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“Money”

I’ve been thinking about money a lot lately. (I recognize this is a strange statement.) However, I just finished up a 7-week course on financial resource development and next week I begin a new 7-week course on financial resource management. In addition to this, the church has had or is facing some large expenses that are on the forefront of my mind. In addition to this, of course, it is tax season, which always seems to make me nervous that some mistake will be discovered and suddenly we will owe the government ridiculous amounts of money.

In the class I just finished, each week focused on our relationship with and attitude toward money. In my family growing up, money was a topic we never discussed. I never knew how much money my parents earned, how much bills were, how much was spent on vehicles (only that Dad negotiated a great deal), or how much money my parents gave to the church. I knew an envelope was placed in the plate regularly, but the amount was never disclosed.

In the church I grew up in, it felt like money was a similarly taboo topic. Members accepted that each fall a sermon or two might address giving to the church as part of the annual stewardship drive, but beyond that, no one talked about money as a matter of faith. The message was basically, “the church needs money, and the members are responsible for giving it.”

These monetary principals mirrored my own attitude toward giving for many years. I remember as a kid not understanding why Dad gave me a quarter every week to put in the plate at Sunday School. Later, when I started earning my own money, I felt very grown up when I would put a dollar or two in the plate, thinking I was doing my duty. Once Sara and I were married, she made it clear that we would tithe. Suddenly, right after I got a real job making real money, I was giving away nearly \$300 a month. I went along with this because I knew it was the right thing to do, but I didn’t like it. Each year when we received our giving statement, I would look at the total and think about what I/we could have done (meaning bought) with that money.

Over time, my attitude has changed. Now, when I see our giving statements, I don’t look at the vacation we could have taken or the shiny toys we could have bought. Now I think about the kids who went to camp, the people who received diapers or groceries or even heat, the Angel Tree luncheon and Youth lock-in and fellowship meals, and the many contributions this congregation has made to our community through our giving. I have come to see that God has done more through me giving him my money than what I could or would have done myself. The things God does with our financial gifts are so much more important and eternal than anything we could do with the same funds.

I write this not with the end goal of asking you for money, but asking you to think about your attitude toward giving. When you give to the church, is to help us pay our bills, or to be a part of the work God is doing? Do you give because you think you are supposed to, or out of gratitude to God for all that God has done for you? Our attitude toward money and giving matters, maybe even more than the dollar amount we give. I encourage you to spend some time thinking not just about the amount you give, but why and in what spirit. Remember, we are told “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Blessings, Chris

Greetings from Your Administrative Board:

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during our recent electrical issues. We are feeling very Blessed that the electrical fire did not do any more damage than was done to our building, and most importantly, that we did not have any injuries.

The Administrative Board had already had several discussions in the last few months on the conditions of our air conditioning and heating services and had come to the realization that our HVAC units would need to be replaced. We have used the units up that we have had for over 20 years and some are obsolete and some are just not working at all. We were aware that something would need to be done. With the electrical issues fixed, this has actually taken a big step in proceeding with what we would have had to do anyway.

We are hoping, and have been in prayer, to address the following items:

- Replace the 1 unit that serves the Sanctuary building
- Replace the unit that serves the offices
- Replacing & upgrading the units that serve the main & upper floors of the Education Building
- Adding AC (now using window units that are very old.
- Adding a unit that will help keep the main entry in the Education Build more climate controlled.

We decided to tackle this as 1 big project rather than one at a time because all of it is necessary and we could get the best deal by doing everything at once. We have been in contact with several companies and banks looking at contracts and loans. Needless to say, this is a very big project, but one that is definitely needed.

As the Board moves forward with this project, please be in prayer for God's grace and wisdom to be with us and make the best decisions possible. Also, please be in prayer with how you would like to be involved in this exciting project to help our church family and our wonderful building. I myself am so excited to be able to help bring the church building up to a more modern, safe place for our families. I know it has been very cold in the Sanctuary as well as the nursery, Sunday School rooms, bathrooms, etc., and I am happy to be involved in bringing about a change or fix for this. Even guests to our church will be able to see a huge difference. We also know that this is a huge undertaking but necessary for our church family to be able to continue to worship God and continue our mission of making more disciples for Christ.

Thank you so much for your support of this project. We on your Administrative Board are excited about this project and the importance of keeping our very historic building in good shape and available to all who come for many years to come.

Blessings,

Karma Haller

Holy Week April 2 thru April 8

- Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday worship on Sunday, April 2nd.
- We will have a Maundy Thursday worship service on April 6th at 7:00 PM.
- Good Friday we will have a worship service on April 7th at 7:00 PM.
- On Easter Sunday, April 9th, worship times will be 8:00 AM and 10:20 AM.

Baby Grace



Thank you to everyone who has made donations to the Baby Grace diaper and wipes drive! Your generous support helps us serve many families in our community. Thank you again for your support of this important ministry.

Time to Order Easter Lilies



Those of you that would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out a form that is located on the table in the refreshment area or by the front doors. Please deliver the form to the church by Sunday, March 12th or place it in the offering box. This will give Marcey from Stella's Florist and Gifts plenty of time to order the lilies. Please make checks payable in the amount of \$15.00 to Nelson Memorial, UMC, and in the memo line write Easter Lily. The lilies will help beautify the sanctuary for Easter and will be displayed at the Easter services. You may take your lily home after the 10:20 a.m., Easter service.

Daylight Saving Time (DST) change March 12



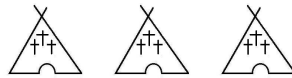
It will soon be time to "spring forward" one hour at 2 AM, March 12 for Daylight Saving Time. As a practical matter, most of us will set our clocks up one hour sometime on March 11 so we can show up on time for worship Sunday morning.

Church Directory



If you have not yet updated your contact information, you can fill out an electronic version of the form at the following link: <https://forms.gle/rMLfxccrJmLxnQG36> or fill out a directory information form which are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the East Wing Narthex. Please help us as we seek to update our church directory.

Sagrada Bible Camp Work Day and Men's Retreat



All men (and male youth, junior/senior high age) in our church are invited! March 24th and May 25th. Nelson Memorial UMC Methodist Men are sponsoring a retreat the evening of March 24th beginning at 7PM at camp Sagrada Scholarship Bible Camp. It is located at 33495 Sagrada Beach Road, Lincoln, Mo. 65338. Sagrada is a summer Bible camp for children whose parents are incarcerated. Friday evening, there will be a light evening meal and devotion. We will then bunk down in one of the dorms. Bring your own bedding (sleeping bag) towel and personal hygiene products. Showers are available. Saturday, we will have breakfast, work through the morning, have lunch, and then finish working in the afternoon. The projects will enhance the camp, and will include such things as replacing tire swing ropes, staining playground equipment, fence building, general cleanup such as raking, picking up sticks, etc.

We will plan to be back in Boonville by 6PM Saturday evening. We hope to get as many men and youth as possible to attend. Plan to carpool from the church at 4PM Friday. If interested in attending, you will find a sign-up sheet in the East narthex, or you may contact Tim VonEngeln at 660-882-3348. Youth will need a parental permission slip if not accompanied by a parent.

Church Work Day Saturday, April 8



Come join with the Men's group as they have a work day to get everything ready for Holy Week – Palm Sunday dinner, egg hunt, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services, and lots of guests. We will be moving some things, dusting in high places, checking under pews, scrubbing some baseboards, and other things beyond our regular cleaning of the church. We will start about 9:00 am.

Easter Cards for Elders & Friends



This year again we are asking the congregation to mail out Easter cards or other greeting cards with your own personal Easter greeting. The addresses for the names listed below will be located on the refreshment table or the counter next to the front entrances.

Florence Banion, Jack Bell, Frances Bradley, Virginia Brownfield, Gene and Donna Reagan, Ada Gingrich, Margaret Hopkins, Bart Riley, Carol Schenck, Leona Schmidt, Helen Taylor, John Tincher, Hessie Watts, and Dorothy Whitten.

We know all the recipients will experience a special Easter blessing because of the thoughtfulness of all those who participate in this endeavor. **Thank you for remembering these special people.**

Prayer: God, make this Lenten journey, and the prayers and fasting, a deep and rich time for reflection and growth. And then, Holy God, bring to mind and heart the needs of the world and our fitting response. Amen

March Birthday's

- 1 Lindie Adair
- 3 Colin Arnold
- 5 Frankie Graham,
Mike Bohannon
- 7 John Linville, HESSIE WATTS
- 8 Audrey Phelps
- 9 Dusty Rohrbough
- 10 Matt McGruder
- 11 Ray Taylor
- 12 Jo Parker, Tina Zeller
- 14 Stuart Clark
- 19 Donna Wrenn



- 20 Judy Powell
- 21 Laura Burnett,
Corbin Jackson
- 23 Todd McVicker
- 24 Dennis Huff, Luke Belstle
- 25 Sid Boehm
- 26 Alyssa Brownfield, Christy Clark,
Leah Schmidt
- 27 Chris Phelps
- 28 Pat Reardon

Worship
8:00 & 10:20 AM
Sunday School
9:00 AM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2 6:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>3 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, CMCA Team Building, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, DAR Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:15 am - CoMo Men's Conference</p>
5	<p>6 9:00 am TOPS</p> <p>8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>8 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9 1:00 pm Baby Grace Size and Sort</p>	<p>10 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11 8:30 am - UMM Meeting</p>
<p>12 Daylight Saving Time</p> 	<p>13 9:00 am TOPS</p> <p>8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Baby Grace Distribution</p> <p>6:00 pm Praise Band Practice</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>18</p>
19	<p>20 Spring is Here</p> <p>9:00 am TOPS</p> <p>8:00 pm – Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21 6:00 pm Administrative Board Meeting, Lounge</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>22 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 4:00 pm - UMM Sagrada Bible Camp Work Day and Men's Retreat</p> <p>8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>25 UMM Sagrada Bible Camp Work Day and Men's Retreat</p>
26	<p>27 9:00 am TOPS</p> <p>8:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>6:00 pm - Leadership Development Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:15 am Women's Bible Study, Lounge</p> <p>12:00 Noon Al-Anon Meeting, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	