



October 2014

Medicine Lodge United Methodist Church

TO KNOW CHRIST, TO GROW IN CHRIST, TO GO SERVE CHRIST

Whose Idea Was It Anyway?

Someone came up with October being "Pastor's Appreciation Month." Being a pastor who enjoys being appreciated - I'm really OK with the idea. But I'm curious as to where it came from. "Whose idea was it anyway? What motivated some person or group of persons to want pastors everywhere to be shown appreciation for their efforts?"

A little research brought the following information to light. This quote is from the Sept./Oct. 1996 issue of the Saturday Evening Post related the origins of Clergy Appreciation Day. "In 1992, layperson Jerry Frear, Jr., was brainstorming with church colleagues about how they might be of help to their minister when he glanced at a calendar and noticed that it was almost Groundhog Day. 'I thought, if they have a day for groundhogs, there ought to be a day for the 375,000 clergy people in America.' Frear says. So...for the last seven years the second Sunday in October has been set aside to show appreciation for our clergy."

I think that it is interesting that some want to appreciate the person while others want to honor "the office and calling." While all persons need to be valued as persons, not all persons have the same place in God's organization of His Kingdom. In Ephesians 4: 11 we read, "11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. . ." These offices or callings in the church were established by Christ Jesus himself. And He had a good reason. We find that reason outlined in the verse 12, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ . . ."

Pastors then are called to equip the believers so that the body of Christ

can function, grow, prosper and have an impact on the world.

But that's not all. In verse 13 we read, "till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect human, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. . ." Pastors then are challenged with the calling and duty to transform members of their congregation from what they are into what Christ desires them to be. Think of it this way. Pastors are like a personal coach who encourages, reproves, and corrects members of their flock to be like Jesus.

Paul tells us in verses 14-15, "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— . . ." Pastors are called and required to speak the truth - in love - to their congregations. They are to protect their flock from false doctrines, and the deceitful practices of humans who desire to deceive believers for their own personal gain. They are to help the flock to "grow up." And, we all know that growing is sometimes painful. "Growing pains," when applied to spiritual growth, are often experienced in conflicts, failures, and human brokenness and suffering.

Paul wraps up this thought in verse 16 saying, "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Here Paul meddles a bit telling believers that every believer is to do their part supplying what is

necessary for the common good of all. Paul encourages every believer to "do its (their) share" in helping the body of Christ grow in love.

So dear reader, if you're pondering, "What's the point?" here it is. We pastors have a tough job of trying to get folks "stuck in where they are" to move into "where Christ Jesus wants them to be." Paul says it this way in Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (NKJV).

I have been told that in America the average life span of a person staying in ministry is only five years. Lots of people come and go because the work of transforming people into the image of Christ Jesus is really hard work. A congregation is not a resting home for saints but rather a hospital for sinners.

So if you, dear reader, are convinced you need to appreciate this pastor - here is what I would greatly appreciate you doing.

1. Find yourself worshiping every Sunday someplace.
2. Read your Bible every day.
3. Pray for your pastor for mental, physical and spiritual health.
4. Look hard for each other's good points. They are much harder to see than their faults and failings.
5. Share the "good news" of Jesus Christ with your family, friends, and neighbors.
6. Do your fair share in giving of your time, talents and finances to support the work of this congregation.
7. Love one another in the same manner that Christ Jesus has loved you.

Pastor Dale



**Sunday's
"Pray it Forward"
from 8:45-9:15**

Join us in praying for our church and all God wants us to be. We will begin as a group in the sanctuary at 8:45, then divide up around the church from 9:00-9:15. Our prayer time will conclude in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 with a closing prayer as a group. We look forward to this time of prayer in our church.



**Sunday, October 5
Following Sunday
School**



To the Families of
Iona Etheridge
Fern Heublein

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

October 26, 2014

A Special Service and
Covered Dish Lunch
in Honor Of Those Who Can
No Longer Attend
The Medicine Lodge UMC Regularly

Come join us to welcome our guests
and please bring an extra dish for the luncheon so
there will be plenty of food.

**(This will replace the covered dish
on November 2)**

FAMILYLIFE presents

I Still Do

a marriage changing event for couples

LIVE WORLD-WIDE SIMULCAST EVENT | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Dennis Rainey	Dr. Al Mohler	David Nassar	Dr. Crawford Loritts, Jr.	Jimmy McNeal	Rob McGehee & Kerri Pomeroy	Ron Deal	Shaunti Feldhahn

FREE EVENT

October 4th from 10 am - 6 pm
Lunch will be available for purchase

Historic Kingman Co. Theatre
237 N. Main, Kingman

Please register by visiting www.kingmanmennonite.org
And click on the I Still do link

Strengthen the promise and go the distance -
For Love, For Family, For Legacy...Forever

**Bloodmobile
Monday, October 27
12 noon - 6 pm**



Did you know...
a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?



We're Searching for Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Primary Sunday School
Extreme Kids Club

Contact Andrea if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

Hosts/Hostesses
For the
Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Contact the church office for more details if you are interested.

THANK YOU!

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- 👉 Ted Lukens for helping unload commodities
- 👉 Van Mitchell and Judy McCullough for helping distribute commodities
- 👉 Jody Mullican for addressing and folding the newsletter

My order of priorities reflects the level of my



commitment to Christ. Whoever or whatever is in first place, if it isn't the Lord Jesus, is in the wrong place. Life is like a coin. Spend it any way you wish, but you only spend it once. How are you spending it?

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Robin Burns
- 4-Kelly Long
- 5-Earl Kuhn
- 6-Vivian Harbaugh
Judy McCullough
- 7-Viola Wright
- 8-Melvin Thompson
- 12-Barara Packard
- 14-Butch Suhler
- 15-Cathy Forbes
- 16-Zachary Larkin
- 17-Nick Burns
- 19-Barbara Lonker
- 23-Ryann Packard
Blair Donovan
- 24-Dacy Woods, Cody Andrews
- 26-Rick Swayden, Jim Donovan
Morgan Christensen
- 27-Michael Roe
- 29-Curtis McLemore

Stewardship/Finance

Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 8

6:00 pm

Administrative

Council Meeting

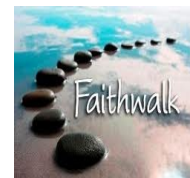
Sunday, October 12

12:00 pm



Life Tree
Café
Sundays @
5:30 pm

UMC Basement
Childcare provided



**Come join us
for a
Faith Walk**

Tuesdays & Thursdays
@ 8:15 am
Come join in.

TAKE A STAND

Home-field advantage is no myth. According to Tobias J. Moskowitz and L. Jon Wertheim, in their book "Scorecasting," the home team wins more often than the visiting team. Why? The writers state: "Officials' bias is the most significant contribution to home-field advantage." The officials respond to the pressure from the fans because they don't like to get booed. When the contests are close, the officials tend to make calls that favor the home team.

Aware of Jesus' innocence and desiring to set Him free, but fearful of disappointing the crowd, Pilate actually caved in to the wishes of the crowd: *Crucify Him! Crucify Him!* (Luke 23:21). He asked the crowd to name Jesus' crime, but they could not. So he repeated his verdict that Jesus had done nothing wrong and did not deserve a death sentence. Pilate wanted to have Jesus flogged, but the crowd insistently demanded that He be crucified (v.23). The crowd won. Pilate decided to grant their demands rather than the righteous demand of justice. In the face of public outcry, Pilate crumbled. He failed to take a stand for justice, but instead gave in to the crowd so he wouldn't disappoint them and have to face their loud and angry disapproval (vv.24-25).

Unlike Pilate and the officials, believers in Jesus must take a stand for what's right no matter how much noise the crowd makes. With the Bible as our guide, let's develop non-negotiable values in our lives and determine ahead of time the core spiritual convictions that we'll never compromise.

If we prepare in this way, the next time we're placed in a position to make a tough call, it's more likely we'll push for justice and truth that will ultimately bring glory to God. —Marvin Williams

UMW News

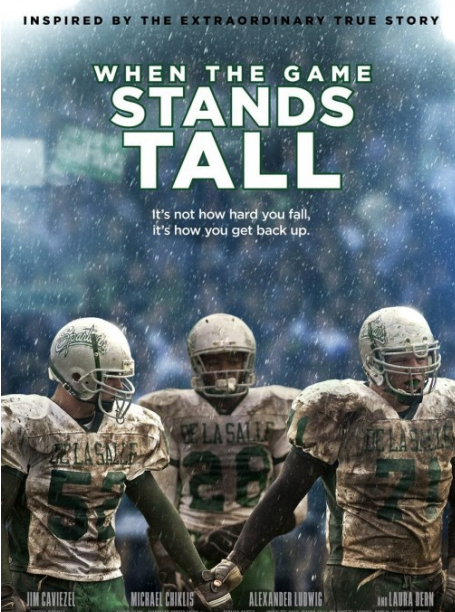


October 13 - Faith Circle will meet with Amy Anderson as hostess and Cheryl Wampler as co-hostess. Laura Johnson will have the program and Cindy Christensen will have the devotions.

October 22 - Mary Martha Circle will meet on with Edna Mae Jacobs as hostess and Maida Anne Packard has the program.

MARK your calendars for Wednesday, December 3, 2014! It is the UMW Annual Soup Supper and Silent Auction!

Traditionally, during the month of October, the Medicine Lodge United Methodist Women have turned in thank offerings. The World Thank Offering is an opportunity to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. This offering is our individual and collective expression of gratitude for the many blessings we have already received from God. Each time we dropped a coin in a jar, a box, a basket or an envelope throughout this past year we had the opportunity to pause, reflect and be thankful for a specific blessing on that specific day. These offerings are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Methodist's Women's national office in the US and around the world. Collectively, United Methodist Women members strive to meet the physical and social needs of women, children and youth around the world through national and international mission institutions. For the past 132 years, World Thank Offering has been a part of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations' channel of giving. UMW members are asked to give thank offerings at their October circle meeting, turn in at the church office, or to local UMW treasurer, Amy Anderson.



BARBER COUNTY YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Jr and Sr High MYF will attend "When the Game Stands Tall" Wednesday, October 1 at 7:30 pm

Chieftain Theater in Kiowa. Meet at the High School at 6:45 pm and leave by 7:00 pm.

\$5 admission

Concessions available

If you do not have a permission slip on file contact Andrea to make sure you get one signed.



Sunday Schedule

- 9:30 am -Worship
- 10:45 am - Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am-Sunday School
- 12 noon - Covered Dish Dinner

(1st Sunday of the month)

5:30 pm - Life Tree Cafe

Wednesday Schedule

- 6:30 am - Men's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Extreme Kids Club
- 7:00 pm - Jr & Sr High MYF

Ushers

9:30 am

The Lonker Boys, Pat Bedwell
Ryan Bedwell, Braeden Bell

Greeters

9:30 am

Weeks/Bell/Petardi Family

Acolytes

9:30 am

Lonker/Fisher Boys

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY
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On October 26, 2014

- A Special Service and
- Covered Dish Lunch in
- Honor Of Those Who Can
- No Longer Attend The
- Medicine Lodge UMC
- Regularly

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Reg Wed Act. 10 am - Ministerial Alliance @ Aofg 7 pm - Youth to Movie @ Kiowa	2	3	4
5 Staff/Parrish Meeting	6 10 am Food Bank	7	18 Reg Wed Act. 6 pm - Stewardship/Finance Meeting	9	10	11
12 12 Noon - Administrative Council	13 10 am Food Bank 7 pm - Faith Circle	14	15 Reg Wed Act.	16	17	18
19	20 10 am Food Bank	21	22 Reg Wed Act 2 pm - Mary Martha Circle	23	24	25
26 Homecoming Sunday and Covered Dish Lunch	27 10 am Food Bank Bloodmobile	28	29	30	31	



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Weekly Schedule

Sunday Schedule

Worship	9:30 am
Fellowship Time	10:45 am
Sunday School	11:00 am
Covered Dish Dinner	
(1st Sunday of the month)	11:45 pm
Lifetree Café	5:30 pm

Monday Schedule

Food Bank	10:00 am
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Wednesday Schedule

Men's Bible Study and	
Breakfast	6:30 am
Extreme Kids Club	4:00 pm
Jr MYF	7:00 pm
Sr MYF	7:00 pm