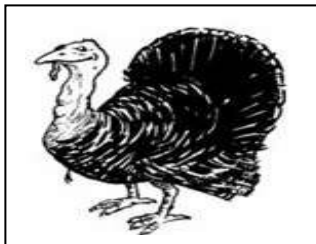




THE LAMPLIGHTER



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Musings from Pastor Phred “ENOUGH”

How much is enough? We all want to live someplace nice, not in a cave or a hovel. We are disgusted by the bankers who have been bailed out with our tax dollars yet receive multimillion dollar bonuses. How much is enough? How much is too much?

To complicate matters, enough is not the same for everybody. Could some of the families in this church fit into my car? What is enough for me is not enough for someone and too much for someone else. I know some people who have chosen a simple life, have given away a lot of their stuff, and are happy. I do not think this lifestyle is for everyone.

Some people truly do not have enough. I have known people who have gone on short term mission trips to third world countries. Their mission was to dig a well. If you do not have clean water, you do not have enough. Those who have lost their jobs and can no longer feed their children do not have enough.

I no longer see enough in terms of how high your pile of stuff is. I think enough is an attitude. For those of us who have food, clothing, and shelter; having enough is a matter of attitude. Having enough is an aspect of holy freedom - you will know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). Those who do not think they have enough are possessed by their possessions.

Some 10-15 years ago I was given a shirt-jac as a Christmas present. I already owned

a shirt-jac. Sometimes I would look into my closet, at those two shirt-jacs hanging side by side, and wonder why I needed two shirt-jacs. One fall, when I was a part-time chaplain at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, I donated the older shirt-jac to the mission's resale shop. The men at the mission were given vouchers to purchase clothing and the next time I came to work James was wearing "my" shirt-jac. At first I was taken aback but in time when I saw James in the shirt-jac I found my heart methodistly strangely warmed. I do not think James took that shirt-jac off all winter. I spent that winter warm and James spent that winter warm.

Having enough is donating stuff to the rescue mission or the mission truck or Goodwill or the church rummage sale. Having enough is being in the grocery store and buying something extra specifically to donate to the community food pantry. You know you have enough when you give stuff away. This Thanksgiving I will be thankful for having enough. See ya' Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord's house, Pastor Phred

Cluster Charge Conference-Host

Sunday, November 15th, 2pm we will host the Cluster Charge Conference at Woodruff Grove! We will gather for some fellowship time and then begin our service lead by our District Superintendent, Doug Anderson.

Let's have a good showing from Woodruff to welcome our Outer Circle Cluster's Christian brothers and sisters!

Ladies' Aide

The Ladies Aide would like to thank each and every one who has helped in any way at our Public Suppers: making salads, pies, cakes, helping prepare food, serving food, helping in the kitchen, taking money or even just coming to eat! We couldn't do it without your help.

The average profit per month was over \$1,000. In addition to organizing the church's suppers, the Ladies' Aide pays for cleaning the church, cleaning the carpet and keeping our appliances in working order. We have many mission projects that we support including Bashor Home, Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, Lucille Raines, Youth for Christ, Living Waters Christian School, Joy in the Harvest, La Grange County Clothes & Food Basket and others. We sent care packages or gift cards to 21 college students! We also serve funeral dinners.

Our next meeting will be November 11th at 1:30pm. We always welcome new faces! We will be deciding who we will support for next year's mission projects. Our December meeting will be an eat-out with all who helped with our suppers invited to attend.

-Marty Young



CD Ministry

We have good news! We are now able to burn CD's (make a copy) of our worship services. If you are interested in obtaining a CD of one, please call our church office at 854-2067.

This also brings a new predicament: we are now looking for a few CD players that we may loan out with this ministry. If you have a portable, working CD player that you no longer want, and are willing to donate, please contact Rosy O'Brian.

FUTURE DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR...

- December 6, 6pm – Kids' Club
Christmas Program
- December 9th- Movie Night
"It's a Wonderful Life"
- December 20, 9:30am –
Christmas Cantata
- December 24th, 10pm –
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Kids' Club

Our Kids' Club fall session of 2009 has been fantastic! Each week we have had attendance growing in the 60's! This past week we had a new all time high of 66 children. Thank you to all of our many helpers who help us show a great example of Jesus' love to these children! There is still time to participate! If you are available on November 10, 17th or December 1st, please let Karen Grossman know!

Practices have begun for our Christmas Program to be held on December 6th at 6pm. Please plan to attend and help us welcome our Kids' Club families to Woodruff Grove and show our Kids' Club support! You will be glad you did.

Movie Night

"*Amazing Grace*" will be our movie pick on November 11th at 6:30pm. This movie is rated PG.

"In 1797, William Wilberforce, the great crusader for the British abolition of slavery, is taking a vacation for his health even while he is sicker at heart for his frustrated cause. However, meeting the charming Barbara Spooner, Wilberforce finds a soul mate to share the story of his struggle. With few allies such as his mentor, John Newton, a slave ship captain turned repentant priest who penned the great hymn, "Amazing Grace," Prime William Pitt, and Olaudah Equiano, the erudite former slave turned author, Wilberforce fruitlessly fights both public indifference and moneyed opposition determined to keep their exploitation safe. Nevertheless, Wilberforce finds the inspiration in newfound love to rejuvenate the fight with new ideas that would lead to a great victory for social justice."

We will have popcorn, as always, during the movie. All of this is free. Please consider using this opportunity to invite friends and family to join us. We will not have babysitting services. Last month we had 17 people. We hope to double that this month! We hope that you will plan to come to this Movie Night and help us welcome our visitors to Woodruff Grove. Please see Jim or Susan Young with your questions or ideas! (December: "It's a Wonderful Life")

Choir Notes...

Our Christmas Cantata, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" practices are going well! We can hardly wait to share this with you. You may join our Woodruff Grove Choir any time. Please see Sandy Ringler for more information.

Our Cantata will be Sunday, December 20th, at 9:30 am. We hope you will invite your friends, neighbors and family to this very meaningful presentation and begin your week of Christmas with a song of love and joy in your heart!



Scriptures and Sermon Titles

November 2009

Sunday, 1 November 2009

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day

Scripture: Psalms 146
Hebrews 12:1-2

Sermon Title: So Great a Cloud of Saints

Sunday, 8 November 2009

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Mark 12:38-44

Sermon Title: The Scribe and the Widow

Sunday, 15 November 2009

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon Title: Let Us Provoke One Another to Love and Good Deeds

Sunday, 22 November 2009

Christ the King

Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture: Joel 2:21-27
Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon Title: Worry, the Death of Faith

Sunday, 29 November 2009

First Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon Title: The Lord Is Our Righteousness



November Birthdays

- 2 Bob Strater
- 7 JR Young
- 8 Jennell Miller
Audrianna Young
- 9 Kyle Casper
- 11 Travis Young
- 13 Mark Garretson
- 16 Kyle Grossman
- 22 Diana Morr
- 24 Stacie Rasler
- 27 Pastor Dick Frederick
- 28 Judy Bruner
- 29 Betty Kreigh



November

Anniversaries

- 3 Bill & Deb Eberhard
- 10 Don & Barb Cassel

Pecans

Pecans are for sale just in time for holiday baking by the Ladies' Aide. Halves are \$6.75 and pieces are \$6.50 for a 16 oz. package. Please see Marty or Jacque to get yours today!

College Students

We have a list of our Woodruff Grove College Students made available to you by request. We ask that you uphold these young women and men in your prayers. Let them hear from you, our church family, with encouragement and support while they are far away - especially during the holidays. A word from "back home" can be uplifting and make a huge difference!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women will meet on Monday, November 9th at 7pm. Jennifer Young will be the leader of our program "Give Thanks!" with a thank-offering. All women of Woodruff Grove are welcome to attend!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 29th at 2:30 we will be "Hanging the Greens". Plan to come and decorate and celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season. We will decorate the sanctuary, the many classrooms and Cunningham Hall. Everyone can be involved. Please note that Youth Fellowship will have their meeting at this time. Come join our group and fellowship!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to invite anyone interested in learning to knit or crochet to come on Wednesday, November 4th at 3:30pm. Barb Cassel, our "master knitter", is a great teacher. Any time you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer shawl, please feel free to take one from the display in the front of the sanctuary.



Wisdom of the Ages: Susanna Wesley's Sixteen Rules for Her Home

The following were the 16 rules Susanna Wesley used in raising her 19 children.

1. Eating between meals is not allowed.
2. As children, they are to be in bed by 8 p.m.
3. They are required to take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self-will in a child, and those working together with God to save the child's soul.
5. Teach a child to pray as soon as he can speak.
6. Require all to be still during family worship.
7. Give them nothing that they cry for and only that when asked for politely.
8. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of.
9. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
10. Never punish a child twice for a single offense.
11. Comment and reward good behavior.
12. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended.
13. Preserve property rights, even in smallest matters.
14. Strictly observe all promises.
15. Require no daughter to work before she can read.
16. Teach children to fear the rod.



The Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church

**"The mission of the church is to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."**

If you have any news items that you would like to have put in the December issue of "The Lamplighter" newsletter, please let Rosy O'Brian know. We'd like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of November 23rd. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at woodruffgrove@yahoo.com with this information. Thanks!

