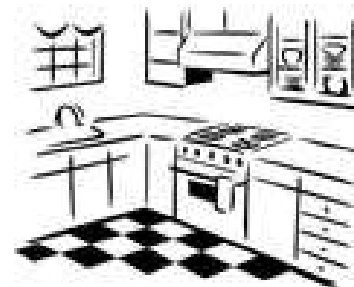
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Practicing artful listening. Not trying to fix. Not interrupting. Not giving advice. Simply be a safe harbor when your friend is working through a difficult situation. If he or she says, "What do you think?" you can offer your thoughts. Friends are a necessity, not a luxury, and a busy schedule doesn't mean you do without. Grab a quick lunch. Work out together. Phone. E-mail. See a movie. Meet for coffee. The visits don't always have to be hours in length. There are periods when it is just staying in touch, but it is a process that needs to be attended to."

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Enjoy Teaching.



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



SEPTEMBER REMINDERS

Youth Spaghetti Dinner following church Sunday the 10th
Memorial Committee Meeting Tuesday the 12th at 6:30 p.m.
Trustee Meeting Tuesday the 12th at 7 p.m.
Council Meeting Wednesday the 12th at 6 p.m.
United Methodist Men Wednesday the 19th at 6 p.m.
Family Night Dinner Wednesday the 27th at 6 p.m.
Youth Slave Auction following Family Night Dinner on the 27th

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday School Starts at 9:45
Sunday Worship starts at 10:45

Youth meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the United Ministry building
except for on nights of the Family night dinner.

Choir Practice every Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Here at the Church.

Birthday's This Month

04 - Stan McCasland	14 - Cindy Adams
05 - Judy Hawthorne	14 - Mike Duncan
05 - Jamie Skimbo	20 - Duane Wood
06 - Ed Mize	21 - David - Rouse
08 - Bernice Thompson	21 - Hannah Royce
10 - Stephen Skimbo	17 - Dana Hogle
12 - Allison Booth	25 - Doris Allen
13 - Nancy Wood	25 - Kiesel Tucker

Anniversary's This Month

2—Robert and Cheryl Myers

6 - John and Pauline Shero

22—John and Sunny Collums