

Hi From Your Church,

We're celebrating a special Thursday with Disciple classes and VIP with almost 50 in attendance. We had a great meal prepared by Chef Alan; and David B. blessed us with his voice and piano playing. Lois Lance, aka Superwoman, continues to grow our VIP group which also has an element of mission in that they bring paper products for Interfaith. Speaking of **Interfaith**, let's all pray as someone ran into their warehouse next to the Thrift Shop, which caused an explosion which eliminated the warehouse and some \$30,000 in donations. Our **Shep Dozier** is on the Interfaith Board of Directors.

This Sunday is **World Communion Sunday** in which we join with millions of Christians at the Table of our Lord in celebration of our unity in Christ. The communion meditation will be different and is titled "Spots and Stripes" from *John 17:20-23*. This is a good Sunday to invite family and friends who may be church shopping. We were blessed to receive four new members into our church this past Sunday; and I think we have several families planning on uniting with our church in November.

Thanks to **Wendie Moore** who is providing excellent leadership with getting our new **Nifty 50s and 60s** fellowship group up and going. We're mailing out letters today to everybody whom we think fits into this age group; and there will be reservation forms in the next several Sunday bulletins. We're planning on three events per school year.

We're excited about our **new Bus Ministry** and grateful for **Sam Langley** and **Dan Woerner** who have volunteered to pick up folks on the first and third Sundays for the 11 o'clock service. If you'd like to use this ministry or know someone who might, thanks for spreading the word.

A very full and newsy October *Spire* left our church by U.S. mail and the internet yesterday. Thanks to **Heather Roberts** for the excellent job she does with our *Spires*. Thanks to **Tom Weaver** who is our proofreader. Thanks to our members who come each month and get the *Spire* ready for mailing. We have so many members who do so much for our church. Thank you. If you're getting this, and still getting your *Spire* by snail mail, would you consider getting it online? This saves us on printing and mailing expenses; and you will get the newsletter much quicker, as well as in living color. Call or email Heather at the church to switchover.

I'm excited about our new opportunities our committees have envisioned for **2016 in our budget!** During the next several weeks, our **Stewardship Committee will share our vision for continued growth in mission and ministry.** Join Donna and me in keeping an open heart and mind as we ask the Lord to direct our giving.

As always, if there's any way we can do anything for you, if you have questions, ideas or concerns.....we're here for you!

Love in Christ,
Raymond



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We had another great week of children's church and children's choir this past Sunday!! We had 17 children for the second week in a row as we continued our study on The Church Is... I want to encourage all of our parents to have their children here this Sunday as we discuss The Lord's Supper and the significance that it has for our lives today. We will also have a fun craft and great time singing praises! I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday! Pastor Scott

Next week's daily Bible readings:

World Communion Day

October 4—1 Corinthians 11:17-34
October 5—1 Samuel 3:1-21
October 6—1 Samuel 4:1-22
October 7—1 Samuel 5:1-12
October 8—1 Samuel 6:1-19
October 9—1 Samuel 6:20-7:17
October 10—1 Samuel 8:1-22