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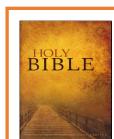
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Deadline for November Newsletter is

October 28th

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Thank you for the Bible. I have started to read some already.

Love,

Charly



19 – Leo & Clairen Jostad

21 - Jordan & Taylor Kippen

24 – Lloyd & Peggy Nelson

Meals on Wheels go thru October 18th.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be drivers. It is greatly appreciated.

Missions – in place of taking special offerings every month, a offering will be taken twice during the year and divided among the two congregations. This offering will be taken October 13 and one was taken in April of this year.

United Methodist Church

Human Relations Day
Luther King, Jr's birthday
UMCOR (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing
Native American Ministries
Peace with Justice
World Communion
United Methodist Student Day

Presbyteerian Church (USA)

One Great Hour of Sharing
Disaster Assistance, Hunger
Pentecost Offering
Ministries for Youth
Peace & Global Witness
Christmas Joy Offering



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Meals on Wheels on bulletin board Sept. 9 thru Oct. 18

(Galatians 6:9,10)

Do you think Jesus has ever been tempted to quit his job as our Savior? Do you imagine he ever becomes fed up with our weaknesses? Would it be possible for him to ever become "weary in doing good"?

Jesus didn't give up

Sometimes in the gospel accounts you can detect a tinge of frustration in Jesus' words, even when—no, especially when!—he's speaking with his closest disciples. For instance, when those disciples once attempted unsuccessfully to cast out a demon, our Savior exclaimed, "You unbelieving and perverse generation, how long shall I stay with you and put up with you?" (Luke 9:41). On the night Judas betrayed him, Peter denied him, and the rest abandoned him, Jesus questioned his snoring supporters indignantly, "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40).

Already through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah, our Lord Jesus had vocalized how wearisome the object of his saving work would become. There he lamented, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all" (Isaiah 49:4). Do you think Jesus has ever been tempted to quit his job as our Savior? Certainly so!

Despite that frustration, however, Jesus has never given up. He's never submitted his letter of resignation. He's never stopped loving us, forgiving us, saving us, and carrying our burdens. Though tempted to do so, Jesus has never become weary in doing good.

What's stopped him? First and foremost, his love for all people is so unfailing and so flawless.

But he also knows that there is great, eternal reward in doing good to others, even if that reward isn't immediately obvious. Jesus understood that, as his words through the prophet indicate: "Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God" (Isaiah 49:4).

We should not become weary

Like Jesus, we're often tempted to become weary in doing good. Unlike Jesus, we succumb to that temptation all too often and all too easily.

But consider what would happen if Jesus ever quit his job as our Savior and threw in the towel. We'd be finished immediately. Life would consist of nothing but death. Without Jesus working for our good, every blessing would instantly vanish. Thankfully, Jesus hasn't and won't become weary in doing good to us, and that's a promise (Hebrews 13:5).

As his dear children, then, neither should we become weary in doing "good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." True, our service to others might not have the same impact as Jesus' work, but our Savior has called us to serve as his hands and feet, his mouth and eyes in the world. We are Jesus' coworkers. Through us, he comforts others (2 Corinthians 1:3,4). Through us, he cares for others (2 Corinthians 9:10-15). Through us, he saves others through the gospel (1 Corinthians 9:22). Through us, he does good to others. What a thought! What a privilege! What a joy!

So be imitators of Jesus: Don't become weary in doing good, "for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." The fruits are eternal, both for us and for those we are called to serve.

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Sign up sheet on bulletin board for communion servers for October, November, and December. Needs to be four people for the first Sunday of each month.

October 2019

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	Fri	4	11	18	25	
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	Wed	2 7:00 Parish Council	9 10:00 PW 2:00 UMW	16	23 Newsletter Deadline	30
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	Mon		7 10:00 Fellowship & Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	14 10:00 Fellowship & Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	21 10:00 Fellowship & Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts	28 10:00 Fellowship & Christian Crafters 6:00 Happy Hearts
	Sun	9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Fellowship 10:00 Worship service	6 Pastor Carol	13 Janell Shannon Special Mission Offering	20 Pastor Carol	27 Janell Shannon