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**“Walking with Jesus”**

*“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him,  
and he will act.” Psalm 37:5 (NRSV)*

Last Sunday, the Holy Spirit led our worship in a powerful and uplifting way. The title of the sermon for that day was “Growing Your Faith.” That message and theme was communicated in the most powerful way throughout the service and I never preached the sermon! God had other plans of how to communicate the message and teach us to increase our faith. We heard spontaneous and unexpected testimony about how God had worked through very difficult medical problems to teach that He is still at work even in the darkest of times. We celebrated and thanked God that several who had been hospitalized in serious condition were with us that day and recovering very well. We prayed for several others who are facing difficult medical challenges. We gave thanks for the wonderful commitment and generosity of our congregation as we announced that in just two weeks our goal had been reached for the money needed for the new air conditioners that are needed! We were uplifted and encouraged in our spirits as our guest, April Fisher, along with sons, Aaron and Jon, brought several musical selections. April interspersed some testimony and scripture

passages to focus our attention on the message of the music. We lifted our voices to sing our closing hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. We left the service with the words of that familiar hymn reminding us that God is always with us and is always working in our lives even when we don’t see it or feel it.

All of this comes about because of our people who are actively working to put into practice the Psalm that is quoted above. We are working on committing all of our ways to the Lord. That includes our whole life – relationships, work life, neighborhood life, family life, and personal life. God promises to respond by acting in our lives and we see evidence of that all around us. Many times, it is not how we expected him to act and many times we are quite surprised; but we do know that it is God acting in our lives and circumstances.

This month the sermons will focus on “Walking with Jesus.” We will look at several scripture passages and Bible stories that teach us more about staying close to Jesus and following his direction for our lives. Come each Sunday. Bring some friends and family with you. Pray for our worship service during the week – that God will be present and minister to us. There are lots of opportunities for ministry and service during the week. Listen carefully as to what God may be nudging you to do.

*David Brock*

## **Worship Assistants for October**

### **Scripture Readers**

Oct. 6 – Pam Pyle  
Oct. 13 – Judy Stevens  
Oct. 20 – Ron Reece  
Oct. 27 – Gerald Darling

### **Junior Church**

Oct. 6 – Jason Ash & Marcia Byrket  
Oct. 13 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith  
Oct. 20 – Linda Brock & Judy Smith  
Oct. 27 – Darlene Darling & Brenda Reece

**Hosts** – Ralph & Renee Adams

### **Children's Story**

Oct. 6 – Mike Van Osdol  
Oct. 13 – Janet Putnam  
Oct. 20 – Mike Van Osdol  
Oct. 27 – Linda Brock

## **With Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Nancy Wadman and family upon the passing of her sister, **Carol Sageser**, on Saturday.

## **Please Remember in Prayer**

### **Church Family**

Dale Albertson – recovering from a fractured wrist  
Eleanor Painter – dealing with side effects of chemo  
Linda Brock – painful flare-up of bursitis  
David Baker – released from hospital  
Steve Stevens – full bone scan  
Rick Little – surgery on Oct. 7 for pancreatic cancer  
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems  
Richard Ratcliff – rehab to gain strength  
Tommie Hunt – appointment with cardiologist  
Bertie Darling – health problems  
Pat Bogue – problems with both eyes and knee  
Amy Upchurch – chemo treatments  
Barbara Meade – starting radiation treatments  
Don Meade – very weak; at home  
Janet Craft – broken shoulder and ankle; breathing problems  
Pastoral search for a new co-pastor

### **Extended Family and Friends**

Diane Blake (Jessica Mitchell) – very ill; in hospital  
Brandon Thompson (Mark & Marilyn) – job ended  
John Reno (uncle of Pam Reno) – health issues  
Steve Clearwater – recovering from open heart surgery  
Isabelle (mother of Claudia Garner) – recovering from back surgery  
Jeremy Hicks (Beth Carr) – advanced cancer  
Kandi Rutledge's sister-in-law, Donna, passed away  
Family of Carol Ann Sageser (Nancy Wadman's sister)  
Joe & Debbie Whitesett (friends of Darlene Darling) – multiple health problems  
Carolyn Lantz (Teresa Batt) – diagnosed with B-Cell lymphoma  
Cousin of Jason Ash – chemo treatments  
Mother of Jason Ash – not doing well  
Isabel Cummins (Claudia Garner) – back surgery  
Draper – computers hacked  
Jill Fitzhugh (Barbara Lacy) – chemo treatments  
Emogene Putnam (Jim Putnam's mother) – uterine cancer  
Rhonda Meade Brown – broken ankle  
Ron Bryan (Presiding Clerk of FUM) – significant pain  
Colleen Wallace (Marcia Byrket) – cancer  
Mary Kay Lacy (Vickie Richardson) – lung cancer  
Cathy Chamberlin Smith (Tasha Crandall) – breast cancer surgery  
Franka Dick (Pam Pyle) – recovering from surgery  
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments  
Our country and servicemen and women  
First Responders – 9-1-1 Dispatch Operators  
Mass Shootings – Dayton and El Paso  
Pray for Christians who are persecuted  
Farmers and crops

### **Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM**

Friends United Meeting  
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie (Mac & Bernie McDonald), Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw  
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church (Oscar Mmbali, Nikki Holland)  
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine (Adrian Moody)  
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries



## Get Ready for the Holiday Bazaar!

Saturday, November 9 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00



p.m. The booths have been rented, items are being gathered for the Attic Treasures area, and plans are being made for the lunch. Please mark your calendars and set aside that day

to help us in any way you can.

**Marilyn Thompson** is in charge of booth space again this year, and we appreciate her willingness to take on this project. This is something that takes place months before the bazaar and often times throughout the year. There are some changes to the booths this year as far as vendors and as soon as we have the final list, we will be printing some flyers to hand out.

The lunch menu will include vegetable soup, chili, and sandwiches, plus desserts, chips, veggies, and drinks being served until 1:30. The morning will start with Jack's donuts and orange juice.

Please plan to join us and contribute items to be sold and purchase some of the many things that will be available. This money is used for many projects throughout the year with a focus on serving funeral dinners and contributing to local community needs.

Sign-up sheets will be put out at the church soon for donations for the kitchen, workers for the kitchen, and donations for the deli.

Our quilting group has made another quilt that will be donated and raffled so you won't want to miss the opportunity to purchase your ticket for that. The quilts the ladies make are beautiful and quite the hit at the bazaar.

– Linda Ratcliff

## You Are Invited



**Dale & Jane Albertson** will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, October 19, with an open house at Hoover

Hall from 2:00-5:00 p.m. They invite everyone to come and celebrate this joyous occasion with them.

## Sermon Topics for October



**David Brock** will be preaching each Sunday in October.

### October 6

Sermon – “Growing Your Faith”

Scripture – Psalm 37:1-9

### October 13

Sermon – “Giving Thanks”

Scripture – Luke 17:11-19

### October 20

Sermon – “Studying the Bible”

Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

### October 27

Sermon – “Acting with Humility”

Scripture – Luke 18:9-14

## Fall Festival Is Coming Soon!

We've got a great evening planned for our annual Fall Festival! The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring our traditional Fall Festival on Thursday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30



p.m. in the Spiceland gym. We will be offering a safe, warm place for children in our community to trick or treat. This year we will not be having carnival type games. Hot dogs, apple cider, apple juice, and cookies will be served in the Family Center at the church.

So invite your friends and bring your trick or treaters and join in the fun!



## Candy and Cookie Donations Needed for Fall Festival

It's that time of year again! We need lots of candy donations for our annual Fall Festival. A donation bin will be in the Welcome Center at church. Please make sure candy is individually wrapped. Candy donations will be accepted through October 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Donations of cookies are needed too. We serve refreshments in the Family Center during the Fall Festival and like to have a variety of cookies for folks. The cookies can be homemade or store bought. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for the donations of cookies. Please bring cookies to church by 5:30 p.m. on October 31.

## Upcoming Christian Education Events

**Oct. 31** – Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 4** – Advent Night, 6:00 p.m. Decorate cookies, make advent calendars, etc. Carry-in dinner with Lee's chicken as the main dish.

**Dec. 8** – Children's Christmas Program, 10:30 a.m. followed by a birthday party for Jesus and carry-in meal following worship service.

**Dec. 18** – Advent Night, 6:00 p.m. Light soup dinner provided; caroling at Glen Oaks and Raintree Square.

## Support Operation Christmas Child

The Missions committee will once again offer you the opportunity to participate in Samaritan's

**Shoeboxes for kids** Purse Operation Christmas Child. We will have shoe boxes available on Sunday, October 13; filled shoe boxes are due by Sunday, November 17. They are asking that each box has a WOW item, such as a doll, stuffed animal, or a soccer ball with a pump to inflate it. Other items could include school supplies, hygiene items, and other toys. Please do NOT include candy, toothpaste, liquids, glass objects, war toys, food items, or medicine. They also request a \$9 donation to cover shipping and other costs. The most important part is to pray for the child receiving your box.



– Nancy Wadman

## Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Know someone who is? When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful or difficult. We are offering a one-night seminar on Thursday, November 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., that will cover dealing with our emotions throughout the holidays, offer helpful tips for surviving social events as well as ideas of what to do about holiday traditions, and how to find hope for the future.

This one-night seminar stands alone and is separate from our regular GriefShare meetings. It is open to anyone (including the public) who has lost a loved one – whether the loss was recent or long ago. The seminar is free and will be led by **Shirley Fort** and **Janet Putnam**. Each participant will receive an informative and helpful booklet on *Surviving the Holidays*. If you have questions, please talk with Shirley or Janet. Invite a friend or family member who might benefit from this seminar – and help them by coming with them.

– Janet Putnam

## Brianna's Hope Support Group

We continue to support a group called "A Better Life – Brianna's Hope." This is a nonprofit organization that offers encouragement, support, love and hope to people with addictions. The addictions are most likely drugs and alcohol but can be gambling and any other addiction. We support a group in both Knightstown and New Castle. They meet from 6:00 to 8:00 on Tuesdays in New Castle and on Thursdays in Knightstown. They start each meeting with a meal provided by local churches or an individual. They have a Bible lesson, celebrate victories, discuss problems and offer encouragement to one another.

We will be providing a meal for the New Castle Chapter on Tuesday, October 22. Please contact **Nancy Wadman** or **Vickie Richardson** if you would like to cook, serve, or financially support this mission.

– Nancy Wadman