

**THE KRESGE
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From Pastor Ed's Heart

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This year our daily scripture reading has been a repeated journey through the Gospels, the Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. As of September 24, we have made three passes through all four Gospels. We started over on September 25, reading Matthew 1. Reading one chapter a day we will complete a fourth iteration on December 22, when we read John 21. It is not too late to start; you can easily catch up. There are 9 days at the end of December one can use to catch up as well.

Each day I post a devotional thought on Kresge UMC's Facebook page (as well as on my personal page) based on the chapter reading for the day. You are welcome, in fact I encourage you to make and share comments. A different part of the passage we read may jump out to you and/or you may 'see' something differently than I do. We can have those conversations and learn from each other.

Reading and studying the scriptures is a means of grace and hopefully is or will become a daily practice for each of us. Beginning in January we will start a journey to read the entirety of the Bible, 'The Grand Sweep,' through 2023. On average 3-4 chapters a day starting with Genesis 1 and ending with Revelation 22. What better way to prepare for that journey than to read the four Gospels between now and the end of the year?

Please join with us!

In His grip, Pastor Ed

Church Membership

217. When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only son; and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church:

1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives to them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
3. To Confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
6. To Faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Local church membership is much more than one's name being on the roll. There are great responsibilities taken when we join with a local congregation in the United Methodist Church. It starts with becoming a member of Christ's Holy Church through the sacrament of baptism. We are then received into The United Methodist Church and finally into the membership of the local congregation. We covenant, (enter a formal binding agreement) with God and each other.

The questions asked during the Baptismal Covenant are found in four sections: Renunciation of Sins and Profession of Faith, Confirmation or Reaffirmation of Faith, Reception into the United Methodist Church, and Reception into the local congregation. See the Liturgy of Baptismal Covenants I and II in the United Methodist Hymnal. Our Liturgy reinforces paragraph 217 UM Book of Discipline quoted above:

Anna Kresge UMC's Admin Council now One Board has been encouraging those on our rolls to return and "faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness," since January 2018. Different versions of letters have been mailed to those on our roll encouraging members to faithfully participate.

In that regard we are complying with paragraph 228. We have encouraged missing members to return, or to join with another congregation in the community where they reside. The Kingdom hope is that all live out their covenant promise by faithfully participating in God's ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness with a local outpost of Christ's Church.

If you are reading this and have been absent for many years or just a few, know it is our desire for you to return to full participation here at Kresge UMC. If you have affiliated with another local congregation, then let us know so we can transfer your membership to that part of the body of Christ. If you have moved away and have not found a local congregation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in, we encourage you to find one soonest.

One cannot be a part of the membership by simply having your name on the roll of a congregation. When one chooses not to attend and not to faithfully participate, one is separating self from those who love you and desire your presence. If we are not that place for you, we encourage you to find a congregation where your heart can be warmed as you worship God.

**TUESDAY
SMALL GROUP
IS MEETING
AGAIN @ 12 NOON**

**Thursday
Small Group
Is meeting again
@ 11:30**

We greatly appreciate gifts given,
In Honor Of;
CAROL UPTON
EARLE ELLIS
CHARLIE AND LYNN SELF



Kresge Ladies' Group
To The Ladies of Kresge,
We are getting together again in
October. The date is yet to be determined
and will be posted.
Every lady of Kresge is invited,
so please come join us.

TRUNK or TREAT

PLEASE SIGN UP
LETTING US KNOW
IF YOU ARE GOING TO
DECORATE YOUR CAR.
ALSO PLEASE SIGN
SHEET FOR BRINGING
CANDY.
THANK YOU!
THE DATE WILL BE
ANNOUNCED SOON





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional NURSERY CINDY Matthew 8	3 Matthew 9	4 TUES. MORN PRAYER GROUP 11 AM SMALL GROUP 12:00 Matthew 10	5 JANE CAMPBELL BETTY PERKINS Matthew	6 SMALL GROUP 11:30 GriefShare 7 pm ADAM HIMES Matthew 12	7 Matthew 13	8 JEFF MASI Matthew 14
9 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional NURSERY EMMA Matthew 15	10  COLUMBUS DAY JILL WELLS Matthew 16	11 TUES. MORN PRAYER GROUP 11 AM SMALL GROUP 12:00 Matthew 17	12 Matthew 18	13 SMALL GROUP 11:30 GriefShare 7 pm CT - Edge, Cook, Willingham BOBBY & ANN WOODS Matthew 19	14 Matthew 20	15 Matthew 21
16 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional NURSERY CLARA JEAN ONE BOARD Matthew 22	17 Matthew 23	18 TUES. MORN PRAYER GROUP 11 AM SMALL GROUP 12:00 Matthew 24	19 Matthew 25	20 SMALL GROUP 11:30 GriefShare 7 pm BEAR PLOOF Matthew 26	21 Matthew 27	22 Matthew 28
23 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional NURSERY GAYNELL Mark 1	24 Mark 2	25 TUES. MORN PRAYER GROUP 11 AM SMALL GROUP 12:00 S.H. JOAN BILLINGSLEY HARRIETT NORRIS Mark 3	26 Mark 4	27 SMALL GROUP 11:30 GriefShare 7 pm S.H. ELLEN DICKERT CT - Petersmarck Williams Mark 6	28 Mark 6	29 Mark 7
30 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional NURSERY MARIA MIKE & WHITNEY DAVIS Mark 8	31 DEBORAH EDGE Mark 9					