



Grace Notes

Community of Grace UMC

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**“The Holy Spirit work within you,
That having been born through water and the Spirit,
You may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.”**

It's A Promise!!

Do you remember your baptismal vows? The quote above comes from that covenant service. We renew our vows regularly, but often we recite them with little enthusiasm.

If you were baptized as a child, as I was, your parents took those vows until you were of an age when you could take them yourself (confirmation).

But somewhere along the way, if you are a member of a church family, you took them.

Those vows are a mark of your commitment to God and to his church.

God gives us unending grace and mercy and we offer God our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

How we handle those five things, our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, is what we call stewardship. Too often, we associate “stewardship” with asking for money for the church. But stewardship is a lifestyle. It is giving to God what we promised on that day we took those vows. Giving to God our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

We're getting ready to start a sermon series on that commitment. We'll talk about how we're supposed to do that when the world pulls us in a million other directions. We'll talk about how and why we pray, how we share our faith, about what it means to be part of the body of Christ (which part are you?), about what our spiritual gifts are and when to use them (trust me, you've got them), and about what God has to say about money in the scripture and how that meshes with what the world tells us.

I hope you will plan to be a part of the new sermon series. It starts on October 13. Don't miss it. It will refresh and renew your spirit.

Striving to be Faithful,

Pastor Donna

October Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Birthdays:

Kyra Duncan	Oct. 4
Nathan Parker	Oct. 4
Shane Hart	Oct. 5

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2 New Bible study on Simon Peter will
from 1pm-3pm. Books are
available from Pastor Donna.
Register in the narthex.

Duane Hite Oct. 8
 Joe Geiger Oct. 13
 Ginny Anne Stevens Oct. 14
 Bonita Williams Oct. 17
 Donna Shank Oct. 19
 Becky Riedel Oct. 20
 Ralph Rood Oct. 20
 Mark Cox Oct. 24
 Shirley Damron Oct. 24
 Mark Ridenour Oct. 26
 Betty Bittenbender Oct. 28
 Mackenzie Smith Oct. 28
 Cary Smoot Oct. 28
 Jerry Gray Oct. 31

Oct. 5 Mission trip to Wheeling with laundry detergent. Those wanting to go, let Cherry Know depart 6am
 Oct. 5 Honor Flight @ HTS Airport Departs 6am/return 7pm
 Oct. 5 Highlawn Community Yard Sale 8am
 Oct. 11 Dinner & Show fund raiser for Grace Food Pantry at 6:30pm at COG. Cost--\$20.00. Tickets available thru Pastor Donna or church office. Presented by the "Old Broads Way" musical.
 Oct. 22 Lunch For A Buck at MU Campus Christian Center from 11:30am-1pm. Presented by the East End Parish.
 Oct. 27 Parish Charge Conference COG 4pm

Anniversaries:

Chris & Samantha Thomas Oct. 1
 Butch & Connie Williams Oct. 1
 Mark & Pam Taylor Oct. 9
 Nelson& Mari Smith Oct. 14
 Bob & Judy Williams Oct. 16
 Steve & Marsha Murray Oct. 22
 Ross & Darlene Cummings Oct. 25

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held this year on, Thursday, October 31 (Halloween Night) in our parking lot. Bring your candy and wear your costumes and have great time with each other and all the kids. If you decide not to join us but would like to donate candy for us to give out, please bring it on Sunday, Oct.20 or Oct.27 and leave on table in Narthex. Treating is from about 6pm-8pm.

The September Club

The September Club invites any person 50+ years old to their monthly meetings on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at Cross roads UMC from 12noon-1:30pm. We hope that you will join us for a covered dish lunch, fellowship, and a program for all to enjoy. The group also takes trips throughout the year. For more information, contact Rev.Bill DeMoss at 304-633-3312 or Anita Looney at 304-525-2350.