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Words and Meditations

I intentionally did not watch the recent presidential debate. In recent decades I have been disappointed by the antics of candidates and by the ineffectiveness of the moderators as well. I decided to wait until the report of the morning news to hear how things went. I am glad I did not stay up to watch the "debate."

It has been described as "contentious from the beginning" (*Denison Forum*), "fiery" (*Fox News*), "rancorous and chaotic" (*CNN*), and "one of the most chaotic, insult-laden presidential debates in modern history" (*USA Today*). These are things I do not want to be exposed to right before trying to sleep.

Generally speaking, people seem to be less and less tolerant of others, and this phenomenon is something happening world-wide. Some contend that the contentious nature of the debate reflects the contentious nature of our culture.

These times call for a demonstration of compassion and understanding especially in the midst of disagreement. The world is in need of a witness to the Gospel – the Good News. And how we express ourselves in the midst of political controversy today can definitely impact how people will hear us in the future. Janet Denison asks the question in this way. "Will we have earned the right to share our faith next year with the people we have shared our political opinions with this October?"

God's Word has much to say about our words and the ways we use them. One of these expressions has been used by preachers as they begin a message. It is good for every day as well.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

These words from Proverbs address the tone of our speech.

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Proverbs 15:1

These from the letter to the Ephesians reflect the goal of our words.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29

O God, guide our hearts to speak what is pleasing to You and beneficial to others. This we pray by the merits of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In Him,

Pastor Steve Loft

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Pam	Jackson	14	Nate & Julie	Koets	2000
5	Tanner	Clark	24	John & Tammy Sue	Moore	1987
	Hailey	Crampton	25	Jeff & Rhonda	Clark	1985
7	Jeremy	Greenlee		Ryan & Carissa	Ullery	2003
	Wayne	Dunker	28	Ray & Betty	McCuddy	1946
	Caleb	Koets		Randy & Gail	Greenlee	1978
8	Maiah	Ullery				
9	Jeff	Clark				
11	Tom	Cook				
12	Linda	Miller				
	Beth	Stacy				
	Randy	Beehler				
	Margaret	Wenger				
13	Tom	Green				
14	Mark	Cook				
	Wade	Miller				
	Al	Stealy, JR				
15	Dick	Briggs				
	Grace	Sciba				
18	Morgan	Weesner				
	Braden	Ullery				
19	Dustin	Cabanaw				
20	Betty	McCuddy				
	Bronson	Metcalf				
	Rita	Peat				
23	Myah	Gordy				
24	Angela	Cook				
25	Stewart	Hill				
	Jason	Vest				
	Robin	Wrathell				
28	Zach	Clark				
	Marti	Stickel				
31	Larry	Pappas				



Dear JUMC,

A sincere thank you for choosing to bless us in such a tremendous way. It's been a tricky year. We opened our new home bringing in more women at the same time COVID hit. So, as you can imagine, your gift came at the perfect time. God is good! Thank you for blessing our courageous ladies.

Thanks, Carrie Z. SPA Women's Ministry Homes

Dear JUMC,

What a blessing to receive your "loose coin" offering!! We feel so grateful that the Lord weighed LoveWay on your hearts, and that you listened! Thank you for holding LoveWay close in heart. With gratefulness, Shelly B. LoveWay



Just Be – and Be Still

Various versions of the following sentiment are posted online: "I am a human being, not a human doing. It's okay to just be sometimes." Many of us get anxious if we think we're not doing enough, but peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh insists it's not a waste of time to just be: "To be alive, to be peaceful, to be joyful, to be loving ... is what the world needs most."

During the pandemic, when people were urged to stay home to slow the virus' spread, we had to think hard about how to continue being the church while limited in what we could go out and "do." Yet church leaders reminded us that we were actually loving our neighbors by staying home — by being less active.

It's sometimes okay — ideal, even — to just be. In quieting our bodies, minds and hearts, we may find ourselves more often in prayer, more aware of God's presence and more nourished for when the time is right to again take up more active forms of ministry, peacemaking and love. "In quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15, NIV).

—Heidi Mann



In order to do our part to help keep our community safe and healthy we are not having our Harvest Party this year. We plan to continue next Fall.

JESUS' MIRACLES

Match each miracle Jesus performed with the person for whom the miracle was performed.

1.		A Nobleman	John 4: 46-52	a. Son raised from the dead
2.		A multitude of people	Matthew 15: 34-36	b. Water became wine
3.		Jairus	Mark 5: 22-41	c. Son healed
4.		Bartimaeus	Mark 10: 46-52	d. Brother raised from dead
5.		High priest's servant	Luke 22: 50-51	e. Fed with seven loaves and a few fish
6.		Peter	Matthew 14: 29	f. Received sight
7.		Widow of Nain	Luke 7: 11-16	g. Fever healed
8.		Mary and Martha	John 11: 39-44	h. Walked on water
9.		A bridegroom	John 2: 1-10	i. Daughter raised from dead
10.		Peter's mother-in-law	Mark 1: 30-31	j. Ear restored

NAME _____

Return Quiz October 22nd

Answers for "FOLLOWERS": 1. E, 2. H, 3. J, 4. K, 5. A, 6. I, 7. C, 8. G, 9. D, 10. F, 11. B. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Arletah Hochstetler & Jane Lechlitner.

TRUSTEES September Report

Annex Lot: Still needs leveling
Sprinkler System: Put on hold,
Parsonage: Siding repairs, will be moving forward, looking at quotes; **Windows in basement,** replacing; **Deck,** need to finish (stain).
Girl Scouts: inquiring about meeting at JUMC twice a month. Approved.
Drumming: Storage unit needed. Will get Trustee approval.
Fencing: Around white stone landscaping to keep snowplow from scraping it.
Lighting: Under the balcony, investigating. Hall, need bulbs for Fellowship hall.
Next meeting October 15th at 7:00 pm

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Join us on October 25th at 7:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and devotions.

Senior Citizen's Carry-In Luncheon

We will begin meeting in 2021.

October Meetings

Tues 6 th	7:00 pm	Nominations & Leadership
Thurs 15 th	6:00 pm	Communications Comm
	7:00 pm	Trustees

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: Our October collection will go to CROP Walk of Elkhart County. Last month our collection of \$108.36 went to Bashor Children's Home. Thank You.

Church Community Services Food Collection: Our monthly collection focus is, Thanksgiving dinner – boxes of Mashed potato mix; cans of Sweet Potatoes, canned meats, veggies of all kinds...

A drop off box will be set up near the church entrances.

Firefighter's Dinner: Don't forget to sign up to provide dinner for our firefighters following their training sessions. October 5th, November 2nd, & December 7th.



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our President, Dave Polston, is looking forward to greeting you. Time is the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 a.m. The place is the Fellowship Hall. The reason, as our theme song says, is to "help out where we can". The meal comes from the skillful paws of two of our members. These veteran cooks can really do their thing. Attend whenever possible. We would love to see you.

See You October 4th and November 1st at 7:00.

MISSIONS

SAVE THE DATE FOR A VIRTUAL WALK Elkhart County CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 4th, 2020

This year is different. So is the 2020 CROP Walk, yet because it is so important when there is so much need in our community and worldwide, we feel it is important to continue to walk. Instead of a gathering and group walk, we are asking that each participant or team plan their own walk, either with a small group or individually. Always keeping in mind current guidelines on COVID19 safety.

We will have an Elkhart County Crop Hunger Walk Video available at a later date to help send-off your team.

There will not be a Team Leader meeting this year. Team Leader Packets can be requested by replying to this email indicating your interest or by calling:

Mike Iavagnilio at 574-262-2154 and we will mail them to you. More information to follow.

This is a county wide walk and a portion of the proceeds will go to Church Community Services.

Sincerely,

Elkhart County Crop Hunger Walk Team



Clothed with Compassion Zion Lutheran Church

Corner of CR 6 & CR 19, Bristol, IN

Free clothing room

Located in the Old Zion Church building
across the street

Open 1st & 3rd Saturdays

9:00 a.m. – Noon

If you have a family that has had a fire or other emergency, please call the church office. We can come down to the clothing room at a special time for them. Our number: 574-848-4880

From LoveWay,

This year, LoveWay will provide services to more riders than ever before! We currently serve 27 schools in Elkhart County and Cass County, Michigan. 100% of our riders depend on scholarship assistance to participate. With continued community support like yours, LoveWay has had the privilege of serving riders with special needs for almost 50 years and will continue to do so for years to come!

Your generosity brings these children joy along with the benefits of cognitive, physical, emotional and social growth. Again, thank you for all you do for our riders through your support of LoveWay!

Blessings, & Thank You, S. B. Ex. Director

From the Director of Reason Enough To Act

No matter how many years you've been a believer, you can likely remember situations which were hard in this life. I hope that along with those memories, you can also remember how God brought you through the hard stuff and even revealed the good He brought because of it.

With God's help and the collaboration of our clients and ministry team, we are learning how to navigate the hard stuff of 2020 while also seeing the good God is bringing. We've continued to serve our community all year long as a vital service. Although there have been limitations along the way, especially in the beginning weeks, the situation has opened new opportunities and we are seeing God bring good out of it!

With decreased state COVID restrictions, we're seeing more clients in person and on our mobile unit, again hearing tiny footsteps and high pitched squeals coming from our coaching offices. We've leaned into virtual services and they've provided a wonderful option for parents who have children e-learning at home, or a cold, or no transportation, and they're still able to meet with their coach. (It's been a neat way to reach new clients, as we've even had a Zoom appointment as far away as a man from California!)

We continue to serve, continue to cherish your prayers and support and continue to see the good work God is doing behind the challenges. He is working all things together for our good and I pray you are experiencing that in your life!

In His Service, Roxanna Konopinski

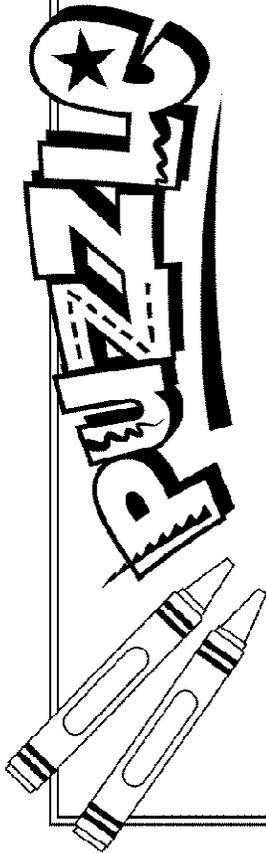
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turns away wrath,
but a harsh word
stirs up anger.
Proverbs 15:1



Return Address Correction Requested



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in

"But the _____² falling on good _____⁸ refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____⁵, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____³n."

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