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You Are Welcome At Our Services!

Sunday

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

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

Events:

Sun, Oct. 10th-Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

Tues, Oct. 12th- Man Up 6:30-8:00

Sun, Oct. 17th-19th- Revival-Dave Hargrave 7 pm nightly

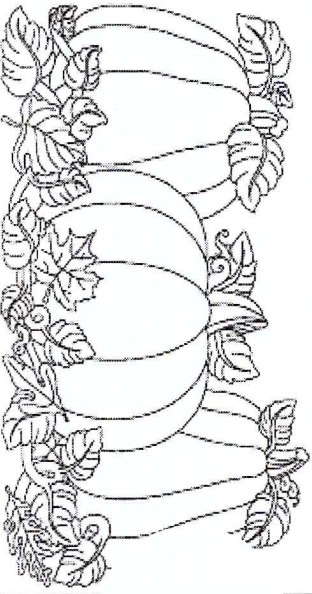
Mon, Oct. 18th-Camp Fellowship in Vermont 6-7:30 pm

Sat, Oct. 30th-Mobile Food Drive 9:30 am

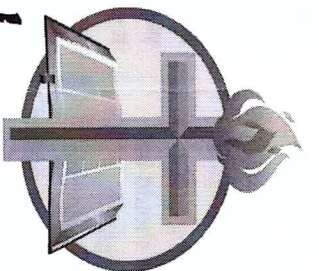
Sun, Oct. 31st-Worship & Praise @ Old Oak Ridge Cafe 6-7 pm

Sun, Oct. 31st-Youth Offering

*All events are subject to change. Please keep up to date by checking the bulletin, Facebook page or website.



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He HAS MADE

everything beautiful

in 12

TIMES

Ecclesiastes 3:11

What's your ministry?

I mean, how are you loving, serving and caring for those around you? If the greatest commandments we are given by Jesus himself are to love God by loving those around us, then each follower of Jesus should be actively doing something about that, right? I mean, in that command, love is action oriented. It's not passive. It's something that we are choosing to do. And it's not just as life happens either. It is us intentionally reaching out and finding ways to serve, help, comfort, protect, uplift, encourage, provide for and ultimately love those around us. And if that's the command, what does that look like in your life? I feel like that's a question we have to continually and regularly ask ourselves. It is too easy to simply coast through life assuming that if we're not causing harm then we're doing our part, right? But are we?

I was listening to a podcast whose guest speaker was the founder of a ministry called 'The Forgotten Initiative'. And it's a wonderful ministry that is an advocate for the foster care system in our country and tries to find ways to show the love of Jesus to everyone involved in it. And though foster care isn't something very near and dear to my heart, I got emotionally caught up into the reason for this ministry and why she started it in the first place. And I think every single Jesus follower should have a ministry that is near and dear to us. Something that we are passionate about that we can show the love of Jesus to those around us.

And it doesn't need to be anything huge. We don't all need to start non-profit organizations in order to love those around us well. But I do believe we are all called to be purposeful about how we're loving others.

And so, what's your ministry? It does NOT need to be something done at the church building or even within a church context or program. In fact, I think

the most impactful ways we love our neighbor is outside of the walls of our building. And it can be very simple, purposeful steps. It could be baking a pie for a family that fosters kids. It could be simply watching the neighbor's kids while she takes a nap. It can be buying lunch for someone who could use a pick-me-up and just praying with them. It can be regularly writing encouraging notes to people whom God places on your heart.

But it can also be something bigger, too. Maybe God has placed a passion in your heart that you feel overwhelmed by because you don't know how to answer that passion. I know I have those things and it's difficult to sometimes see how they will come to fruition.

But I've also found that when I pray about it, talk with others about it and wait patiently, often things get revealed about how to move forward.

But in the end, Jesus followers need to be purposefully loving others. And that's more than just reacting to what's happening around us and more than just responding to requests. It is purposefully finding ways that will love our neighbors. Jesus gave his life for you to love your neighbors well. How will we respond to that great love?

Serving Him and you, Matthew

OC Shoe Boxes

This year we will be doing a combination of having individuals take boxes and fill them along with having a small packing party at the church. The boxes will be available near the entrance for anyone interested in taking one. Otherwise there is a bin for donations set up near the back door as well. A donation list is posted on the bulletin board. Donations are due **Sunday, October 31st** for our packing party following the service that morning.

Prayer List

- Denny Belville – unable to operate
- Tammy Bowman – kidney failure, blood cots
- Garth Cripe – heart specialist
- Kyle Easley – heart issues
- Bob Greene – Parkinson's
- Haiti – earthquake, tropical storm, government unrest (Blessing Hearts mission)
- Gary Hulett – heart failure
- Luke Jones – serious tractor accident, healing
- Frankie Jones – mini strokes
- Carol Lawson – scan came back clean
- Margaret Miller – stint put in, has oxygen
- Lori Rodriguez – stage 4 cirrhosis of liver
- Zach Rogers – procedure in December
- Suzanne Snow – strokes, recovery
- Todd Stambaugh – stage 4 glioblastoma
- Judy Windsor – hospice
- Montana(Jones' Grandson) – fell, seizures

Condolences:

- Bob Fawcett family
- Tyler Gilson Family

September Financials

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Sept 5	\$1,095.00	\$35,438.32	\$47,926.44
Sept 12	\$428.00	\$35,866.32	\$49,257.73
Sept 19	\$177.00	\$36,043.32	\$50,589.02
Sept 26	\$1,456.00	\$37,499.32	\$51,920.31

Revival

We will be hosting a revival on **October 17th-20th**. David Hargrave will be our speaker and we will have our local team lead our worship. David will speak Sunday morning and then **Sunday through Wednesday at 7pm** each night. Please plan now

to attend and bring a few friends! There are sign up sheets for 'Fill-A-Pew' and to provide David and his wife a meal in the back of the sanctuary.

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