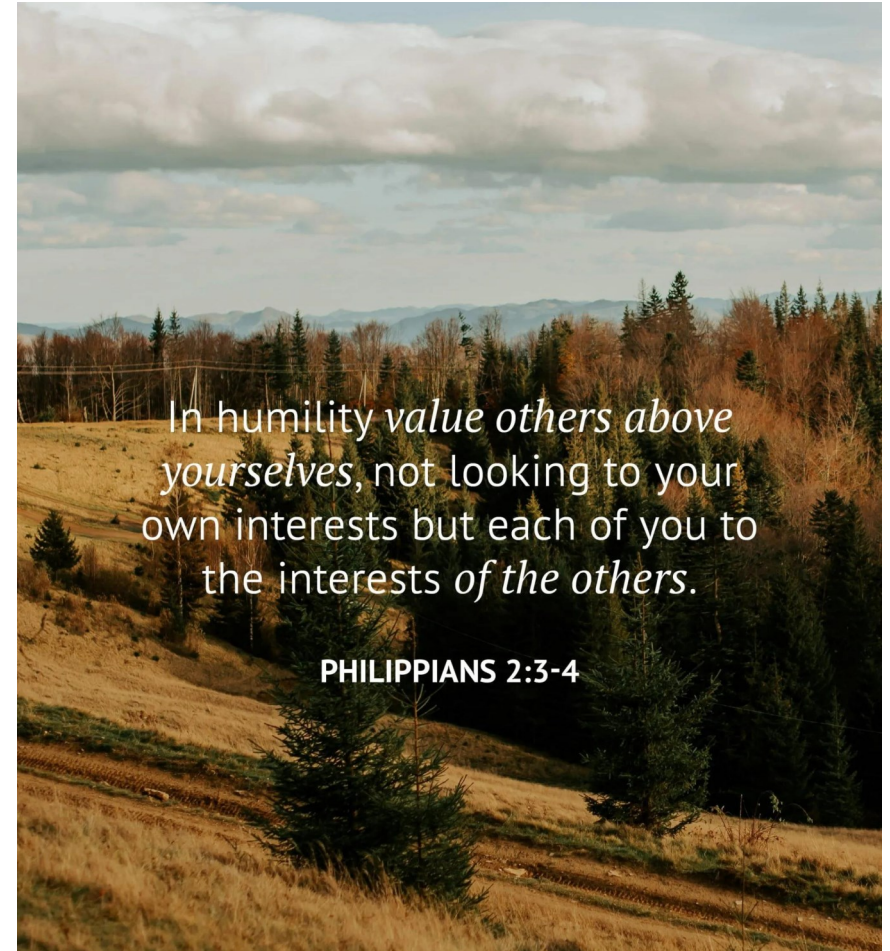




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PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 23rd

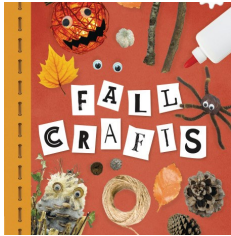
Following the Worship Service

Sign-up sheets available in sanctuary



Wellspring Prep Craft Volunteers

Mrs. Stephanie is looking for volunteers to do a Thanksgiving/Autumn-themed craft with her two students, preferably on a Monday or Wednesday morning. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the church office.



Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Julie's Sunday School class is collecting different items each Sunday to pack & deliver lunch bags to a homeless camp off Sutherland Ave. in Monroe. If you would like to bring items, you can drop them off in Julie's Sunday School classroom (close to the Fellowship Hall).

1st Sunday: Peanut Butter & Jelly

2nd Sunday: Snack Bags of Chips & Little Debbie Cakes

3rd Sunday: Brown Lunch Bags & Sandwich Bags

4th Sunday: Canned Drinks & Bottled Water

Thank you to everyone
who has brought items in
for the lunch bags!



Save the Date

The next Ladies Painting Class will be on Monday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. This class will be Winter/Christmas-themed and will cost \$25. Look for sign up sheets in the SS classrooms & in the sanctuary!



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When Well-Meaning People Interrupt Your Plans

Luke 8:40-50, 54-56

The Point: God-ordained interruptions call for a sensitive heart.

The Bible Meets Life: Peter Greig was on his way to his home in England as he hurried through Chicago's O'Hare Airport. He soon learned that the Iceland volcano had grounded all flights. Peter asked God how He wanted him to use this interruption and his thoughts flew to his friend Joe, 150 miles away in Madison, Wisconsin. "Hey, I'm in Chicago," he emailed. "Can I come crash on your couch?"

What Peter didn't know was that Joe had just received terrible news, and not half-an-hour before, Joe's wife had asked, "Who do you wish you had on your couch right now?"

"I wish Pete was on my couch," Joe answered, "but I know that's crazy." Within hours of Joe's stated longing, Peter was sitting on his couch. Sometimes, God interrupts our lives with people in ways that feel like an answer to prayer. In our passage, Jesus was surrounded by people, but He took time for two desperate people. He responded with such spiritual sensitivity and power that it changed them.

Live It Out: Become radically people-oriented. Create a list of people you know who are facing some type of personal crisis (physical, spiritual, emotional, relational). Pray that Jesus will go out of His way to meet their need and make God's love real to them. **Receive a heart transplant.** Ask God to give you a heart of compassion for people who are hurting and are desperately in need of what only Jesus can provide. **When you're afraid, trust Him.** Receive Jesus's word, "Don't be afraid. Only believe." Reflect on the following verses (Psalm 23:4; Psalm 56:3; and Hebrews 13:5b-6), and trust Him when fear grips your heart when you face the unknown. Know that He is near to you right now.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Handle Life's Interruptions

Sunday, November 16 When a Time of Inactivity Slows You Down
(Acts 1:4-8, 12-14; 2:1-4)

Sunday, November 23 When Doing God's Work Is Interrupted
(Acts 16:4-15)

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Living Streams

Worship Center

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, November 2



Indoor: 52

Online: 313

Wednesday, November 5

Online: 50

Youth: 15

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$17,571.84

November

Offering

To Date:

\$2,690.00

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sue Bruce

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Mike & Renee Helms & Family

Lillian Lewis

Richard Lovingood & Family

Pam Majewski

Debbie McKnight

Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

Susan Wood & Family

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM
on Wednesdays to rehearse for
the Christmas Musical!

Bible App

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today's Scripture on
the Bible app! Scan
this QR code with
your phone:

