**South Milwaukee United Methodist church**

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## *The Chimes*

## *November 2017*

***WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE***

As another year is coming to a close, it is time to take stock of our life, to see how strong our walk with Christ is. Walking with Christ is a spiritual discipline similar to an athlete who engages in constant practices to bring forth the best performance.

Paul admonishes Timothy for such practices by saying: “Train yourself in godliness, for while physical training is of some value godliness is of value in every way, it holds promise both for the present life and the life to come” (1 Tim. 4:7-8)

Paul’s powerful admonition on Christian life is worth heading to for it energizes our walk with God. He says: ‘Don’t just pretend that you love others; really love them. Hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit and serve the Lord.’

He goes on to say: ‘Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer; share with God’s people who are in need and practice hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy; share tears when they’re down. Get along with each other, don’t be stuck up. Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody.’

Adding more to it he says: ‘Don’t hit back; discover beauty in everyone. Live in harmony with each other, associate with the lowly, and do not claim to be wiser than you are’ (Romans 12:9-16)

What wonderful resources God had provided us through his Word in the bible; these are boundless riches of wisdom and power given for our fruitful living in the world. Reading the Word regularly is an indicator of how truly we love the Lord; there can’t be any reason why we are not in the practice of reading the Word daily when we consider the One who gave them is supreme to our life. Remember wat Jesus’ disciples once confessed to him: “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn. 6:68). If the bible has the power to take us to eternal life, it wouldn’t be a smart thing at all to miss it.

May the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons be a time of rededicating our life to Jesus!

Harsha

**EDUCATION WORK AREA**

**In Need of Sunday School Teachers**

We are in desperate need of Sunday school teachers. You don’t have to be a teacher to lead the children in Sunday school. All you need is a desire to help guide children, read the bible or a bible story, and have a conversation with the kids. If you could spare 30-45 minutes once a month we would love to have you join our team and help guide the youth of our church. Please talk to Tammie or Steve Smith or Loree Simuncak if you are able. We need you! Thanks.

*The Education Work Area*

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**September Finance Report**

1. Budget Avg for the month **$14,925.25**
2. Received Avg Monthly- **$10,985.70**
3. Avg Monthly Conf Apportionments Due **$2,114.00**
4. Average monthly Apportionments Rec.

**$1,234.00**

1. Individual members Conf Appt part is **$127**

**Autumn wardrobe**

The leaves fall, the wind blows and the farm country slowly change from the summer cottons into its winter wools. ***Henry Beston***

**Rummage Sale**

Thanks to all who helped in anyway. We had a lot of items to sell and thanks to all the help, fun was had and money was made.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Rummage Sale.

**MISSIONS WORK AREA**



**Winter Wear Tree**

It is that time of year already! The Winter Wear Tree will be up the end of November to start decorating with hats, scarves, mittens, etc… They will be donated to Milwaukee Rescue Mission for Christmas, however the tree stays up the month of January. Those donations will be given to South Milwaukee Human Concerns.

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission**

Because we did not get the request for October, we are extending it through November 9th. They need boys underwear sizes 4,5, and 6. If you prefer to make a donation, mark an envelope “Milwaukee Rescue Mission – Boys underwear” or give it to a Mission Work Area person to shop for you.

*Sharon Mackie*

We will also be supporting South Milwaukee Human Concerns in November.

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**Celebration Dinner**

**Thanksgiving**

**November 19th**

Following Worship, Consecration Sunday, Celebration Dinner will be held to celebrate our stewardship drive. Everyone is invited to attend. In between the service and the dinner will have The Hanging of the Greens. You can help decorate the church for Christmas.

**Recipe**

***Pumpkin Soup***

Ingredients (Serves 4)

1 can (15oz) pumpkin puree

Fresh pumpkin puree can be made by roasting a small pie pumpkin and pureeing the cooked fleshin a blender or food processor

1 small onion, minced

1 clove garlic, minced

2 cups unsalted vegetable broth

1 cup fat=free milk

¾ cup water, divided

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg

**Directions**

1. In a large saucepan, heat ¼ cup water over medium heat.
2. Add onion to pan and cook until tender 3-4 minutes.
3. Add remaining water, pumpkin, broth, cinnamon and nutmeg to pan and stir well.
4. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 5 minutes.
5. Stir in milk and cook until hot ( do not boil).
6. Serve immediately.
7. Garnish as desired (green onion, fresh ground black pepper, sour cream, roasted pumpkin seeds, are all wonderful choices!)

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**Thank you, veterans!**

On Veterans day, we honor men and women who’ve served and sacrficed in one of America’s armed services’

On November 11 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by making Armistice Day, or “truce” day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country’s quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when “nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore”

(Isaiah 2: 4, NIV)

**Scripture Readings for November, 2017**

**November 5**

Joshua 37-17

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13

Matthew 23: 1-12

**November 12**

Joshua 40:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

**November 19**

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

**November 23**

Deuteronomy8:7-18

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 17:11-19

**November 26**

Ezekiel 34:1-1-16, 20-24

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



**“Time to Thank. Time to Share”**

Thanksgiving is a time to share. A roasted turkey stuffed with care, potatoes, yams and buttered rolls are passed in festive bowls. But first we thank our God above and share with others his great love. The dish served last is always best—a slice of pie for every guest.

Mary Ann Sundby

“An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.” *Irv Kupcinet*

**Dates to Remember**

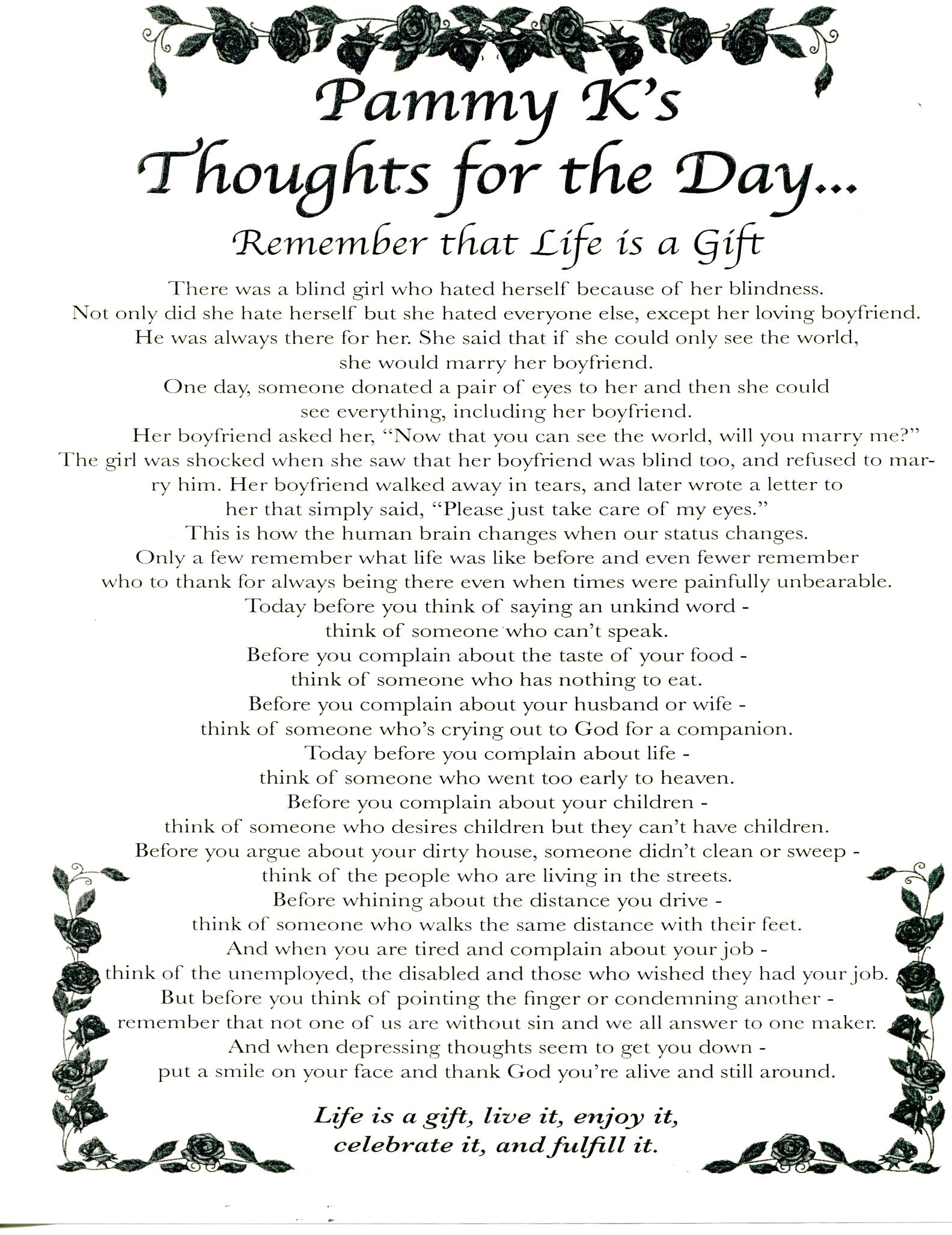
**All Saints’ Day, November 1, 2017**

**Daylight Saving Time ends, Nov 5, 2017**

**Veterans Day, November 11, 2017**

**Thanksgiving Day, 23, 2017**

**Christ the King Sunday, November 26, 2017**



**WILLS & ESTATES COMMITTEE**

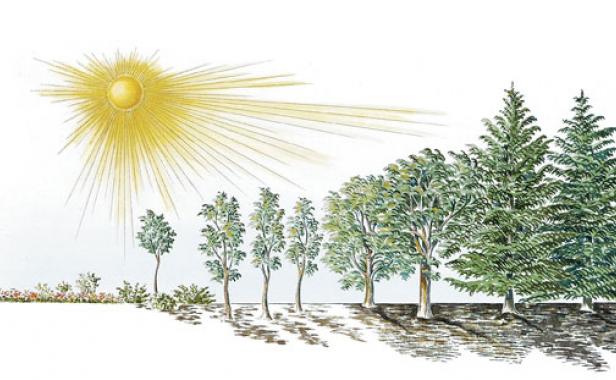
JUST A REMINDER THAT THE WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION IS AVAILABLE TO ALL OUR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO MAY NEED HELP IN PREPARING A BEQUEST TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH. OUR CHURCH RELIES ON YOUR SUPPORT BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE TO CARRY OUT IT’S MISSION. YOUR SUPPORT IS ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH AFTER YOUR DEATH THROUGH A GIFT FROM YOUR ESTATE, THE WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION IS THE BEST PLACE TO SEEK THE ADVICE AND HELP NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO DO THAT.

THE FOUNDATION IS LOCATED IN SUN PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN. THE STAFF AT THE FOUNDATION HAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES YOU NEED TO ARRANGE A GIFT TO OUR CHURCH BOTH NOW OR FOLLOWING YOUR DEATH. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 762-6030 OR THE FOUNDATION AT (TOLL FREE) 1-888-903-9863 FOR MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

MIKE JANKOWSKI

WILLS & ESTATES COMMITTEE

 **Hope**Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us. Only in the darkness can you see the stars. When you have lost **hope**, you have lost everything. And when you think all is lost, when all is dire and bleak, there is always **hope**.

