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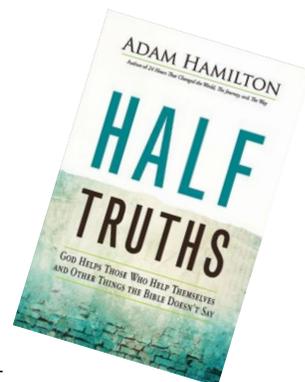
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New Year, New Sermon Series

Consider the following half-truths:

- Everything happens for a reason.
- God helps those who help themselves.
- God won't give you more than you can handle.
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- Love the sinner, hate the sin.



They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible.

We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us this January in searching for the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés to the message and ministry of Jesus. This series may challenge people and some may end up still believing that these phrases are the whole truth and that's fine, but as Christians we need to be people that always think about what we say and whether it is completely in line with the Gospel, teachings and life of Jesus.

Half-Truths is a book by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, pastor of Church of the Resurrection, and prolific author. We will be engaging with these half-truths through a sermon series in the new year from January 6 – February 3, as well as a 5-week adult Sunday school class based on the book. We will have copies of the book available for people to take home and read as well. We hope you'll join us in the new year and consider new ways that we can speak the whole truth as Christians.

Helping Others On Special Sundays



Human Relations Day will be observed on Sunday, January 20, 2019. You will find an offering envelope included in your Sunday bulletin. The offering supports neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy in the United States and Puerto Rico through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.



January Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Carlson
- 2 Nancy Corthals
- 3 Jake Millerschinn
- 5 Ruth Clymer
- 7 Wilma Kengerski
- 9 Rubye Page-Tear
- 10 Ron Byard
- 16 Amy Moe
- 17 Sarah Moe
- 17 Nicholas Weil
- 18 Frank Bianchi
- 18 Johnathon Eddy
- 18 Scott Waite
- 18 Julia Byard
- 18 Jessica Byard
- 22 Kevin Harlow
- 23 Stan Koon
- 29 Kathy Adair
- 29 Jennie Main

Anniveraries

- 1 Mitch & Patty Plant

PETS and Quilts— Share In Many Ways!



With the busy holiday season over, perhaps a moment of reflection on the joy we have given to others this year would be appropriate. It can, but it doesn't have to be monetary or materialistic gifts. One of the most precious offerings is giving of our TIME or TALENTS which come directly from the heart. Those in need are so many. So, with that in mind on November 20, 38 UM volunteers from Commerce, Fenton, Clarkston and Goodrich gathered in our Family Life Center to make pies

THANK YOU ❁ APPRECIATION ❁ CARING ❁ LOVE

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and cards during the past several weeks. My shoulder surgery was successful and my recovery and rehabilitation is progressing well. A special thank you to the Prayer Quilt Ministry and the prayers that came with it. Thanks
~Frank Huizenga



Thank you to the wonderful Saints at Goodrich for helping us have a wonderful District Christmas Brunch this year. We so appreciate your decorating, Mary playing for the carols and the wonderful treats you provided. The District is blessed have all of you. ~Blessings, Michele Weston, East Winds District UMC Leadership Team



I would like to take a moment to say thank you for sending care packages to Calvin College for me this past semester. Also, I appreciate the prayers and kind messages. ~Sincerely, Maxim Ziskey



Thank you for the prayer blanket, it will be treasured.
~Mick & Terri Huebner



Goodrich UMC, I am pleased to personally thank you for your generous contribution. You donated \$915 on December 4, 2019 to help the Semper Fi Fund continue to provide vital resources to our heroes and their families. Whether it is a grant for an adaptive vehicle to foster independence, adaptive housing to provide safety for a catastrophically injured service member, suicide prevention programming or bedside financial support to help with unexpected expenses during hospitalization and recovery, our team is here. Thank you for your gift in your observance of Veteran's Day. ~Karen Guenther, Semper Fi Fund

for the Pull PET Project, a mission project started by Ed Noll.

one of the pies to continue this mission.

The first flour cloud began at 8:00 AM that morning. Four hours and five minutes later, those volunteers had made, wrapped, and boxed 362 double crust fruit pies. The profits and other donations will provide the Gift of Mobility to people around the world who cannot move by themselves. This year, 110 Pull Pet Carts have been made. Since the beginning of Ed's vision, 912 Pull PET Carts have been built and given away by the PET volunteers. Thank you for your support by the giving of your time, talents, or the purchase of

In the same moment of reflection, we cannot forget the Ugly Quilt Mission Project. Each week, a group of volunteers meets in our church to turn mismatched fabric into warm sleeping bags. The result is 3-6 bags per session given to the homeless or persons in homes without heat. There is always a greater need than available finished product. Think of the joy of a warm sleep on a cold night made possible by those volunteers and those who donate the materials. We have so much to be thankful for. Our joy comes from sharing!

Take Time To Pause With Pastor Joel . . .

There is a saying, “No person is an island.” This is undoubtedly true. We may think that we can survive on our own, but no matter what we are connected to others. We have been examining our core values as a congregation, and one of the things we value is connection.

The church is a place where we intentionally seek to nurture and expand connection. We know that while we can worship and praise God on our own, it is more powerfully done when we connect together for worship in a group. We know that we can do good on our own, but we see that there is far greater good done when we combine our efforts. We know that we can give our money, but we understand that it goes a lot further when it is connected with other gifts.

Our culture tells us we are “more connected than ever”. We are connected to each other by the internet, by texting, by television. However, these digital ways of connecting have a resulted in a change in the way we connect – and develop relationships – in meaningful ways.

A senator from Nebraska, Ben Sasse, wrote a book called *Them: Why We Hate Each Other and How to Heal*. He writes that even though we are connected through social media, we have become disconnected from our neighbors next door. The digital age has made it easier to vilify people we don't agree with, because it's easier than ever to surround ourselves with people who think and act exactly like we do. (Thank you to the parishioner that suggested I read this book.)

True connection isn't about surrounding ourselves exclusively with like-minded people. Connection is about seeing the sacredness of every person, whether we agree with them 100% or not. Real connection often begins with stepping out our front door and walking over to talk with someone that we might NOT agree with.

Sasse believes that one of the virtues that we have lost in the digital age is humility. Connection inevitably involves humility – knowing that we aren't the most important, but that others have value as well. He quotes an American judge from the 50s and 60s, Billings Learned Hand, who said, “The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias.” I would say that one could substitute Connection in for the word liberty and have no change in the truth of this statement. Connection is about having the humility to acknowledge that we aren't always right, and connection is acknowledging that other people have opinions and knowledge that may be valuable -- that's part of why we want to connect with them!

How do we live out Connection as a church? We get out into the community to build relationships. We encourage face-to-face gatherings, so we can talk with one another. When we engage in conversation, we are ever ready to admit that we might be wrong.

There is no shame in being wrong. I would rather have a church full of leaders willing to admit they are wrong and seeking real connection than to be a disconnected group of people in Goodrich that sit holding on to their rightness.

Above all, Connection will demand that we love others not because they are necessarily lovable, but because they are a creation of God. I pray that as 2019 begins we will seek Connection with each other and all over Goodrich. We, our community, and the body of Christ will be better for it.

Pastor Joel

Cuppa?



Everyone has been enjoying the refreshments that are offered every Sunday morning. Many families have hosted these gatherings for almost a year now, so we want to keep it going. Volunteers are asked to sign up on the poster that is always in the fellowship area. If you haven't hosted yet, you will get help and tips beforehand, and on the day you sign up to host. Thank you in advance for helping.

Caren Huizenga



Please remember to keep Family Promise in your prayers as we host families here from January 6-13.

Youth Group Returns Soon

Sunday Youth Group

Our Sunday Youth Group gatherings return on Sunday, January 13 from 6:00-7:00 PM. Come join us!

District Youth Lock-In

This year's youth lock-in will be on February 15, from 11:00 PM-5:00 AM at the Lapeer Community Center, 880 S Saginaw St, Lapeer. This event is open to any 6th - 12th graders in the East Winds District. There will also be pizza. Please register with Jeannine Page-Tear by February 3.

Mid-Week Refuel Returns

Our Wednesday night time of

dinner fellowship returns on January 9 at 5:15 PM. Dinner will be catered by Cranberries. We are looking for volunteers to bring desserts. If you are interested in bringing a dessert, please contact the church office at (810) 636-2444.

Confirmation Retreat

There will be a confirmation retreat for all confirmands on Saturday, February 2 from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM here at the church. Please see Jeannine Page-Tear if you have any questions.



Get Your Pasties!

Sale Dates: January 18-1-4 PM & January 19-10-Noon

Call: 810-636-2444

To order pasties by January 17

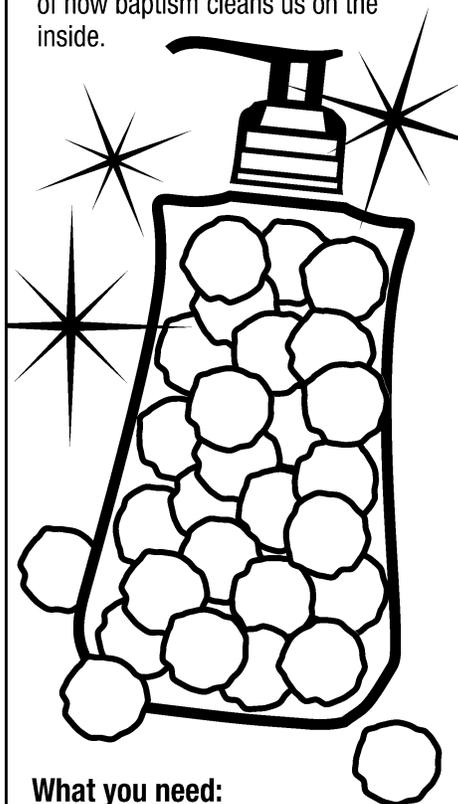
Workers needed-see Dave Worley

***"By blood, I am Albanian.
By citizenship, an Indian.
By faith, I am a Catholic
nun. As to my calling,
I belong to the world.
As to my heart, I belong
entirely to the heart of
Jesus."***



Washed Clean

Decorate a soap bottle as a reminder of how baptism cleans us on the inside.



What you need:

- Bottle of clear liquid hand soap
- Small craft pompoms (different colors)
- Wooden skewer

What you do:

1. Remove the bottle label and unscrew the lid.
2. Using the skewer, push pompoms down into the soap one at a time.
3. Replace the lid and put the dispenser in a bathroom or kitchen.

January Ministry Assistants

Greeters

6	L. Wolff, K. Adair	S. & D. Eddy
13	D. & P. Hogan	B. Gray, S. Monczunski
20	J. & D. Norgaard	D. & K. Wilks
27	B. McCormick	E. Jowski, L. Merchberger

Visual Media

6	E. Jowski, F. Bianchi
13	D. Yocum, F. Huizenga
20	W. Doublestein, E. Jowski
27	D. Yocum, F. Bianchi

Announcers

6	S. Nesbitt
13	M. Schulte
20	S. Monczunski
27	E. Jowski

Liturgist

6	V. Gibbs
13	N/A
20	S. Nesbitt
27	N. Keller

Sound

6	D. Wilks
13	R. Byard
20	W. Moore
27	M. Schulte

Nursery

6	K. Wilks, L. Urogdy
13	J. Bohlen, M. Kallin
20	J. Elledge, R. Page-Tear
27	K. Bechtel, R. Bechtel

Ushers

6	A. Braun, D. Crawford D. Brinker, M. Bohlen
13	S. Koon, C. Perry D. Hogan, J. Slade
20	J. & J. Millerschinn G. Main, M. Bohlen
27	B. & S. Rogers J. Page-Tear, R. Gill

Acolytes

6	A. Densham, J. Keller
13	C. Martin, T. Mazich
20	D. Moe, I. Densham
27	A. Densham, R. Bechtel

Children's Message

6	J. Page-Tear
13	Pastor Joel
20	B. Millerschinn
27	K. Bechtel

Communion

6	J. Elledge, B. Birkner A. Braun, D. Crawford Pastor Joel, Acolytes
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Help the office be accurate in the names listed in our weekly bulletin. If you cannot be here on your Sunday, please make a switch and call the church office. Thanks.

810-636-2444



January 2019

Sunday Coffee Hour Hosts

January 6—Stan & Susie Koon;
 January 13—Sign Up!; January 20—
 SPRC; January 27—The GAP for
 Souper Bowl Sunday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed	2 9:30 am Prayers & Squares 7 pm Open Co-ed Volleyball	3 10 am UMW Board Mtg. 6:45 pm Bell Choir	4 NO Open Co-ed Badminton until March 7 pm AA	5 11 am Gambler's Anonymous
6 SCRIP Orders Due Communion 9:45 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 12 pm Joyful Ringers	7 9 am Ugly Quilts 7 pm Flame Reh. 7 pm Open Co-ed Volleyball	8	9 5:15 pm Mid-Week Fuel Up 6 pm Songsters 7 pm Chancel	10 10 am UMW 6:45 pm Bell Choir	11 7 pm AA 7 pm Open Co-ed Basketball	12 9 am Pinewood Derby Workshop 11 am Gambler's Anonymous
FAMILY PROMISE						
13 SCRIP Order Pickup 9:45 am Worship 11:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Committed Disciples Class 12 pm Joyful Ringers 1-3 pm Seeking Silas 6 pm MYF	14 9 am Ugly Quilts 6:30 pm Finance Comm. 7 pm Open Co-ed Volleyball	15 8 am Homeschool 9:30 am Pastie Prep 6:30 pm Trustees	16 9:30 am Prayers & Squares 5:15 pm Mid-Week Fuel Up 6 pm Songsters 7 pm Chancel	17 9:30 am Pastie Prep 6:45 pm Bell Choir	18 1-4 pm Pastie Sale 7 pm AA 7 pm Open Co-ed Basketball	19 10-Noon Pastie Sale 11 am Gambler's Anonymous
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27 9:45 am Worship—Committed Disciples Join 11am "Souper Bowl" Event for The GAP 11:15 Sunday School 12 pm Joyful Ringers 1 pm Seeking Silas 6 pm MYF	28 9 am Ugly Quilts 7 pm Flame Reh. 7 pm Open Co-ed Volleyball	29 8 am Homeschool	30 5:15 pm Mid-Week Fuel Up 6 pm Songsters 7 pm Chancel	31 6:45 pm Bell Choir		



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n; new life

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“Goodrich UMC’s mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Join Our Church As A Committed Disciple

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 13:35. ESV



In January, we will be holding a class for those that want to become more committed disciples by joining our church. We previously called this membership, but being a member of something often implies privilege. When we join the church, we instead are committing ourselves more fully to support the ministry of Christ in a particular congregation – in short, we are

deciding to be a more committed disciple in the place where we are.

So, if you are interested in making your commitment to our church deeper, we would invite you to join the pastor for two classes during the Sunday School hour (11:15 AM) on January 13 and 20 and then join the church during the worship service (9:45 AM) on January 27. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Joel.

New Administrative Assistant Hired

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that we have hired a new Administrative Assistant. Her name is Sheryl Schoenemann. She lives in Goodrich. She previously owned a restaurant with her husband. She is excited to be joining our staff. She will begin on Monday, January 7 and we invite you to stop in and meet her.

