

Missionary Messenger

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My Favorite Things

*What a beautiful thing, GOD, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God!
To announce your love each daybreak, sing your faithful presence all through the night,
Accompanied by dulcimer and harp, the full-bodied music of strings. ~Psalm 92:1-2 (MSG)*


Since it is nearing Thanksgiving Season and Christmas, I thought that it would be worth while to write down some of the things that I am thankful for to the tune to a beloved Christmas song. Here is my goofy version of my favorite things.

Raindrops on the roof of my hippie bus
Having a family who loves me so much
Knowing that God has a great plan
For every heartache that comes to a man
Holding my grandchild while he stares with glee
Thinking of the journey my son had with me
Through all the tough times God was still there
Leading us all to this moment right here
When our dogs died
Oh when death stings
When our health is bad
I simply remember what God's grace has done
And then I don't feel so sad
Just when we became empty nesters
God led us here to North Manchester
Living a life in a really safe town
Having a lot of good neighbors around
Being the pastor of NMMC
Knowing the elders all support me
Hearing the sounds of children at church
These things mean so much to me

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In Christ, Pastor Ken

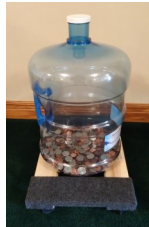


MISSIONS

With the retirement of the Erdels, we now have some money to support someone else. The elders approved to split the money between Pete & Ursula Hubley (who came to visit us this summer) and Janet Nickel. We already support Janet's ministry with our "Pennies for Nickel" coin jug. We want to actually support her, too.



Speaking of the coin jug, we have not sent anything in this year yet. Let's try to get enough coins in there so we can send in another donation for the Anti-Trafficking Project. Remember the church will match whatever is raised.



4th Annual Chili Cook-off October 23, 2022



The Judges



The Cooks



We recently were able to purchase kid's Bibles to use during our time with God's children. What a blessing!! We hope to focus on learning the Bible a little at a time. As we look forward, there are some exciting crafts we are planning to do with the kids.



The kids are learning to share, work as a team, be creative, and most importantly about God!

Judy



Memory Verse of the Month!

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (BSB)

"Now we see but a dim reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of these is love." ~ 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (BSB)

Who Are We?

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CONNECTION NOTES:

The Happiest Drug Dealer

Do you like to read? I do. I really can't imagine not being able to read. I think my life would be so diminished if I did not or could not read.

This morning I was reading from "Our Daily Bread". I read yesterday's devotional, since I did not get to it with all the activities of the Chili Cook-off that happened yesterday. The title was "True Change" by Amy Boucher Pye. The sentence that really got my attention was, "I was the happiest drug dealer in the world!" Oh my word! What a statement!

The devotional was based on Ephesians 4:22-24: "throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." (NLT) The devotional asked us to consider changes God had made in us. When I think about this I am so humbled and grateful.

I remember the joy that overwhelmed me at the moment of my salvation! I was a new creation based solely on the work of Christ! Praise God! Yet, I still had the roots of anger and hate and fear, and love of self inside me. I was my version of the "happiest drug dealer".

My humble gratitude comes from the continued work the Holy Spirit is doing in me. Much work remains to be done in me. Yet I can see God's transformation at work in my life. And I can give my praises as an offering to Him!



This year let's approach Thanksgiving intentionally. I am challenging all of us to offer a daily thank you through the entire month of November. A thanks for one (1) change that Christ's redemption has made in our lives. And, so that this sacrifice of praise makes a real difference in us, record them somehow. Then, on December 1, we can review them with a heart that has been made fresh with a sacrifice of praise.

May our hearts be refreshed and renewed and may God's spirit of love overflow us this month!

Love y'all!

Sue



CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

Teacher Outreach Prep Night:

Wednesday, November 9, 5:30
Come help make "cookie cups" and other snacks for our outreach for Friday 11/11 Professional Development Day.

Teacher Outreach:

11/11 At one of the local schools. We will be providing them snacks and attempting to continue to build bridges and connections with our teachers. Please pray for our teachers and for our outreach to them. May we bring light where it is needed.

Thanksgiving Meal:

November 27th After Church- 11:30
Carry-in Meal so bring a dish or two. Invite some friends or family to join us for lunch. Let's join together for a celebration of grateful hearts!



Save The Date.....

Ladies Day Out and About:

December 3rd
Trip to Wawasee Craft Fair and Lunch
Details will be provided later.