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For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.
1 Corinthians 12: 13





How many of you are simply weary? Physically, the body is tired, not sleeping well, if at all. Or no matter how much sleep I get, I wake up worn. What if the body is doing ok but you are soul-tired? The stress and pressure of the world and all of its circumstances weigh on you. Anxiety creeps up, which causes emotional and physical fatigue. Days or even seasons like this remind us that we are NOT the Energizer Bunny. We need to stop and take breaks. Rest is a gift that God gives us and helps us remember that we have limits of strength, stamina, and endurance.

In 1 Kings 18:16-40, after Elijah had vanquished the prophets of Baal in Israel's holy cage match of deities, he was worn out. That often happens to people after hitting a spiritual peak. Additionally, he prayed fervently for God to send rain so that a long drought would end (1 Kings 18:41-46). If that wasn't enough, Queen Jezebel put a hit out on him to take his life (1 Kings 19:1-2). It was so bad for Elijah that he wanted his life to end so he wouldn't have to face it anymore. Whoever said prophets of the Lord had it easy? Elijah cried out to God in lamenting prayer.

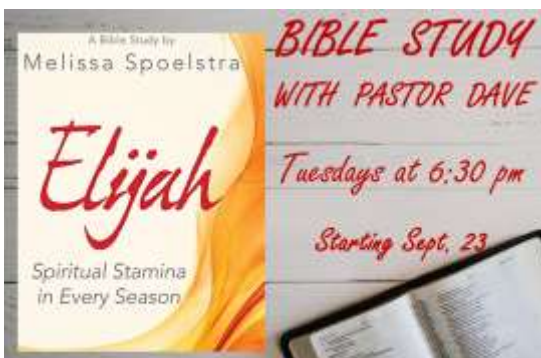
While you may not be a public enemy like Elijah was, the results are the same. We are afraid, tired, and drained. First thing he did was sleep (19:5). The Lord had compassion on Elijah and sent an angel to physically feed him with bread and water (19:6). The angel told him, "The journey is too much for you" (19:7). Elijah would still have to make the journey to Mt. Horeb that the Lord called him to take. But the angel allowed him to have spiritual and physical rest. He gained stamina for the remainder of his journey through prayer, rest and what we would call self-care. Restorative time for soul repair helps us find endurance and perseverance to finish the work God calls us to do.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven." We can't spend all of our days resting and relaxing because the Lord has work for us. Nor can we exhaust ourselves on the journey. As we begin the autumn season, we can't go on to do God's work without some soul care!

I'll be starting a Bible Study Sept. 23. It meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Wesley Hall. In choosing what to study this fall, I wanted a topic that was designed for people who may be struggling or going through a season of perseverance and endurance. I also wanted a short term study that could be done before holidays started. This study on Elijah fits especially well.

One feature of this Bible study I really like is options for study. There's a basic study that has five daily readings, an average 20 minutes per lesson. A second option is deeper study. In addition to basic, a weekly reading plan will take you through the books of 1 Kings and 2 Kings, a history of Israel from the end of King David's reign to the Fall of Jerusalem. It allows for fuller context for what was happening before and after Elijah's time. A lighter commitment option is do what you can, show up on Tuesday and enjoy the lesson.

Workbook and Bible are needed. Workbook is *Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season* by Melissa Spoelstra. We have 5 new copies in the office for sale. Books and e-books are also available on Amazon.



1st	Aaron Wecas	16th	Sandy Wood
4th	Bill Kidder	18th	Nanci Smith
6th	Mary Lou Anderson	19th	Jack Burkett
	Sonia Wiley	20th	John Gable
	Brian Wood	21st	Carol Shafer
8th	Brian White	22nd	Jim Atwell
9th	LeRoy Hicks		Liz Hersey
	Brendan Jamerson		Adak Rolf
	Bailey Ko		Ron Wecas
	Becky Wecas	24th	Brian Anderson
10th	Marsali Howell	28th	Lynne Atwell
12th	Pat Deiter	29th	Joan Atwell
	Christy Wiley		Maryann McAfee
13th	Abby Martin		
15th	Breanna Banker		



1st	Sy & Shirley Nyhart	68 years
2nd	Frank & Gini Geib	36 years
3rd	Jeff & Kelley Perry	31 years
	Blaine & Merry Weeks	37 years
4th	Chez & Carol Shafer	49 years
8th	Gary & Carol Russell	24 years
14th	Wes & Christel Ludwig	57 years
18th	Rodney & Kristina Edington	26 years
21st	Frankie & Margaret McLaurin	40 years
22nd	Jeff & Kathi LaMoe	41 years
23rd	Brian & Tracy Resch	25 years
	Ernest & Wilda Wicke	8 years
30th	Tom & Karen Tish	58 years



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Scouts Start A New Year

Pack 3109 Cub Scouts had big fun at Webelo, Bear, Wolf Camps at Camp Naish. Scouts from Troops 173 and 6173 wanted a High Adventure Camping experience. Camp Chris Dobbins in Colorado, is a private Scout Ranch and provides a secure area to establish our campsite for no additional cost for the self-directed Scouting adventure.

The Scouts cooked many of their own meals. The weather ranged from 50s to 80s and you remember the 4+ inches of rain we got in July? Well they got it too in the mountains and ended up with some wet gear and flooded tents, but nothing ruined. What a learning experience! Then, they intentionally got wet white water rafting down the Royal Gorge! The Royal Gorge is a dramatic canyon carved by the Arkansas River in Colorado.

You may have been to Garden of the Gods, but did you do it on horseback? These Scouts did. Talk about high adventure! How about ziplining at 55-60 miles per hour, over 11 extensions, for about one mile? The last 30 feet off the tower to the ground, they had to take leap of faith and just jump and let the rope safely stop your fall after 15 feet or so. With a self-directed adventure, the Scouts picked a rest day to visit the Museum of Nature and Science in Denver. We are talking a world class museum! They also accepted a personal challenge to climb the Manitou Mountain Incline with the base elevation: 6,530 ft and a summit elevation of 8,550 feet and 2744 stairs!

The Scouting Ministry of Pack 3109 and Troops 173 (boys) and 6173 (girls) is chartered by the First United Methodist Church. The church and the Tinkler Trust provided 100% scholarships for the youth for all summer camps. The next adventure is to the Great Rivers Invention Jamboree 2025 at Camp Hohn, Missouri, October 3-5.



Calling all musicians and their families! We're having a "Welcome Back" potluck for those interested or already involved in music ministry, both adults and children programs, vocal and instrumental. This is a great opportunity to fellowship and find out more about what's going on this fall. Bring your dish to share at 5:30 pm and we'll start to eat at 5:45 pm.

We also have a beginner bell group for anyone 4th grade to adult starting September 7. They will rehearse from 5-5:45 pm on Sundays and will perform throughout the year. No experience or training needed. If you have questions, contact Kathy at kmckinley@fumclvks.org.



The Caring Congregation



Don and I are typical of about a third of the members of our congregation. We're Baby Boomers, which means we have lived long enough to be retired from our paying jobs, still able to enjoy travel, socializing, and enriching activities, but young enough that we aren't beset by debilitating health problems or financial constraints. Our children are fast approaching middle age, and our Gen-Z grandchildren are young adults. I suspect, if you are reading this article, that you also fall into one of these categories.

Being still of sound mind, at least in my own biased opinion, I recognize that these idyllic days may be coming to their natural conclusion, i.e. old age could overtake us at any moment. There will come a day that, instead of making my own decisions, my daughters will feel compelled to make them for me. I will be "forced" into a smaller home, maybe even The Home, the dreaded nursing facility. None of us knows what awaits. But, in the interim, while I still possess my faculties, I am trying to be intentional about what is to become of "my stuff".

Here's the deal - if you don't believe me, ask Google - our kids don't want our stuff. That China cabinet that Don and I saved up for three years to buy means nothing to them. They certainly don't want the blender that I took to the basement just in case someday I might need it. They are totally uninterested in Hummels, Longaberger baskets, Beanie Babies, Stiver prints and my Beatles record collection. Their tastes lean more towards IKEA minimalism and streaming services. Our stereo is an albatross, and don't even think about cassette tapes or DVDs.

However, having said that, I have learned that there are some things that still have high value in my family's estimation. Here's what I do: I take a picture of the item I want to declutter. I send the picture to each of my children. If neither of them want it, I then send it to my grandchildren. If they don't want it I send it to my friends. If the answer is still no, I donate it with a clear conscience.

Here's a sampling of the things they've wanted - all of my "good" jewelry (no surprise there!), Grandmother's china, quilts, two tea sets, original artwork, Polish pottery, Christmas ornaments and decorations, German beer steins, dishes, Aunt Katherine's washstand dresser, and Grandpa's desk. Some things are getting tagged because I'm still using them, like the piano I've promised to my grandson. And my next project is to go through the photos.

So, where am I going with this? First, the generations following me are enjoying these things NOW, instead of it collecting dust in my house. Donating things has helped others without my even missing the stuff. Second, It's a huge burden that has lifted, and a true gift to my daughters for when the time comes that they have to dispose of our things. We owe it to our kids to take care of our own "stuff" responsibly. Third, it gave me a sense of accomplishment and clarity about what's important.

Most importantly, God's word gives us guidance about our possessions. Matthew 6:20 says, "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal." Additionally, Luke 12:15 advises, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Other verses like Ecclesiastes 3:6 ("a time to keep, and a time to cast away") and 1 John 2:15 ("Do not love the world or the things in the world") also provide guidance on letting go of unnecessary items and not being consumed by worldly desires. *Shalom, Marsha*





Greeting to each and every one.

Through the first eight months of the year, financially, the church has stayed even with income and expenses. As I stated last month, as believers, everything we have belongs to Him, we are stewards or managers of what God has entrusted to us. This means we're responsible for how we use our time, talents, possessions, and resources – our strength or utmost (everything we have). Giving is a God given gift.

Psalm 24:1, "The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." The Lord illustrates obedient, sacrificial givers in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The commandment is both/and not either/or. The commandment emphasizes that the value of a gift is not measured by its monetary amount, but by the sacrifice it represents. Have we prioritized how we use our time, talents, possessions, and resources to glorify Him? Are we being obediently sacrificial givers with our all?

Now I want to talk about radical generosity. For radical generosity to exist, you need to see, feel and respond. You need to see that someone is in need or an event requires your attention. Next, you need to let the Holy Spirit open your heart to what you have seen, you need to feel. Third, you need to respond – take action with what God has provided for you. Too many times, we see a problem (leaking faucet, broken window, someone broken down on the side of the road, homelessness, hunger, injustice, abuse) and close our hearts and do nothing. Talking about it, criticizing it, and complaining are responses to a closed heart, they are the language of fear, not of righteous action. My favorite story of radical generosity in the Bible is found in the Gospel of Luke chapter 10.

"Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Our giving always follows our affection. What causes our heart to burn leads to our giving. We do not compare nor boast - for it's not equal amounts we give, it's equal sacrifice. In our giving, I pray each of us align our hearts with how the Lord has prioritized us to use the treasures He has provided. When you see, feel, and respond you are radically generous! in Christ, Ed



Whole Hog Roast
September 20 4-7 pm
4th Street & Chestnut

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Once again, this year we will be partnering with St. Paul Lutheran church and Jumping Joe's Barbeque to raise money for missions with Hog Wild on Sept. 20 from 4 - 7 pm. We will offer an onsite meal of pulled pork on a bun, BBQ beans, cole slaw, potato salad, and tea. You can also pre-order ribs by the slab or 2.5 lbs of pulled pork or beans with the QR code. We will have fun activities for the family, so invite your friends and family to join us. You can buy advance tickets for Hog Wild by contacting Ed Garven at egarven@fumclvks.org. The suggested donation per ticket is \$20.



The lock-in is always a highlight event for our students and it is the first event where incoming 7th graders are officially included in the youth group. This year, we started our evening off with Joe's KC BBQ, followed by an excursion to BRKThrough, which is like a bunch of mini escape rooms that require various combinations of intelligence, physical fitness, and skill. We broke into teams of 2-4 for these rooms that racked up points for each challenge they faced. I am sad to report that the physical challenges were not the adult team's strong point.

After BRKThrough, we drove back to the church, put on cozy clothes and played a getting-to-know-you game that encouraged us each to interact with every other person in the group. After that, we huddled up for back-to-back movies – Shrek and Shrek 2. I had no idea what a hit movies that were created a decade before the births of most of our students would be. Around 4 am, anybody who remained awake had a mandatory bed time. Praise be. Overall, I think this was one of our most successful lock-ins. I was so pleased at the way the students embraced new friendships with people they'd never even met before.

Our first youth group followed the same pattern of new friendships forged as we had several new kids who we had the opportunity to teach a youth group favorite: Lifesize Clue. Our first lesson was a lead-in to our upcoming series for the month of September; we talked about our stories and how God can redeem even the hardest things we have faced and turn them into good. After a week off for Labor Day, we will have guest speakers for the month of September who will teach us about what life has been like for them through various struggles that they have faced: Homelessness, autism, addiction, and mental illness. I am hopeful that the students will be able to see how God is at work in these people's stories and learn about what it is like to live a life completely different from their own.

On September 20, the youth will help with the Hog Roast to help fund our mission activities, as well as missions and outreach within our community and church. We will do setup at 11am, help with the event from 4-7pm, and tear down starting at 7pm. Please let me, Kristen Howell, know if you will join by emailing khowell@fumclvks.org.



Young Adults goal is to create a space where people ages 18-35 can find community and camaraderie. It is often difficult, especially for younger people, to build relationships. God does not intend that we go it alone, so this group is a place we build friendships and get to be ourselves. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 5-7:30pm and periodically go out to do some-

thing fun in the greater KC metro area. August 20 we went to Minsky's Pizza in the River Market District, followed by Prehistoric Putt in Independence where you can mini golf not only in the traditional sense, but also with special twists, such as riding a zip line or shooting your ball through a pool table. It was great fun and we had a few new friends join us this time so it was a great opportunity to get to know new people. Our next meetings are Sept. 3 and 17.





Kids First Worship is for kids ages 3 years through 4th grade. We meet during the 11:00 service, unless otherwise noted, each Sunday on the lower floor of the Sanctuary building. During the month of September, we will continue in the Old Testament – starting out with Samuel, and finding out about the first kings of Israel.

September 7: God Speaks to Samuel
September 14: Israel Wants a King
September 21: Kings - Saul
September 28: David Chosen as King



Sunday School is for kids ages 3 years through 6th grade and meets on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:40 am in room 202. We will be studying the same lessons as Kids First Worship, taking time to go a little deeper.



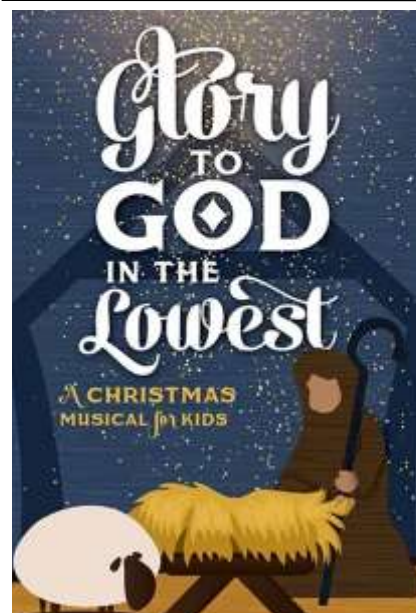
Wonderful Wednesday is a fantastic way to remind children that God is not just for Sunday, he is for EVERY day. Designed for kids ages 3 years through 6th grade, we meet in the Ed Building from 3:45 – 5:30 pm during the school year. The book of the Exodus is so important and full of stories that we'll spend the entire year going through it! In September we are focusing on the early years of Moses' life.

September 3: Baby in a Basket
September 10: Moses with his Mom
September 17: Moses in the Palace
September 24: Moses Runs Away

Mother's Morning Out provides care for children ages birth through school age on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. There are three groups: Nursery (ages 6 weeks – 2 yrs.), Toddlers (2 and 3's) and Preschool (4 and up). Our first session for this school year is September 10 at 8:30 am. To volunteer or register a child, please go to FUMCLVKS.ORG/MMO. Slots fill up quickly.



Fusion 56 is a special group just for 5th and 6th graders. There's a huge transition that happens between Elementary school and middle school. Everything is changing and it can be difficult to navigate. Fusion 56 focuses on the unique challenges and joys that come with being "in-between". We meet every other week from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. We have lunch together and support each other and grow in our faith. Friends are always welcome!! Our upcoming dates are Sept. 14 & 28.



We will be presenting Bibles to our 3rd grade students on October 19. We are also happy to provide one to any older child that has not received one. Contact Nancy Shade if you have a 3rd grade or older child that you would like to receive a Bible. Please email your request to nshade@fumclvks.org no later than Sunday, October 5 so that we have time to engrave them.



Children who attend Wonderful Wednesday or Kids First Worship will be learning music to sing during worship services. They will also be learning music for our Children's musical, *Glory to God in the Lowest* which will be performed Dec. 13.

For information about any Children's ministry, please contact Nancy Shade at nshade@fumclvks.org.



Mike Mix



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Steve Songer



Richie Visocsky



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Liz Brown

The Board of Trustees in a United Methodist Church is responsible for the oversight and care of all real and personal property owned by the local church. This includes managing buildings, grounds, and equipment. They also ensure proper insurance coverage and oversee the use of church facilities. Effectively, the trustees ensure the church's physical resources are well-maintained and utilized to support its mission and ministries. The trustees are the individuals that ensure the lights come on, toilets flush, doors open, and so much more. They are responsible for over five million dollars in total assets. They plan, evaluate, and execute the sustainment and renovation plans that make our historic facility functionally accessible to our congregation and community. The board appreciates and wants your comments and ideas on how we can improve our facilities both short term and into the future. Please feel free to contact Mike Mix, the Trustee chairman at hairymule@gmail.com or any of the other listed trustees.

Currently your trustees are working on a priority list of capital expense projects for FY2025 that include:

- ✗ Upgrading the fire detection system/security light in the main church building
- ✗ Repairing Wesley Hall ceiling and walls post roof replacement
- ✗ Upgrading the electrical circuits between the main kitchen and Fellowship Hall
- ✗ Back filling the foundation on the west side of the sanctuary and west parking lot wall post gutter replacement
- ✗ Replacing the current drinking fountains in the main church and education buildings
- ✗ Fall sealing of concrete in the front and angled parking areas of the main church
- ✗ Evaluation and consideration on older HVAC units church wide
- ✗ Bell rope replacement

Additionally the trustees are formulating a 2026-2028 capital list of "must do" and "like to have" projects. These are prioritized based on need and funds available.





In September two Grief Share sessions will begin. First, our Spouse only group begins lesson one on Sept. 19. It meets on the third and fifth Tuesday of every month from 1-3pm. We have found that the unique challenges facing bereaved spouses warrants having a special group just for them. Second, our virtual Grief Share begins lesson one on Monday, Sept. 3 from 5-7pm. This group meets remotely, using Zoom. It attracts people from all over the country, but is also for those who are homebound or unable to find a time for a group that meets in person. Our third group, which includes anyone experiencing any grief, meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 5-7 pm. Each lesson is stand-alone, so you are welcome to join at any time.

Please prayerfully consider joining us if you're experiencing grief. You'll learn coping strategies within a group of people experiencing the same problems. The videos are very informative and helpful as well as the workbook. *Marsha*



Who of us has not been impacted by cancer? In the United States alone, approximately 600,000 people succumb to the disease each year. Cancer is the second leading cause of death behind heart disease.

Personally, I lost my father to lung cancer and my mother to colon cancer. My husband, Dick, had prostate cancer. Two years ago, one of my best friends died from ovarian cancer just one month after she received the diagnosis. We all need to do our part to help combat this devastating disease.

Please join me in the Cancer Relay for Life Walk. The Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. For 35 years, communities across the world have come together to honor loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. There will be entertainment and family friendly activities throughout the day. The evening luminaria bags will light up the track remembering loved ones lost and honoring those still fighting cancer. This event unites us as a community and encourages those fighting cancer. Cancer never rests and neither do we.

The Relay for Life will be Saturday, Oct. 4 at St. Mary University's Berkel Stadium from 4:30-8:30 pm. To donate or register, go to Relay For Life of Leavenworth County (acsevents.org) You can use the QR code or call 800.227.2345. Any donation you can make, no matter how small, will be put to good use in research to finding a cure. Thank you!

Brenda Sheumaker



Chloe Elizabeth Kelberer, daughter of Sarah and Luke Kelberer, granddaughter of Mike and Martha Nielsen was baptized on August 24.



Vera Hrabak



Jim Kinard



Linda Langley



Betty Logan



Wesley Ludwig



Maryann McAfee



Mary Eleanor McCluskey



Marcia Myers



Sy & Shirley Nyhart



Esther Polson



Gary Rader



John Raines



Donna Ramsey



Roy Ramsey



Dale Roller



Gary Russell



Sandy Simmons



Jimmie Stallings



Tom & Karen Tish



Jack Walker



Ron Wecas



Ernest & Wilda Wicke



Judy Wolfe

Not pictured William Bailey, Pat Deiter, Pat Hessenflow, Carl Langley, Norma Moore, Virginia Schalipp, Rita Wood

*Dinner to Honor Our Octogenarians
October 5, Noon*



Honoring Our Octogenarians



On October 5, our church will celebrate Octogenarian Sunday. Our members that have reached the age of eighty or beyond have been a strong force in the life of our church for many years. Because of their unending faith, we are able to grow stronger in our faith and learn about sharing the love of Christ with others. Many of these members continue to serve our Lord each week, carrying out a vital part of our church's ministry. We'll honor our octogenarians with a dinner after the second service. If you know someone on this list, reach out via a call or letter and let them know you are thankful for their friendship, faithfulness, and mutual love of Christ.



Joan Atwell



Sheila & Bill Bailey



June Baker



Bill & Pam Bay



Gary Beck



Jo & Jack Burkett



Marti & Mike Crow



Nancy Dawson



Joy Defrees



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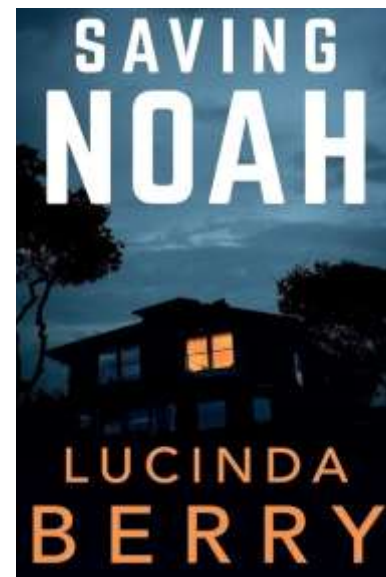
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OCTOBER 7
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The book club is reading *Saving Noah* by Linda Berry. Noah is an A-honor roll student, award-winning swimmer, and small-town star destined for greatness. There weren't any signs that something was wrong until the day he confesses to molesting little girls during swim team practice. He's sentenced to eighteen months in a juvenile sexual rehabilitation center. His mother, Adrienne, refuses to turn her back on him despite his horrific crimes, but her husband won't allow Noah back into their home. In a series of shocking and shattering revelations, Adrienne is forced to make the hardest decision of her life. Just how far will she go to protect her son? We will meet Oct. 7 at 1 pm in Wesley Hall to discuss the book.



In June, the Itchin' to Stitch ladies met and started sewing pillow cases. They made 91! On August 21, they delivered them with 27 pillows to Renee Chaput-Lemons, the owner of Karma Cakes in Leavenworth. She has started a free clothing and resource closet for foster children in the Leavenworth County area. Renee knows first hand how difficult it is for foster families to provide for foster children. They often have to leave their homes with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The state used to provide a small amount of money to pay for clothing, but they no longer do.

Renee fostered children and adopted 3 girls that she fostered. Her goal is to lessen the stress for foster families and to help kids feel confident as they enter a new life. They accept donations of new clothing and shoes. To donate or to volunteer to help with the closet, contact Renee at karma@karmalvks.com or 913-223-0178.

Itchin' to Stitch creates all kinds of handmade items for local charities. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For info, contact Teresa at hickst@kc.rr.com.



FUMC ♥ KIDS

There are many Children's Ministries here, but only one goal; let children know Jesus loves them and so do we!



August 3, we partnered with iReach to provide backpacks to Woodland Village apartment complex. We raised over 90 backpacks and many other supplies for local students. Thank you for your generosity!



Miss Nancy use crafts, games, music and science experiments to teach kids about God in a way they can understand.



Wonderful Wednesday started in August. The kids were asked their favorite part of WW. Here are a few of the responses.



Nora - Snacks!



Jackson - Playing outside.



Valancy - Crafts.



Sadie - Spending time with Miss Nancy.



Aubrey - I get to see my friends.



Sadie - Stuff we learn about God.