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“Making Room for Mistakes”

Megan recently bought a book for her daughter called, “It’s Okay to Make Mistakes” – because she wants her daughter to know – that while there are rules to follow and expectations – she also wants her to know that it is okay to make mistakes – that she will still be loved and cared for – that she can be honest about her mistakes and get a fresh start – she wants her daughter to know that none of us are perfect – and that with God’s help, we can love each other and give people room to blow it and still be loved and accepted and forgiven.

Families have been a part of God’s design for humanity from the beginning. Jay Marshall says that “Family relationships and dynamics are a mixture of love and hate, blessing and curse, strength and weakness, and yet there is still reason to hope.”

Take a look at the families in the Old Testament – Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers. These stories are just what Jay said – a mixture of love and hate, blessing and curse, strength and weakness – and yet these are the people – the families – God chose to work through – and there

was – and still is – reason for hope. Yes, these people messed up in some big ways – but they also did some pretty amazing things.

I’ve been reading a book called, “Family Trees and Olive Branches: Creating a Culture of Grace in Your Family.” The author says that one of the biggest reasons for any of us to learn to create a culture of grace is so we can pass down a better family portrait to the next generation. Less fighting, more connectedness, more grace.

What does a culture of grace look like? The author says that “everyone is held accountable, but no one is expected to be perfect. Forgiveness is everywhere, and everyone is free to be honest. Your kids feel safe because they know they will be loved forever. A culture of grace values transparency over rule keeping . . . and honesty over perfection.

Nadia Bolz-Weber – an author and pastor – said this about her church – House of All Sinners and Saints. She says to everyone who wants to join, that there will be a point where the church, or someone in the church, will hurt them, or disappoint them. Or, there will be a point when you will be the one who hurts or disappoints someone else. At that point, she says, please do not walk away and leave. Because if you do, you will miss the grace of God, the power of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Cathy Harris

We'll See You at the Bazaar! 😊

Be sure to join us for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 10, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Family Center at Spiceland Friends Church. Come for lunch, purchase from the vendors, get your chances on the beautiful queen-size quilt, and enjoy visiting with friends. For more information see flyer in this newsletter.

– Linda Ratcliff

Quilt Group to Raffle Quilt

The quilt group has made a lovely quilt which will be raffled at this year's bazaar. Tickets are now on sale – \$1.00 per ticket or buy six for \$5.00. See one of the quilters or purchase tickets after worship. The winner will be drawn at the bazaar on November 10. You do not have to be present to win.



Choir Practice – Come Sing! 🎵

Choir rehearsals for the Christmas Eve service will be on **Tuesdays** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. beginning November 6. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us – adults and/or youth – so please consider joining us! Please let **Cathy** know if you need child care. We are happy to provide free child care but need to know in advance if it is needed so we can make arrangements.

Veterans to Be Honored November 11

Veterans and active duty military personnel will be recognized during worship on Sunday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. We want to express our appreciation for sacrifices they and their families have made on our behalf. Please join us as we honor these men and women.



Sermon Topics for November

On November 11, **Chris Harris** and our youth will lead worship and lead us in honoring veterans. **David Brock** will be preaching the other three Sundays in November.

November 4

Sermon – “The Foundation”
Scripture – Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Youth will lead worship and honor Veterans

November 18

Sermon – “Appearances”
Scripture – Mark 12:38-44

November 25

Sermon – “Troubled Times”
Scripture – Mark 13:1-8

Worship Assistants for November

Scripture Readers

November 4 – Judy Smith
November 11 – George Fort
November 18 – Jason Ash
November 25 – Arthur Whitaker

Junior Church

November 4 – Chris Harris
November 11 – No Junior Church
November 18 – Megan Harris
November 25 – Linda Brock

Host – Debbie Denny

Children's Messages – Mike Van Osdol



Looking Ahead . . .

We have several exciting activities and opportunities for fellowship and worship coming up through the end of the year. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite a friend!

- Dec. 2 – Practice for Children/Youth Christmas Program, 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 5 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 9 – Children/Youth Christmas Program during worship
- Dec. 9 – All-church Christmas Dinner after worship
- Dec. 12 – Family & Friends Advent Evening – Dinner and Caroling, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – “The Longest Night” Worship Service, 6:00 p.m. with dinner following
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:00 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due Back November 18

There's still time to grab and fill some shoeboxes! Please take as many boxes as you are interested in filling. Then fill the boxes, indicate the age/gender, include a check for \$9 made out to Samaritan's Purse to help with the cost of shipping, and return the boxes to the Family Center by November 18.

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach ministry supported, managed, and sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, which is run by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. They have one of the best/highest ratings for a charitable organization.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends!
Remember to set your clocks
back an hour Saturday night,
November 3!**

Youth Group News

(By Chris Harris)



Halloween Festivities

The Elementary Youth Group went to Jacob's Orchard and enjoyed their Hoosier-famous Apple Donuts. After eating our donuts and drinking our apple cider slushies, we bought pumpkins and carved jack-o-lanterns at the church. We all enjoyed the fall atmosphere and by the end of the trip we were ready for the Fall Festival.

Youth Led Worship

The Youth will be leading worship on November 11. It will be an exciting service where Spiceland's talented youth perform and lead us in worship. We will also be recognizing Veterans for Veterans Day.

Tutoring

Tutoring sessions will be held before Jr./Sr. High Youth Group on days the Elementary Youth Group doesn't meet this month. All students grades 6-12 are welcome to attend.

Youth Led Worship Practice

On November 4 and 11 the Youth grades 1-12 will be practicing during Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 a.m. for leading worship on November 11.

Notes of Thanks

"Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent for Esther's funeral. The church held a very special place in her heart and she enjoyed all the visits and cards from her church family. I know we all really appreciated the support you gave us during this time."

– Family of Esther Applegate

"Thank you so very much for allowing me to be the recipient of each and every birthday wish for my 95th birthday. That alone is a true celebration!"

– Elaine Wilson

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 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., that will talk about 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.

The seminar is open to anyone (open to the public) who has lost a loved one – whether the loss was recently or long ago. The seminar is free, and will be led by **Janet Putnam** and **Cathy Harris**. Each participant will receive a pamphlet on Surviving the Holidays. If you have questions, please talk with Janet or Cathy.

A Note on Giving to Readers Who Are Over 70

It's nearing the end of the calendar year and I wanted to remind you that you can take advantage of the IRA qualified charitable distribution law to help manage both your charitable intent and your tax liabilities.

The law allows you to "count" charitable contributions made from your traditional IRA toward your required minimum distributions beginning the year you turn 70 ½. By directing your distribution from your IRA administrator directly to a charity, it moves without tax consequence to you or the charity. This is a pretty tax-efficient way to support the causes you care about!

With the new tax laws in effect that greatly increase the personal deduction, more people will not be filing the long form that enabled them to deduct charitable contributions. The IRA direct distribution keeps those funds from being counted as income to you so there are no taxes due on that distribution.

More information is available from your tax advisor, attorney, or administrator of your IRA.

– David Brock

Please Remember in Prayer



Church Family

Beverly Elliott – eye surgery
Charlie Byrket – knee surgery
Doris Hoover – cancer treatments
Linda Brock – radiation treatments
Bill Upchurch – sepsis infection; surgery; home
Brian Thomas – surgery
Pat Bogue – eye problem
L. J. Murray – lung cancer treatments
Sandy Alexander – leg wounds
Eleanor Painter – chemo treatments
Bobby Thompson – health problems
Phil Alexander – dialysis complications
Irene & Monte Goodwin – health problems
Youth Groups & College Students
Unspoken prayer requests

Extended Family and Friends

Sharon Day (Amie Thornburg) – C. Diff infection
Andy Davis (Janet Putnam) – brain cancer treatments
Ron Cox (R. J. White) – cancer
Jan Hurst (Judy Stevens) – advancing Parkinson's disease
Our country and servicemen and women

Quaker Missionaries/Missions/FUM

Friends United Meeting
Native American Friends Centers – Mesquakie, Kickapoo, Mowa-Choctaw
Belize Friends School and New Friends Church
Ramallah Friends School in Palestine
Dale Graves – cancer treatments
Shawn & Katrina McConaughy – Kenya Missionaries

