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From Our Pastor

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

“But some will ask, How are the dead raised?.....”

October is the month of Pumpkins and Poe, that's Edgar Allen Poe who wrote the famous poem The Raven as well as volumes of scary stories, many turned into even scarier movies!

To help us not forget what the season is all about, we get catalogue after catalogue with items to purchase regarding Halloween, Skeletons, witches, Ravens, black cats, skulls, ghosts, and bats can be bought as costumes and other spooky attire or displays. Kids of all ages are drawn to the pretend of being horrified!

The churches, for the most part, have learned to go along and see these Halloween “themes” as mostly harmless fun. As a child I remember as a slight serious “balance” to all the “scary horror,” we church children would also Trick or Treat for UNICEF a collection for the United Nations Children's Fund. There was some concern that some “good” come out of a season of “fun about being scared!”

The church does have something to say about Halloween. It is liturgically the season of All Saints in which we do remember the “dear departed” those who are now with the Church Triumphant in the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven.

And in a fun way the Halloween season can introduce children and youth to themes of Death and Threat and Fear in ways that are NOT overwhelming to their coming to an increasing awareness of the realities of Life and Death.

When we combine the popular culture emphasis on Halloween fun with the church's remembering and honoring the Dead in Christ we might just have the best combination for Christian education of our children and youth.

So, as you see the kids (and adults!) dress up in their Poe costumes and head out to Trick or Treat (or Trunk or Treat!) consider the respectful visitation of cemeteries and the graves of loved ones and share with your children and youth the hope of our Christian Faith. And on All Saints Sunday bring all that we might continue to trust all into the arms of a loving Savior who conquers fear, Sin, and Death.

Go forth in peace and hope~~~~+

Pastor Barry

Written by John W. Wade

A pious father always said grace for the evening meal with these words, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and bless what thou hast provided."

"Papa," said the little son, "every evening you ask Jesus to come and be our guest, but he never comes."

"My son," replies the father, "we can only wait. but we know that he will not despise our invitation."

"Well, then," asked the little fellow, "if we expect him to come and have dinner with us, why don't we set a place for him at the table?"

And so to save further embarrassing questions the father permitted the boy to set a place at the table. Just then a knock came at the door. When they opened it a poor little helpless waif stood shivering in the cold. The son thought for a moment and finally said, "I guess Jesus couldn't come today, and so he sent this poor boy in his place." With little further conversation the little beggar boy was brought in and set at the empty place at the table.

Smiles are wondrous things; you can give them out for eternity and always have one left for yourself.

Colleen, age 13



"WELL, YES . . . I GUESS YOU COULD
SAY JONAH TOOK THE FIRST
SUBMARINE RIDE."



October Calendar

Tuesday October 1:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, October 2:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, October 5:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 6:

World Communion Sunday

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 8:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 13:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, October 15:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 20:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, October 22:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, October 27:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. November newsletter

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Monday October 28:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford County Laity
Site TBD

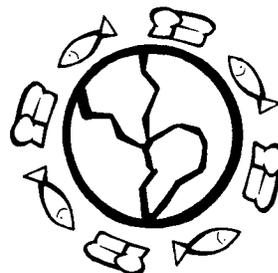
Tuesday, October 29:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Looking Ahead

Sunday, November 10:

4:00 p.m. Charge Conference
Locks Memorial UMC



October Fellowship Supper

Our First-Wednesday Fellowship Supper will be on October 2. Our covered-dish meal will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, October 5. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth

Our Youth Faith Formation study group is active. We appreciated the skit they presented at our September homecoming worship service. The congregation also enjoyed Pastor Barry's participation. We are grateful for our children and youth, their leaders, and all who have worked with and supported them and their adult leaders.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at his home on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 1215 Ledbury Dr., Smyrna.

Bucket Offerings

In October our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the local food bank.

Laity

The site of the October meeting of the Rutherford Laity Fellowship will be announced. The November meeting will be at LaVergne First UMC.

Who wrote this?

"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word."

NRSV

(hint book of 2 Thessalonians)

Administrative Council

The Kedron Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, October 20. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be some items regarding charge conference.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for October is peanut butter. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

World Communion Sunday

World (or Worldwide) Communion Sunday is celebrated on the First Sunday in October in several denominations throughout the world. On this one day Christians around the world celebrate communion, whether it is normally a weekly, monthly, or quarterly observance in their churches. This worldwide observation creates a sense of unity as if we are all sitting down at one table.

Happy Birthday to:

Gerri Lee	October 7
Dee Rouse	October 10
Justin Lee	October 23

Happy Anniversary to:

Chaplain Rob & Delann Dunbar	October 5
Myron & Teresa Palmer	October 10

Psalm 145:1-3 (by David, a Psalm of praise for the greatness and the goodness of God) was the September newsletter quotation.

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

- Emily Dickinson

Mystery message

The vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in the Scripture below are not correct.
Replace the incorrect vowels with the correct ones.

“u wondstirm swupt dawn in tho
leka end tha baot wes follung wath
wutar, und thoy wara un dengur... Ond ha wuka
op ind ribokad tha wond ind thu rogeng wuvos;
thay caosid, ond tharu wos i culm.” – Luke 8:23b-24b

Answer:
“A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger...
And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.”

Different kinds of boats

What kind of boat do you think Jesus and the disciples used? Color the boats and then draw your own.

