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Thank You!

Since you are my captive audience, I wanted to take another opportunity to thank you all for whatever support you gave, from prayer, to money, to time and sweat. (The sweat comment is lest we forget it was hot!) You guys are the ultimate church family! I KNOW God has great plans for us!!!

*Kate and the
Agape Circle Gals!*

FAIR Nights!

SO VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed

Super Special THANKS to:
Dee Dee Schmidt, Donna Keller,
Debbie Fisher, Danielle Shepard and
Karen Peters for braving the heat, the
odors and the noise to carry out our
Great Commission! You truly are the
best and I owe you each a cupcake!

Special thanks
goes to the
Agape Circle
Gals!



From the Pastor's Desk.....

October's devotional comes from Alane and my experiences on our way home from taking our daughter to the Culinary Institute of America in New York state.

During the whole trip I had been craving ice cream. (Who doesn't crave ice cream?) Anyway..., I did get a milkshake in Time's Square, but

it did not hit the ice cream spot that I was craving. On our way home we didn't take the most direct route, because we had one more sightseeing place in Kentucky we wanted to visit. As we were passing through a small town, I finally decided to stop at Dairy Queen to get my ice cream fix. We went through the drive-thru. and we waited for about 5 minutes before someone took my order. Then we had to literally wait 15-20 minutes before we were able to get to the pickup window. We then waited around 3 minutes for someone to come to the window to take my money. I said to the young guy, "Is there only one person working today?" The young man smiled back and said jokingly, "Yeah." He gave me back my card and closed the window. I waited about another 3-5 minutes. to get my small ice cream cone. Finally, I received my ice cream and I said, "Thank you." and drove off.

I'm a little embarrassed to say, I was a little aggravated at that point. We had to drive through the small town to turn off to get back on the next highway. We were about 40 minutes to an hour on the new highway when, suddenly Kentucky State Trooper's cars come blowing past us with sirens blaring. There was one right after another. We got a little further down the road and the GPS all the sudden said that the road ahead was closed and that we were going to have to take a detour. We decided to start looking for another place down the road to stop later for the night. (Alane was not feeling good.) So, we changed our plans and headed to Elizabethtown, KY.

It wasn't until we turned in for the night that we saw on the TV what had happened. The news was reporting about a highway shooting that took place earlier that day. Alane turned towards me and said, "If we didn't stop to get you ice cream and got hung up there, we may have been caught up in shooting." Her words hit me like a ton of bricks. Because she would've been right. We may have gotten caught up in that highway shooting. I immediately prayed to God and thanked Him for watching over us. I also apologized for getting so aggravated for having to wait so long for an ice cream cone.

You see, God is always watching over us because He loves us so deeply. He sees things we don't see. They say, "God works in mysterious ways." I believe that to be true. For example: If the milkshake in Times Square had satisfied my craving, we would have driven right past Dairy Queen and possibly been caught up in the horrific shooting. I also don't think it's a coincidence that as I'm writing this devotional, I'm listening to Stephen McWhirter's rendition of "Goodness of God." The chorus lyrics say, "And all my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so so good. With every breath that I am able. Oh I will sing of the goodness of God," These lyrics have personally come to life and have taken on a new meaning as I reflect on that day. Looking back, have those lyrics ring true in your life?

The next time you find yourself delayed or inconvenienced, take a moment to be still and remember this story and pray to God to give you peace and patience. Because, God may be trying to protect you in ways you can't see or understand. Amen?

Until our last breath, let us reflect on God's goodness and sing, the goodness of God. Amen!

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*"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
(Romans 8:1)*



Now You Know!

By

Mary Ruth Boone

October's "Now You Know!" person is Danielle Shepard. Originally from southern Illinois, Danielle's family moved to Wisconsin when she was young. She grew up there and graduated from high school up north. After a time in the Air Force, Danielle moved back to Missouri, eventually becoming a dispatcher for the Missouri Highway Patrol out of Poplar Bluff. It was there that she met her husband, Jamie.

Together they have a daughter, Amaya, who is grown. Currently Danielle and Jamie live between Bloomfield and Dexter and she works at SEMO Electric Cooperative in Bloomfield as Member Services Representative. Danielle has lots of hobbies aside from work and church. She enjoys gardening, baking, making jelly and bowling

Danielle is a faithful attendee of the 8:15 service where she is a liturgist, helps with Communion and runs the video tech. She is a member of Agape Circle women's group where she heads up the candied nut committee for the Fall Fest in October. Danielle is also the secretary for the Church Council.

Danielle was a charter member of Crossroads Global Methodist. She prays that our church continues to reach out to the community, growing in Christian Love!



Now You Know Danielle!

*We appreciate
all that you do*

October is Pastor Appreciation month! We will be having a Potluck Pa-looza on Sunday 10/27 to show our thanks! More info. to come
A table will be set up for any thank you gifts.





The chancel choir is again working on Wednesday nights and singing specials on Sunday mornings at the 10:30 Traditional Service. Soloists from the choir have also sang during the services.

The choir is excited to host the 3rd annual Southeast Mo. Regional Community Choir. Rehearsal will begin Oct 16th. More details on performance dates to be announced later.

I am happy to announce that with the proceeds from our dinner show this past summer, the Community Choir has purchased a new mixer board for our sanctuary sound system. It's a wonderful way for the group to say "Thank You" to the church that has been totally supportive of the choir since it's inception.

A most resounding Thanks! to Everett Hessling and Orin Lindman for being the ones behind the scenes, working on the sound. They have both put in countless hours listening, researching and adjusting the components of our complex sound system in the sanctuary. We sound better than ever, and have them to thank for that!



I was a little trepidatious about bell choir this holiday season. First, prayers please that on the night before performance I do not contract COVID again!

Secondly, our motivational ringer, Linda Hill, moved. She was a driving force behind this little gang and she will be missed! But all worries are gone!! We were able to welcome two newcomers and have met the minimum needed!!! There is still room though and if you are interested we practice every Sunday at 4 pm.



For those of you on the Hospitality Crew, we are making a bit of an adjustment for the 10:30 AM Service. We would like those of you who are on the greeting schedule to also act as usher during the offertory. You can find a partner or go it alone. When the Pastor calls upon the tithes and blessings you will walk down front, grab the plate, turn and walk back to the back while picking up any offered items. Once the Doxology starts, you proceed forward again. If this is something you do not want to do, please let Kate know or email the church and someone will be in touch.



Unless there is inclement weather or special events, the lower North Entrance of the main building will be locked during services or rehearsals. Please plan accordingly.





**Down Town Dexter
Fall Fest
Oct. 12, 9a-3p**

This will be our second year at the Fall Fest! This is a one day event, and all are invited to participate. Danielle will be there with her candy-ing machine and we will hand out flyers and a "little Jesus"

Sign up for an hour (or two) to represent!!!

Shirt sales going on NOW!

Short sleeve \$12.50 (s-XL)
Long sleeve \$18 (s-XL)
Sweatshirts \$22 (s-XL)

*Add \$2 for 2x
\$3 for 3x
\$4 for 4x



December 21, 2024
Join the Live Nativity!

Exciting things are happening for the upcoming Holiest of seasons! Get ready for some exciting opportunities. More to be announced soon!!!!

**SERVE MORE
IN 2024**

If interested
please let Patty
Shell know!

If you know
anyone with
live animals
who might
want to help
out let us
know!



A decorative border on the left side of the page features a green vine with small green and orange leaves. At the bottom, there are illustrations of orange pumpkins and various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown.

Ann Zoll 10/1
Charlie Flannigan 10/
Mark McMillion 10/
Fil Blackiston 10/2
Wayne Freeman 10/
Austin D'Vorak 10/
Pam Rowland 10/2
Dan Heil 10/28
Betsy Taylor 10/3

A watercolor-style illustration of two pumpkins hanging from a wooden stand. The pumpkin on the left is round with a green stem and leaf. The pumpkin on the right is pear-shaped. Both are orange with vertical ridges and small brown spots. The stand is made of dark brown wood.

A vibrant autumn-themed illustration featuring several orange pumpkins, white daisies, a pink rose, and various green and yellow leaves, set against a white background with an orange border at the bottom.



**Be sure to pick up
your church
directory!**

2024

<p>hello FALL</p>		<p>1 Exercise 12:30p</p>	<p>2 Praise Band 6:30p Choir 7p</p>	<p>3 Bible Study 5:30p</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>5</p>
<p>6 Bell Choir 4p</p>	<p>7 Council Meeting 6:30p</p>	<p>8 Exercise 12:30p</p> 	<p>9 Praise Band 6:30p Choir 7p</p>	<p>10 Widow Women 1 p Bible Study 5:30p</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>12</p>
<p>13 Bell Choir 4p</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Exercise 12:30p</p>	<p>16 Praise Band 6:30p Choir 7p</p>	<p>17 Bible Study 5:30p</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>20 Agape Circle 2:30 PM Bell Choir 4p</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Exercise 12:30p</p>	<p>23 Praise Band 6:30p Choir 7p</p>	<p>24 Widow Women 1 p Bible Study 5:30p</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>27 POTLUCK Palooza Bell Choir 4p</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Exercise 12:30p</p>	<p>30 Praise Band 6:30p Choir 7p</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>Bible Study 5:30p</p>	<p>fall VIBES</p> 
					