

## Turbulent News / Fake News / Good news / Bad News-- October 2018

Have you been following the news lately? No matter what camp you claim, one cannot help but feel a little battered and bruised...we are buffeted back and forth daily with all the controversy. Some folks follow FOX news; some follow NPR or CNN. Some folks watched liberal reviews of the supreme court hearings and some listened to conservative pundits give perspective on the hearings of the last few weeks; a few give time to both sides of the current debates. In truth, we all end up being pulled in some direction by what we hear and see. We watch, and listen, and stew inside...and once in a while we mix it up with someone who disagrees with us. Or make a post on FACEBOOK to vent our frustrations.

I was at a pastor's meeting recently and a passage of Scripture was read; and it helped to remind all of us that we have a purpose that supersedes all the controversy of the day. The conflicts of the day are not all outside the church. The United Methodist Church is also embroiled in controversy surrounding human sexuality and its stance around LGBTQ issues. Listen to what the Apostle Paul wrote,

*"I plead with you to be of one mind, united in thought and purpose. For some members of Chloe's household have told me about your arguments, dear brothers and sisters. Some of you are saying, "I am a follower of Paul." Others are saying, "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Peter, " or "I follow only Christ." Can Christ be divided into pieces? Was I, Paul, crucified for you? Were any of you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, for now no one can say they were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Oh yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. I don't remember baptizing anyone else.) For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News-- and not with clever speeches and high-sounding ideas, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power. I know very well how foolish the message of the cross sounds to those who are on the road to destruction. But we who are being saved recognize this message as the very power of God. God's way seems foolish to the Jews because they want a sign from heaven to prove it is true. And it is foolish to the Greeks because they believe only what agrees with their own wisdom." [I Corinthians 1:10-22]*

**Our Mission: to make Disciples of Christ, equipped to serve God & neighbor!**

I love being your pastor!

☺ *Pastor Jeff*



### Fall Auction: A Big Thank you!!

The Finance Committee would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who donated items for our Fall Auction and thanks to those who came and participated in the bidding action Sunday night, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The evening ended with over \$3,181.00 raised! Above was one of our students just before she received her pie in the face. Eight students volunteered to do this, and the winning bid each time got to put a cool whip pie (with a little chocolate syrup added) into their face.

### October Special Offerings

10/7 – special offering for WOW food  
10/28 – Blanket Sunday offering

## Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**The meal includes:** Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert

### Prices:

Adults -- \$7 per plate  
Children -- \$4 per plate (12 and under)  
3 years old and under – free

Proceeds will go towards the Youth Mission Trip

*Trip destination is West Virginia in 2019*

### October Sermon Series



Finding Joy

My October sermons will challenge us to "find Joy" in even the challenging circumstances of life. We will be studying and reading from the book of Philippians for this series. --Pastor Jeff

### Annual Charge Conference Sunday, November 18 @ 1:30-2:30 (to be held in Fellowship Hall)

Our annual meeting is held to take an over all look at the state of the church. We elect church officers for next year, set goals and direction for the new year. All Church Council leaders are needed and are the only members that can vote the business of this day. Rev. Tom Boomershine from the DeWitt UMC will be leading our meeting.