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You Are

Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Night.....6:00p.m.

October

- Sun., October 8th - 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Wed., October 11th -6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Fri., October 13th - 5th Quarter at Vermont Christian Church following football game
- Sun., October 15th -5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
- Mon., October 16th - 6:00 p.m. LaMoine Camp Fellowship at Vermont Christian Church
- Wed., October 18th -6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Thur., October 19th - 6:00 p.m. Soul Sisters
-6:00 p.m. LaMoine Christian Service
Camp Annual Meeting
- Sat., October 21st - 2:00p.m. Man Up Trap Shoot at Bill Danner's
- Sun., October 22nd - 12:00 p.m. All Church Harvest Party
- Wed., October 25th -6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Sun., October 29th -5:00 -7:00 p.m. Soul Sisters Fundraiser Meal
- Tue., October 31st - 4:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat



LORD

Enlighten what's dark in me,
 Strengthen what's weak in me,
 Mend what's broken in me,
 Bind what's bruised in me,
 Heal what's sick in me,
 And lastly,
 Revive whatever peace and love
 has died in me.
 Amen.

A quick Google search reveals that about 1 in 5 people in the US suffer from mental illness. These are illnesses such as depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and others. And though I don't know if I could ever have classified myself as suffering from a mental illness, I know that there have been seasons in my life where anxiety and depression have caused me significant suffering. Even today, I know my anxiety and fear causes me pain often. And even if we aren't suffering from a particular mental illness, I know all of us have pain and struggle and hurt in our lives. Even when things seem to be going well, most of us are carrying hurt in our heart that we haven't dealt with.

And when I look at all the angry and frustrated and annoyed people in our culture and in our community, I can take two approaches to them. The first approach is that I can get annoyed and angry right back at them, especially if their frustration is directed toward me. My other option is I can look at them and see that their anger is a symptom of hurt in their life. And sometimes that hurt is recent. But often that hurt goes deeper, even back to childhood, where a trauma or an experience or a toxic environment shaped their heart.

And I know that when I look at the person and I want to get angry and yell and curse at them, I realize that there is hurt in my heart, too. My reaction to their anger is a symptom of hurt I have in my life. Often for me, honestly, are feelings of personal worthlessness which quickly surface when facing struggles and conflict. And so I need to take steps to realize that I have those deep-seeded feelings and work through them, through God's grace, in order to not react negatively. I know I'll still get angry and frustrated, but in order to make a choice that leads me toward life and peace, I choose to give my pain and anger to God.

Proverbs 16.2 says, "You may think everything you do is right, but the Lord judges your motives." (GNT) And motives, purpose and heart are the most important aspects of how we chose to live. When Jesus came, he reminded the people that following rules and a moral code is worthless, unless it comes from the heart and from a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that when we face conflict, struggles, anxiety and hurt, we can remind ourselves that God wants us to be healed from our own hurt and to remember that others are hurting as well. Serving Him and you, Matthew

Sunday School Teacher

Our Sunday School is growing and we are looking for someone to fill the role of teaching the K-2nd grade students. If you are interested in helping teach regularly or substitute, please let Matthew or Opal know.

Man Up

Man Up is planning another clay pigeon shoot on Saturday, October 21st at Bill Danner's home. We will start shooting around 2:00 p.m. Food, beverages and clay pigeons will be provided. Bring your own gun, ammo and ear protection.

Harvest Festival

Plan to attend our Harvest Festival on Sunday, October 22nd around noon. This is for all ages! We plan to have games and activities for the kids (and kids at heart), including a hay rack ride and bobbing for apples. A fire pit will be set up to roast hot dogs and make s'mores. A donation list will be past in a few weeks to help support this event.

Soul Sisters

ACC Soul Sisters Soup Supper on Sunday, October 29th from 5:00 p.m. - ? We will be serving Chili, Vegetable and Potato Soups, Steam burgers, desserts and drinks all for a freewill donations.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat returns on October 31st in front of the church. Join us around 4:00 p.m. with your treats to hand out, and (optionally) decorated vehicle.

International Conference on Missions (ICOM)

On November 16-19 a world-wide presence will be on display in Peoria and the church has paid for you to attend all of it. In order to register for this event, you will need to use the code "peoria17" at the website <http://theicom.org/register>. Click on the 'Individual Registration' button and use the 4th option. Anyone needing assistance or without internet access, please let us know and we can help. The church van will be going up for at least part of this event, but individuals or groups are welcome to attend as they are able. This will be an incredible opportunity to see what God is doing throughout the world.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child items for the month of October are craft kits and tools.

Prayer List

(updated:9/29/2017)

Denny Belville – no insurance, in need of surgery (8-6)
 Robert Belville - echo cardiogram (9-10)
 Jennifer Bent - specialist in October at SIU (8-27)
 Pat Bultermeier and family - she is on hospice (8-10)
 Mike Busby – radiation treatments
 Betty Clemens - Home and recuperating (9-21)

Justin Cozad - recovery from surgery that removed ½ a lung (9-11)
 Mike Davis - at St. John's in Springfield, cellulitis, and infection from open heart surgery in June (8-17)
 Bob Fawcett- unable to remove bladder, treatments instead (9-21)
 Todd Hamm - cancer treatments (7-30)
 Chris Jones - 1 radiation treatment on Oct. 3rd (9-24)
 Danny Jones - recovery (7-30)
 Frankie Jones - health issues (5- 14)
 Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
 Jeff McCartney - late stage liver cancer (8-13)
 Margaret Miller - health issues (8-27)
 Bob Mummert - ER in Peoria for e coli in kidneys and high fever (9-29)
 Jon Mummert - 2nd surgery went well (9-27)
 Sharron Musson - cancer treatment (7-30)
 Dan Palmer - pre op surgery for infection (8-27)
 Karen Sager - radiation (1-17)
 Linda Schneider – cancer treatments
 Letha Stambaugh's friend Marissa - cancer
 Letisha Trepec and babies Miles and Murphy are home and doing well, (Ledena Clark's sister) (9-28)
 Condolences: Family of Payton Edwards - (Rushville teen) (9-10)
 Family of Geraldine Nelson (9-1)
 Cheryl - loss of 4 month old - from Rushville (9-3)
 Bob Stambaugh family (9-10)
 Family of Shirley Kleinlein (Kathy Stambaugh's aunt) (9-20)
 Family of Don Anderson (9-24)

Attendance/Offering September

Date	Worship	S.S.	Offering	Needed
3	60	22	\$1,246.00	\$1,636.41
10	61	37	\$886.00	\$1,636.41
17	Community worship service		\$684.20	\$1,636.41
24	71	25	\$1,933	\$1,636.41
Totals	192	84	\$4,749.20	\$6,545.64
Averages	64	28		