

# The Glovier Messenger

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From the Desk of Pastor Bill

## 194 Hot Dogs and the Power of Showing Up

### *Building Community Through Simple Acts of Kindness*

In a recent sermon I shared this story that appeared in the Valley Ridge District newsletter (September edition). It reflects in very practical ways what the verse in the Gospel of John really means: “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood” (John 1:14; The Message).

Rev. Greg Kropff, Director of Embrace Alleghany Highlands and pastor of Parrish Court United Methodist Church, spent an August Saturday connecting with his community. When the 47th Annual StreetScene Car Show rolled into Main Street, Greg was there with a simple but powerful mission: to share God's love through hot dogs and conversation.

Armed with hot dogs generously donated by Bartley's Meat Market, a local butcher shop, and cases of bottled water, Greg set up not as a vendor, but as a neighbor. His goal wasn't to make sales, but to make connections, introducing himself as Embrace's local site director, and to build authentic relationships through the simple acts of talking and listening.

By the end of the day, Greg had given away 194 hot dogs, offering kindness to everyone who passed by his table. But for Greg, the numbers tell only part of the story.

“Giving away hot dogs at StreetScene was, for me, a way to be part of the community and share in a community event while doing something different...Instead of selling food like a vendor, I wanted to share food with other members of the community.”

Greg continued, “When Christ fed people or healed people, there was no transaction that took place. It was simply the enfleshed Word of God loving humanity and living out God's intention for creation.”

Through his work with Embrace Alleghany Highlands, a community-building organization centered on fostering relationships and connecting people to build a stronger community, Greg plans to continue this ministry of presence and love, reaching out to neighbors in Covington and beyond.

Sometimes the most profound acts of ministry happen not from the pulpit, but from behind a folding table on Main Street, one hot dog and one conversation at a time.

I invite us to consider what it would mean if Glovier Memorial UMC found similar ways to “move into the neighborhood.”

One way we can reach out to neighbors is on our mission calendar for October, when we invite our friends and neighbors to “Trunk or Treat” on Halloween (Friday, October 31; 5—6 PM) in our church parking lot. Come and join us.



Christianity's most unique claim is that in Jesus God became flesh and "made his home among us". Through events like "Trunk or Treat" we too can have a ministry of presence and love in our neighborhood.

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## AT HOME MEMBER FOR OCTOBER

**John & Jan Bottemiller**

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John and Jan would love to hear from you. Send them a card, text or give them a call. We appreciate our at home members as they support us each Sunday with their prayers and love.

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

13<sup>th</sup> - Tobi Broyles

20<sup>th</sup> - Aidyn McGinnis

25<sup>th</sup> - Jean Pittman

25<sup>th</sup> - Jean Wine

28<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Wiest

30<sup>th</sup> - Isaac Wright

31<sup>st</sup> - John Bottemiller



## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

6<sup>th</sup> - Jimmy & Linda Roberson

8<sup>th</sup> - Samuel & Anna Phillips

25<sup>th</sup> - Eddie & Dottie Fisher

27<sup>th</sup> - Michael & AaMie Good



John & Jan Bottemiller

Judy Mead

Pauline & Tobi Broyles

Jean Pittman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

|                 |        |                              |
|-----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Oct. 1-13 (MWT) | 9:00am | Bring Yard Sale items        |
| Oct. 2 (Thurs)  | 6:00pm | United Methodist Men         |
| Oct. 6 (Mon)    | 6:00pm | Finance Committee            |
| Oct. 7 (Tues)   | 1:30pm | Choir Practice               |
| Oct. 7 (Tues)   | 4:00pm | Plummer's Bible Study        |
| Oct. 8 (Wed)    | 6:00pm | Bible Study                  |
| Oct. 14 (Tues)  | 1:30pm | Choir Practice               |
| Oct. 14 (Tues)  | 6:00pm | UWF to Set Up Yard Sale      |
| Oct. 15 (Wed)   | 6:00pm | Bible Study                  |
| Oct. 18 (Sat)   | 8:00am | Fall Festival Yard/Bake Sale |
| Oct. 18 (Sat)   | 5:00pm | Potato Bar & small Auction   |
| Oct. 21 (Tues)  | 1:30pm | Choir Practice               |
| Oct. 21 (Tues)  | 4:00pm | Plummer's Bible Study        |
| Oct. 22 (Wed)   | 6:00m  | Bible Study                  |
| Oct. 28 (Tues)  | 1:30pm | Choir Practice               |
| Oct. 29 (Wed)   | 6:00pm | Bible Study                  |
| Oct. 30 (Thurs) | 6:00pm | Cluster Charge Conference    |
| Oct. 31 (Fri.)  | 5:00pm | Trunk or Treat               |



The United Women in Faith met on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We discussed plans for the rest of the year. Please see the ad here for the Fall Festival on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will also be

doing our Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm – 6 pm. Please come and join us for this event. Our meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> will be setting up for the and sale on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to all the women coming to help with this preparation.

**United Methodist Men** will meet on October 2 at 6:00pm. Be sure to bring your own bag dinner.

**UMM and UWF Fall Festival is October 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday.** Yard sale starting at 8am – 1pm. Offering biscuits & gravy, country ham sandwiches, yard sale and bake sale items and a silent auction. Starting at 5:00pm there will be a Potato Bar and auction. Any questions contact Sheree Harlow or Karen Wright.

October 6 **Finance Committee Meeting** will be held in the Willing Workers classroom at 6:00pm.

**“Making Sense of Revelation: Its Controversies and Meaning”** Bible Study continues on Wednesdays, from 6 to 7 PM in the JOY classroom. We are exploring what this book of the Bible (written near the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> century) really says about the End times. In addition, we are looking at the controversies that have left many people bewildered as to what Revelation means for Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join us for this thought-provoking study In-Person or on Zoom. (To join us via Zoom, please contact Pastor Bill at [billjones@vaumc.org](mailto:billjones@vaumc.org).)

**Collecting nice clean items** for the Yard sale starting October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Leave items on the floor in front of the stage.

**Choir will be starting practice** for our Christmas Cantata to be performed on December 21<sup>st</sup> during the Worship Service. Wish to join the choir for this performance then contact Karen Wright at 540-943-3760.

**Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes** will be collected on November 2. Labels and information on front pew.

United Methodist Men & United Women in Faith

## FALL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, October 18**

**8:00am – 1:00pm**



**Sausage Gravy  
& Biscuit  
TO GO**

**Country Ham  
Sandwiches**



**Delicious  
Baked  
Goodies**



**Starting at 5:00pm**



**POTATO  
BAR**

**AND SMALL AUCTION**

**Reservations needed by Oct. 13**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS IN OCTOBER

### Jeremiah and the Promise of Renewal

#### Oct 5 Jeremiah's Call and Arrest

Jeremiah 1:6–10; 26:8–9, 12–15

<sup>6</sup>“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

<sup>26:8</sup> But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the Lord had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! <sup>9</sup>Why do you prophesy in the Lord’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>26:12</sup> Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup>Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

#### Oct 12 Jeremiah's Message

Jeremiah 7:1–11, 21–23

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

<sup>2</sup>“Stand at the gate of the Lord’s house and there proclaim this message: “‘Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. <sup>3</sup>This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in deceptive words and say, “This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!” <sup>5</sup>If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, <sup>7</sup>then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. <sup>8</sup>But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless. <sup>9</sup>“Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, <sup>10</sup>and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, “We are safe”—safe to do all these detestable things?

<sup>11</sup>Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord.”

<sup>21</sup>“This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Go ahead, add your burnt offerings to your other sacrifices and eat the meat yourselves! <sup>22</sup>For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, <sup>23</sup>but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

#### Oct 19 A Family's Example

Jeremiah 35:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Then I set bowls full of wine and some cups before the Rekabites and said to them, “Drink some wine.” <sup>6</sup>But they replied, “We do not drink wine, because our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab gave us this command: ‘Neither you nor your descendants must ever drink wine. <sup>7</sup>Also you must never build houses, sow seed or plant vineyards; you must never have any of these things, but must always live in tents. Then you will live a long time in the land where you are nomads.’ <sup>8</sup>We have obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab son of Rekab commanded us. Neither we nor our wives nor our sons and daughters have ever drunk wine <sup>9</sup>or built houses to live in or had vineyards, fields or crops.

<sup>10</sup>We have lived in tents and have fully obeyed everything our forefather Jehonadab commanded us. <sup>11</sup>But when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon invaded this land, we said, ‘Come, we must go to Jerusalem to escape the Babylonian and Aramean armies.’ So we have remained in Jerusalem.”

#### Oct 26 Changes Promised

Jeremiah 31:29–34; John 1:17

<sup>29</sup>“In those days people will no longer say, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ <sup>30</sup>Instead, everyone will die for their own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—their own teeth will be set on edge. <sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them” declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.