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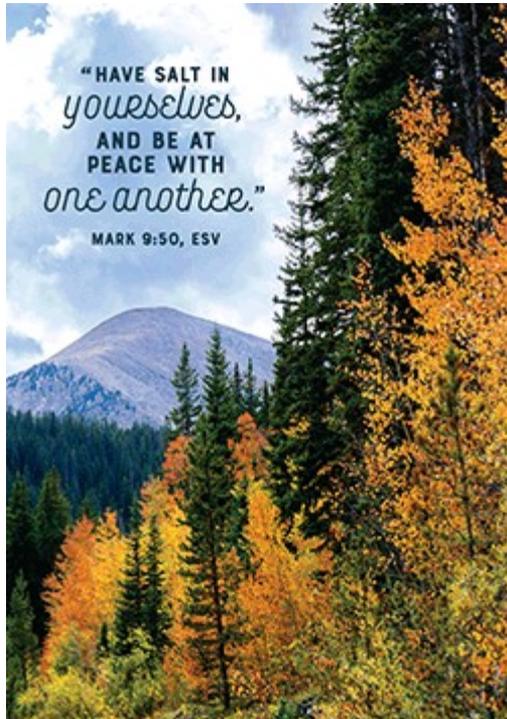
September 2018

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Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:30am-12:30pm

Pastor's Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
9:00a.m.-2:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Sunday morning
Worship time:
10:30 a.m.





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Greetings my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The summer is coming to an end! Is this really good news for you or really bad news for you? Or does it not matter much to you at all? I know that we have had some really hot days this summer, some high humidity days this summer, and a lot of rain this summer. Personally though, I would love to have summer last all year long. It would seem that just like seasons, however, our own lives go through changes, too. We may or may not like these changes, but they always happen.

Churches, like us, also go through changes. Do you feel like our church is going through a new change, or entering a new season? I know that I do. As the fall approaches, I truly believe that the Sidney UMC is entering into a new season. I am praying for and am personally seeing this season unfold as the days pass. I believe that this new season is one of renewal, more hope, growth in faith, and growth in the church.

This belief isn't just my belief either, as I have been hearing people in the church and others tell me that they feel that our church is entering a new season. People have told me that they have felt a renewed sense of energy and excitement in the church. People have told me that they have felt the presence of God in renewed and strong ways. I believe that the Holy Spirit is reviving and renewing the people of the Sidney UMC, and I am seeing it all the time! While seasons change, while our lives changes, and while churches go through seasons of change, God never changes. God is constant, unwavering, and eternal. In fact, in the gospel of Mark 10:27, Jesus tells us:

“Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible” (Mk. 10:27, NRSV).

It is my hope and prayer that as the season of fall approaches, and while we know that things change in our lives, we also remember that things in the church change. May these changes be ones that bring forth a new season of hope, faith, love, and outreach that draw people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, and then equips them to go forth into service to the world. Do you believe that God can do all of this through the people of the Sidney UMC? I do, and I am seeing it all the time. Let us live into this season together, knowing that God is constant, is in control, and that nothing is impossible for God!

I hope that you have a happy and blessed September!

In the hope of Jesus Christ ☺,
Pastor Paul W.

Vacation Bible School Update

We had a fantastic Vacation Bible School from July 8 - 12. Twenty children attended through the 5 days. Our theme this year was Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus. Each evening the children learned a different Bible story, a key verse, and a Bible point. Bible points were:

Day 1: "When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!"

Day 2 - "When you worry...Jesus rescues!"

Day 3 - "When you struggle...Jesus Rescues!"

Day 4 - "When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!"

Day 5 - "When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!"

Our mission focus this year was the program "The Shoe That Grows". The children learned youth like them go without shoes or wear shoes too small just to attend school. The youth decorated shoes bag that will be given with shoes to children in impoverished areas. Bottle and cans were collected along with change to raise funds to send to the company for purchasing shoes.

This year Unadilla Center's VBS, through Claudia Jenkins, partnered with Sidney UMC to increase the funds collected and decorate bags. Between our two churches we collected \$555.00. Thank you to all who contributed to this mission.

Thank you's: I want to personally thank everyone who helped in planning, decorating, and taking part in various ways from stations leader, crew leader, registration person, food prep, server, and cleanup. Thank you to all who donated food and funds to make this program possible. Thank you to Pastor Paul who had only been with us 8 days and jumped in to provide our recreation time. I know the adults had a great experience and learned much in these 5 days. I also know that God was here and our children were impacted by these Bible stories and messages.

J.A.M. Kids Fall Schedule: With Fall upon us the Youth Ministry team is in full swing planning our events. We will continue to have our regular once a month Saturday J.A.M. Kids program. Our dates will be September 29, October 27, November 17, and December 8. We will hold Trunk or Treat again on October 31 so mark your calendars to join us in the parking lot with lots of treats for the community.

Parent Program: Our team has been praying about how we can bring God's love and grace to the families in communities. We have decided to offer classes for the parents on the J.A.M. Kids Saturday that will focus on parenting, bullying, and other family topics. These classes will be held during J.A.M. Kids time. More information will be given as we prepare.

Sunday School to Begin September 16: Beginning September 16 we will offer Sunday school from 10:45 to 11:30. The children will attend our 10:30 worship service and after the children's time they will be escorted out for Sunday school. We want to build this program but we know that our numbers will be small as we start.

Calling Sunday School Leaders: We are in need of individuals who will be willing to be Sunday school leaders. Our plan is to rotate monthly our teaching team which will allow individuals to attend worship when not teaching. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Sharon Bassett. You can reach me at esbassett@gmail.com or 315-430-6149. We would not be able to provide this great ministry to the Sidney community if it weren't for all the support we receive from our church. Thank you to all for your continued support and prayers.



Miracles Happen

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.

What you need:

White cardstock
White wax crayon
Paintbrush
Water
Watercolor paints

What you do:

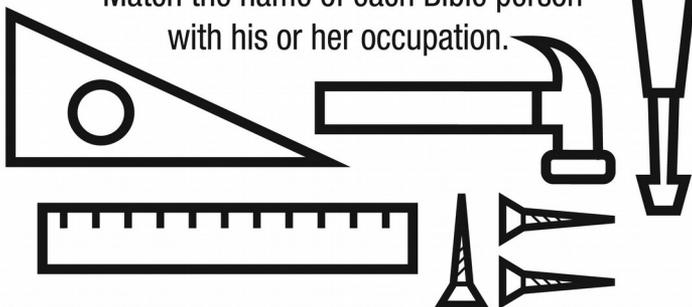
- 1: Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9, Psalm 77:14, Jeremiah 32:27, or Matthew 19:26.
- 2: Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with the different colors.
- 3: Let dry and then hang up.



UMW's September meeting will be Thursday the 13th at noon in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass

Puzzle!

Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.



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| 1. Nehemiah | A. soldier |
| 2. Luke | B. carpenter |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. clothseller |
| 5. Lydia | E. fisherman |
| 6. Joseph | F. shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. silversmith |
| 10. Amos | J. priest |
| 11. Eli | K. tentmaker |
| 12. Peter | L. physician |

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. F, 11. J, 12. E



September Dates to Remember

- Labor Day, September 3, 2018
- National Grandparents Day, September 9, 2018
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2018
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2018
- First day of autumn, September 22, 2018



IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.



blind



leprosy



lame



deaf



dead

hear



walk



raised



sight



cleansed



The _____ receive _____, the l _____, those
 who have _____ are _____, the _____
 _____, the _____ are _____.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised Matthew 11:5, NIV



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