

This week I got a chance to go back and read one of my favorite Scripture passages. It is found in 1 Kings 19:11-18. This is part of Elijah's, the greatest prophet in the Old Testament, story. This happens while he is on the run from Ahab and Jezebel, the rulers of Israel.

Elijah goes to the mountain and waits for the Lord to pass by. First, there is a great wind that broke rocks. A mighty show of power, but God wasn't in the wind. Then there was an earthquake that could move mountains, but God wasn't in the earthquake. After that, a fire raged, but once again God wasn't in the fire. Finally, after all that in the sheer silence that followed came a small voice, the voice of God. Elijah hears a voice that speaks comforting words and guidance to a prophet in distress.

I always loved this passage because it plays with our expectations. We expect God to appear in a grand display of majesty. That God's presence will be known to us through a storm, or a miracle, or at least a burning bush. In movies, shows, and books that's how it always plays out. Yet, so often God comes to us in our lives in the quiet stillness.

The truth is our lives are filled with storms and earthquakes. There are so many things in our lives that demand our time and attention. Our lives can be so busy and loud.

This means we need to be intentional. We need to be willing to schedule time in our days to be with God. We need to take time away from our busy lives to listen to the small voice in the stillness. God is with us always, never forget that, but in prayer and reflection, we open our hearts and minds to hear God's voice. It is a chance to hear where God is leading us.

Whether it is taking a moment in the morning over coffee, or on your commute, or right before bed, take some time to be with God. Put aside the worry and stress of life the best you can, and be present with our Lord. Listen for God's voice in your life.

I pray you get a chance to do just that. For I know God has a plan for each of us. God calls to each of us, we just need to take a moment to listen.

God bless,
Pastor Ed

Food Pantry Needs:

Family size is appreciated; canned tuna/chicken, pasta and pasta sauce,
canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, peanut butter, saltine crackers
pancake mix & syrup, cereal

Thank you for supporting the Food Pantry.

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

September 25 Brunch

October 2 Varmel Sykes

October 9 Jean Lightfoot

October 16 Danny & Cheri Sauer

Please plan to bring about 4 dozen cookies. Thank You

Coming Up!

Fellowship Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 22 7 PM

Ice Cream Social – Saturday, Sept. 24 at the pavilion 2-4 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Sept. 24 7 PM Bring snacks to share

All Church Brunch – Sunday, Sept. 25 after the 9:00 AM worship service. Bring a breakfast casserole, cinnamon rolls, donuts to share. OJ, milk and coffee will be provided.

Kathryn Butts Memorial Visitation – Monday, Sept. 26 9:30 AM
Memorial Service at 11:30 AM at Chicory Event Center
114 W 1st St, Mishawaka

Ida Mission Circle Meeting-Wednesday, Sept. 28 10:00 AM

Apron Sewing – Thursday, Sept. 29 6:30 PM

Lakeville Fall Festival – Saturday, October 8

LUMC will have a booth at the festival, watch for more details. Volunteers will be needed!

Cardio Drumming

Classes are Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Trodie Hall. FREE Bring a 55 to 75 cm ball, a 25+ gallon bucket and drum sticks. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate!

Little Ones' Preschool

We now have the first few days of preschool under our belt. This year we have four classes with a total of 41 students. Teresa Eggebrecht is teaching our 3's/young 4's classes, assisted by Angel Gann, who joined our staff last year. This year, Kaitlin Kaiser, who assisted in the 4's/5's class last year, has stepped into the position of lead teacher for one of our 4's/5's classes, assisted by Erika Balmer. I am also teaching a 4's/5's class with the help of Kelsey Anders, who is returning for her second full year. We are looking forward to a very good year, with lots of growing and learning taking place. We have a great staff and I'm excited to be working together with them. I am also very pleased to announce that Carolyn Ort has agreed to be our Preschool Board Chairperson.

In May of 1978 the Education Commission recommended that Lakeville UMC should have its own nursery school. Linda Wiegand was hired as the nursery school director-teacher. Woody Smith was the pastor at that time. Our current Preschool program celebrates 44 years this September. Thank you again for the interest and support this church family shows to this ministry. Carlene Weber, Director and Teacher

INCOME WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

PROGRAMMING- \$1,348.00

MISSIONS- \$25.00

CIF-\$555.00

LOOSE- \$20.00

USE OF BLDG.-\$50.00

SEWING LADIES- \$25.00

TOTAL INCOME-\$4,200.00

CIF ROOF- \$150.00

CIF ROOF TOTAL TO DATE: \$13,085.00

EXPENSES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

PHONE/CHURCH- \$269.87

PHONE/PARSONAGE- \$132.14

WATER/TRASH/CHURCH- \$84.14

WATER/TRASH/PARSONAGE- 46.17

FOX FIRE SAFETY- \$97.00

PAYROLL- \$3,676.37

TOTAL EXPENSES-\$4,305.69

INCOME WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

PROGRAMMING- \$1,852.00

MISSIONS- \$25.00

CIF-\$5.00

LOOSE- \$28.00

TOTAL INCOME-\$1,910.00

CIF ROOF TOTAL TO DATE: \$13,085.00

EXPENSES WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

BUSINESS CARD- \$102.93

UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS- 51.00

TOTAL EXPENSES-\$153.93