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## DAN'S DOODLES

“They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

(John 14:21)

We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the principle reason that Jesus—the Son of God—came to the earth, was to provide the sacrifice demanded by the holiness of God the Father for the forgiveness of our sin—that is, to “save us.”

(See Matthew 1:21). That is purely the work of God that we are free to accept or to reject.

And we also know that beyond a shadow of a doubt the purpose of a “believer” in Christ is to honor Christ with everything that we are and have. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism in the 18th Century, understood this to mean that the purpose of the Christian is to live our life in obedience to the ways of God. And he understood that purpose to be expressed in two general ways, which he described as: works of piety and works of mercy. This can be further broken down into “acts of devotion,” “acts of compassion,” “acts of justice,” and “acts of worship.”

The first two of those are considered to be “individual-driven”—that is, practicing the spiritual disciplines of the Christian life for one’s own spiritual growth, and participating in individual deeds of kindness and mercy to others. The latter two deal with our relationship to the “body of Christ.” We are called to be mindful of injustice in our world and work for its elimination, and we are called to offer our heartfelt gratitude to God as we gather TOGETHER to honor Christ in worship, fellowship and evangelism.

I started with a passage of Scripture, so let me close with another. “Teacher, which commandment in the Law is greatest? He (Jesus) said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 21:36-39).

To live out the fulfillment of that passage is to live out the Christian life in obedience as God demands and as the only way to an intimate relationship with Christ in this life! Let’s gather in worship—to know Him better, to grow in Him—and then let’s go in His name to spread His love in our community and beyond! Thanks be to God!

See you in worship!  
Pastor Dan

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## NOVEMBER GREETERS

*November 7 - Tim & Sandra Morrow*

*November 14 - Dorothy Reed &  
Suzanne Boren*

*November 21 - Linda Ault &  
Bettina Moxley*

*November 28 - Carletta Samons &  
Brenda Bone*

## FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

An All-Church Fall Harvest Celebration is set for Sunday, November 7 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be wonderful fellowship, fun games (with fabulous prizes) and good food (provided by the Family Life Committee). Everyone is welcome to come & bring a friend!

### **YOUTH NEWS UPDATE FROM PASTOR DAN**

With my apologies to our youth and to their parents, it has become clear to me over the last several weeks that my commitments elsewhere will keep me from fulfilling my pledge as per a Sunday evening twice a month schedule for youth meetings. If you will let me “share my heart”, the truth is that I am wearing down a bit from our autumn schedule; I have simply over estimated my abilities to maintain my current pace and need a place to find relief.

So, my current plan is to meet with the “middle school mob” once a month and to meet with the “high school horde” once a month beginning in November. I realize that this is not an ideal situation and would ask you to please BEAR DOWN IN PRAYER that God’s person for a part-time youth director may be found to rectify this current situation. We are currently offering a salary of \$500 a month for the vacant youth director position. If you know of anyone locally who would be interested in this position, please have that person contact me. I would love to talk with them.

Anyway, for November I would like to meet with the High School Horde on Sunday, evening, November 14th and then with the Middle School Mob on Sunday evening, November 21st. I will mail out cards indicating the agenda for those gatherings during the week of each meeting time.

I love our youth and look forward to being involved in their spiritual development, but for now I find this the only way to handle my conflicting ministry commitments. Please feel free to stop by the office and visit with me about any other options the Lord may lay on your heart for our youth ministry. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

### **UMW NEWS**

The United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

United Methodist Women is the largest denominational organization for women with approximately 800,000 members whose mission is sponsoring spiritual growth, developing leaders, and through missions, helping to uplift the needs of women, children and youth in the U.S. and in more than 100 countries around the world. Their efforts raise up to \$20 million each year for these projects.

This year, through the World Thank Offering, the local UMW, throughout the year, collected \$325.00 which is sent in for mission work.

In 1869, the membership was 6, now 800,000. This all began in 1869 when the wives of two missionaries were home on furlough from India and they were asked to speak to a group of women in Boston. The story they told of the terrible conditions of women in India hit the hearts of these 6 ladies that were present and they called another meeting of these women, wrote a constitution and organized the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, raised funds and were able to send an educator and a woman doctor to India. Their work was the beginning of mission work that resulted in the first women’s college in Asia and then the first women’s hospital in Asia. Both of these institutions are still serving people of India.

In 1875, another woman formed the Woman’s Missionary Assoc. of the United Brethren Church. She spent the night praying and from that was convinced that the women of the church should be organized for special mission work and Sierra Leone in Africa was the first country to which missionaries were sent.

Throughout the years of growth and reorganizing of the Methodist Church the name of the women’s association also changed but in 1973 it finally became United Methodist Women and this became the women’s mission organization of the Methodist Church.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Dear Members of the Susanna Wesley/Builders Class,

Sally and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to you for the thoughtful donation to the church in memory of our mother, Ruthe Blackwell. Mother was devoted to your church. Your kindness was most appreciated.

Sally & Carroll Blackwell

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the Care Package! I really enjoy these little “happies” when they arrived! I am especially thankful for the pens and highlighters! I seem to go through an ink pen every other day and highlighters nearly as quick!

I can't wait to be back for Thanksgiving (and a very small breather from classes!).

Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Brittany Stack

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package. I love all the candy and snacks. They are the perfect thing for mid-terms and rush week. I can always use more pens, pencils, sticky notes and binder clips.

Thank you for thinking of me.

Love,  
Samantha Stack

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Halloween care package! It always brightens my day when I receive something from you. I really appreciate your constant support and kindness.

Jennifer Miller

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH AT CHRISTMAS**

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of a very special baby, JESUS. We will be collecting things for babies in our community. We want babies to know that God loves them and that they are children of God.

During Advent (November 28 through December 25) there will be a special display at the back of the sanctuary, for babies gifts. Appropriate gifts will be: jars of baby food, baby cereal, baby wipes, diapers, pacifiers, etc.

We hope this will be something all ages can bring. As you think of baby JESUS, think of babies in our community.

**COMMUNION AT THE MANOR**

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., November 10, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Katherine Nelson
- 4 - Ammabella Benvenuto, Denale Hess, Drew French & Meredith Adkisson
- 6 - Jacob Keener, Russell Banta & Marshall Story
- 7 - Mollie DeLay & Jim Moreton
- 8 - Linda Raines
- 10 - Wayne Corse & Faye Elliott
- 11 - Emily Winchester
- 13 - Sandy Faust, Margaret Goodin & Eleanor Moreton
- 14 - Monica Goodin
- 15 - Ann Morgan, Evin Burke & Bill Brown
- 16 - Boothe Dugan, Jeffrey Keener, Rebel Dugan & Toni Graham
- 17 - Karen Moore
- 19 - Scott Wiley & Jack Matthews
- 22 - Johnny Moxley & Maren Slaten
- 23 - Annette Robertson
- 24 - Clyda Goodin, Don Moxley, Heather B. Shelton & Jazmyn Scott
- 25 - Heather Liebhart
- 26 - Jonathan Barrett
- 27 - Max Michael, Jr.
- 28 - Virginia Burke
- 30 - Donna Stack & Margaret McDowell

**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST, SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 13 AT  
7:30 A.M. IN THE  
FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, we will switch the worship and Sunday School hours so that we can celebrate our all church Christmas potluck dinner immediately following the worship time. Plus, the children will be sharing their Christmas program with us during the worship time!

**Mission Trip Fundraiser:** The Gen. X Sunday School Class will be "waiting tables for tips" at the Pizza Inn in Sikeston, MO on Tuesday, November 16 from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please come out and support this project!

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mission Trip Yard Sale** is being planned. A date has not been set yet, but watch for more information in up-coming bulletins & newsletters. If you have anything you would like to donate to the sale, please bring it to the church during office hours. Thank you.

