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Pastor Jean's Comments

Rueben Job recently wrote a small book entitled Three Simple Rules: a Wesleyan Way of Living (Abingdon Press, 2007). In it he asks the question: "Is our way of living life-giving rather than life-draining?" (p. 13). And, he encourages us to think about living our lives in a holy way, so we can answer that question positively.

When John Wesley was giving leadership to the Methodist movement, he had the same question for Christians. He was determined to find ways to help Methodists be disciplined in their faithfulness to Jesus Christ. He came up with three general rules that were easy to remember and easy to hold onto. These three rules were to assist those who called themselves Methodists live lives focused on the Spirit of God.

You know those three rules, right? Rueben Job simplifies them even more for the contemporary reader. They are:

Do no harm,
Do good, and
Stay in love with God.

When we determine in our hearts to do no harm to others, we lose our fear of them. We also are forced to place our trust in God alone, and we have to give up the idols we cling to.

When we determine in our hearts to do good, we necessarily add pro-activity to our lives. We let go of our fear of rejection, and we let go of our self-focus. Our lives become an example of Christ's love for all to see.

And, when we determine in our hearts to stay in love with God, we order our lives to be in harmony with something larger than ourselves. We pray daily. We delve into the Scriptures. We practice fasting. And, we keep covenant with our brother and sister Christians.

They are simple rules, but they form a way of life that is completely radical in our time. This is what the Book of Discipline (paragraph 103) says about Wesley's rules:

"These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught of God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all of these we know his Spirit writes on our truly awakened hearts." May it be so for us.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Jean.



Jean Hawxhurst

Kavanaugh Camp Meeting

Thank you to the United Methodist Men (and friends) who helped serve food at the Kavanaugh Camp meeting. It was a lot of fun... and it supported a local United Methodist camp that means a lot to all of us.

New Sunday School Class

A new small group class has started on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Upper Room. The class is open to all people who are not currently in a class and want to have open discussions about the Bible and theological issues. Chris Baker is leading the class and you are welcome to talk with him for more information (sandalstraps@aol.com).

Saturday Bible Study

Dr. Dean Harper of St. Paul United Methodist Church is leading a Bible study for our community and church. The Bible study is being held in the Art Room on Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. He is currently leading a study on the four gospels.

Grief Group

Dr. Wayne Anderson is now leading a monthly grief group for any persons interested. To find out when the next meeting will be held, contact Wayne at wrapjo@bellsouth.net.

Blessing of the Animals

Our annual Tri-Covenant Blessing of the Animals service will be held Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 p.m. in our Fourth Avenue garden area. Pets from the Cathedral of the Assumption, Christ Church cathedral and Fourth Avenue are invited to bring their caretakers and come for treats and a blessing. With questions see Pastor Jean.

Wednesday Evenings at Fourth!!!

The Wednesday Open House has had a great beginning. We are now working our way through an introduction to the New Testament course designed by Disciple Bible Study. But, this time in more than corporate study. David leads us in prayer in the chapel, Jose leads us in singing at the beginning of the hour, Jack provides powerpoint, and Peggy and Carol provide a snack supper. It's a casual atmosphere, and you'll see lots of friends

there.

5:30-5:50 p.m. – contemplative prayer in the chapel.

6:00-7:00 p.m. – singing, prayer and study in the parlor.

Art and Spirituality

Our art shows continue to grace our Central Hall. We thank the children and you for their beautiful show currently on display. If you have an artistic talent you would like to share, please let Courtland Rose know.

MSW Intern

Jimmy Rittmann, a Masters of Social Work student at the University of Louisville, continues his ministry among us. He is doing his practical field work with our neighborhood, and his office is in our building, off the parlor balcony. Pastor Sarah, who is also an MSW, is serving as his supervisor. Jimmy is working mostly with our Open Door ministry guests, but he is also available if you have a question about social services in the city. You can just call the church and leave him a message (585-2176).

Plan Now for next Summer's Vacation Bible School

It's time we provide a Vacation Bible School again for our children, something we haven't done for the past couple years. So, mark your calendars now for June 22, 23 and 24, 2009. That's when we'll do our next VBS!

Miracle Sunday

This year's Miracle Sunday offering is being put toward our general operating budget. This year, with the economy is such flux, and with our receiving an unusually high LG&E bill, the miracle will be to once again balance our budget. As of the writing of this article you have given approximately \$8,700. That is amazing! Thank you so much for participating in such a great miracle.

October Is Stewardship Month!

This year's theme for stewardship month will be "Quad Quest: a Journey toward Stewardship with John Wesley." Please begin praying now about your commitment to our congregation

through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. We will have a special potluck lunch and ministry fair on October 12 after worship. Every team and group in the church is welcome to put up a display in the parlor to help people know what your ministry is all about. At the ministry fair, the Lay Leadership Committee will be available to walk you through a spiritual gifts inventory, so you can discover where you may want to use your gifts in the church. Then, Commitment Sunday will be held on October 26. At both services you will be invited to bring your commitment forms forward and offer them to God. (Look for those forms in the mail soon!) Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can uphold the work of the Kingdom through this congregation.

Church Calendar

Oct. 4 – UMM Bar-b-que and Arts Festival in the Garden: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oct 4 - Youth parking cars in our parking lot for St. James Art Fair.

Oct. 5 – Photo Day: after the 10:45 a.m. service

Oct. 5 – Blessing of the Animals in the Garden: 3:00 p.m.

Oct. 5 - Photo Day by Tech Team - After 10:45 am worship. Donations appreciated.

Oct. 6 – Lay Leadership Committee in the Parlor: 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 7 - Trustees meeting.- 6 PM

Oct. 11 – Progressive UM's of KY: 10:30 a.m. at Buechel UMC

Oct. 11 - UMM - 9:30 am

Oct. 12 – Photo Day: after the 10:45 a.m. service

Oct. 12 – Ministry Fair and potluck in the Parlor: after the 10:45 a.m. service

Oct. 18 – Installation of Bishop Davis in Frankfort: 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 19 – Photo Day: after the 10:45 a.m. service

Oct. 19 - Children's Sabbath Sunday

Oct. 19 – Community Hunger Walk at the waterfront: 2:00 p.m. registration

Oct. 22 – Leadership Council in the parlor: 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 25 - Operation Brightside Cleanup. See a trustee to participate

Oct. 26 – Commitment Sunday

Oct. 29 – Lay Leadership Committee in the

parlor: 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 1 – Share the Warmth Day

Church Needs

G volunteers to help turn off lights when meetings are over.

G volunteers to pick up trash around the building

G volunteers for the children's ministry program.

If you can help with any of these, please see Pastor Jean.

Thank Yous

C to the UMM for serving food at the Kavanaugh Camp meeting

C to the Tech Team for continuing to provide visual aids for worship

C to Jacqui Lovett for all her leadership with the Open Door ministry.

C to Mary Anne Tenfelde for representing us with HELP ministries

C to Karen Lovett and Sarah Ewing who so gracefully shared their faith journeys with us last month

Congratulations

U to Mac Soult who just received school financing from the United Methodist Church.

U to Ashley Sullivan and Andrew Smith who will be married in the sanctuary on October 18.

U to Jeanine, Scott and Zachery Wiedeback on the new addition to their family!

A Personal Word

From Caryl Keeley

I want to say a big thank you to all of the 4th Ave. UMC Angels who helped me while I was mending, both physically and mentally, (which I am still doing) from a car accident. Your help and prayers were very much appreciated. You do deserve a diamond in your **Future Crown in Glory**

Anniversaries

October 6 Jonathan and Tanya Goins

October 10 Craig and Kim Tuck

October 16 Bettye and Gil Schroerlucke

Children's Sabbath Sunday

From Craig Tuck

On Sunday, October 19th, we will be observing, with many across the nation, the National Observance of Children's Sabbath during Sunday School and worship hours. This is "...an annual, multi-faith holiday that celebrates



Children's Defense Fund

children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for communities of faith to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect, and advocate for all children. Through the service of worship, educational programs, and congregational activities, you can affirm what your place of worship already does with and for children in your community, state, and our nation." For those Sunday School classes that would like to attend, a forum type class setting will be offered in the fellowship hall during our Sunday School hours. Please join us as we look to make aware the needs of all children. If you would like to know more about the Children's Defense Fund and Children's Sabbath visit the web @ <http://www.childrensdefense.org>.

Breath of Life

From Mike Gibbons

(The following note comes from Mike Gibbons our District Superintendent).

The following items are needed at our Breath of Life ministry: cribs, evacuation crib, cubbies, mats, tables, chairs, rugs, rocking chairs, and high chairs. Check your churches to see if extra items are available and ask members to see if they have items at home. Many times persons are ready to place items in yard sales that they would rather share. Contact Pastor John Jones at jjonesjr@bellsouth.net. Thanks.

Open Door Ministry

Many volunteers continue to make the Open Door Ministry a reality. Lunch is served to approximately 100 persons five days each week. Two of these volunteers are Jim and JoAnn Burch. They come each Monday and make the sandwiches. Members of Summit Heights UMC, Jim is a retired public school teacher and former principal of Southern High School.



Jim & JoAnn Burch with Bettye Schroerlucke

Birthdays

October 1 Larry Curry
October 9 Tom Holladay
October 11 Lucy Mitchell
October 13 Mary Kay Carter
October 14 Connie Meyer
October 14 Kim Tuck
October 18 Teddye Noel
October 22 George Howell
October 22 Danielle Manley
October 25 Tasha Coffey
October 25 Seth Sokoloff
October 30 Anya Decius
October 31 W. D. Bruce

Attention UMW Members

From Caryl Keeley, President

The UMW is looking for memorabilia to display at the UMW Christmas Tea. We are looking for pictures, programs, articles, or objects that relate to our work. We think this will help demonstrate the variety of activities in which we are engaged. In case these are keepsakes and there is a fear of damage, we will take extra precaution with them. You can contact me at 432-9474 or ckeeley3@aol.com.

We Recognized our Seniors (90 and older)

Sponsored by our Nurture Committee, the church paid special tribute to those in our congregation who had passed the 90 mark. A cake was prepared, a poem written and “The Sainly Seven” were recognized. See below.

Connie Read An Original Poem



The Honorees Were:

M. T. Rose
Carolyn Cressman
Mary Kay Carter
Norvin Fust
Rev. Pauline Carr
Ralph Calveard
Not Shown:
Pauline Ricks

Mavis Cut the Cake



Charlie and others joined in by watching



Just Because I'm Older

By Connie Meyer

Just because I'm older
Do not treat me differently.
Do not speak louder or slower

I have not changed in any way
Other than my appearance
Which has only been enriched
by time.

Just because I'm older
Do not question my judgment,
Or deny my opinions.

Talk to me as you always have
With an equal exchange
Of thoughts and ideas.

Just because I'm older
Do not presume that I'm too old
To love or be loved.

Do not look at me as outdated.
Each day is a new beginning,
An opportunity to learn and
share.

Just because I'm older
Do not ignore me or define me
by any number of years.
I am the same person I have
always been.

Just because I'm older
Do not forget that you are aging
too.
And embrace all of the years
God has given.



The Youth had fun too!



The Tech Team wants to take your picture. Watch for notice of the particulars.

The baby shower for Jeanine Weideback also brought smiles to husband, Scott and son Zach.



The needlecrafters continue to meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 PM. The creative handwork is supplemented by lively discussion. Would you like to learn to knit? Just show up. The group meets in the library.



8:45 a.m. Schedule:
Oct 5 - Prayer, Praise & Healing Service
Oct 12 - Dr. Charles Brockwell
Oct 19 - Laura Curry
Oct 26 - Craig Tuck

United Methodist Men In Action

The United Methodist Men at their regular monthly meeting recognized Brenden Croom for his special contribution to the 4th Ave. Garden. As a part of his pursuit of the Eagle Scout ranking, he built an outdoor table and chairs and anchored them in the ground. He also cultivated some of the growing plants. His comment was “I hope you all have a moment to sit and meditate in this peaceful place.” Brenden is a member of Christ Church United Methodist. A certificate was presented by Courtland Rose in the garden attended by the UMM.



The United Methodist Men also hosted a food booth at the Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center during the annual camp meeting.

The men will sponsor a Barbecue, Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 10 am to 6 pm. Displays welcomed. Everyone invited!

Setting Community Priorities

Each year CLOUT draws upon its constituent groups to help set its agenda for the coming year. The 4th Ave. group pictured here met and began that process. Their report will come later.



Children and Youth Art Display Draws Interest



Editor's Note: *In October Bettye and I will have been married for 60 years. In honor of that occasion I share some of Red Skelton's (remember him) recipes for the perfect marriage.*

1. I take my wife everywhere... but she keeps finding her way back.
2. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. 'Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!' she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
3. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
4. I married Miss right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.

Thank God for wives who put up with husbands like me!! Let all of our marriages be fun times!!

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Youth Outing

On September 20th, Anya, Isa and Tasha travelled to the Red River Gorge with Laura Curry, Josh and Courtland Rose. It was a beautiful day to visit one of the most beautiful places in Kentucky. They enjoyed having lunch and wading in the river as well as visiting the living archaeology weekend event and observing the beautiful geological formations.

When, due to the windstorm damage, the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary lost its electrical power, 4th Ave. UMC offered its facilities. Several classes were held in our building.

UMW News:

By Pam Lewis

To all UMW circles: Grant Gupton, a senior at my school, has Downs Syndrome. For his senior project he is collecting pennies for Special Olympics. I thought this would be a good project for all circles. He will be collecting until January. I will place a jar in the office or parlor for pennies. Thanks.

Pam Lewis

Rose Circle - October 7 at Church 10:30

Benz Circle - October 14 at Church 10:30 (Carol Rhoads will be demonstrating the making of prayer beads. Visitors welcome.

Morton Circle - Fourth Friday, 6:30 p.m.(Oct. 24)

Wesleyan Women Circle - Third Monday, Church, 6:00 p.m.(Oct. 20)

It's time to be thinking about and preparing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pickup date November 17-23.

Sunday, October 5 - Maude Maston Award Presentation