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October 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 9: 00 AM

Wednesday 5: 30 PM

Psalm 42

For the director of music. A maskil of the Sons of Korah.

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” 4 These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng. 5 Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you all in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ! Currently, in the Adult Bible Study of our church, we are following the book, “Soul Reset: breakdown, breakthrough, and the journey to wholeness” by Junius B. Dotson. As a group we are learning and reflecting a lot on each of our life’s journeys. Dotson in this book encourages each one, the importance and need of a total and complete soul reset – the heart, soul and mind, to clear away all that is cluttering and stuck in our lives, and move towards a life enriched by the presence and guidance of and with deeper connection with our God.

Reflecting on the life of David, this book reminds us that, ‘we are created with a longing for relationship with our Creator’. He says, that, ‘we long to feel God moving in our lives. We long to experience the joy and peace that come only from God, from a relationship with Jesus. We long to feel the presence of God, where we know that we are being saturated by the love of God’. Psalm 42 is an example of the longing for God as experience by David, as we read in the above-mentioned scripture passage. May this fall season that comes with shades of different colors and smells, also draw all of us with different shades of life experiences and situations experience the presence and relationship with our Creator.

Lastly, go out, walk or drive around and look at the nature – the shades of leaves, pumpkins, scarecrows and so on, and enjoy the beauty of god’s creation and your special place in the heart of our creator.



Lastly, continue to pray for each other and continue to support the ministries of our church.
I wish you all a great and a Blessed month of October 2024.
Peace of God be with you all.
Truly,

Pastor Solomon

STEWARDSHIP & BUDGETING TRAINING

A basic discussion regarding stewardship and budgeting for your local church.

Saturday, October 19

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Oregon: First UMC 200 S 4th Street, Oregon IL

Lectionary Readings for October 2024

6 October 2024

THEME: Such as These / Walking with Jesus

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

13 October 2024

THEME: Needles and Camels / Walking with Jesus

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

20 October 2024

THEME: Not to Be Served / Walking with Jesus

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

27 October 2024

THEME: Let Me See / Walking with Jesus

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

October BIRTHDAY LIST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & GOD'S BLESSINGS!

1. Steve Lewis
7. Don Ernat
Melinda Magerkurth
9. Makayla Reese
11. Jim Renk
12. Emily Anderson
Grant Magerkurth
13. David Donahue
Kathy Litwiller
14. Cheryl Detmers
16. Nancy Nieslawski
17. Jeannine Anderson
12. Larry Goodbred
18. Trudy Forkner
20. Carol Sell
20. William Welch Sr.
21. Carla Reese
27. Molly Haupt
28. Janet Laird
30. Janie DeVore
31. Nate Reeland

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

🙏 **Prayer Chain** - If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please contact Nancy Leonard at nancyleehall38@gmail.com

🙏 🧐 **Eyeglasses** - Put your old glasses, frames, or lenses in the: I Care International Eyeglasses Box in the foyer at Church. We have collected 20 big bags of glasses so far.

How about sending a greeting to one of Grace UMC's shut ins?
If you know of anyone else who should be included on this list or of any corrections, please contact:
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The Heart & Soul of a Tree

By: Elizabeth Schuetz

It is the season of fall.

The leaves on the trees are turning reds, golds, oranges, browns, and purples in color. Soon fall winds will blow and pull the leaves from the trees to fall to the ground and dance everywhere.

Once the leaves are gone the trees will be laid bare and we can look into the heart and soul of the tree.

Each tree's heart and soul is unique unto itself.

The branches will lay bare all winter long until warm spring sunshine makes them fill with leaves again and then hide their heart & soul within and we'll have to wait until fall comes again to let us in to see its heart & soul once again.



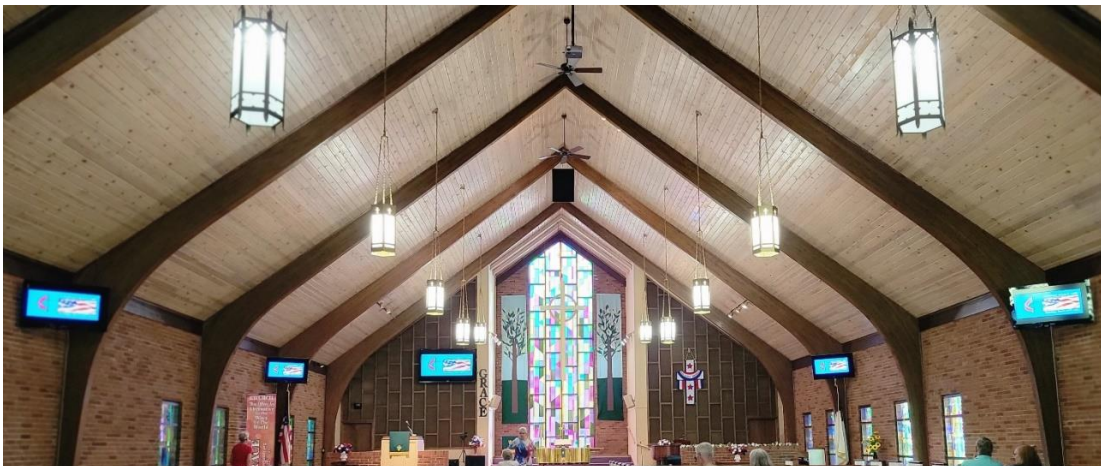
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103: vs. 1 & 2

HAVE A BLESSED MONTH OF OCTOBER 2024



FRIENDS, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU SHARE FROM YOUR BLESSINGS TO THE POOR, VULNERABLE AND NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY. AS WINTER IS COMING, THERE ARE MANY WHO WOULD APPRECIATE SOME WARM SOCKS, MITTENS, CAPS, SHAWLS, ETC.

THERE IS A GREAT JOY IN HELPING OTHERS!





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City, ST ZIP Code