

Service times:

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

November 20, 2020 ~ Will Rogers United Methodist



"In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

Luke 24:33 (NIV)

Because we in the Church often talk about God's grace being free, we forget that free doesn't mean cheap. And that there is a high cost to being a disciple of Jesus after accepting God's free grace.

James Moore, former pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Houston, tells a story in one of his sermons that I'd like to share with you:

Two men were talking over coffee one day. One of them was a Grudge-giver, a chronic complainer...and this day he was griping and complaining about the church. "They are always asking for money down there at the church. I am sick and tired of all these requests for money."

The other man replied: "Well, let me tell you a true story right out of my own life...Some years ago, a baby boy was born into our family. He cost me a lot of money. He was always costing me money. I had to buy food for him and clothes and medicine and furniture and toys, even a puppy. Then he started to school and that cost me more. And when he went to college, there was tuition and he needed a car and he started going out with girls...and you know how much that costs!

He was always calling me or writing me and saying, 'Send money!' Once, he got on national television at a football game and held up a sign which read: 'Dad - Send Money!' But then in his senior year, he was studying late one night and he got a head-ache. He walked down to the corner to the all night convenience store to buy some aspirin. While he was there a drug-crazed robber came in and held up the store...and as the robber left he turned and shot up the place...and my son was hit. He was an innocent bystander. All he wanted was some aspirin for his head-ache...and he took a bullet in the chest... That quickly he was gone. He was so full of life and fun...and suddenly he was gone." The man paused for a minute to blink back his tears and then he said: "Now, he doesn't cost me a cent. He doesn't cost me one penny anymore. But I would give anything to have him back. How I would love to get a letter or phone call from him today saying: 'Dad...send money!'"

The point is obvious: love is costly, but it's worth it.

It is our gifts that allow God's work to take place here at Will Rogers. I don't really want to think about what would happen to our world if everyone stopped giving to the mission of Christ. But I do know this: nothing worthwhile is free - - nothing worthwhile is cheap. God's grace and love cost him a son. What does your discipleship cost you?

In His Grace

Pastor Brian



Bad Tire, Good Business

An elderly woman walked into a large department store and approached a salesperson. She explained that she wanted to return an automobile tire she felt was unsuitable for her car. The salesperson discovered that she had been a longtime customer of his store and that she and her friends spent much of their time there.



But, she said, she was unhappy with the tire she had purchased. The salesperson was surprised, but asked if she had the tire with her. She told him she had the tire in her car, but that she had lost the receipt.

“Well, that’s not a problem,” the salesperson said after a moment of thought. “You can return the tire. Would a store credit be okay?”

The woman agreed and the salesperson gave her a store voucher for the full value of the tire. You may think there’s nothing extraordinary about how this particular salesperson handled the situation. After all, he worked it out so that the woman would still end up spending her money in his department store. And she would probably tell her friends how fairly and respectfully she was treated there. So it was just good business, right?

Well, yes. But there’s something else you should know. This incident occurred in a store that doesn’t sell automotive equipment—not even tires.

This is the kind of story that Jesus might have told. Consider the parable of the laborers in the vineyard who were paid a full day’s wage even though they worked only an hour or two (Matthew 20:1-16). Or the story of the prodigal son, who received a gala homecoming party even though he had been selfish and rebellious (Luke 15:11-32). Those are grace stories—stories about people who received good things they didn’t deserve. Sometimes you may want to believe that if you’re good enough, you can earn your way to heaven and eternal life. On the other hand, you may worry that God will never let you into heaven because you’ve been so bad. But that’s not how grace works. Grace is not about what you’ve done in the past or about what you can do in the future. It’s about what God can do right now.

Just as the store salesperson gave the elderly woman store credit because he could, so God credits us with eternal life because he can. He loves us and will do anything he can to make it possible for us to draw near to him. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

And now Jesus calls us to treat others with grace as well. Hey, if a department store can do it, so can you. Grace WINS!

Pastor Greg



THOUGHTS TO PONDER #7
"Emergencies" by Helen Rush

What is our reaction when an emergency occurs to inconvenience us? Do we take our injured feelings out on those around us or do we accept the situation with poise and serenity doing the necessary things with courage and confidence? When we go about the work before us with faith and assurance we are relaxed in mind and body and our affairs fall into order.

Or do we get so concerned about our predicament that we overlook the blessings we can still enjoy forgetting to be thankful for them? Until we are able to appreciate whatever good we have we need not expect things to be better. We can never be reminded too often that "everything in life is really better than it appears to be." *Steve*



We are in quarantine til Sunday, November 29th.....
STAY SAFE and see you Sunday morning November
29th at 9:00am for Sunday School...
Have a Happy and safe THANKSGIVING.
LOVE YOU ALL !!!!!

**If you're sick,
please stay HOME**



With the flu season upon us and COVID-19 still making headlines, we ask that if you have ANY cold symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, runny nose and especially fever, please, please stay home.

Thank You

A huge "THANK YOU" to Pastor Greg and the incredible Steve for moving the UMW display case. It looks great! Also, for always being there when we need help for anything.

Thank you to Sammie for the really nice, if thin, UMW yearbook. Couldn't function without you!

Judy Davis for the United Methodist Women

Singing - Scriptures - Prayer

THE GATHERING

Sundays – 5pm - in the Parlor

Our UMW is publishing a new cookbook for the new year!

Submit
Your
Recipes

to Judy Davis, any UMW member,
email to news@willrogersumc.org
or drop them by the office.



Deadline: February 1, 2021



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 January 10th.

Join us in person this Sunday @ 10:15am
or online Livestreaming.
Find the link on Facebook
or our website.

December Birthdays

4 - Zoe Devault, Brian Mangan
 5 - Philip Fincannon
 7 - Mildred Abbett, Gina Fincannon, Patrick Garrett,
 Steve Irvine, Susan Rott, Susie Shepherd, Carl Wood
 9 - Patrick Cuthbert
 10 - Barbara Graybill, Thad Ernst, Margaret Plumlee,
 George Zahler
 11 - Nellie Ashmore
 12 - Stephanie Malone, Lee Stewart, Bridget Wyatt
 15 - Tenneson Irvine
 16 - Carolyn McBeath, Kent VanFossen
 18 - Stan Irvine, Laura Kelley, Jane Wolfe
 20 - John Carnes
 21 - Robin Hardwick, Wallace Henry
 22 - David Melone
 23 - Kg Freeman
 24 - John Graybill
 25 - Tim King
 27 - Ruth Goodpasture
 28 - Hannah Irvine



given in memory of:

Bulah Cook

by Cathy McKim

Bob Schouten, Funeral Fund

M/M Richard Walker, Funeral Fund

Wanda Ekhoft

by Elma Philips

Garland Pelzel

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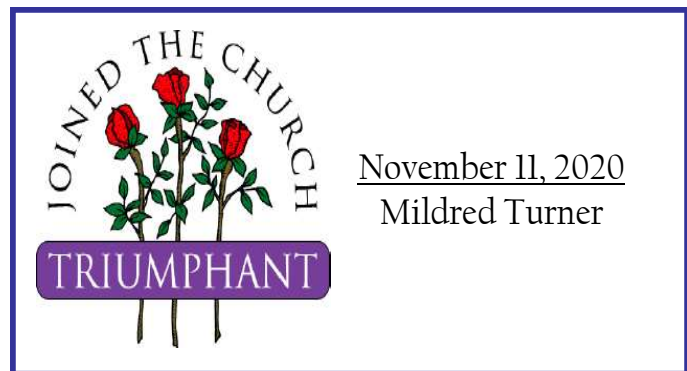
Rose Snyder

by Elma Philips

Ruth Goodpasture, Food Pantry

January Birthdays

1 - Kelsie Horn, Elsie Jackman
 2 - Carl Bennett, Lindsey Gillispie
 3 - Neal Wofford
 4 - James Hill, Jordan Hillyard
 9 - Rachel Dockum, Hannah Wilson
 11 - Sue Bennett, Steve Graybill
 13 - Sue Pelzel
 14 - Ricky Cuthbert, Doug Hardwick, Gerald Neale
 15 - Bulah Cook, Cindy Cosper, Isabel Rothrock
 20 - Karen Morrison
 21 - Dorothy Chase
 22 - Eula Alley
 25 - Gay Downing
 27 - Larry Lewis
 28 - Steven "Trace" Irviine III
 31 - Vadon Wyatt



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