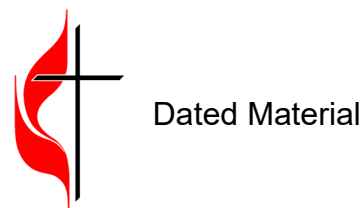





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# UM CHAPEL OF THE VALLEY Chapel Challenge

**From Julie's Journal**

When a person proclaims that they are a disciple of Jesus Christ, that is not the end of it...it is just the beginning. We are called to discipleship and to continue to grow and mature in that discipleship. To do that, a person must study the scriptures, study the history of other followers of Christ (both the high times and the low times, the successes and mistakes), continue to worship and spend time in prayer so that they can stay connected to God and use the reasoning skills that allow one to discern the movement of the Spirit through their lives. To live the life of a disciple is not always easy. In fact sometimes it can be quite difficult. It often requires us to think of others first, especially when following the direction of helping the lost, the least and the last. Jesus said to love God with all that we are and all that we have and to love our neighbor as ourselves. He also told us to love our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us, to serve the unlovable, These ideas are hard and require work. Yet to mature as a disciple, that is exactly what we must do. And the tools we have to do that is the scriptures, tradition, reason, experience, prayer, to be present in our worship time (no matter where we find ourselves worshipping...at home in front of a computer, reading devotions, etc.), in giving to

support the ministries of the church, in our service to others, and in sharing with our brothers and sisters our stories. This month, we will be joining with the Church of the Resurrection UMC and other churches across the country with the worship theme #LoveOurNeighbor. We will be looking at this very idea of growing as a disciple of Christ through loving God, ourselves and our neighbor. I hope you join us weekly. In our community, and our country there is conflict and turmoil and is causing division. John Wesley has been attributed to saying, "In essentials unity, in non essentials liberty, in all things charity." And that is what we want to do as disciples of Christ ...Love God with all we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In October, we will be joining the churches across the country to reach out in kindness and love. We are launching 30 acts of kindness in 30 days. Jesus commanded us to love one another. Join in flooding our communities with random acts of kindness as an expression of our faith. Accept the challenge to find 30 ways to share love over the next 30 days. Then, share those ways you have extended kindness and had kindness and love shown to you.

A brief note: I am lucky enough to be chosen to serve on jury duty for the District Federal Appellate Court for the month of October. I will be in and out depending on the need of the court.

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Through October we will still be having our worship experiences on the web and through the devotion guides. Each week we will be having a Zoom "Coffee Time" at 10:00 am. Look for the zoom address on the email or letter that comes with your weekly devotion guide. See you on the web!

Oct. 4 *The World is My Parish*  
World Communion

Oct. 11 *The Golden Rule*  
#LoveYourNeighbor part 1

Oct. 18 *Ways to Love Neighbors*  
#LoveYourNeighbor part 2

Oct. 25 *Really...Our Enemies*  
#LoveYourNeighbor part 3

Nov. 1 *Saints and the Sinners*  
All Saints Day

Nov. 8 *Finding Joy, Counting Our Blessings Part 1*

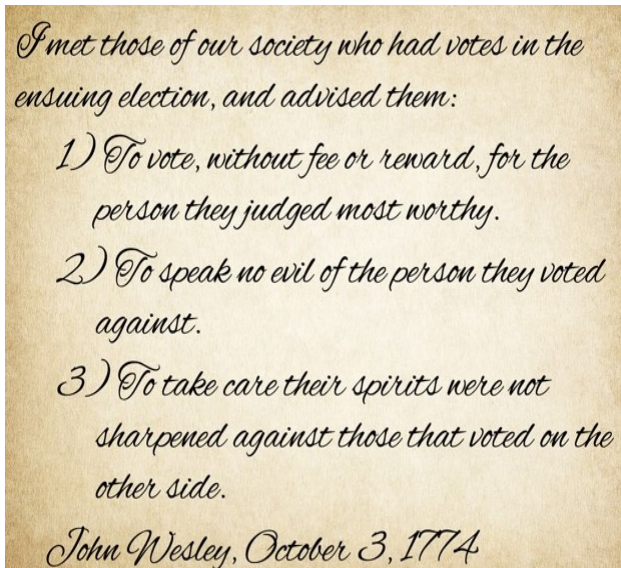
Nov. 15 *Finding Joy, Counting Our Blessings Part 2*

Nov. 22 *Finding Joy, Counting Our Blessings Part 3*

Nov. 29 *Create.....Hope*  
1st. Sunday of Advent

**(Julie's Journal continued)**

And let me close with this thought. This is election time and it is very divisive right now. I want to share another thought from John Wesley. He wrote this in his journal after talking to some members of his Holiness group who were disagreeing about an election in England.



You are always in my thoughts and prayers!  
Together on the Journey!  
Pastor Julie

**Pastor's Day of Prayer**

This month the Pastor's Day of Prayer is scheduled for October 22nd. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by October 21st.



**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Ed LeClair	10/10
Jon Seaton	10/10
Henry Brown	10/13
Don Pearce	10/17
Linda Dozier	10/22
Julie & Mike Elkins	10/12

**COTV Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Julie Elkins      Lay Leader: Edna Munro  
Organist: Mary Ellett      Treasurer: Phyllis Lyle  
Choir Director: Elaine Harvey

Henry Brown  
Robert and Ellen Draper  
Patsy McKinney  
Becca McLachlan  
Vi Moore  
Steve Mohr  
Donna & Jim Seaton  
Renee Calsmer  
Agustin Valdez  
Lee Carrick  
Betty Rudolph



Kay Roberts  
All Healthcare workers  
1st Responders and all others having to work in different ways  
Aranico Family  
Fire Victims  
*Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).

**Meeting Scheduled for October 19**

The Church Administrative Board will be having our monthly meeting on October 19 (note it is on third Wednesday instead of second week) at 7:00 pm. on a zoom meeting. You will be receiving a link to the meeting or the phone number to call by email. If you have not received it by the day of the meeting, please call Pastor Julie and she will help you.



**WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH**

We will be having a work party at the church on October 10 from 8:30—12 (approx.) We will be doing cleaning and some other work. We will be social distancing and wearing masks to be safe. Please call the office if you are able to join us .



**Finance Update**

First, we want to share that you are all amazing! For our Ice Cream Drive Thru for Volunteers in Medicine we raised over \$850 (it is still coming in!) Thank you! As always, we are monitoring our finances and keeping you updated. We are so grateful for your faithfulness. We are committed to doing our best to cut down on expenses. The preschool continues to be a very successful partner during this time, as do the 12 step groups that are beginning to come back and are meeting (outdoors right now) We want to thank you for those who have kept up your pledges and sending us your gifts and offerings. As far as our pledged giving and donations, we want to remind you that we are able to accept online donations. You can go to our webpage at [umchapelvalley.org](http://umchapelvalley.org) to our giving/donations page and it tells you how to do that. Because of all of this, we are able to pay our bills and ministry support. Again, thank you for your faithfulness and please continue to keep up the wonderful support. We gratefully accept all your prayers, presence (virtually), gifts, service and witness!

**Two Ways to Show Kindness This Month**

Our Henry Brown is celebrating his 100th birthday this year. We are trying to put together some kind of virtual and possibly drive by celebration. We are looking to shower him with birthday cards. Please send a birthday card to the office by October 10. Thank you!  
Second, we are going to be giving a basket of goodies to each classroom at Children's Choice on October 29th. If you would like to contribute money or by the goodies yourself (no nuts!) and drop it off to the church by October 26th. I know the children would be very happy.