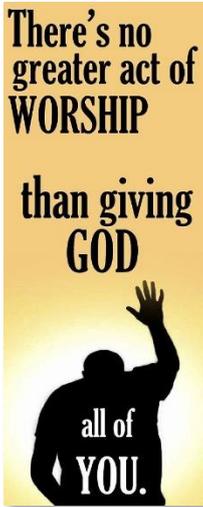


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## Segments from Sarah



I don't know about you, but the weather is tooooo hot. But it reminds me that when we're cold later this year, we'll be missing the warmer weather, won't we??? It's funny how it works-- we're always griping about the weather. I guess people are like that no matter when they live—

I always remember the Israelites when Moses led them into the wilderness— Exodus 14:10–12 says, "As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw the Egyptians marching after them, and they were terrified and cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there are no graves in Egypt that you brought us into the wilderness to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Did we not say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."...and we know the people had complained the whole time about wanting to leave Egypt!

Of course, as a people of the resurrection, we know the bigger story of God's love and faithfulness, but we're just like them-- we cry out for God to help us, then complain about the help! That's just the way it is. The best solution is to just realize we're all flawed and "works in progress", and give ourselves-- flaws and all-- to God.

Blessings, Blessings,

*Rev. Sarah Schofield-Wimberley*

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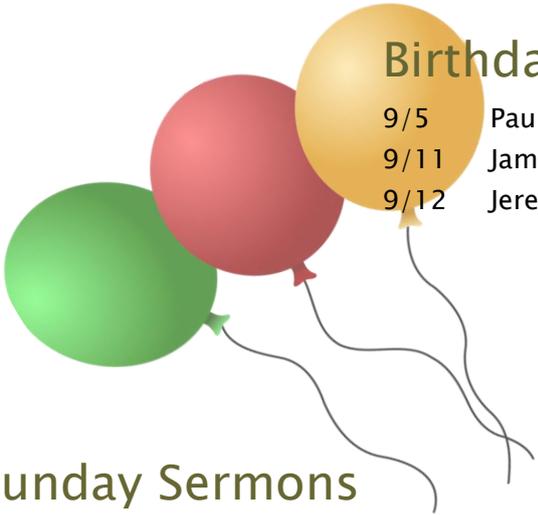
## IMPACT News

Calling all youth grades 5 through 12! Our youth group is planning to go to Lake Tapawingo this Sunday, 8/30 for much-needed fun!

Please let Pastor Sarah know if you need a ride. Youth group will be sending out texts to let you know the details.

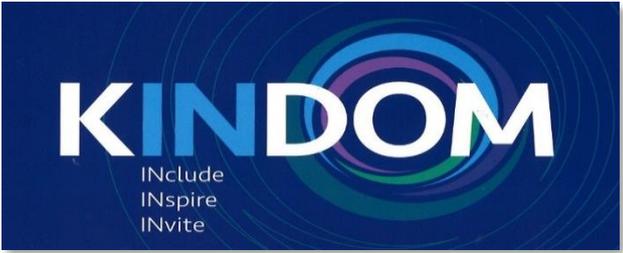
## Upcoming Events

- 9/6..... Communion
- 9/6..... IMPACT Youth
- 9/10..... Leadership Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 9/13..... IMPACT Youth
- 9/20..... IMPACT Youth
- 9/24..... Leadership Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 9/27..... IMPACT Youth
- 8/30..... IMPACT Youth



## Birthdays

- 9/5 Paula Smith
- 9/11 James Brison
- 9/12 Jeremiah Brison



## Sunday Sermons

- 9/6..... Kindom: In Connection ..... Luke 4:16-21
- 9/13..... Kindom: In Support..... Ruth 2:19-23
- 9/20..... Kindom: In Relationship..... Mark 5:1-20
- 9/27..... Kindom: In Development ..... Mark 7:24-30

## Phone Prayer Chain

If you know of a member going to the hospital, have a need, a concern, or a joy, please call someone on the following list, starting at the top, if possible. Call any time, day or night. If the person you call is not at home, leave a message or call the next person on the list.

- Pat Townsend ..... 373-3915 or 225-9459
- Rosemary Garten ..... 427-5725 or 519-8500
- Carol Marcks..... 427-5725 or 560-5627
- Marilyn Berry ..... 796-5789
- Lucille Bolen ..... 560-5131
- Mary Branstad..... 796-9659 or 868-3752
- Ann Fiene ..... 257-5214
- Linda Roberts ..... 650-5131 or 853-3398
- Carol Buhrle..... 796-3630 or 225-8174

- Shirley Weaver ..... 461-9224 or 716-1184
- Chris Pauley..... 571-3922
- Gayle Elliott ..... 257-9655
- Arletta Cahill ..... 600-6203
- Flora Costanza ..... 914-8034
- Sandy Bower ..... 373-5603
- Anna Inman ..... (660) 232-1221
- Jackie McMenemy ..... 461-7577
- Pat Prins ..... 252-0210



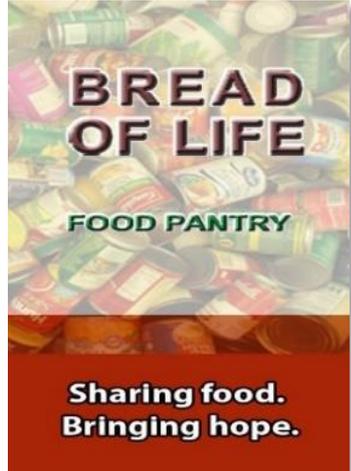
## Outreach Ministries

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet have been temporarily closed due to the virus pandemic. We are working on opening up the food pantry and are taking food donations. We will also take cash/check donations. We need:

- Pancake mix/syrup, canned meats, soups, spaghetti sauce, canned beans, rice, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta, hot/cold cereal, peanut butter, crackers, boxed meals, side dishes (Rice-A-Roni, instant potatoes, etc.), bath tissue

Visit our website for updates!

Website: <http://stmumc.net/outreach-ministries/food-pantry-clothes-closet/>





## School Supplies

This year, St. Mark's wants to continue our support to our neighbors at Randall School. We will collect, then deliver school supplies for Randall students as we have in the past. If shopping is difficult for you, we will use cash donations to purchase supplies.

Please deliver all supplies or donations to the office at St. Mark's during business hours, Tuesday - Thursday, between 9:30am and 3:30pm.

This is just one way we can be the hands and feet of Jesus!

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## Safe Gatherings

The Missouri Annual Conference (Bishop's office) has changed from Safe Sanctuaries to Safe Gatherings for the training and background checks. The cost of this training/check is \$45, but right now, the Conference Office is paying 50% of the amount (BARGAIN!) so we are trying to get as many folks trained as possible.

We are beginning with our staff and leadership, and the scouting leadership. An email will be sent out when someone is going to be trained-- but please contact the office (816)257-1812, if you would like to get the training out of the way! This new program trains those going through it for how to spot not only child abuse, but adult abuse. It's going to help so much!



VIDEO: <https://vimeo.com/136942679>

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## Leadership Meeting

Eight (10) were in attendance for the **August 20** Zoom meeting.

### Old business:

- Church has new Sam's Credit Card that replaced the old one.
- Sarah suggested that the church be used as a Covid-19 testing site.

### New Business:

- Voted to start a Religious Blast program which the council loves
- Sarah will preach 8/30/20 online & in-service worship, but council set guidelines.
- Sarah will be doing a submersed Baptism that Sunday. (Heidi & Rebecca have a stock tank that will be used for Baptism, who will pickup/drop off TBD)
- All must wear masks & social distance when at in person worship. CDC guidelines must be followed. Using the entrance by the office to enter the building. Temperatures will be taken, Rev. Sarah W. providing the thermometer. Someone will be at the entrance to give out mask, if needed & hand sanitizer will be by all entrance/exit & bathroom doors.
- All will enter thru doors next to the office. Some may head into the sanctuary (hearing impaired & guest are seated in sanctuary 1st). Some will be directed to downstairs to watch service on the television. Members & guest will be asked to go out the main doors if sitting in the sanctuary, those downstairs will be asked to exit from the back door. Members /guest will be asked to stay social distancing & not to hug, handshake, etc. Any member choosing to watch online, may want to invite members or guest to watch it together.

- Other New Business / Suggestions Going Forward:
- We need to start our bible studies ASAP. Sign up with Deb E. during office hours
- Rosemary G. has donated a UV light to clean fabric on chairs in the sanctuary.

## Your Spiritual Gift....Use It or Lose It!

### [Proverbs 18:16](#)

What has God place within your hands to do in service to Him? From the time you and I accepted the Lord as our personal savior, He gave us a Spiritual Gift; at least one. Some may have more than one granted to them according to ability. We get an idea of this from reading [Matt. 25:14, 15](#).

In [1 Cor. 12: 1-11](#) we are told in so many words, that spiritual gifts are given for spiritual purposes. Spiritual gifts are to benefit the entire body of Christ. In other words, all believers we are in contact with for any reason... inside our local church, outside our local church... should be benefitting from our spiritual gifts.

We each have been given, by God Himself, a special ability that no one else has in that way. No one else can exercise that ability in the way that you or I can. Many may have the same gift, but a different 'spin' on it with a different effect when used under the power of the Holy Spirit.

These gifts have been given to each person for the purpose of meeting particular needs within the body of Christ. None of us possessed these gifts before we were saved.

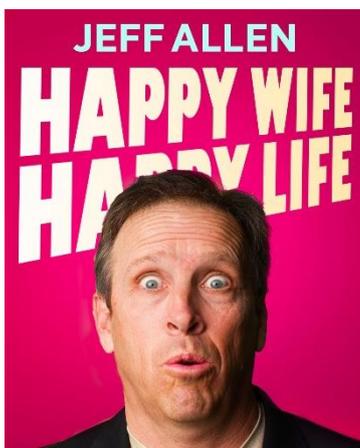
We must operate these gifts 'In Love' ([1Cor.13:1](#)) or else the gift becomes useless or ineffective.

What is your gift? The Apostle Paul told Timothy to, "stir up the gift of God that is within you," ([2 Tim.1:6](#)). Activate your gift, use it, find ways to use it. The more you use it, the more it will become effective and useful and beneficial to others!

Another benefit of these spiritual gifts is that God can use them to benefit the individuals who possess them in ways you cannot imagine. [Proverbs 18:16](#) tells us, "A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men."

If we are diligent, not lazy, but take the pain staking time to develop what God has given to us, that very gift can open doors and give access that otherwise wouldn't be granted to us. It also could gain you and I respect and favor among the esteemed. It could also get you out of a situation as well.

Let us not neglect the gift that is within us! Let's persevere and put every bit of energy into developing more and more, thereby becoming more effective in the service of the Lord for the Kingdom!



## Understanding the Wife's Code



Click or copy to browser: <https://youtu.be/ccTYpVUP4kA>

Jeff Allen knows the secret of a good marriage is **Happy Wife Happy Life**. What does that mean? Are you a happy, happy, happy man?

Take a break from the doom and gloom. Laughter is good for the soul!