



From the quill of Pastor Bill

Greetings Friends,

I hope that each of you had a safe and blessed summer. So, here we are again, heading into fall. Schools are back in session, Bible Study is resuming and our monthly board meetings begin planning for the coming year.

As I was contemplating what to write about, I looked back at some of the other letters I have written over the years and came to a conclusion. Over the past 13 years, I have written mostly about three topics. Those being church attendance, supporting the church and faith in Jesus Christ. These three areas are a continual concern.

It seems as though they are connected. The biggest decline in attendance and support began with the emergence of Covid-19. We were forced to worship from home via Facebook Live or not worship at all. This of course effected giving and support. When we allowed to re-open and worship together again, only about half of the people returned. Those who stayed away were still concerned about the disease. Then there was the disaffiliation and General Conference 2024 changes to the social principles of our discipline and more people left.

So, here we are almost five years after Covid and a year after General Conference and we are not in good place. Attendance is consistently low which effects giving and support. All because we don't have the faith that God is with us and will protect us.

We need to get past our fear. Covid has become like the flu. The people of the church are the same people you've always known and loved. The changes to the Discipline didn't change that.

So, as when begin a new season in the church, let us put aside our fears, look past our differences, put our full faith and trust in God and Jesus Christ and come together and gather once again as the church.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bill

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Charleston

Clark

Trinity

September 2

Marlene Gilliland

September 4

Eric McCrimmon

September 5

Barbara Tremayne

Samantha Jarrett

September 7

Breanna Bartholomew

Kelly Jarrett

Tara Mason

September 10

Pastor Bill Locke

September 12

Chuck Bartholomew

September 15

Jeffrey Locke

September 22

Raymond Jewell, Jr.

September 26

Judie Shaffer

September 1

Amanda Deveraux

September 2

Sue Boles

September 10

Luann Gill

John Kephart

Luann Gill

Sue Campbell

Pastor Bill Locke

September 13

Janyce Schaller

September 15

Jeffrey Locke

Robert Watson

September 21

Phyllis Parshall

September 22

Blaze McKnight

September 29

Michael Misco



Charleston

Clark

Trinity

September 6

Steven & Sheryl Gregory Iverson

September 11

Richard & Sherry

September 21

Joe & Tonia Berger

September 14

Tom & Connie McIntosh

September 15

Randy & Valerie Graham



Charleston

Clark

Trinity

October 4

Jean Pears

October 8

Brenda Jewell

Shannon O'Hara

October 9

Sharon Stambaugh/Rust

Natalia Lutz

October 24

Jo Ellen Geiwitz

October 25

Marilyn Jewell/Bollo

October 27

Joe Bartholomew

October 29

Jon Wengerd

October 30

Carol Gaines

October 31

Adam Bartholomew

Carol Horst

October 1

Carla Hedderick

David Locke

October 3

Trudy Duncan

Cory Misco

October 8

Valerie Graham

October 17

Diane Doddato/Gill

Patricia Mattocks

October 18

Shelley Rosa

October 20

George Faltot

October 25

Sherry Iverson

October 30

Josh Faltot

Marian Doddato



Charleston

Clark Trinity

October 1

*Robert & Paula Parker
Carole Locke*

October 5

Pastor Bill &

October 5

Pastor Bill & Carole Locke

October 15

Matt & Sue Boles

October 13

Greg & Diane Jarrett

October 24

Errol & Cis Kwiatkowski

October 23

Dave & Suzy Horvath

Knit together
IN LOVE.
COLOSSIANS 2:2, ESV



United Methodist Communion Quiz

- The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is:
a. The Lord's Supper b. Holy Communion c. Eucharist
d. All of the above names are used by United Methodists.
- The word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word(s) for:
a. Bread b. Meal c. Thanksgiving d. "Let's eat!"
- The term "open communion" means everyone is invited to the communion table if they...
a. Love Jesus b. Earnestly repent of their sins
c. Seek peace with one another d. All of the above
- Which drink became popular because it was suitable for alcohol-free Communion?
a. Florida's Natural Grape Juice b. Tropicana Red Grape Juice
c. Welch's Grape Juice
d. Lucy & Ethel's Freshly-Stomped Grape Juice
- Persons responsible for the preparation of the bread, wine and Communion ware are called:
a. Communion servers b. Communion stewards
c. Communion ministers d. Communion hosts
- The act of dipping the bread into the wine during Communion is called:
a. Blending b. Dunking c. Intermingle d. Intinction
- Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because:
a. Pastors riding the circuit could not visit every church every Sunday
b. When pastors were not available, laity (who cannot give communion) led worship
c. Methodists got used to the irregular schedule of communion
d. All of the above
- In the formative years of the Methodist Church, John Wesley took communion...
a. Just on Sundays b. Four or five times a week
c. Whenever Charles took communion
d. Whenever the bread was fresh
- There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church.
a. True b. False (answers on following page)



Making a Child Go to Church

Recently, a mother asked me, "Should I make my son go to church?" I answered, "Yes, definitely." Then I explained: "What do you say when your son decides that he does not want to go to school? What did you do when he was little and did not want to take a bath? How did you react when he was sick and did not want his medicine?"

Every right-thinking parent recognizes the importance of these matters and gives the child no opportunity to decide for himself. Instead, parents explain the importance of going to school, taking a bath or taking medicine when sick.

So, mom and dad, take time to explain the importance of going to church; then simply say to your son or daughter; **"In our family we all go to church and that includes you."**

"Train up a child in the way he should go..." (Prov.22.6)

**REMEMBER: WE DON'T WORSHIP
THE LORD ON SUNDAYS ONLY!**



WE WORSHIP HIM EVERYDAY!

The Pastor Stole Our Spoon



A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, "I think he stole our spoon!" This bothered her for a whole year.

A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year? The pastor said, "Goodness, no, I put it in your Bible."



We Need Preachers

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that heaven is still real,
that sin is still wrong,
that the Bible is God's word
and that Jesus is
the only way of salvation.

Chicken Pie Dinner

Clark Trinity United Methodist Church

96 Charles Street, Clark, PA 16113

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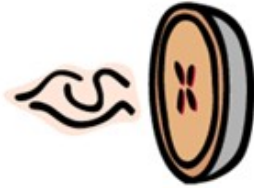


All Chicken (NO Vegetables)
Dinner includes:
1 piece of Chicken Pie, Mashed potatoes,
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Saturday, October 18, 2025
4 - 6 PM

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Quiz Answers: 1. d, 2. c, 3. d, 4. c, 5.
b, 6. d, 7. d, 8. b, 9. b



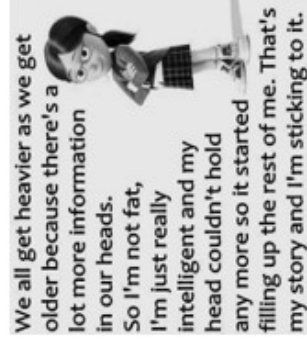
With Thanksgiving and Christmas being the highlights of the November-December newsletter, I thought it would be nice to have you share your favorite holiday recipes.

Let's fill at least one page, maybe two.

If you have a recipe to share, please give to Pastor Bill before October 20th. You can also email them to me at:

willocke5@gmail.com.

Here's a little humor



THE PAGE FILLED WITH HUMOR



Keep your fake mustache at home if you go to church in Alabama. It's illegal to wear one with the intention of making people laugh. According to lawyers.com, there's an archaic law in Alabama that makes it a crime "to wear a fake mustache that causes laughter in church." Alabama is not the only state with dumb laws on their books.

It's illegal in Rehoboth, Delaware to whisper in church.

You are not supposed to eat peanuts while attending religious services in Boston, Massachusetts. Supposedly, it's against the law to kill a housefly within 160 feet of a church in Ohio unless you have a license.

If you move to Kentucky you better be prepared to bathe at least once a year. A state law that mandates people bathe at least once in 12 months.

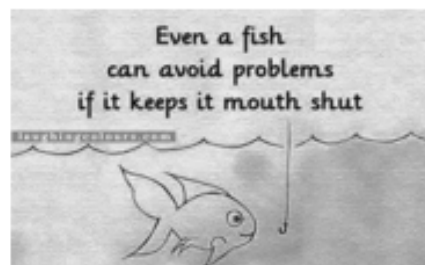
Another state law stated that "No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state unless she be escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club." The law was later amended with: "The provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than 90 pounds nor exceeding 200 pounds, nor shall it apply to female horses."



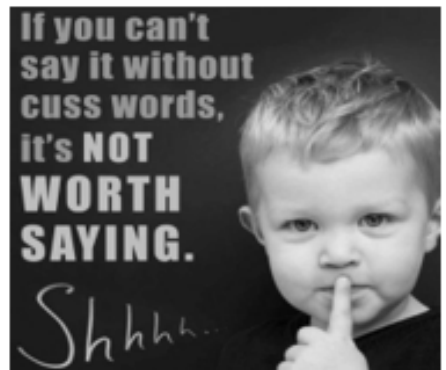
... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.



A Tennessee State trooper pulled a car over. The trooper asked the driver why he was speeding, the driver said he was a Magician and Juggler and was on his way to Nashville to do a show for the Children's Hospital. He didn't want to be late. The trooper said he was fascinated by juggling and if the driver would do a little juggling for him then he wouldn't give him a ticket. "I sent equipment ahead and don't have anything to juggle" said the speeder. The trooper said "I have some flares can you juggle them. The juggler said "sure" so the trooper got flares, lit them and gave them to him. While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the State Trooper's car. A drunken good old boy from Tennessee got out, watched the act, went over to the Trooper's car, opened the rear door and got in. The trooper observed him and went over to the car, opened the door asked the drunk what he thought he was doing. The drunk said, "Just take me to jail, cause there ain't no way I can pass that test."



A little boy opened a big Family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the pages. Something fell from the Bible, he picked it up and looked at it. What he saw it was an old leaf that was pressed between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he shouted. "What do you have there, dear?" With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "I, I, I think it's Adam's underwear!"















I FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GET OLDER...
...YOUNGER.



Charleston/Clark Trinity UMC

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3  BIBLE study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM	4  BIBLE study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	5	6
7  Birthday/Anniversary Lunch Charleston UMC	8	9 Trustees-6:30 PM Adm. Council-7:00 PM Charleston UMC	10  BIBLE study Charleston UMC 1:30 PM	11  BIBLE study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	12	13
14  Holy Communion	15	16 Trustees-6:30 PM Adm. Council-7:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	17  BIBLE study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM	18  BIBLE study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	19	20
21	22  First Day of Autumn	23	24  BIBLE study Charleston UMC 10:30 AM	25  BIBLE study Clark Trinity UMC 6:00 PM	26	27
28	29	30				



Charleston/Clark Trinity UMC

October 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BIBLE study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	2 BIBLE study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday	6	7	8 BIBLE study 1:30 PM Charleston UMC	9 BIBLE study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	10	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14 Trustees-6:30 PM Adm. Council-7:00 PM Charleston UMC	15 BIBLE study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	16 BIBLE study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	17	18 CHICKEN PIE DINNER Clark Trinity UMC 4 to 6 PM
19	20	21 Trustees-6:30 PM Adm. Council-7:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	22 BIBLE study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	23 BIBLE study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	24	25
26	27	28	29 BIBLE study 10:30 AM Charleston UMC	30 BIBLE study 6:00 PM Clark Trinity UMC	31 Trunk or Treat Clark Trinity UMC	

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CHARLESTON-CLARK TRINITY UMC CHARGE NEWSLETTER



September 1 thru October 31



Clark Trinity UMC Prayer List

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Gregory Barlett	Pauline Jones
Blaze McKnight	Ed Rodocoy
Shirley Maybee	Rose Boles
Brad Reinhart	Bob Moats
Gary Bortz	Shawna Hedderick
Tom Durney	Connie Schrader
Dave Misko	Patty Padovich
Sheila Nickel	Cathy Morris
Don & Marian Doddato	Amanda McKnight
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Cancer patients, Our Churches, Family relationships,
 Anti-Americans, Our Nation and Our Troops



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Jewell Family	Matt Bodien
Tom Hinkson	Bob & Karen Dolata
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Jane Hinkson	Lori Hayden
Marge & Andrew	Tina
Sheila Jewell	Bev Jewell
Harry & Joan	Karen Palmer
Marlene Gilliland	Mary Ann Young
Jon & Kathryn Wengerd	Gail Schuknecht
Carol Horst	Carol Gaines

Our Churches, All those suffering with Cancer,
 Family relationships, Terrorists, Anti-Americans,
 Our Troops and Our Nation