

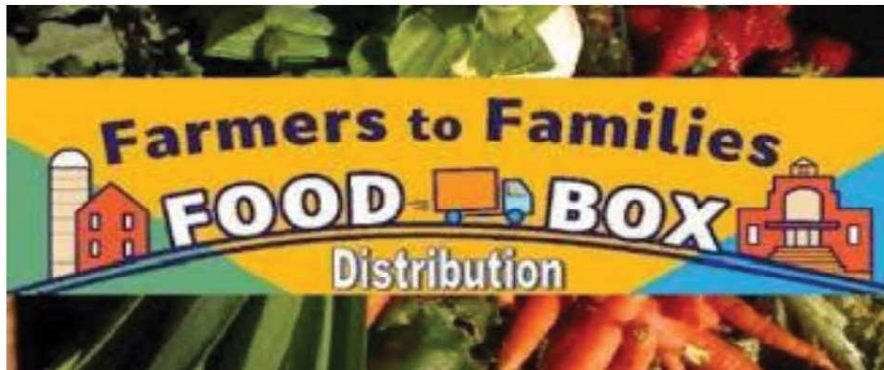
Service times:

9:00am - Blended Worship  
Livestreaming  
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10:15am - Sunday School

September 18, 2020~ Will Rogers United Methodist Church

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*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.*  
*John 3:8 (NIV)*

*Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”<sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.*  
*John 7:38-39a (NIV)*

*and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.*  
*Luke 3:22a (NIV)*

*I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.*  
*Matthew 3:11 (NIV)*

The most mysterious person of the godhead is the Holy Spirit. He at times is hard to describe and so a variety of images are used to help us understand who he is. Just in the above passages of scripture, Holy Spirit is wind, water, a dove and fire. But recently I came across a new to me image for the Holy Spirit. It comes from the Celtic Christians of the Middle Ages. And the image is the Holy Spirit is like a wild goose.

Yes, I said the Holy Spirit is like a wild goose. Even though this image is not found in the Bible, I think it is a very appropriate one to add to our list for the Holy Spirit. Afterall, a wild goose is unpredictable, untamed, and uncontrolled.

And when you think about it, the Holy Spirit is also unpredictable, untamed, and uncontrolled. Jesus tells us the Holy Spirit is like wind blowing wherever he pleases. John referred to him as fire and Luke described him as tongues of fire in Acts 2. And a river is powerful and strong carrying anything downstream that is caught in its current. Yes, the Holy Spirit can be gentle like a dove, but many of the images that we find in scripture can be captured in the image of a wild goose.

Which brings us to an interesting phrase, “a wild-goose chase.” Normally, we mean this phrase to mean a frivolous pursuit of something. It’s hard to imagine anything more doomed to failure than a wild-goose chase. And when we are following after the Spirit, the choice and decisions God would have us do may not be those we would choose. In fact, people watching us may indeed think that we are on a wild-goose chase.

Yet, if the Holy Spirit is the wild goose we are chasing, then everything changes. Things that may seem foolish to others and maybe even once to us suddenly seem wise when seen from God’s perspective. And let us remember that “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Corinthians 1:25).

I like this new to me image of chasing after the Wild Goose. Because that in itself calls to mind how the Holy Spirit can lead us into a wild adventure in the upside-down Kingdom of God.

*Pastor Brian*



## First Grade Proverbs

A first-grade teacher gave her students the first half of a proverb and asked them to come up with the rest. Here are just a few of the responses she received:



Better to be safe than...punch a fifth grader.

Strike while the...bug is close.

It's always darkest before...daylight savings time.

Never underestimate the power of...termites.

You can lead a horse to water but...how?

Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty.

No news is...impossible.

A miss is as good as a...mister.

You can't teach an old dog...arithmetic.

If you lie down with dogs, you...stink in the morning.

The pen is mightier than...the pigs.

An idle mind is...a good way to go to sleep.

Where there's smoke, there's...lung cancer.

A penny saved is...not very much.

Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.

Children should be seen and not...spanked.

If at first you don't succeed...get new batteries.

You get out of something what you...see pictured on the box.

When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way.

There is no fool like...Uncle George.

Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and....you have to blow your nose.

Many people today are like those first graders when it comes to the truth of Scripture. For example, Jesus said, "No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). But how many people think that verse says, "No one comes to the Father except through attending the right church...or staying away from drugs and alcohol...or giving money to the poor"?

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). But how many people believe this version: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself nothing, because God wants us to grow rich!"

You can't rewrite the truth of the gospel to suit yourself. That's why it's so important to study God's Word and memorize it. Only then will you know the truth that can set you free.

Join us for the new sermon series: "Back to Sunday School."

*Pastor Greg*

Thoughts to Ponder #5:

“Indecision” by Helen Rush

What shall I do? What should I say? Many a wavering perplexed mind is troubled with these and other disturbing questions when unable to make a decision.

Seldom is anything accomplished and only instability results in prolonged wavering in mind, will or feeling. Some doubt or apprehension is no crime, it could be an incentive to seek further for truth. To be forever changing decisions is unfortunate for everyone

concerned.

However, which indecision leads to further study and prayer, we learn to apply the knowledge revealed to better acquaint us with facts, acquire greater understanding of the situation and get a clearer perception of the truth making it possible to be decisive.

Steve



Sunday School is from 10:15- 11:00am in the Well...

We started reading Psalm 1

“WEARING A MASK &  
SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED”

Wednesday - Sept. 16th, 23rd & 30th - Youth 5:30-7:30p



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A meeting of the UMW of Will Rogers is scheduled for Thursday, September 24 at 10:00am in the Food Court.

This is a crucial meeting at which we will be discussing plans for the future and the future of our UMW here at Will Rogers United Methodist Church.

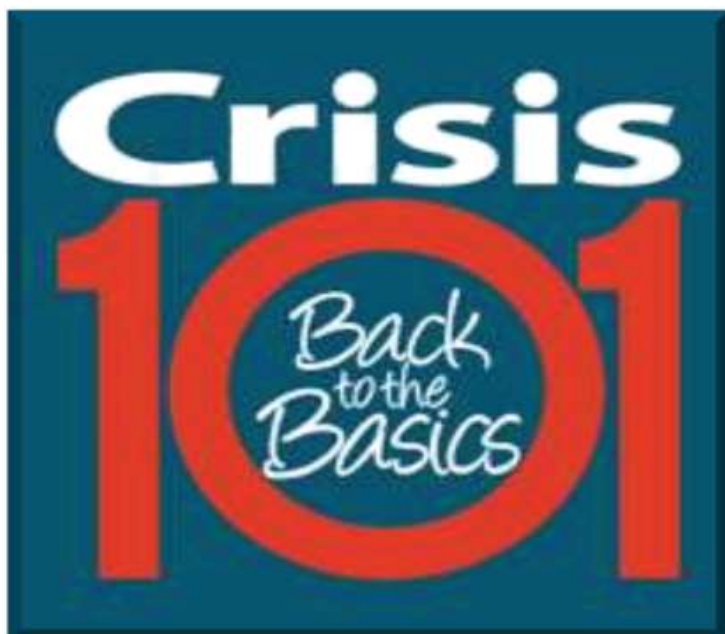
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Beginning September 22nd  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
via ZOOM



Online Alpha Course registration link: <https://forms.gle/Q6sUJkUXTKvswAGX6>



**WEDNESDAYS  
THIS MONTH!**

*via ZOOM!*



Let's have some F. U. N. - FUN again!  
Volunteer for TRUNK OR TREAT!

There will not be inflatables this year because of COVID19 so we're gonna need lots of cars to line our parking lot with lots of candy. If you participated in the past, we need you again this year! If you've never participated - we need you too this year! Please volunteer to be one of the trunks to pass out candy to our neighborhood kiddos.

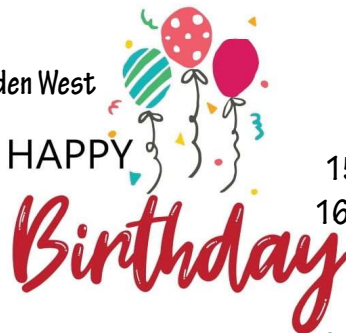


We are now publishing the LifeLine newsletter once a month. For events that will require an announcement or article, please plan ahead into the next month.

2020 LifeLine schedule: week of November 15 and December 13

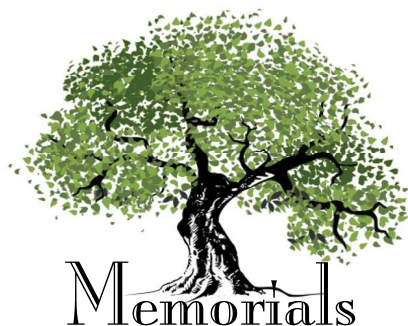
## October Birthdays

1 – Aaron Foster  
2 – Ina Irvine  
3 – Sonny Rose  
6 – Kohlton Horn  
8 – Toni King  
10 – Louis Bordwine, Maryanne Stamper, Jhayden West  
16 – Joyce Lohrenz  
17 – Bill Wyatt  
21 – Carol Yancey  
24 – Jim Lawon  
25 – Maryann Fraser, Shelly Robison  
26 – Joan Forrest, Val Irvine  
27 – Jayla Rogers  
28 – Doug McBeath  
30 – Jayda Lynn



## November Birthdays

1 – Robert Schouten  
5 – Patricia Shaffer  
6 – Harold Shiew  
8 – Marian Lindstrom, Shawn Parkhurst, Trey Summers  
9 – James Allen  
11 – Emmett Strunk  
12 – Marsha Melone  
13 – Eunice Eubank, Neta Garza-Ortiz  
15 – Remy Carreno, Lisa Davis, Cathy McKim  
16 – Marcy Martin, Julie Bealle, Janice Wofford  
18 – Josiah Lynn  
19 – Loretta Reeves  
20 – Nancy Barnett, Tony Keck, Annabella King  
25 – Freda Lytle  
28 – Paul Snyder  
29 – Wanda Chambers  
30 – Barbara Bowles



*given in memory of:*

**Donna Shoop**

*by Patricia Crowe*

**Troy Roden, Ray Jordan, Jim Wilson, Lillian Derrevere**

*by M/M Jim Lawson*



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