

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church of Mexico

August 2017

From the Pastor...

Beloved,

I've been called upon recently to reflect upon that word. I call you "beloved" often when I lead you in worship and celebration, when I address you at gatherings, and when I write to you. It is a word I use intentionally, and I feel my heart swell a bit every time I use it. You are beloved. You are loved by God.

Maybe one of the reasons this word is so significant to me is because it's one I need spoken to my soul every day. So often I find myself searching for my own self-worth in the work that I do, the ways that I parent, and the "quality" of spouse that I am. ☿ When my house is not well-kept, I consider myself to be of less value at best, or a failure at worst. ☿ When I underperform at work, I consider myself to be worthy of reprimand, not of grace. ☿ When I take my stress out by snapping at my spouse, I assure myself that I don't deserve someone as wonderful as him.

Rarely do I claim my belovedness.

Ironically, I am much more prone to argue matters of value with the very One who made me. God says, "you are my beloved," and I say, "I can't possibly be!"

Is it that I think God is wrong? Has God been so hoodwinked that the Omnipotent One cannot see my shortcomings? That cannot be. It must be me, then, that has been convinced against the truth. Maybe I really *am* beloved.

What would it look like for each of us to claim our belovedness?

Could it be that by living into the truth of our belovedness we could give others permission to do so as well?

Could we transform the world that way?

One who claims their belovedness lives with a calm assurance. They are forever humbled by the beautiful, God-made being that they are. They recognize that all of their gifts and talents are God-made, meant to be used to bring glory to God. They praise God, for they know that they are fearfully (read: awesomely) and wonderfully made. They are centered in truth, strengthened by Christ, moved by the Holy Spirit. They make it so that others feel whole in their presence.

Have you ever encountered such a person?

I have seen this in a few of my mentors. Older-than-me women of God who have been so deeply rooted in their faith that I cannot tell where they end and where God begins. They know who and whose they are, and they are life-changers because of it.

My call for us this month, dear ones, is to claim our belovedness. May you journey intentionally toward the heart of God, knowing that nothing can separate you from God's love. May you know who and whose you are. In living into our belovedness, we will, "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Shalom,

Pastor Emily

P.S. To dive deeper into these ideas, read [Life of the Beloved](#) by Henri Nouwen.

IMPORTANT DATES...

August 2: Friendship Circle Picnic
@ Mexico Community Park, 5pm
August 7: Vacation Bible School, 9-11:30am
August 7: Administrative Council Meeting, 6:30pm
August 8: VBS, 9-11:30am
August 9: VBS, 9-11:30am
August 9: SPPRC Meeting, 7pm
August 10: VBS, 9-11:30am
August 11: VBS, 9-11:30am
August 12: UMMen's Special Breakfast
on the Boat, 9am
August 14: Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm
August 19: Annual Church Auction, 9am-3pm
August 25: Food Sense Distribution, noon - 2pm.
August 28: Growth & Evangelism Group meeting,
6:30pm

**Note: The
UMMen's
Church Picnic
will be: 9/10/17**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, TO...

~ All who drop off donations of desserts and such for Monday's Meals and Sunday's coffee hours.
~ The Mexico Volunteer Firefighters who paid extra attention to those with special needs during the 2017 Field Days.
~ Those who donated items for the upcoming Vacation Bible School.
~ Elaine DeLong and Cathy Stock for managing the changing events on the sign in front of the church.
~ All who continue to donate their cans and bottles to the UMMen's Club, who then help support the church campers.

OUR SYMPATHY to the FAMILIES OF...

Ethel Gleason

*Who passed on July 6, 2017,
in Bradenton, Florida*
Ethel was a member of our church.

Ret. US Army Major Earl O. Henry

*Who passed on July 19, 2017,
in Fredericksburg, Virginia*
Earl was a past member of our church,
and wife to Marcia DeLong Henry.

Bessie Weber

*Who passed on July 26, 2017,
in Oswego, NY*
Bessie was native to Mexico and
mother to church member Gary Weber.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MAKER FUN FACTORY

COME ONE!!! COME ALL!!

August 7 - 11, 2017

9 - 11:30 am

Music... Fun...Games...Crafts...

And More Fun!!!

For questions, please call the church office.



The 25th CHURCH AUCTION!!

Saturday, August 19, 2017

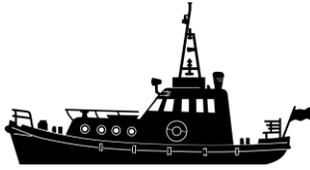
Silent Auction: 9-9:45am

Live Auction: 10am

*There will be a large number of
fantastic items up for bid, plus
a bake sale and lunch available too!*

Get ready, get set, bid!!!

BREAKFAST on the BOAT



The United Methodist Men's Club will hold a special breakfast meeting on Duane and Sue Morton's boat, at the H. Lee White Maritime Museum Pier, in Oswego, on Saturday, August 12, at 9am. Men, and their sons, are invited to enjoy this adventure!

"Since You Asked" By: Pastor Emily Huyge

When I was in middle school I was notorious for challenging my Sunday School teacher with some intense theological questions. What comes around, goes around and now I find myself intellectually and spiritually challenged by some of the questions you've been bringing to me. During the month of September, I'll be taking on the challenge during a series called, "Since You Asked." You'll submit questions and topics of interest to me in writing or via email, and I'll do my best to address as many as I can during the series. We'll meet every Thursday evening in September from 6:30-8pm.

Wanna dip your toe in the water before you put this on your calendar? Come to the series Preview Night on Thursday, August 3 at 6:30pm. The topic that night will be Heaven.

RECIPE CORNER: *This month's recipe comes to us from the kitchen of Linda Fravor. It is the perfect dish to bring to a summertime gathering. Thanks Linda!*

VEGGIE DIP APPETIZER

- 2 packages Crescent Rolls (Open and lay flat on a cookie sheet sized pan. Bake according to directions on package. Remove from oven and cool.)

Filling:

- 1 - 8 oz. package of cream cheese
- 1 cup of mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. dill weed
- ½ tsp. garlic salt



- Mix well and spread on cooled baked rolls.
- Top with prepared diced vegetables such as lettuce, green and/or red peppers, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, tomatoes, ripe olives, etc. Anything you like, or have available, works. Lastly, sprinkle grated cheese over all. Serve and enjoy

Need to Contact our Church??

The phone is: 315-963-3066.

The email address is:

fumcmexico@gmail.com

PLEASE VISIT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE at:

www.mex1umc.com

On Worry and Fret...

Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes. Matthew 6:34 MSG

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- August 1- Niles Greenhouse, Mary Mack
- 3- A: Everett & Linda Robinson
- 4- George Monson
- 6- Jessica Parker
A: Chuck & Dotty Parker
- 7- Noah Spencer
A: Jim & Diane Barbur
- 9- Dora Drake
- 11- Gary Hurlbut
A: Jeff & Marcia Albrecht
- 12- A: Eric & Lori Behling
- 13- A: Pastor Emily & Dana Huyge
- 14- Elyse Skiles
- 17- David Munger
- 19- Rich Revette
- 20- Gail Hurlbut
- 21- A: Duane & Sue Morton
- 23- Katelynn Spaulding
- 24- Missy Gorton
A: Ed & Barbara Lighthall
- 26- Cathy Stock
A: Bill & Carolyn Hiler
- 27- Duane Griffin
- 28- Eric Behling, Muriel DeLong
- 29- Nancy Albrecht

SERVING in AUGUST...

GREETERS:

- 8/6: David & Faith Hubbard
- 8/13: Millie Murray & Connie Smith
- 8/20: Wayne & Rose Ann Myers
- 8/27: Chuck & Dotty Parker

MONDAY'S MEAL

- 8/7: No Monday's Meal due to VBS.
- 8/14: Wayne & Rose Ann Myers & _____
- 8/20: Connie Day and Jane Backus
- 8/28: Nancy Evale and _____

COUNTERS:

Connie Day and Lee Coleman

TRASH DETAIL:

Andy Ross

OUR CHURCH MISSION

*To make disciples for Jesus Christ
for the transformation
of the world.*

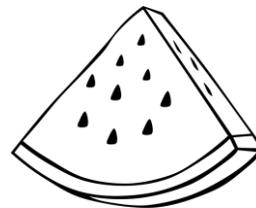


**WHAT IS IN THE
MYSTERY BOXES?**

Auction Mystery Boxes will be available for purchase following the worship services on August 6th and August 13th. These boxes are \$10 a piece but hold something or things worth more than \$10! Buy one and find out what is

FRIENDSHIP UNIT

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**August 2, 2017, at 5pm
At Mexico Community Park.**