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Pastor's Ponderings



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Autumn Greetings to my faith family! Although, I'll admit it's felt more like Spring or Summer (or both??) instead of crisp Fall days and cool nights... This Summer, this YEAR, seems to have flown by! But one thing that's been with us this entire 2020: the coronavirus. I think we were all thinking we'd be finished with this by now, yet here we are... still masked and talking about the virus.

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about *choices*... With this pandemic and all the regulations and recommendations to control it, it seems that many choices this year have been taken from us... yet, many choices remain. For example, sitting in front of the television in the evening I'm confronted with a bewildering number of channels and programs (even if much of it seems mind-numbing). A quick digital trip to Amazon reveals more variations on what I want than I could possibly imagine! As a whole, choice is a good thing but sometimes the sheer variety and number of choices becomes overwhelming. Rarely is it a simple decision of "A" or "B." Instead, life today more closely resembles one of those menus where you can choose one item from Column A, one from B, or 2 from C, leaving you completely undecided about what to pick!

Consequently, most of us learn to filter out what seems like the insignificant decisions and run our lives by default, and perhaps, impulse. We make the quick, easy decision without investing too much



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thought into it. Yet, many decisions have significance far beyond what is readily apparent. In fact, our day (maybe even our lives) are made up of the sum total of the decisions we have made.

As we enter this new season, and this significant time in our national life, we will all be faced with decisions that can and will affect our nation. With the heat and anger currently present in our society, we have the decisions of simple partisanship *or* being what Christ called “*salt and light*” for our world.

We can choose anger *or* compassion.

We can choose to seek only people we agree with *or* we can choose to open our

heart to everyone.

All of us, to some degree, will hold political opinions, and many of them are dear to us. However, in the midst of those convictions, we have the choice to build bridges *or* burn them.

I ask you to join me as I try hard to listen before I speak and refuse to give in to anger and simple partisanship. It's not simply about choosing one from “Column A” and one from “Column B”... it's about seeking to be His people for the world at this critical time.

That choice truly matters.

In His love and mine,

pastor sheri



~ S T L B ~

Since 2017, Knox UMC has been looking forward to moving to a STLBI!

What is a STLBI?? A Single Table Leadership Board is the church's governing body acting as one, unified body during Ad Board Meetings, rather than having multiple committee meetings throughout the month.

In truth, we've been functioning as a STLBI for a very long time, but it has now been made official! Our District's Assistant CS- Rev. Paul Arnold, led in the Church Conference on September 14th, enabling our Church Council to be recognized by The United Methodist Church as functioning as one governing body.

What has changed? In truth— nothing. The same leaders of each committee continue to serve you and your church as the leaders of their committee. During Ad Board Meetings, when the committee leader is sharing information about his or her committee, all the members of the Ad Board are acting as members of that particular committee. This will greatly help in streamlining decision-making!

Thanks to everyone who participated! Please keep your church's leaders in prayer as they continue serving God and serving our church.

UNITED METHODIST INSIGHT***Words for Your Week***

"God calls us to stand as witnesses to this dual pandemic. As laity, we are 99.2% of the church and our voices matter. We cannot sit as observers to these events. We will not go back to normal. We cannot be silent. We are vital to the unfolding of God's hope for us, to be people who hold one another and the communities around us, in love. Our acts of witnessing are not those of a spectator or to record history, but to take action and cause change."

-Called to Witness, Care, and Act: A Message for Laity in the UMC

Want more info?

<https://um-insight.net/in-the-church/practicing-faith/annual-conference-lay-leaders-call-united-methodists-to-pray/>

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GRIEF  SHARE[®]

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Knox UMC

Tuesdays

@ 6:00pm

Grieving for the loss of your loved one? Join for a time of support and healing...

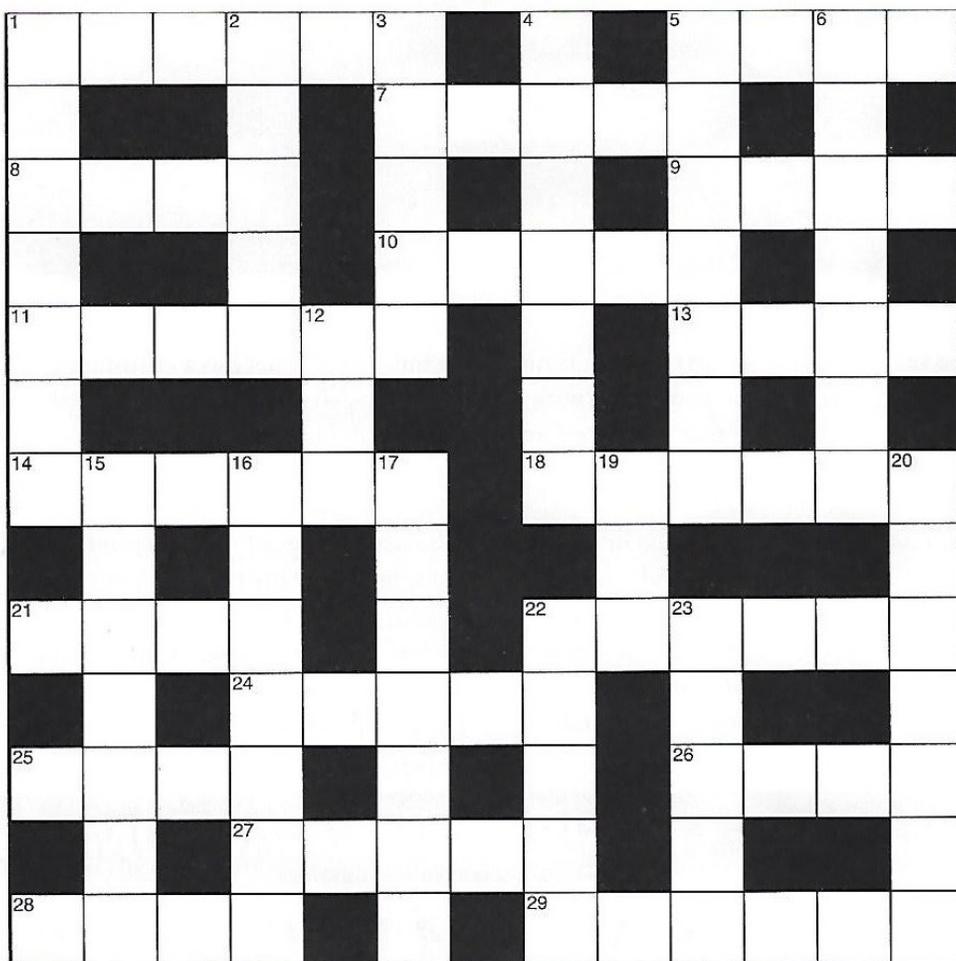
Questions? Talk with Lisa N.

**Bumper
Sticker
Truth:
A Poem
by
Bishop Trimble**



I made a vow to myself
No bumper stickers
No advertising
Politics of peace
Shorthand messages
Of love
Symbols of sorts
Keep your eye on
The road
Not the bumper
In front of you.
My other car is this
Or that
My child is a genius
Or a soldier
Love America or leave it
Retired and rolling
Today I considered
Changing my vow
Bumper sticker truth
Pause to ponder
The message was clear
"Human Kind"
Be both...

Be encouraged,
Bishop Julius Trimble
Resident Bishop
Indiana Conference of
The United Methodist Church



S C P
E R U
P O Z
T S Z
E S L
M W E
B O !
E R
R D

(answers on page 7)

ACROSS

- 1. Spanish fleet
- 5. Draw in (air)
- 7. Stale
- 8. Dingy
- 9. In the area of
- 10. Volley of bullets
- 11. Crowd brawls
- 13. Have (to)
- 14. Caught in the act
- 18. Entangle
- 21. Unnatural sleep
- 22. Library user
- 24. Actress, ... Kelly
- 25. Bully
- 26. Take nap
- 27. Happening
- 28. Electricity supply network
- 29. Moves furtively

DOWN

- 1. Stomach
- 2. Leisurely walk
- 3. Accumulate
- 4. Set apart
- 5. Like-meaning word
- 6. Meteor impact holes
- 12. Before (poetic)
- 15. One good turn deserves ...
- 16. Crowded
- 17. Formal arguments
- 19. Maiden name indicator
- 20. Horse restrainer
- 22. Hires out
- 23. Contributed

10 THINGS A CHURCH PASTOR CANNOT DO

There are some things a Church Pastor cannot do- even though Pastors are amazing people. They faithfully serve week after week with no desire for recognition or fame. In faith, they can do a lot, but, here are 12 things a Church Pastor cannot do...

- 1. Read minds.** Everybody knows that, but many church members hold Pastors accountable for unstated expectations.
- 2. Be everywhere.** No human being can be every place at once, yet some members still get angry when Pastors have to say "No."
- 3. Change hearts.** Only God can do that.
- 4. Know everything.** Most Pastors study hard, but nobody can answer every question somebody asks.
- 5. Please everybody.** Even Jesus couldn't do that.
- 6. Grow churches.** If the church does grow, it's because God does it.
- 7. Multiply dollars.** That's too bad, too, since some churches don't pay their Pastors well.
- 8. Escape mistakes.** All of us will mess up sometime, often unintentionally and even unknowingly.
- 9. Reveal everything.** No matter how much you may want to know the details, Pastors may not be in a position to tell you.
- 10. Ignore sin.** Pastors must address this issue, even when it's not popular.

Say a prayer for your Pastor today



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



preacher
 teacher
 pastor
 project-manager
 public-relations-director
 evangelist
 crisis-minister
 Prayer-Leader
 personnel-director
 mediator
 life-coach
 chaplain
 counselor
 office-manager
 webmaster
 supervisor
 ministry-developer
 Minister-of-Education
 leader
 Executive-Pastor
 IT-technician
 social-worker
 worship-leader
 discipler
 author
 community-organizer
 leadership-trainer
 moderator
 strategy-planner
 media-minister



For all the love she gives us, let's show her we care...



TREASURER'S REPORT

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020

SUBMITTED BY LISA NICHOLS

Knox United Methodist Church - Knox IN
Treasurer's Report as of August 2020 (Treasurers Report - General Fund Receipt/Expense)

Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget Remaining
Income				
4.10.140	Tithing by Envelope & Checks	4,555.00	52,103.74	53,996.26
4.10.142	Use of Building	20.00	60.00	
4.10.143	Misc. Other Offering	0.00	686.16	
	Total Income	\$4,575.00	\$52,849.90	\$53,996.26
Expenses				
5.10.150	Conference Tithes	455.50	5,020.07	4,479.93
5.10.151	District Tithes	45.55	502.00	448.00
5.10.152	Annual Conference Expense	0.00	0.00	350.00
5.10.155	Pastor Salary	2,805.50	22,440.50*	11,219.50
5.10.156	Custodial Salary	470.00	3,760.00	1,880.00
5.10.157	Musician Salary	500.00	3,300.00	1,900.00
5.10.158	Travel Reimbursement/Prof. Expense	272.30	578.61	1,421.39
5.10.159	Administrative Assistant	262.50	6,296.50	4,703.50
5.10.160	Pastor Pension Expense	368.16	2,945.28*	1,454.72
5.10.170	Supplies (Alter & Communion)	0.00	26.94	173.06
5.10.171	Pulpit Supplies	0.00	0.00	200.00
5.10.172	Music (Copyright License, etc)	0.00	88.20	411.80
5.10.173	Advent/Lent Expense	0.00	45.00	55.00
5.10.180	Church Utilities - Gas/Electric	518.00	3,888.57	2,011.43
5.10.181	Church Utilities - Water/Trash	287.62	1,930.03*	869.97
5.10.182	Church Utilities - Telephone	108.71	994.48	605.52
5.10.185	Parsonage Utilities - Telephone	160.54	1,500.38*	299.62
5.10.186	Parsonage Utilities - Water/Trash	83.21	665.68	534.32
5.10.187	Parsonage Utilities - Gas/Electric	251.12	1,458.01	2,141.99
5.10.188	Insurance Church/Parsonage	0.00	245.00	7,255.00
5.10.190	Office Supplies	14.25	310.83	689.17
5.10.191	Postage	55.00	220.00	280.00
5.10.193	Cleaning Supplies	0.00	25.99	724.01
5.10.200	Computer Programs/Updates	0.00	345.00	305.00
5.10.205	Equipment Maintenance	0.00	1,722.65*	777.35
5.10.207	Office Equipment Purchases	0.00	811.00*	(311.00)
5.10.210	WKVI	0.00	880.00	1,220.00
5.10.220	Dedicated Holding	20.00	0.00	
	Total Expenses	\$6,677.96	\$60,000.72	\$46,099.28
	Difference	(\$2,102.96)	(\$7,150.82)	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

SEPT.

- 17 Brenda Krom
- 19 Shelly Kemble
- 21 Dolores Surfus
- 30 Sandra Music

OCT.

- 1 Lisa Nichols
- 2 Nan Folkers
- 2 Marilyn Hays
- 8 Debbie Mix

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT.

- 23 Butch & Barb Abel

OCT.

- 9 Dan & Ellie Roscka

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



A	R	M	A	D	A		I		S	U	C	K			
B			M			M	U	S	T	Y		R			
D	R	A	B			A		O		N	E	A	R		
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G	R	I	D			S				S	I	D	L	E	S

September Crossword Puzzle Solutions



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

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