

## Things You Need to Know....

### Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, October 9

Pastor Appreciation Day is a Biblically consistent opportunity to recognize and encourage those whom God has called to proclaim his message and lead His people. Take a moment today share your encouragement and support with Pastor Steve and his family.

#### Mark Your Calendars for the

Children's Christmas Pageant  
Sunday, December 18, at 5:30pm  
Join us for a Potluck Dinner following the  
Performance!

We will have 3 practices,  
Thursday, December 8, after school  
Sunday, December 11, 2pm  
Saturday, December 17, 9am

Children from Preschool to sixth grade are  
welcome to participate.

We will begin practicing music during PALS at  
both services on October 16!

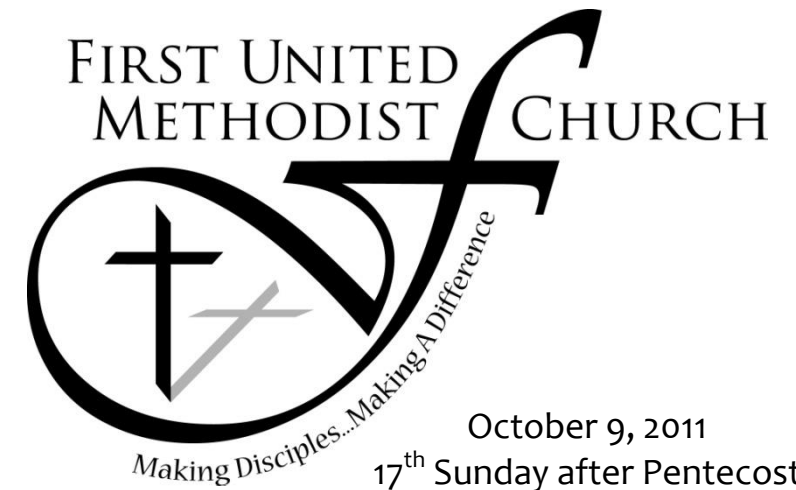
### I.H.S. Youth Room Open for After School Fellowship

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
After school until 4:30pm

Youth grades 7-12 are welcome to stop by and just hang out, have a snack, find some help with homework, listen to some tunes or just visit with friends.

## Staying Connected

<b>Sunday, October 9, October 16</b>		
9:00am	Contemporary Service	Sanctuary
10:00am	40 Days of Love Study	MPR
11:00am	Traditional Service	Sanctuary
5:30pm	I.H.S. Youth	Youth Room
6:00pm	Sister's Bible Study	Conf. Room
<b>Monday, October 10</b>		
8:00am	WV Choices Training	Youth Room
8:30am	Walking to Stay Healthy	MPR
9:00am	Leap Ahead Learning Center	
3:00pm	Girl Scouts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
6:30pm	Boy Scouts	Youth Room, MPR
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>		
9:00am	Leap Ahead Learning Center	
3:00pm	Youth After School Fellowship	Youth Rm
5:00pm	Children's Ministry Meeting	MPR
5:30pm	Finance Meeting	Conf. Room
6:30pm	Appealing Sounds Handbell Choir	Live Wire
7:00pm	40 Days of Love Small Group	Conf. Room
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>		
8:30am	Walking to Stay Healthy	MPR
9:00am	Leap Ahead Learning Center	
9:30am	Wednesday Women's Bible Study	Youth Rm
3:00pm	Faithgirlz	Youth Room
6:30pm	Choir	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, October 13</b>		
8:00am	Praise Band	Sanctuary
9:00am	Leap Ahead Learning Center	
3:00pm	Youth After School Fellowship	Youth Rm
6:00pm	Evergreen Strings Practice	MPR
6:30pm	Cub Scouts	Youth Room, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level
<b>Friday, October 14</b>		
8:30am	Walking to Stay Healthy	MPR
4:30pm	Praise Band	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>		
8:00am	Community Breakfast	MPR
2:00pm	Essig Eagle Scout Reception	MPR



## 40 Days of Love

Fall Series on the Relationship Principles of Jesus

*Welcome to God's House*

First time jitters? Wonder if people see your anxiety? Put your mind at ease. We're not here to embarrass you or make you stand up in a crowd. We're here to worship God with you. So we invite you to relax and experience the wonder and renewing presence of God.

Our ushers have a Welcome Packet that will give you a glimpse into who we are and what we're all about. We're glad you're here this morning and hope your time with us will renew your faith in God, His church and your place in it!

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# Worship

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalm 100:2

## Songs of Praise

Mighty to Save / I Lift My Hands / Come Thou Fount

## Opening Prayer

Lord's Prayer

## Young Disciples

Children May go to PALS Children's Church

## Message

Love Heals

## Gifts of Gratitude

## Sending

Empty Me

**Worship Team:** Vocals: Allen Sexton, Tonia Bohnen, Cyndi Pyles, Tanya Underwood, Kaylin Burge / Piano: Alisha Sexton  
Guitar: Joe Webb / Drums: Ed Engle / Flute: Carol Pitkin

Pastor, Steve Gedon

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## Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of:  
Kaylin, Amanda, and Abby by Fred and Marilyn Burge

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**Nursery is available beginning after Young Disciples at the 9am service until 12:15pm for children 4 & under.**

**PALS Children's Church is available for children ages 5 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade on the Second Level following Young Disciple Time at both services.**



# 40 Days of Love

"You were made for Relationships"

*"Let love be your highest goal!"*

1 Cor 14:1

**FACT** The deepest wounds are spiritual, caused by \_\_\_\_\_

**GREATEST GIFT** we can give another person is \_\_\_\_\_

**Accept others like Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me**

*Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to a better understanding of ourselves. C. Jung*

*God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8*

**Value others like Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me**

*Value is determined by who made it.*

*Value is determined by what someone will pay.*

*Value is determined by what it may become.*

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13*

**See the \_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_**

A person's wisdom yields patience;  
it is to one's glory to overlook an offense.

Proverbs 19:11



# Discipleship Challenge

Inform ~ Inspire ~ Ignite

## MONDAY

Jesus loves the Father perfectly. How does he show that love in John 6:38? How is the Father's love extended to the son in John 6:39? How does their love overflow to us? v 35-36

## TUESDAY

Where can a person, rejected by friends and family, go for acceptance as stated in Psalm 27:10? How does God's love compare with a parent's love?

## WEDNESDAY

What has Jesus done on our behalf according to Titus 3:7? Describe Jesus' acceptance of us as heirs. What is an heir?

## THURSDAY

How should we accept others as declared in Romans 15:7? Name some ways to show acceptance to people.

## FRIDAY

What does Romans 15:2 say we should think about as we deal with our neighbor? How can we help a friend or neighbor who has doubts and fears?

**SATURDAY:** Value depends on who made it.

Read Ephesians 2:10 and describe how God values each of us. If our value as individuals derives from who created us, discuss what it means to be "God's workmanship."

**SUNDAY:** Value depends on what someone will pay for it.

According to 1 Peter 1:19 what value did God put on mankind? Sometimes we underestimate our own value in the eyes of God. If you were in God's shoes would you have placed such a high value on yourself or your friends as he did? Why or why not?

**Ministry Moment** – We all have things in our lives that make us difficult to love. Jesus showed us acceptance, and now we can show someone else that same acceptance. Who do you know that is hard to love? Find a way to show that person acceptance this week with a small gesture of love.

