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## *The Chimes*

## *September 2017*



The word “go” is prevalent in the gospel stories.  In Matthew alone it appears 82 times, not counting any derivatives.  Jesus is the one who often is uttering the word to his disciples, to demons, to those sick and now healed.  Almost everyone is charged with “to go” in some way by Jesus.

We Christians are to be a moving people!

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Matthew 5:41 (NIV)

As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Matthew 10:7 (NIV)

Jesus sends us out into the world.  We are to always be in a mission state of mind:

“We are to inhale worship and exhale witness”,

We are to bear witness to what Christ has done for us, in order that others may see the love and power of Christ in this world.  We must “go” into the world outside our church walls. This is what Jesus did when he met people where they are instead of making them come to him at the synagogue.

God, for whatever reason, has chosen to work through us in this world.  How do we choose to achieve that responsibility is up to us.

Blessings,

Harsha

*(Adapted from Moses Kumar Blog 8/21/2017)*

****[**When One Suffers**](http://www.wisconsinumc.org/connections/conference-news/bishops-corner/soul-food/3560-when-one-suffers)

*“When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.” Genesis 9:14-15*

In June of 2008, many regions of Wisconsin were declared disaster areas due to flooding, but few of us can truly relate to what is happening in Houston, and other areas of Texas and Louisiana. It is a disaster of almost Biblical proportions. When we think of the flood of Noah, we often treat it as a myth or fairy tale – a big boat bobbing over waves, carrying clean, happy animals two-by-two. We seldom relate to the terror, anxiety, relentless buffeting, and exhaustion of people enduring a natural disaster. Yet, that is what is needed in this case.

Reminiscent of hurricane Katrina, hundreds of thousands of lives will never be the same. Oh, for many, property may be restored or rescued, and for the fortunate that escape death or injury, life may one day get back to “normal,” but these flood waters change everything at a fundamental and lasting level. Life will always be different. There will be a before; and there will be an after.

What will after look like? My prayer is that after will be the time when those most affected will discover how much they are loved – how much people care about them. I pray that they will be surrounded by circles of generosity and grace, from family to friends to neighbors to communities to churches to systems to faceless millions who give unselfishly to care for the devastated, the dislocated, and the dispossessed. I pray that we will rise in Christian witness to offer caring and support and healing to those broken and battered. I pray that in the face of natural disaster, United Methodists all around the world (and especially in Wisconsin) will rally to be the body of Christ to those suffering and in desperate need.

Remember, when one suffers, we all suffer. But there will come a time to rejoice! Brothers and sisters, please let us join together to give as much as we can to extend grace and healing to those in need. Be in prayer with me – pray without ceasing for safety and comfort, for peace and strength. As the flood waters crest and recede, let our abundant generosity swell and spill over. These are our brothers and sisters, looking for a sign of covenant that God’s grace will shine again. May it shine in and through us! To offer your support, send donations to UMCOR

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



**UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Harvey**

Dear Friend of UMCOR,  
  
By now, we have all seen the horrific images of Hurricane Harvey’s destructive path through Houston, Southeast Texas, and Southwest Louisiana, producing record-shattering rains and flooding in some communities.  
  
Before Harvey made landfall, UMCOR was working with United Methodist Church conferences to ready resources and volunteers for the relief and recovery efforts.  
UMC volunteers from these conferences are UMCOR’s feet on the ground, and they are actively responding to this ongoing and developing disaster.

A catastrophe of this size and magnitude will require UMCOR to be there for the long-term as UMC conferences address the urgent needs of those affected. UMCOR will be with them every step of the way.  
  
Please pray for the millions of people affected by this disaster.  
  
And **make a gift** so we can provide the help they need to rebuild their lives.  
  
Thank you for supporting **Disaster Response, United States (#901670)**.

**EDUCATION WORK AREA**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Sunday, July 23rd – Thursday, July 27th “Passport to Peru”**

**16 kids enjoyed themselves at this years Vacation Bible Study. $96 and 46 food items were collected for Human Concerns. Thank you to all the teachers, aids and those who gave to make this another successful year. See you next summer!**

**Culver’s Fund Raisers**

Culver’s will donate 10% of sale proceeds to SMUMC with presentation of a voucher. Dates will be Sept 19th, Feb 20th and April 17th.

**AWANA Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 10th at 10:20 am.**

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**August Finance Report**

1. Budget Avg for the month **$14,925.25**
2. Received Avg Monthly- **$11,144.16**
3. Avg Monthly Conf Apportionments Due **$2,114**
4. Average monthly Apportionments Rec.

**$1,276.50**

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

**God’s Left Hand**

A 6 year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. “Look at the gorgeous leaves!” Grandma exclaimed. “Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!”

“Yep,” said her grandson, “and he did it left-handed.” Perplexed, Grandma asked, “Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty!”

“Because,” said the boy matter-of-factly,” “we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God’s right one.”

**MISSIONS WORK AREA**

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**Pancake Breakfast!**

**September 17**

Join us for the September Pancake Breakfast September 17th. All-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, apple sauce, orange juice and beverages all for the low price of; $6 for Adults, $4 Children 6-11, and under 5 eat free.

**South Milwaukee Human Concerns**

Please remember the less fortunate in our community as you donate to South Milwaukee Human Concerns in September. Thank you so much for your continued support of our Mission projects each month.

**Milwaukee Rescue Mission**

16 back packs were collected for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission this summer. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

**Thank You!**

I would like to thank all of you for your get well wishes and kind words, cards, and prayers during my recent shoulder replacement surgery. It is wonderful to know that we have such a loving and supportive church family. I am doing quite well. My therapy started last week, so now the real pain begins. Hope to be back soon!

Love Always,

*Sharon Mackie*

**Recipes**

We need your recipes. If you have one you would like to share, please turn it in to the office and we will put it in the Chimes.

**From Trustees**

The Trustees have had a busy year so far. Many projects have been completed. Cleaning out the downstairs class rooms, putting shelves in closets, new flooring, and clearing up electrical, moving the Mission Sewing group upstairs and providing their needs, new tables. The Day care is in with little feet all over.

The roof soffets are finished on the church. The Clean Up Week was very productive, and of course, the more you clean, the more you find to clean. Kitchen was thoroughly cleaned with 3 new sink faucets installed, 2 hot water heaters had to be replaced and the closet by the kitchen painted and a new shelf unit put in. All new fire detectors have been installed throughout the building, as well as improved exterior security lighting.

The Methodist Church street signs that are in 4 different locations around the church have been repainted, look for them, they are pretty! Also the first aid kits have been restocked, the one in the Ushers’ closet is the most supplied of the three, located in the parlor kitchen and fellowship hall kitchen. We still have plenty on our to do list, if anyone sees a problem please let the trustees know so we can take care of it promptly.

Thank You

Trustees

**Upcoming Date**

Is your mouth watering yet?

A date has been chosen for the upcoming Hobo Dinner. October 7th. Get your baking mitts ready, and helper hands dusted off. We need you!

**Hobo Dinner Planning Mtg**

Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM is a planning meeting for the upcoming Hobo Dinner. All are welcome to attend.

**Scripture Readings for September, 2017**

**September 3**

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

**September 10**

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

**September 17**

Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14;1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

**September 24**

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

**Dates to Remember**

Labor Day, September 4, 2017

National Grandparents Day, September 10, 2017

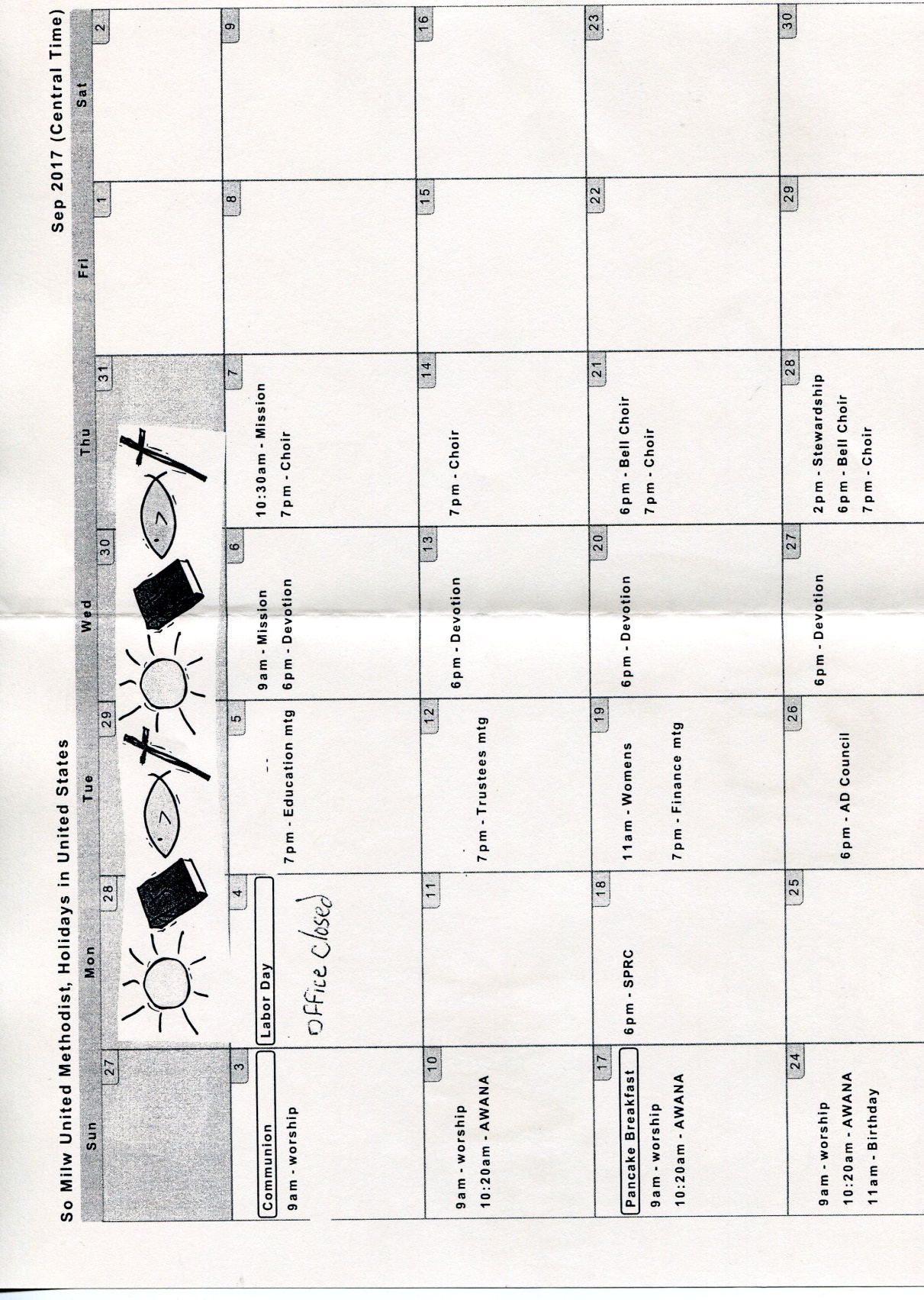
Patriot Day, September 11, 2017

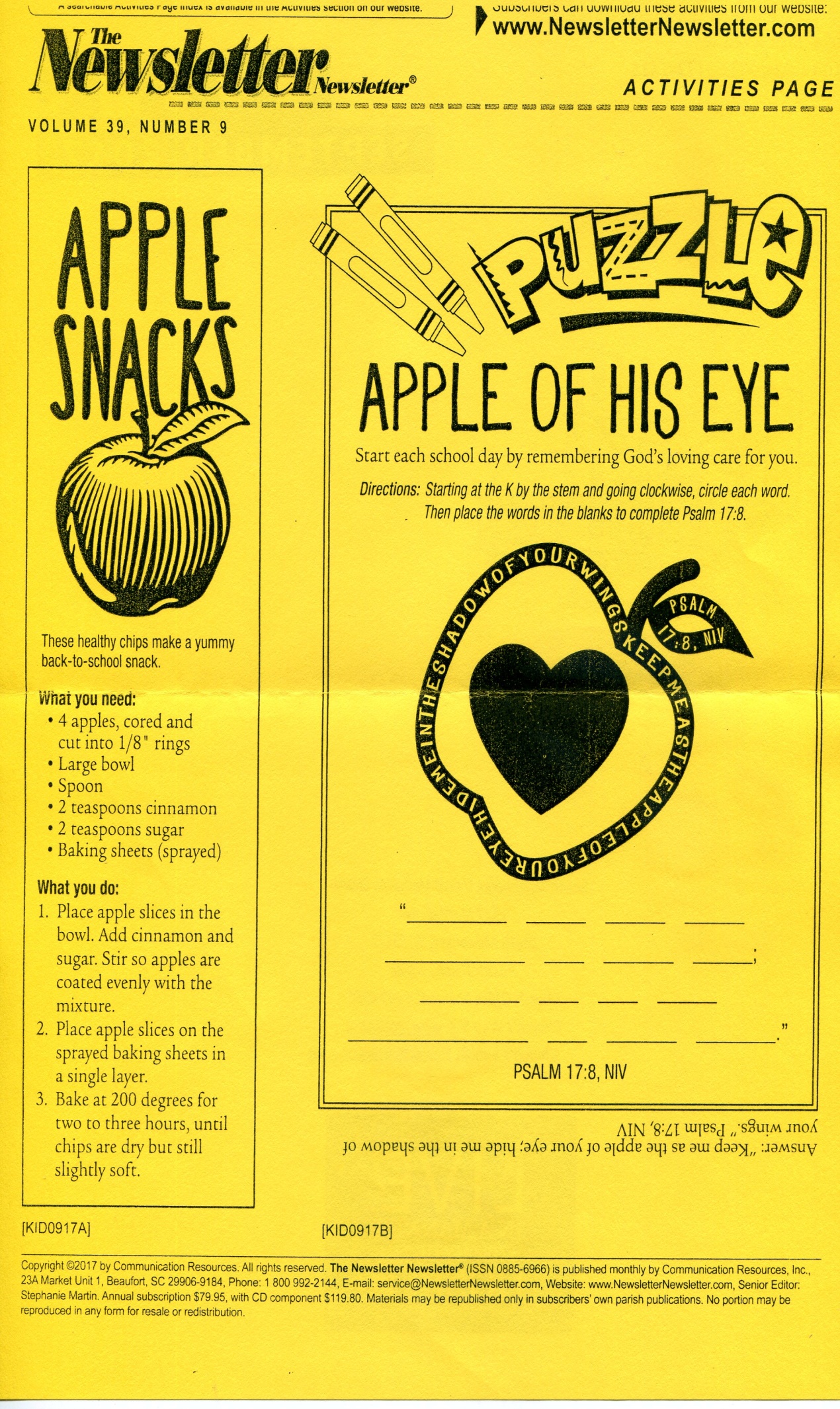
Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct 15, 2017

First Day of autumn, September 22, 2017

**Interfaith Request**

*Can you drive an older adult to a medical appointment once a month? Yes, only once a month! Interfaith Older Adult Programs South Shore Regional Office is looking for individuals to take one transport each calendar month. We would call you a week in advance with the driving details and you always have a choice of saying yes or no. All we ask is that you say yes once each calendar month. If interested, please call Vicki Jensen, Interfaith SSR Volunteer Coordinator, at 414.762.1998 or email at*[*vjensen@interfaithmilw.org*](mailto:vjensen@interfaithmilw.org)*.*

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