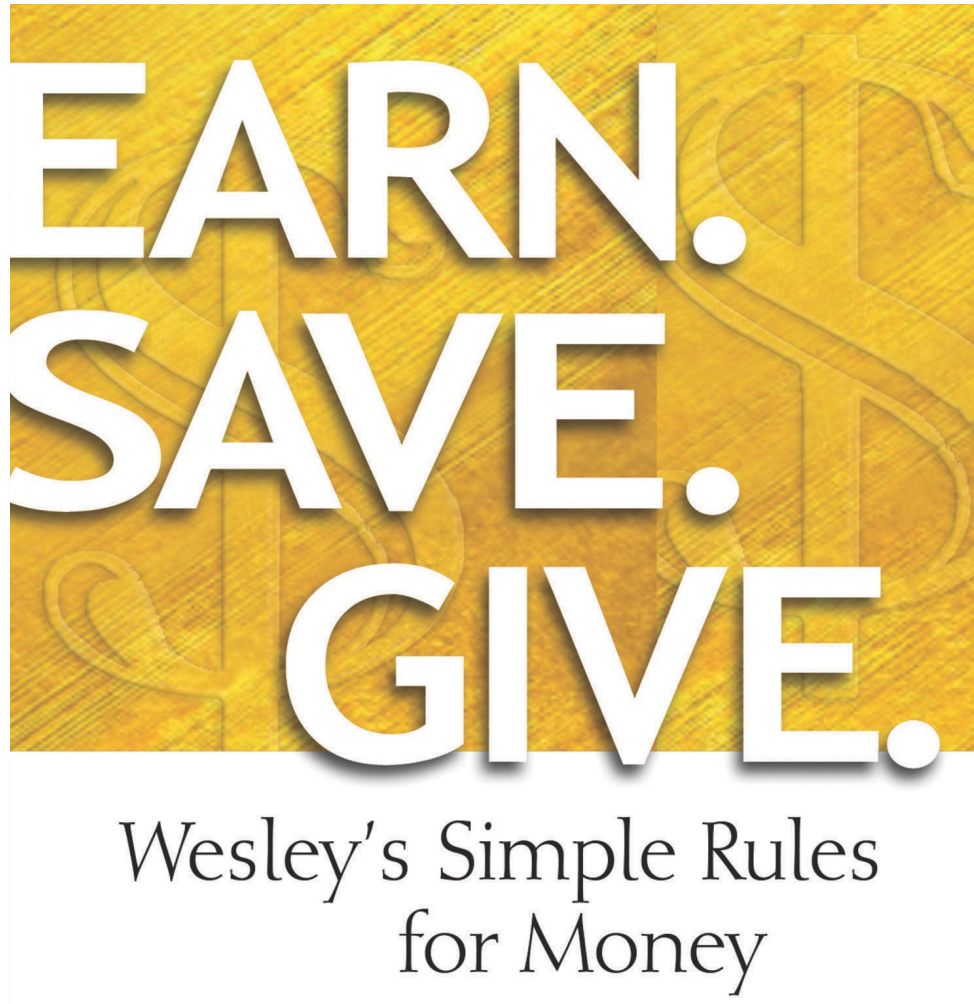

THE HERALD

Listening to God's Heart From the Heart of the City



First UMC's focus for September is all about John Wesley's sermon *The Use of Money*. Find a link inside to the sermon, know that we'll be using this study as the focus of worship and Sunday School, and find ways that you can earn, save and give as a discipline to help you grow closer to God.

From the Pastor's Desk

I'll be honest with you: if you opened my book of John Wesley's sermons, you'd discover that I only read the required ones in seminary (which were 3-4 in my Methodism classes). However, there's one that I return to again and again, which still, even though it doesn't have any underlining or highlighting in it, falls right open to the page. It's called *The Use of Money* (read it here: <http://www.umcmmission.org/Find-Resources/John-Wesley-Sermons/Sermon-50-The-Use-of-Money>). If you can get past Wesley's 18th century English, you'll discover that it's a wealth of information.

Based upon Luke 16:9, *The Use of Money* explores both the verse and three concepts that we could still find practical today:

- Gain all you can.
- Save all you can.
- Give all you can.

I wonder what life would be like in our consumeristic culture if we actually followed those three principles. Throughout this month, you're going to have the opportunity to explore those concepts further during worship. And, regardless of age, you'll have an opportunity to go more in-depth during Sunday school classes. Children, youth, and adults will be studying the same material at their age-appropriate level. (If you've been thinking about trying out a Sunday school class, here's a great short-term opportunity.)

As we progress throughout the month of September, we will continue to explore these themes, and give you an opportunity to respond to what you have heard and learned. Besides responding with your estimates of giving, you'll also be presented with several opportunities (found in the pages of this newsletter) to gain, save, and give.

So read, study, learn, and grow deeper in your understanding of stewardship and how Christ may be calling you to engage with the resources that are available to you. In the meantime, I'll see you in worship!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jay

Thanks, Anita!

Anita Kocher, our office manager since 2002, has decided to leave her position at the end of September so that she can attend to her family. We will be having a reception for Anita at the 2nd Wednesday dinner on September 9. Please feel free to bring a card or gift to show your appreciation for her ministry at First UMC!

EARN.SAVE.GIVE.

Help the Youth Group **EARN** and **SAVE** money for their mission trip by **GIVING** at these fundraisers!

The youth are working toward another youth mission trip June 25-July 2, 2016. They will be headed to Baldwin, Louisiana, where they will work with UMCOR Sager Brown, which is our major United Methodist distribution center. This center sends out flood buckets, school supplies, layette kits for nursing mothers, and other items that are needed in the event of natural disaster or tragedy. The youth will be working to assemble these kits, but will also be working in the community to assist people with home improvements. We have 12 youth and 9 adults going on the trip, which is great! In order to finance the trip, the youth are providing several opportunities this year to earn funds. We hope you'll support the youth in the following fundraisers:

The September 2nd Wednesday dinner will be September 9 at 5:30 pm. The youth will be providing a lasagna dinner for adults at \$9 and children at \$4. The menu will include lasagna, salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverages. Please make a reservation at the welcome center on August 30 or September 6 in order to ensure that we have enough food prepared. Our last meal fundraiser allowed the youth to earn over \$700 for their 2015 mission trip, so we know you will support them again!

Throughout the month of October, the youth will be having a noodling fundraiser. Sign-ups will be available beginning September 20, with the first "noodling" occurring October 4. What's noodling, you ask? Simply put, for \$25 you can pay to have the youth put up a display of pool flotation noodles in someone's yard. It also costs \$25 to have the noodles removed from your yard. Don't want to have noodles in your yard? You can purchase noodling insurance for \$75! Youth will be available before and after worship each Sunday to take your noodling reservations or insurance purchases. It's a great time to allow the youth to earn a substantial amount of money and allows FUMC to get our name out in the community!

The youth will also be having a soup supper for a 2nd Wednesday dinner in 2016, a butter braid sale, and a mission trip stock sale (you'll hear more about these opportunities later). Thanks for your support as our youth try to earn money so that they can serve others in Jesus' name!

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following persons:

Charlie Clark; Bev Harness; Donita Holmes; Jerry Phillipe; Vicki Lewis; Debbie Doom; Harold & Bernie Limper; Margie Moore McNamara; Sam Mitchell; Taya Harmon; Jim Currie; Greta Rich; Eleanor Laswell; Peg, John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Ruth Rice; Nora Busby; Ashley Reed; Dee Dee Trout; Erma Baum; Tom Carrow; Deb Goff; Carolyn Enlow Nickum; Lucille Hedges; Jay Holtzhouser; Ken Martin; Jennifer Null; Donald Boehm; Waneta McCann; Tom Willey; Kathy Allen

If you have any prayer requests, please contact Shirley Treadway at gwtsea@hotmail.com, so that the request can be shared with the prayer chain.

Old Time Religion and Grandparents Day Picnic

Make sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13. Our second annual Crawford County UMC picnic will take place at the Crawford County Forest Preserve from 11 am - 4 pm. The day includes a picnic (meat and beverages to be provided; please bring a dish to share), entertainment, games for kids, and a worship service.

September Birthdays

9/1 Allison Lowry, Kent Tedford
 9/4 Madison Utterback
 9/7 Marilyn Musgrave, Charles Young, Mark DeDoming
 9/9 Jack Davis
 9/10 Samantha Davis
 9/11 Shirley Stephens, Samantha Davis
 9/12 John Poland
 9/17 Jerry Conner, Marge Pfeiffer
 9/18 Ken Truitt
 9/20 Gina Colliflower
 9/21 Matt Parker
 9/27 Judith Adams, Gloria Devonshire
 9/28 Lance Seaney
 9/29 Krosby Goebel

September Anniversaries

9/1 Max & Debbie Tedford
 9/4 Brent & Joyce Owen
 9/7 Ron & Becky Veenstra
 9/10 Larry & Phuong Quick
 9/11 Diane & Darold Crampton
 9/12 Tyler & Kristy Veenstra
 9/20 Allen & Greta Lowry
 9/23 Keith & Kirtina Carter
 9/25 Lawrence & Gina Colliflower
 9/30 Tim & Betty Thompson

Lifetouch Church Directory

Lifetouch is working with First UMC to put together a new pictorial directory. If you haven't signed up for a time slot, do so immediately! Visit the church website, www.robinsonfumc.org, and click on the picture for the church directory.

September 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 2:00 pm Photo Directory 7:00 pm Handbell choir | 4 OFFICE CLOSED 2:00 pm Photo Directory | 5 9:00 am Photo Directory |
| 6 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Choir | 7 OFFICE CLOSED - Labor Day | 8 6:00 pm Disciple II 9:00 am Photo Directory | 9 3:00 pm Kids' Club begins 5:30 pm 2nd Wednesday 6:00 pm Worship Committee | 10 9:30 pm Disciple II 6:00 pm Jail Ministry 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Handbell choir | 11 OFFICE CLOSED | 12 9:00 am Spiritual Gifts class |
| 13 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11:00 am Choir 1:00 pm Spiritual gifts 4:00 pm SPRC | 14 | 15 6:00 pm Disciple II | 16 3:00 pm Kids' Club 6:00 pm Lay Leadership meeting | 17 9:30 pm Disciple II 7:00 pm Handbell choir | 18 OFFICE CLOSED | 19 |
| 20 8 & 11 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Youth Dinner | 21 | 22 6:00 pm Disciple II | 23 3:00 pm Kids' Club 5:30 pm Trustees meeting | 24 9:30 pm Disciple II 6:00 pm Jail ministry 6:00 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Handbell | 25 OFFICE CLOSED | 26 |
| 27 8 & 11 am Choir 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School | 28 | 29 6:00 pm Disciple II | 30 3:00 pm Kids' Club 6:00 pm Church council | | | |

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