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## **OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD!**

CE Director, Kari Ackerman is excited to announce that **Adult Sunday School begins the first Sunday in October!** This year we are using a study program called Kerygma. This program is for everyone, whether you are a Bible Scholar or a novice like me. Kerygma, is a specific study of the bible's history. Our first study lasts 7 weeks. It will include an introduction, expectations, informational, with some history, self awareness, fellowship and a safe place to voice ideas without judgment. I hope to see everyone after church on today!!!



The volunteers of the Friends' Table Mission of the church would like to thank all of you for your donations in memory of Dr. Don Derrow. Just 2 small words, but a great deal of gratitude..."Thank you!"

## FROM THE PASTOR:

Brothers and Sisters-I am writing this in the middle of fair week. This week is huge for Auburn! The downtown is filled with rides, booths, cars, and people. There is an excitement in the air and people have high expectations. I have the privilege of being right in the middle of it. I can people watch and have some great conversations.

I pass through the fair several times a day going to and from the church. Walking around the fair today I couldn't help but be reminded of a line from Psalm 118 – This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Whether it's the food (doughnuts), the games, the rides, or just the whole package, the fair brings people joy. I wonder if that's what it is about the fair...For just a few moments we can put aside our worries and enjoy ourselves in the day or remember past experiences. It's times like these when we're happy to be alive and thank God for our creation.

I believe God desires us to live that way all the time. God created us to be happy, joyous, and free. The Bible describes the original creatures as living without a care in the world. That was God's original intention – a fair week life of excitement, expectation, food, and fun.

Unfortunately, humans messed things up. Our concern for ourselves and our self-will derailed God's intentions. Even today we cling to our worries and concerns when most of the time there is little or nothing we can do about them. It almost seems as if we derive some perverse pleasure out of being worried, unhappy, or dissatisfied.

The psalm I mentioned addresses this perennial discontent. Throughout Psalm 118 the listener is directed back to God. We are reminded that God is always present. We are encouraged to look to God in the middle of our worry and when we look to God we are restored. This is not to say that God will immediately remove everything that is weighing us down and make it right. God does not act like a divine Santa Claus, but when we turn to God we are reminded who is our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

Life is challenging be it finances, work, family, or school. We're going to worry and fret just because that's the way we're built. What we can do, though, is be more aware of what we're fretting about. We can choose to let go of a lot of our concerns and rely on God to take care of them. We can have that fair experience more often.

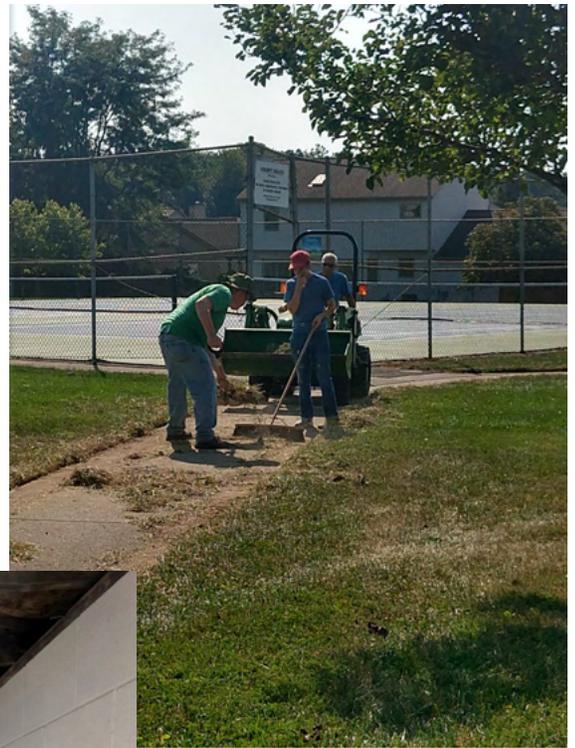
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### FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY:

Faith in Action Sunday was a huge success in our community. Big Thank You to all that had a part in this day of outreach! We had over 150 volunteers from 5 different churches participating! Many projects were completed. The day started in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church, a brief mission moment was held, we sang and had prayer. Afterwards, we broke out into our project groups for instructions. Various projects included, painting dugouts at Smith Acres, building a sandbox for Harten House, making no sew blankets, writing cards, baking goodies for our law enforcement/fire department, edging or weeding at the parks. There was something to do at all age levels and skills. When our project was accomplished we headed back to the FUMC for a nice lunch made by volunteers. It was a great opportunity to show the Auburn community our Faith into Action! Please consider volunteering at the next Faith in Action day, you won't regret it!

Melinda Smith  
Fellowship Evangelism Church Growth Committee Chairperson



## Another Faith in Action project that took place was lunch for the residents of Sunny Meadows Residential Home.

This was a special project that Cheryl John arranged. Six members of APC made the sack lunches and fun goodie bags to pass out to the 20 residents and staff. We all enjoyed the conversations and fellowship that took place. And especially with our very own Heather Houghton. Thank you to everyone that helped with this event!

Melinda Smith, Fellowship Evangelism Church Growth Committee Chairperson



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### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Presbyterian Women will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13. Judy Ditmars will provide lesson #4 - "Lamenting Death". The scripture for the lesson is from John 11:28-37. All women are invited to attend.

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The Building & Grounds Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help park cars during the fair week. We had perfect weather and the parking lot was full every day.

