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Pastor's note:

Most of the time, I have a tendency not to ask for help because I don't want to inconvenience other people or owe them anything. Rather, I want to be self-sufficient and be the source of help toward others instead of asking for help. In some sense, this is part of being mature and becoming an independent and confident person.

However, on the other hand, being independent and self-sufficient means that I am setting limits for others to cross over into my life. That I get rid of any room for people to interject themselves into my life and interact with me because I do not need other people's help. That I am creating walls around my life; nobody can come into my life and be any source of help and blessing to me. In other words, in being so independent, I may be destroying chances of interaction with other people and dismissing people's presence with their gifts in my life.

I have to remind myself that I am not perfect, and we are not meant to be blameless and self-reliant. Instead, we all are meant to live together and interact with each other. When we actually acknowledge our limits and shortcomings, we can

appreciate other people's presence and their gifts in our lives.



As we are entering the season of gratitude, I want us to remember to appreciate other people's presence in our lives. Make chances to interact with others and invite them into our realm. Make ourselves available for people to interfere and interact with. Ask for help so that people can come into our lives. Take time to be interrupted by our neighbors and

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Sunday at **11:15** a.m. In-person & Zoom worship

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10a.m. – 2p.m.

<u>Thanksgiving week Office Hours will be</u> <u>Mon, Tues, Wed / 10am - 2pm</u>

> Pastor Dylan on Fridays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lectionary Readings

November 14 / 25th Sunday after Pentecost Mark 13.1-8

> November 21 / Reign of Christ John 18.33-37

November 28 / 1st Sunday of Advent Luke 21.25-36

December 5 / 2nd Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday Luke 3.1-6



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pay attention to them. Express gratitude and focus on the value of other people as a way of inducing humility in us. I believe our lives will be more abundant and full of blessings.

Pastor Dylan

Upcoming:

Church Council November 14 (4pm) via Zoom

> 1st Sunday of Advent November 28

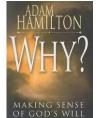
Charge Conference for 2021 December 5 (12:30pm)



Small group:

Our book study group will gather on Monday, November 15, at 12:30 (only for this Monday), at the church. We will discuss the first chapter of the book and the schedule for our

meetings. We will read the book WHY? by Adam Hamilton. The book helps us to understand God's presence and will in our lives. Please get in touch



with Pastor Dylan if you are interested.

Financial Report:

October income was \$7,800, and expenses were \$7,143, including sending \$1,000 toward apportionments.

Thanks to everyone for your continued faithful support, and your dedication truly supports our church ministry.

Please keep the church in your prayers as we look forward to a new year and continue conversations preparing for a new budget for the year.

Please keep bringing cans and bottles. We will have a bonus for the return until the beginning of December.



Blessing Bag ministry:

We came across a lady that came out of Rite Aid; she had no shoes on. We followed her car and gave her our blessing bag, and she appreciated it.

Also, we encountered a man Ken had seen before and given him some money. We gave him a blessing bag, and he was so happy when he opened it, so was his dog.



Thank you for all your help! Thank you for all the donations we have received.

Care Team: We wrote 23 cards for the month of October. We had 35 texts, emails, phone calls, and 1 ride for October. Thank you!

Sharon, Diana and Deanna.

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United Methodist Women:

1. We had a very successful Rummage sale. We used mitigation strategies to combat the COVID-19 (taking temperatures, wearing masks, and sanitizing hands). With all that in mind, we still were able to raise \$1,462.66!! Some people are still sending in donations. Thank you all for your support!

The monies we raised will go to: Share the Warmth CASA Clackamas Children's Center The Pregnancy Center The Adult Center The Food Center (St. Patrick's) REACH- Canby Homeless Students Shriner's UMCOR (local, national and international relief)

2. Our next meeting is on Saturday, November 13th at 1:00 PM. Go United Methodist Women!! Sharon & Deanna



Song of Joy:

A few days ago, I was listening to Carole King, one of my favorite singers. She was singing - "You've Got a Friend." Then I realized that it would be a perfect message from God if He/She was singing it to me/us. Please take a moment and listen to the words of the song and imagine it is God speaking to you. Just type "Carole King, You've got a friend" into your computer, and I am sure the song will be available.

Bob Cambra

Periods of Reflection:

Greetings Cascadia District, Maybe it is the turning of the seasons, watching the leaves change color, beginning to work on new quilt projects as the weather gets



cooler. I have turned my attention toward more intentional times of personal reflection. These moments come when I am driving through our district to a few in-

person meetings or charge conferences. They come during my prayers for each congregation as I prepare for their charge conference. They have also come through some new guided meditations and reflection pieces I have been listening to on an App called, "Ritual."

One reflection had me focus on Luke 10:38-42, the story of Mary and Martha. As Martha expresses her frustration to Jesus about Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and not helping her, Jesus replies, "...; there is need of only one thing."

How often do I realize what is most needed at any given time or amid various situations? How often do I engage the one thing that is needed most – whether that be listening, offering counsel, creating an action plan or praying together?

This relates to ministry settings as well – how do our congregations and various places of ministry discern what one thing is most needful or how God is calling that setting to be in ministry at this time? As clergy, pastors and lay leaders, how do you discern this one thing both as individuals and as communities of faith?

A second reflection in the app came from Zukiswa Mthimunye, Doctor of Education, called "Cultivating Identity." As she invited listeners to begin exploring their identity, it was easy to begin listing my various roles. But do my roles create my identity? As I began to look deeper into this question, I realized that my roles are just a small piece of

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who I am. When she asked the question, "What makes us who we are?" I found myself thinking of various elements of who I am: my family of origin, my relationships, my interests and creative spirit, and my spiritual life which includes my call to ministry. There are three more sessions of the Cultivating Identity series, which I am sure will lead me deeper into this exploration.

It occurs to me that the question of identity is not only for individuals, but for congregations and ministry settings as well. What makes your congregation who you are – what has created your identity and is it an identity that reflects the Gospel and the call that God places upon you as a community of faith?

As you watch the leaves change color, take some time to reflect – What is the one thing? What is my/our identity?

Grace and Peace,

Cascadia District Superintendent Wendy Woodworth

