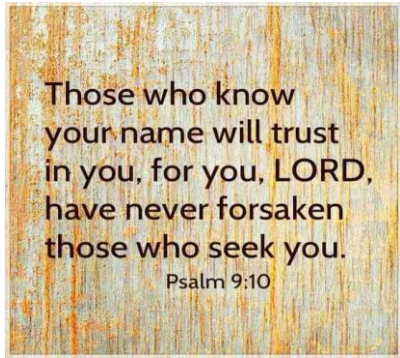




October 2020

Segments from Sarah



Happy Autumn!
 While I admit this isn't my favorite time of year, it IS a gorgeous time and it's a good reminder of the beauty of the

changing of seasons. It gets cool here quickly, and the leaves are turning. Yet, it's still a crazy time in the world, with the natural disasters, violence, community challenges and more. The whole world is anxious with the virus, isn't it? But the people of God have faced these kinds of troubles before, and hopefully you can take solace in the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 9:10 (The Message version): "God's a safe-house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times. The moment you arrive, you relax; you're never sorry you knocked." So as with everything, go to God with your stress and worries. God's shoulders are much bigger than we can imagine, and bringing it all to God is the right thing to do.

For a pick-me-up, try focusing on something you CAN do-- volunteer for a worthy cause, or just walk around your own neighborhood and pick up trash. Even something little will make you feel better, as well as bring joy to the day! What have you got to lose?

You can always reach me, if you'd like to visit or have a question! Just call the office during office hours or my cell phone.

Blessings,

Rev. Sarah Schofield-Wimberley

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IMPACT Youth News

Our IMPACT youth group (ages 5th grade through 12th grade) is still out and about having fun, serving others, and learning in fellowship! We are back to meeting the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month, 12pm-2pm.

You might have seen youth Zoe Fauser baptized on 8/30/20 here-- Zoe is one of two youths who will graduate in May, and not only working hard on her studies at Chrisman High School (Go Bears!), but working at Pizza Ranch part-time, playing on the

golf team, doing speech and debate, and applying for scholarships and to colleges and will run the Prom Possibilities ministry in the Spring here (details coming on that after Christmas!)

Upcoming service: The Youth will be meeting at Mt. Washington Friday, October 2 to make sandwiches for Mt. Washington UMC to give to those in need at Winner Park 10/3. IMPACT youth should watch for a text with details soon!

Upcoming Events

- 10/4 Communion
- 10/4 IMPACT Youth
- 10/9 COVID-19 Testing (10-2pm)
- 10/11 IMPACT Youth
- 10/15 Leadership Council Meeting (Zoom)
- 10/18 IMPACT Youth
- 10/25 IMPACT Youth
- 10/30 COVID-19 Testing (10-2pm)



Birthdays

- 10/1 Craig Bolen
- 10/9 Joseph Hoeschele, Sr.
- 10/10 Charlotte Faris
- 10/13 Ruth Payne
- 10/13 Joshua Brison
- 10/14 Rebecca Brison
- 10/19 Linda Roberts
- 10/23 Rhonda Whitaker
- 10/26 Flora Costanza

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

We are hoping to reopen the Bread of Life food pantry soon. Date will be forthcoming. Are you looking for a way to help your community? We are recruiting volunteers for various responsibilities. If you would like to help (the options and opportunities have changed!), please contact Pastor Sarah of the office.

Visit our website for updates!

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



Safe Gatherings

The Missouri Annual Conference (Bishop's office) has changed from Safe Sanctuaries to Safe Gatherings for the training and background checks. This new program trains you how to spot child abuse and adult abuse.

The cost of this training is \$45, but the Conference Office is paying 50% of the amount!

We are beginning with our staff and leadership, and the scouting leadership. Please contact the office at 816-257-1812 for training and a code to get the discount.



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

UMM Minutes

Twelve (13) were in attendance for the **September 12** meeting.

Bob Buhrlé gave Treasurer's Report: Ending balance -\$4,204.14.

Old Business: COVID-19 Testing Clinic on Friday, 9/18/20 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church

New Business: UMM approved to give Church \$100 from Fireworks Event. Mike Darr from Boy Scout Troop 206 will see about plumbing repair of upstairs' drain-off that is leaking into Fellowship Hall. Tractor repair & parts by Keith Buhrlé.

Next meeting is October 10, 2020. Bring your own breakfast. Lucille Bolen will give devotional.

UMW Minutes

Six (6) members were in attendance for the **September 2** meeting.

Shirley Weaver recited purpose of the UMW. Carol Marcks read a devotional. Minutes from March 4 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported \$458 earned from the potato bar. Ending balance is \$2,985.05.

Reopening of the Food Pantry was discussed. UMW voted to donate \$250 to buy food. Several members indicated a willingness to help man the pantry when it opens.

The current four officers agreed to continuing serving in their positions: Shirley Weaver - President, Carol Marcks - Vice President, Rosemary Garten - Secretary, Flora Costanza - Treasurer.

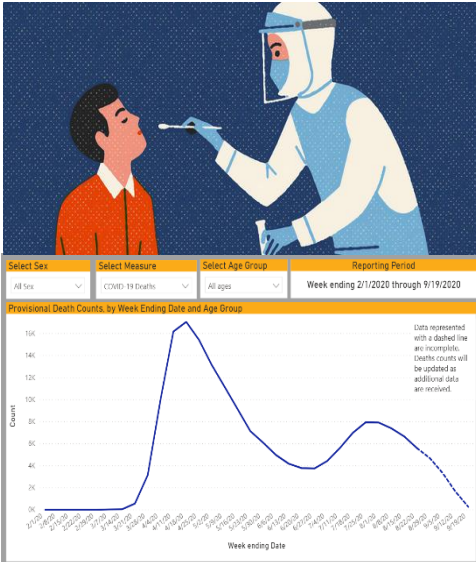
Leadership Meeting

Twelve (12) were in attendance for the **September 17** Zoom meeting. Last minutes reviewed and corrections already made. No Treasurer Report. Leadership Council meeting are back to 3rd Thursday.

COVID-19 testing site at St. Mark's Friday 9/18 from 10-2pm. Randall picking up school supplies.

Council approved the purchasing a web camera for virtual church service. UMM met for the first time. UMW met as well. Plumbing will be fixed. Halloween drive-through Trick-n-Treats was approved. Mary Morris to lead the project. Building-Use Form is being updated.

Charge Conference will be virtual on Sunday, 10/11. Weekly Blast to be promoted. Reminder to do the Safe Gatherings background check. Youth group will be held here every Sunday, except on Communion Sunday. Winter Park youth group handing out lunches to homeless. Food Pantry will have a safe opening 3rd week of October. Nomination Committee to fill 4 spots on Council.

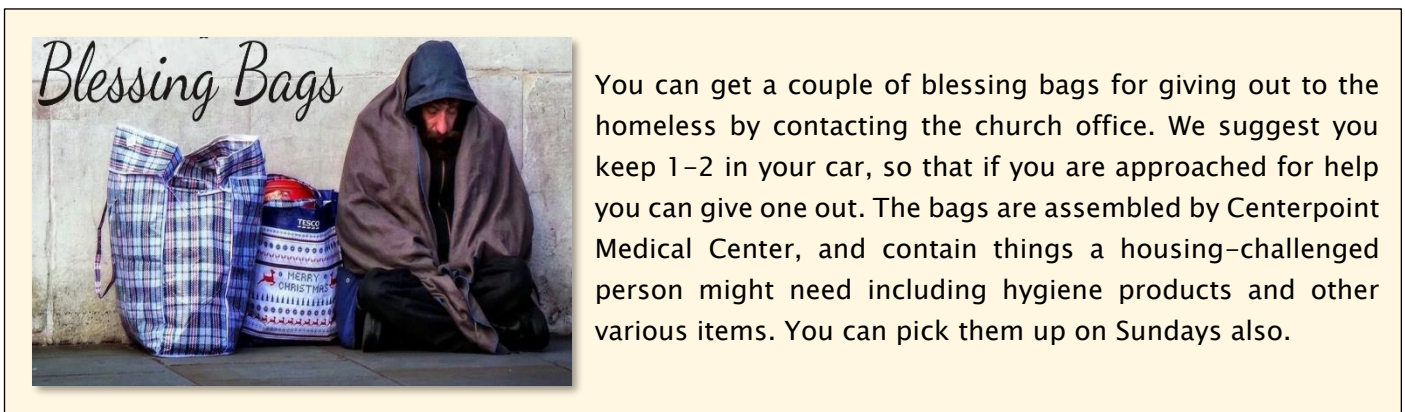


COVID-19 Testing Clinic

A COVID-19 testing clinic will be held **Friday, October 9 and 30** at our church. Registration information will be forthcoming. There will be NO cost for this testing.

The [CDC](#) reported at the end of August that COVID deaths were down to near pre-COVID numbers. It was reported 6% (<10,000) of all coronavirus deaths were completely due to the coronavirus alone. The rest of the deaths that were pinned to the China coronavirus are attributed to individuals who had other serious issues going on. Most of the deaths are very old Americans with co-morbidities.

It's exciting to see that although cases are up because of testing, the deaths continue to drastically drop. Visit the CDC website for weekly reporting.



You can get a couple of blessing bags for giving out to the homeless by contacting the church office. We suggest you keep 1-2 in your car, so that if you are approached for help you can give one out. The bags are assembled by Centerpoint Medical Center, and contain things a housing-challenged person might need including hygiene products and other various items. You can pick them up on Sundays also.

Trust and Obey

Joshua 6:1-5

Joshua needed God's guidance as he faced one of the most crucial moments of his life. He *already knew the outcome of the battle against Jericho since the Lord had promised him success. The specific strategy God gave him, however, was so atypical that it must have made his jaw drop.* But despite any concern they may have felt, Joshua and the entire army believed the Lord and followed the unusual plan to the letter.

Although we won't face that exact situation, there will be times when obedience to God's Word will be a challenge because it goes against our natural reasoning. Therefore, we hesitate, rationalize, or make excuses why we can't possibly do what He says. For example, consider these commands:

- Don't be anxious about anything, but pray about everything (Phil. 4:6).
- Forgive one another just as God in Christ forgave you (Eph. 4:32).
- Fix your hope, not on the uncertainty of riches but on God (1 Timothy 6:17).
- Consider it joy when you encounter trials (James 1:2).

Just as Joshua's instructions didn't seem reasonable, these directives don't always make sense to us either, but God insists they're for our good. It's our job to trust His wisdom and obey.

**Trust is the attitude
of obedience.
Obedience is the behaviour
of trust.**