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# Messenger

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## *What does stewardship mean to you?*

The word, stewardship, simply means to manage someone else's property. For the Christian, as Scripture proclaims everything belongs to God, we manage the property of our Lord. Since everything belongs to Christ, we need to have the attitude and view that our things are His things, our stuff is His stuff, that all we could have now, all we have lost, all we will have, is His, including our very bodies and spiritual gifts. We are mere lessees of the property, money, relationships, talents, time, and even our lives. That means all that we are and all that we have is not ours to begin with. They belong to God. Therefore, the duty of the Christian is to learn how to become responsible stewards of our Lord's resources entrusted into our care. It means to manage everything to the best of our abilities for His glory.

First Corinthians 4:1-2 says, "Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." Next week everyone will have the opportunity to come, worship Christ, and return your Intention of Giving form and your Time and Talent Survey. I hope that you have been prayerfully considering what it means to be a steward of God's possessions. Thank you for your service to First Methodist Church of Yazoo City and to God.

Rich Knox  
Stewardship Chairperson

## Stewardship Thoughts

Several years ago a pro football team had won the Super Bowl with a heroic field goal. In a game played the following season, a 29-yard field goal, a chip shot, was “yanked to the left.” It is easy for some of us spectators to place the defeat squarely upon one player, but the coach’s response was that “there are a lot of us who have to do a better job.”

As we consider stewardship in the month of October, we think of our church as a team with each one of us a key player. It takes everyone producing a quality performance. Stewardship involves our time, our talent, and our treasure. Many times we limit our thoughts toward stewardship as just our money. There are other areas we must consider as well.

When we become a member of the United Methodist church, we commit to supporting this church, First United Methodist Church—Yazoo City, with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This means we faithfully pray for our church, its staff, its teachers, those in leadership, the sick, each other, the lost of our community, and the list goes on. We support the church by being in attendance faithfully. We give of our finances and our service. We allow our lives to be an epistle for all to read at work, at play, wherever we go and in whatever activity we’re engaged. (II Corinthians 3:1-3)

Our objective is to be a successful team. For this to happen, each of us must fulfill his or her commitment. Let’s strive diligently not to be that player who “yanks it to the left.”

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# October

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. Come AZ U R Service
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Live Stream Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study/Millie's

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Planet 456 & Children's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bro. Lauren's Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Snack Supper

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



Birthdays &  
Anniversaries  
This Month!

- 10. Van Ray, Sandra Martin
- 11. John Cobb, Mary Karson Hart
- 14. Mallory Pender
- 15. James Cresswell, Laura King
- 16. Jack Robinson

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- 10. Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lee



The delivery of the shoe boxes is only the beginning of the Operation Christmas Child Story. Gospel books in 80 languages are offered to boys and girls. Before the boxes are handed to each child, they listen to the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. The salvation Story is placed on the top of each box. The Good News in illustrated pages makes the Jesus' come alive in a way children can understand.

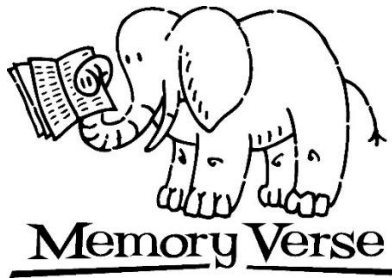
Don't forget to pick up your shoeboxes outside the office.



*Memorial Gifts*

*Sharon Smith*

- Cynthia Downer
- Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Ruschewski
- Mary Ann Cortright
- Larry & Willie Lou Benson
- Mr. & Mrs. Phil Nichols



"Blessed is the one whom God corrects;  
so do not despise the discipline of the  
Almighty."

Job 5:17



As we move through our new series, "The God Who Corrects Us," this week's lesson, *God Knows When We Sin*, takes us back to the story of Cain and Abel. This lesson reminds us of how sin not only affects us, but others also. We are not perfect, but we must always remember to ask God for forgiveness and strive to be more aware of the choices we make.

## W.O.W. WEDNESDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our children's Wednesday night Bible Study is called "TOY STORIES: Bible Stories." This past Wednesday in our "toy story" we talked about T-Rex, the dinosaur. Dinosaurs are recognized as being strong and we talked about the strength of Samson and how God used him. Next week we will be connecting Hamm, the piggy bank, with tithing and generosity.

5:00 p.m. - Choir

5:45 p.m. - Game & Bible Study (by ages 4k-3<sup>rd</sup> & Planet 456)

6:15 p.m. - Supper

6:30 p.m. - Dismiss



## Youth Sunday School

This week in our series “The God Who Corrects Us,” our lesson, *Dumping Our Defiance*, directs our focus on the fact that sin separates us from God. We know that there will always be consequences to our actions. When we sin, God is disappointed in us. He is sad that we stepped away from Him. We must always remember to ask God for His forgiveness and right our wrong.

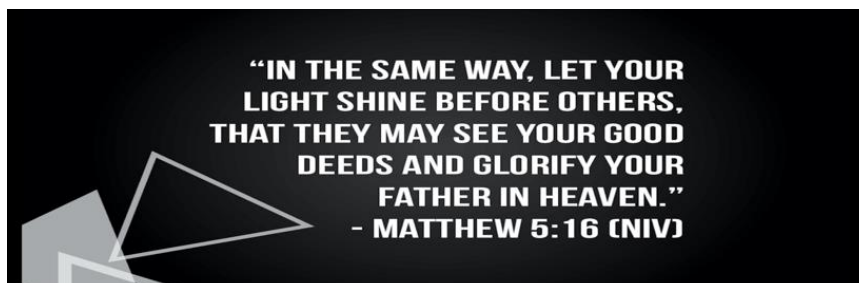
## Sunday & Wednesday Night Group



This week we began a new series, “Anti-Social.” Our first lesson entitled *Cancel Culture*, focused on how Social Media platforms can be toxic. Many people often hide behind their posts and fail to recognize the damage they can cause to others. As Christians we are called to love one another.

Group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Group will meet each Sunday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



## **Sunday, October 10, 2021**

**Greeters** Alice & Bay George/Brenda & Denny Paul  
**Acolytes** Maddie Canard & Myla Wallace  
**Scripture** John 4:1-18  
**Sermon** “**The Woman at the Well**”  
**Flowers** Owen & Mary Lou Richards

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

### **OCTOBER**

<b>10. 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Luke 17:11-19</b>
11. There is no other	Isaiah 44:6-17
12. “I have seen God”	Genesis 32:22-31
13. God’s watchful care	Psalms 121
14. Promised days of restoration	Jeremiah 31:27-34
15. God’s law makes wise	Psalms 119:97-104
16. Everything created is good	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5