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October

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OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

October brings a new sermon series entitled,

"The Games People Play."

What do the games of Sorry, Trouble, The Game of Life and Trivial Pursuit have to do with our walk with Jesus Christ and our daily lives? Join us for Worship during the month of October to find out.

Connect with us!

Office hours:

Monday thru Thursday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Email: cherokee.village@arumc.org

Sunday Worship Services

Blue Jeans Service - 8:30 AM
Traditional Service - 10:45 AM

(Also live streamed on Facebook)

Sunday School

Sunday School (room 2 and online) - 9:45 AM

Other Midweek Faith Infusions

Coffee Talk Bible Study - Wed. 8:45 AM

Wed Night Connection

5:15 PM meal, 6 PM worship

(live and streamed online as well)

Website:

www.cherokeevillageumc.org

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From the Pastor's Desk

It's Fall! Oh, I have been awaiting this time of year. I have two favorite seasons: Fall and Spring. Fall reminds us that the whole of God's creation is about to be refreshed. Spring reminds us that the whole of creation is being refreshed. Fall is like the rest we all need; Spring is the time of awakening. Both of these seasons also create a beautiful palate of colors that shows us God's masterpiece, God's art, God's creation.

As we move into Fall, we prepare to enter into times that are full of opportunities for outreach and service. We find that we can reach out in inventive ways and share the love of God with others through unique ways. We enter into the community more intently, seeking to connect others with Christ.

As we begin to slow down during the Fall months, I issue you a challenge. But first let me say this...

Through much prayer, reading of the scripture, and silence with God, I have been asking God to speak to me regarding how we enter into the world and invite others to a relationship with Christ. We have to do as Jesus said in Matthew 28:16-20, "16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. 18 Jesus came near and spoke to them, 'I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.'"

We, clergy and laity together, need to be doing our parts as Christ put it here. I want to share this same passage with you from The Message, which is a transliteration of the Bible, not an actual translation. In this very modern language, it reads in this manner, 16-17 Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally. 18-20 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Here is the challenge. Over this next month, invite at least one person to come to worship with you. Don't just invite them to worship, offer to pick them up and take them out to eat. Something similar was said during our meeting on September 27. It was an echo of what I have been suggesting for years. The second part of the challenge is to invite people to come to any of our community wide events: breakfast, lunch, Trunk or Treat, etc. The third part of the challenge is to attend Sunday School, either or both of our Bible studies, Wednesday Night Connection, or any other offering of Spiritual renewal and educational opportunities we may offer. Then finally, the last part of the challenge is to remember that you are needed, even when we do not say anything. The staff, with a handful of volunteers, here at the church have spent a year and a half trying to keep everything together in the midst of trying times. We are weary. We are exhausted. We need you all to help us as much as you can. If you are able to help make any of the needed phone calls to check on people, other than those who are sick or in the hospital, we can use you. If you want to help make a difference in our community by making disciples who make disciples, then come back to worship, activities and studies to help grow and revive your faith, then share the love and grace of Christ with others. If you want to help feed the hungry, then volunteer for a food ministry team. If you think you can't do anything at all, you can: pray. We need the prayers also. Let us prepare for renewal and rebirth. Let Fall be the time we are working toward renewal and rebirth, making way for blossoming in Spring. May we all live the words of Jesus Christ and the challenge to go and do. Grace and Peace...Pastor Angie

COVID WORSHIP UPDATES

The Administrative board has voted to lift ALL COVID restrictions previously imposed concerning worship.

The decision was made based on the following:

1. We have reached a point that a vast majority of our people are going out to eat, going to the grocery stores, etc. where masks and distancing are not required.
 2. If someone wishes to wear masks at their own discretion, vaccinated or unvaccinated they are encouraged to do so.
 3. We need to return to "normal."
 4. We will continue with the online option for worship for those who aren't comfortable being in person with others.
 5. We are suffering due to lack of human contact with others. Jesus was all about building relationships. We are not able to do this with the restrictions.
 6. When combining the statistics from the two counties together, we have been safe for weeks.
 7. Vaccinations continue to increase as well as the natural immunity levels of those who previously had COVID.
- These guidelines are effective as of October 6, 2021
David Malone—Chairman Administrative Board CVUMC



10/5 - Leadership Team - 10:00
 10/19 - General Circle Meeting - 1:00
 11/2 - Leadership Team - 10:00

LISTEN UP!! Our Leadership Team is making plans for several different and exciting fundraisers to help fund our mission activities. Watch for more information and how YOU can participate! All women of the church are invited to be involved in our UMW activities. Won't you join us?

FAITH – HOPE – LOVE IN ACTION

UMW HOLIDAY GIFT BOOKS

Given the huge success of our first UMW Holiday Gift Book, we are bringing it back with old and new supporters. Projected to include over 40 local businesses, the Gift Books will be available the latter part of October at a suggested donation of \$20 per book until November 30, 2021. The coupons, unless otherwise noted, are valid from October 31, 2021 through April 20, 2022. Need an early birthday gift or Christmas item? At an estimated value of over \$100, this is one gift that is sure to please anyone on your list. And not only is it showing appreciation to our businesses by supporting them, it is supporting the local, state and national mission work of UMW. Many of our local non-profits are struggling in the continued midst of covid. They need our support, and this is one way to help make that happen. Thank you for being a part of the Project for Positivity, the UMW Holiday Gift Book. Pam Gunsten

SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP RETURNS

It's here. Coffee. Sunday Mornings. Coffee will be served in the Narthex (area outside of sanctuary) each week. Gathering around the tables will be in Cooper Hall (Fellowship Hall). This will be available before worship service each week.

Want to help? Call the office and say you can help make and/or serve the coffee.

Wednesday Night Connection October Menu

Meal 5:15PM - Service 6:00PM

Come eat and worship with us! Our weekly Wednesday Night Connection service and meal is back and available to all. All meals are gluten free too. You can let Julie Decker know on a Sunday morning or call the church office at (870) 257-3869 no later than Monday at 10:00 am. Cost of meals are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 3-10. Children under the age of 3 are free. Family price (immediate, same household) is \$15.00. (Menu subject to change based on availability.)

Oct 6 - Turkey Chili with all the fixings, crackers, dessert, beverages

Oct 13 Baked Potato Bar with toppings. Toppings may include the following: ham, bacon, cheese, butter, sour cream, green onions/chives, chili, broccoli. Amped Up Apple Sauce, dessert, and beverage

Oct 20 - Baked Ham, broccoli and cheese, rolls or biscuits, dessert, and beverage

Oct 27 - Cheddar Smoked Sausage on a bun, chips, dip, dessert, and beverage



**Tuesday, October 26
from 12:30 - 5:30 PM**

CVUMC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in Cooper Hall.

Please mark your calendars! There are many people in need of your donation. Please consider donating.

Contact Dianne NesSmith 257-2570 if you have any questions.

NEW ADDRESS:

Amy Scott c/o Randy Scott
 45 Highview Drive
 Yorkville, IL. 60560



Fall Bake Sale

We have missed being able to have the offering of special baked treats as we usually had with our United Methodist Women's Bazaar.

However, we will be having a Bake Sale in November. On November 20, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, in Cooper Hall (Fellowship Hall) we will have a bake sale to help with the ministries of CVUMC.

We will need baked items, so everyone get ready to bake and make your special treats.

Want to help? Contact Cora Parson at (870) 360-7870. She will need people to bake and to help on the day of the bake sale.



October Anniversaries

Winston & Betty Reedy- 10/09
 Jimmy & Lois Anderson - 10/19
 Ron & Brenda Rhodes 10/30

October Birthdays

Jeremiah Strano - 10/01
 Diann Dennis - 10/02
 Donna Stringer - 10/02
 Lily Flowers - 10/04
 David Malone - 10/05
 Hilda Peck- 10/08
 Carl English - 10/09
 Doug Driesel - 10/11
 Carol Ann Hill - 10/11
 Signe Carner- 10/17
 Helen Tedford - 10/18
 Bonnie Dark - 10/21
 Marty Williams - 10/21
 Gail Stone - 10/23
 Larry Thomas - 10/26
 Ernie Parker - 10/29
 Tracy Heard - 10/30
 Betty Reedy - 10/30
 Sandra Ashford- 10/31

Free Tuesday Breakfast

Our NEW Tuesday Morning breakfast menu !

- Eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy
- Pancakes & sausage
- Continental-donuts, muffins, fruit
- Breakfast Casserole
- Coffee & Juice served
- Plastic utensils included

Curbside pickup is available every Tuesday from 8 - 9 AM. Donations always welcome

Free Thursday Lunch

October is the start of soup weather:

- Soup & Crackers
- Chips
- Drink
- Cookie

Curbside pickup is available every Thursday from 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Donations are much appreciated!

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING WITH CHANGES OCTOBER 30

Remember how Pastor Angie said a few weeks ago in her sermon that she had heard a quote on a movie she was watching that said, "Without change, we would have no butterflies"? Well, we are taking that to heart this year as we prepare for Trunk or Treat. Last year was great! We had tables set up, people drove through, and cars were lined up around the block. We are changing again this year with new aspects to Trunk or Treat. We will have some games to play at various places and a table with treats and prizes at each table. We will have a **BOUNCY HOUSE!** That's right, a bouncy house. The expense has already been covered. This will all take place on the front lawns of the church with visitors parking in the parking lot.

We will need volunteers to help throughout the event. We will need people to help with directing cars, running the games, serving food, and monitoring the bouncy house. All candy will be given out at the various game tables. We will pre-bag candy, which means we will need volunteers to bag the candy during the week. We will need donations of candy and small prize items.

Set up is 1:30 pm to 2:10 pm. The event will officially open to the public at 2:30 pm and close at 5:30 pm.

If you can volunteer, please call the church office or sign at the volunteer board in the church hallway outside the office.