

September 2022

THE GOOD WORD

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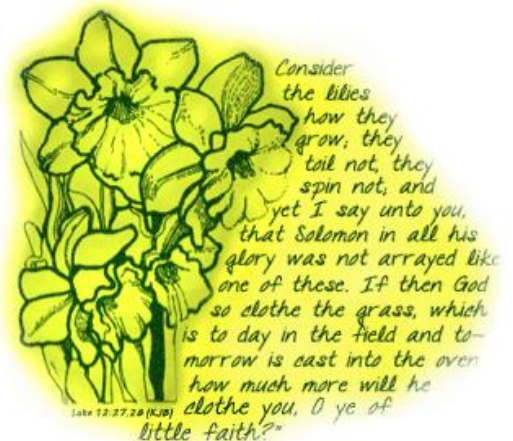
" Stop and Smell the Flowers"

Has it already been two months since I arrived at Taylorsville Church? Where does the time go? It seems to fly by when you're having a good time, but it also seems to fly away when you have a lot to do. There is never enough time to get everything done. I picked up a habit from college and seminary of overmanaging my time. I try to fit into my day as much as possible and accomplish things early. I learned a survival stratagem when I had work to do on top of school and church work and still wanted personal time with friends and family. I quickly learned that you could only sustain that kind of activity for a short time before you burn out. This unbalanced life is why most students have to learn to pace themselves. But it's still tempting to try to cram everything into a short time. As we look at everything we need to do, we can start to miss the truth and beauty around us. I think we all do that from time to time. That's why we must remind ourselves of the character and teachings of Jesus.

Christ tells us to stop and smell the flowers. Or, as Jesus says in Luke, "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith!" (Luke 12:27-28 NRSV)

As we enter September, we finish with summer and prepare for the season ahead. Whatever business is about to enter your life, consider the flowers. Learn from them to rely on God for the blessing you need and be secure in your heart that God supports you today and every day. God's beauty and blessings are around us if only we stop to consider the flowers with Christ. The work of harvest is coming, but today we consider the flowers.

Pastor Joshua Gillen





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

September - Scott & Ritta Jones
 October - Sam & Anna Grimes

READER

September - Anna Grimes
 October - To Be Determined
 (let office know if you like to read)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Kathy Cinnamond	27	Melinda Bennett
20	Doug Gorsuch	29	Gary Maring
23	Bryan Smith	30	Jenna Franklin
25	Elena Manco		



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 David and Mary Jane Frazier
- 10 Robert and Michelle Condon
- 11 Devin and Mary Flagler

Saturday, September 3rd

9:00 AM -

Going to Buttersburg Inn in
 Union Bridge, MD

Contact John Eaton
 with questions

OCTOBER
Deadline is September 26



Save the Date
Church Picnic
Sunday, September 18th
after church

Church Conference Date:
October 6th at 3:30p.m.

- Mark your calendar
- Copies of reports have been given to Committee Chairs. Please have back to the office by Sept. 22nd.



Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this September

September 4, 2022

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Title: Taking stock

September 11, 2022

I Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Title: Lost and found

September 18, 2022

I Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

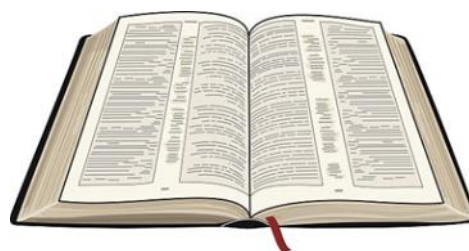
Sermon Title: Clean slate

September 25, 2022

I Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon Title: Changing places



*Lifting Our Hearts In...
Prayer*

- Students starting college that have never been away from home
- Pray for teachers, staff and students for a good school year
- Karen Franklin-rehab from surgery, needs prayer
- Prayers for those grieving the loss of loved ones: Kay Greer, Sharon Wilson, Rhonda Berg
- Sandy Wright's friend, Janette had 2nd procedure-recovery going well
- Sues' cousin, Tom –healing from motorcycle accident, needs prayers for memory issues
- Flooding around the country
- Sue's cousin, Steve, given 1 year to live-pray for more time
- Rita Kolb-out of assisted living, preparing to move down south to be with niece
- Gail's friend, Rita-continued prayers from kidney transplant
- Continue healing prayers for Lisa-only 41-had single bypass
- Eileen's father, Tom had a stroke, prayers for Tom and Eileen's mom
- Anna & Sam's brother-in-law, prostate cancer-prayers for healing
- Sharon Franklin's niece, Jacque Eyler has multiple health issues
- Ryan DiMaggio-motorcycle accident, needs continued prayers
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Raymond, slow recovery from leg bypass, heart issues now
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-scan showed growth of cancer–will try different chemo treatment
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Becky-multiple health issues
- Lisa's friend/co-worker, Valinda-cancer
- Our member in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown
- Health care workers
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Our World
- Our Leaders

Praise

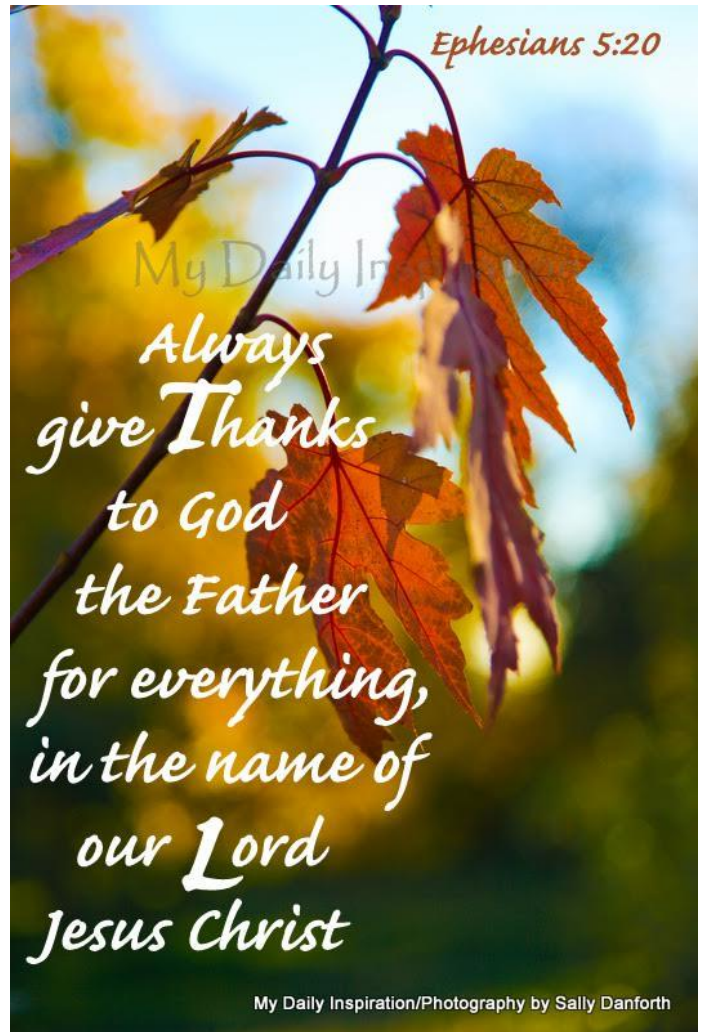
- Beautiful weather
- Family reunions, gatherings
- For a loving God
- Students back in school!



We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes
(U S Navy-Tampa)
Thank you for your service Sean!!



Communion Helper Needed ASAP

Job includes setting up/clean up for the first Sunday of the month. Possible communion at a few other services i.e. Christmas, Ash Wednesday. Contact Cindy Thornton or the church office if this interests you. Cindy is willing to train for September.





Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines

Our fall quarter highlights some of God's exceptional choices. We begin by looking at some narratives in Genesis set amid the nomadic life of the ancient Near East. God demonstrated His choice by calling Abram to experience blessing and a new land and through this family He chose certain individuals for service to His name.

God's choice is not reserved for the notable or the powerful. The Scripture texts show that He may choose people not widely recognized. His choice is not based on any criteria other than his desire and freedom to choose. Sometimes our expectations do not align with God's choice! We need to be attentive to His purposes and choices.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the social hall. We invite you to join us.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will start up again September 25th. Our bible verse comes from Ephesians 5 verse 20. "Always give thanks to God for everything." Our theme is that seasons change but God never changes.



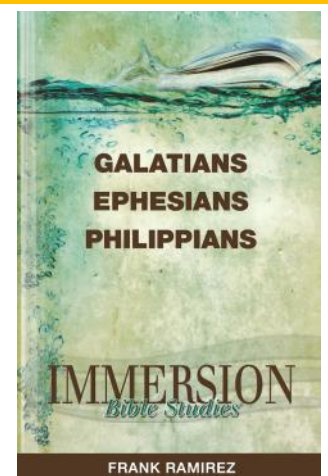
Bible Study starting September 4th at 7 pm.

Pastor Josh is looking forward to starting his first bible study at Taylorsville.

Together we will be looking at Paul's letter to the Galatians. Galatians is a short letter from the Apostle Paul. Written to a Community in present-day Turkey that ruffled the Apostle's feathers for getting sidetracked in their faith.

Each study session is planned to run for one hour and will last for six weeks. It will be conducted by Zoom. All you will need is a good internet connection and a bible.

Email Pastor Josh at pastorjgillen@gmail.com or call the office for more information and to sign up.





Adult Sunday School Class 9:00 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick and Jeff Taylor

Consider the Apostles' Creed. It is the oldest creed of the Christian church and is the basis for others that followed. In its oldest form, the Apostles' Creed goes back to at least 140 A.D.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen."

It's a creed with a gigantic hole in the middle. If these statements are the crux of Christian belief, then why so much additional information in the four Gospels. All we would need is the nativity story (which only appears in Matthew and Luke) and the resurrection stories (which only appear in Matthew, Luke, and John). Indeed, the very first Gospel written, Mark, has neither the nativity story or any resurrection appearances (only an empty tomb). Well over 90% of Mark's Gospel, and to a large extent the other three Gospels, concern Yeshua's (Jesus') teachings. This information was so important to the Gospel writers that they filled the majority of their books with his teachings and works.

Now some Christians today tend to minimize Yeshua's teachings in deference to faith statements about who he is in the Christian creeds. But the question remains, what did Yeshua teach and why? John Wesley was adamant about adult education and started the first "Sunday schools" in America, called simply "Meetings". John Wesley didn't think much of creeds as blind faith statements and made them secondary to preaching and teaching in his meetings.

Yeshua (and I use his real Jewish name here), was a Torah observant Jew who taught mainly to the Jewish people and only rarely to the gentiles. Nothing in Yeshua's teachings is "new", he learned it all from the books of the Torah and the prophets. Yeshua is shown in the Gospels as reading from the Torah in synagogue, "with authority". The message of Yeshua's Gospel is the exact same message as the Torah. Yeshua quoted frequently from the book of Deuteronomy, about love and our personal relationship to God (YHWH). Indeed, Deuteronomy (and the books of the prophets Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel) form the core of what Yeshua taught.

So I would like to invite all who are interested to our TaylorsvilleUMC Sunday school class that meets in the education building (house) at 8:50am on Sunday before church. Starting on Sunday September 11th, Steve Novick and I will be leading a study on Deuteronomy and how it relates to Christianity and the teachings of Yeshua. Come in person or join us over Zoom on your computer, tablet, or phone.

Need for



The women's program is in need of sneakers, jeans, robes and sweatshirts. Secondhand and **gently used** is fine, any size. When clients come to the Mission for help, most of them only have the clothes on their backs. There will be a bin in the back of the church for donations.



United
Women
in Faith



Saturday, September 10th from 8-noon

“The UWIF (a/k/a UMW) is sponsoring a yard sale on **Saturday, September 10 from 8-noon.**

- ◆ Help is needed between 7:00 AM and 7:45 AM to set up tables and carry boxes out from the Ed Building. Church items will be set up in the front yard.
- ◆ Help is also needed to direct traffic in the parking lot and when the Yardsale is over, we need help to box up the left over items.
- ◆ Contact Dee Haines and Sue Leppert



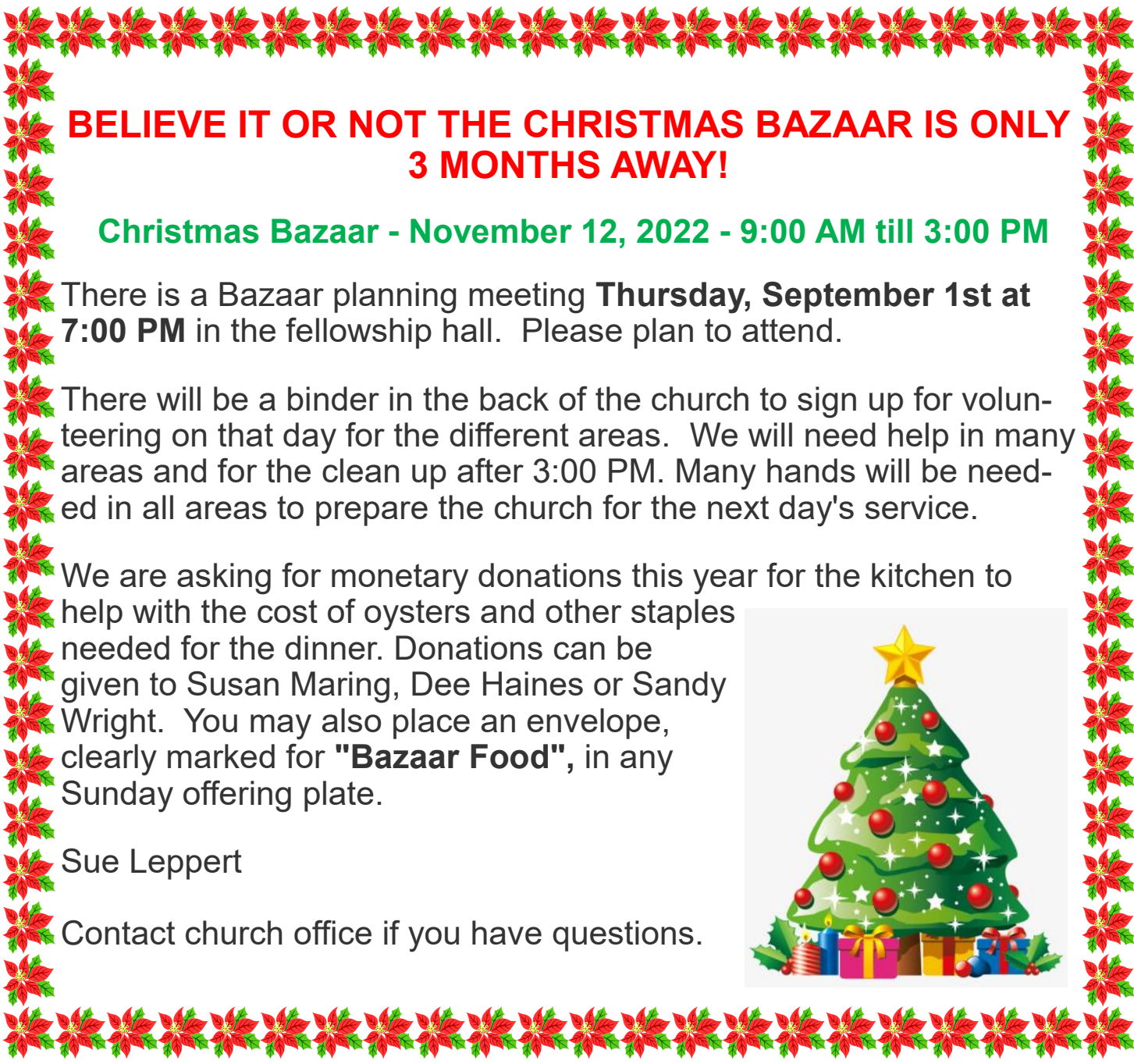
TUMC Choir Needs YOU!

“Calling all singers who can simply make a joyful noise to our Lord”.

We need YOU!

We have begun practice/planning for our Christmas cantata.

Please speak to Monty at church and I am sure God will bless you as we praise Him during the coming Christmas season.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IS ONLY 3 MONTHS AWAY!

Christmas Bazaar - November 12, 2022 - 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM

There is a Bazaar planning meeting **Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. Please plan to attend.

There will be a binder in the back of the church to sign up for volunteering on that day for the different areas. We will need help in many areas and for the clean up after 3:00 PM. Many hands will be needed in all areas to prepare the church for the next day's service.

We are asking for monetary donations this year for the kitchen to help with the cost of oysters and other staples needed for the dinner. Donations can be given to Susan Maring, Dee Haines or Sandy Wright. You may also place an envelope, clearly marked for "**Bazaar Food**", in any Sunday offering plate.

Sue Leppert

Contact church office if you have questions.



SEPTEMBER Wish List for Mt. Airy Net:



tomato soup, paper towels, shampoo



* The Net will take any non-perishable items you wish to donate. (33 items for Net)




2022

Office Hours
M, W, TH
9:00AM-2:30PM

TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Did you know you
can give to TUMC
through your
bank?

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 COMMUNION Mission Giving Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website 7:00PM Bible Study Zoom	5 Church Office Closed 	6	7 6:30 PM Choir	8 7:00PM Bazaar Meeting	9	10 8:00-NOON UWIF Yardsale Westminster Rescue Mission Lunch
11 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website 7:00PM Bible Study Zoom	12	13	14 6:30 PM Choir	15	16	17
18 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website Church picnic after church 7:00PM Bible Study Zoom	19	20	21 6:30 PM Choir	22 Church Conference reports due to office	23	24
25 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship- Facebook live/website 7:00PM Bible Study Zoom	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28 6:30 PM Choir	29 7:00 PM UWIF	30	Mt. Airy Net Collecting: tomato soup, paper towels, shampoo

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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

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*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM*

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