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THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – REPURPOSED

I was preaching on the 10 commandments, and I wanted a way to share them with the children during their time in the service. So, I created these lyrics to the tune of the *12 Days of Christmas*, since that hymn was also created to teach doctrines to children. It's not perfect, but the whole congregation had fun as I sung this song. I share it for your amusement. The "Honor your mom and pop" is for the drawn out "five golden rings" stanza.

The first word that God spoke, He said it unto me: No other gods besides me.

The second word that God spoke, He said it unto me: no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The third word that God spoke, He said it unto me: regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The fourth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: work only six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The fifth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: Honor your mom and pop! work only six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The sixth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: don't kill other humans, honor your mom and pop! work only six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The seventh word that God spoke, He said it unto me: love only your spouse, don't kill other humans, honor your mom and pop! work only six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The eighth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: don't take what's not yours, love only your spouse, don't kill other humans, honor your mom and pop! work no more than six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The ninth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: don't be spreading fake news, don't take what's not yours, love only your spouse, don't kill other humans, honor your mom and pop! work no more than six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

The tenth word that God spoke, He said it unto me: be happy with your own stuff, don't be spreading fake news, don't take what's not yours, love only your spouse, don't kill other humans, honor your mom and pop! work no more than six days, regard my name as holy, no graven image, and no other gods besides me.

A side note: Different denominations/faiths number the 10 commandments differently. These words are based on the Orthodox/Protestant numbering. <https://hoppinalong.wordpress.com/2017/10/08/the-12-days-of-christmas-repurposed/>

Special MUSIC

Dennis Hill will be working with ensembles (small groups) for music specials. There is room on the sign-up sheet for other specials (solos, duets, reading, etc.). Music is a very important part of our worship experience. If you are interested in any of these possibilities, please contact Judy at 822-8770 or 645-6625.

Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesday, **November 8** and **15** at 7:00 p.m. There is plenty of room for new people. If you haven't tried it and don't think you are good enough, come anyway and learn from those who have had experience. This year we will try 5th grade on up. **Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair**



Monthly **Food Pantry** Day is **November 10**. We will have our **King's Closet** upstairs at the Annex. We have clothes, other small items or produce for local people to take and use, if they need it. Bring items all month. It comes in free and goes out free, no charge. Anything left over will be taken to Good Will or South Side Missions.



Join us for Mostly Music Sunday, **November 12** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with a potluck after 2nd service. Fried chicken, drinks and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to share!

Want to share your talent? Contact Barb Waldrip (367-2892/bswaldrip@gmail.com) for 1st service or Judy Schaer (822-8770/jude187@msn.com) for 2nd service.

Church members are invited to meet in the Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. for our annual Charge Conference with our District Superintendent, Rev. Mary Kathryn Pearce.



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is Saturday, **November 25** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will be a sheet available to SIGN UP. There is a very serious shortage of blood and plasma products. As always thank you for your past donations. **Submitted by: Joe Helms**



The Midwest Mission Distribution Center of the United Methodist Church is helping to supply clean-up buckets for the record THREE hurricanes. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Supplies bought through DollarDays (<https://www.dollardays.com/midwestmission/wishlist.html>) would be the best way to donate, as they are shipped directly to MMDC at the Center's bulk prices. Monetary donations may be sent to:

MMDC, P.O. Box 56, 1022 New City Road, Chatham, IL 62629
www.midwestmissiondc.org office@midwestmissiondc.org



- ◆ April Nauman reports the joy of celebrating Orda Doty's 89th birthday with the Doty annual birthday wiener toast and a special treat of Dennis Hill joining to play the piano so they could have a time of family singing.
- ◆ Clare Braun is thankful for the 'willing workers' at the family work day at their farm.



It is that time of year again! The Santa Express for five Chaddock children will make their Christmas wishes known the beginning of November. Please keep an eye out for the Christmas gifts needed for these children. They will be posted in the back of the church. All gifts will need to be back to the church by November 26th. Thank you for your caring attitude. **Submitted by: Deb Kamp, Missions Committee**



Be sure to check our website at riversedgeumc.org where you will find the newsletters, calendars and announcements regularly. If you see pictures that you are in and would like them removed, please let Pastor Andy or Judy Schaer know. The committee wanted pictures to depict the life of our church.

Check out our new QR code (Quick Response Code) at the end of the newsletter. You can use your smart phone to scan the code and check out our website. **Submitted by: Communications Committee**



John Schaer is still collecting **ALUMINUM CANS** to recycle. Aluminum CANS only, no aluminum disposable pans or other items. If you have any, you may leave them in the entry area of the river side of the church. You may call John at 822-8770 if you would like him to pick them up. Once he gets a truck load, he will take them to the recycle center. Not only will this help the earth, but the money will go to the Church account.



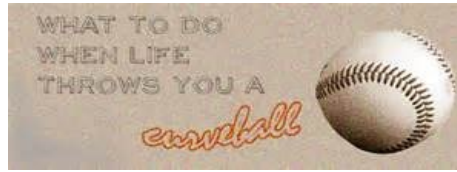
If you would like your name added to the birthday list, have had an email address change or would like your email address added to any of the church email groups (1-receive announcements & newsletter, 2-receive prayer requests). See Judy Schaer, email at Jude187@msn.com or call at 822-8770. Also, check with other family members. **Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair**



Adult Bible Studies

Adult group **DIGGING DEEPER** is on **Sunday mornings** at 9:15a.m. We will be digging deeper into the Bible passage we hear that morning, deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, deeper into how God is at work in our own lives and the world. Please come with questions and a learning spirit. Bring your favorite Bible, or use the ones we have. Let's learn together!

KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE will meet on the third Monday of the month (**November 20**) at 8:30 a.m. at **Misty's**. Participants will need to bring their daily devotionals and their bibles. If you have questions please contact Pastor Andy via e-mail (try2hopp@msn.com) or cell (309-883-1422).



CURVE BALLS: Learn to hit curve balls, life rarely pitches straight. God can teach you how to swing. Open for anyone who would like to join. We meet on **November 13** and **27** at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us or want more information, please contact Pastor Andy Hopp via e-mail (try2hopp@msn.com) or cell (309-883-1422).



Pastor Andy will be starting a group to help us meet our self-improvement goals for 2017. It will be called "**Our Better Selves**". Its goal is to support and encourage - not to chastise. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Andy with some suggestions for meeting dates and times.



10:30 a.m. **WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS** are still needed. If you are interested in ushering, reading scripture, greeting or being an acolyte, please sign up on the Schedule Sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

We still need one **SUNDAY SCHOOL** teacher. We are working towards having two teachers per class. Please talk with Pastor Andy, Gale Allen or April Nauman if you'd like to help. Please help us raise the next generation of Christians.

The **PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM** is looking for singers and musicians. If you have any interest learning more, please contact Jarrod Doty at church, by email at jdoty69@gmail.com or by phone at 309.657.8904.

If you, or anyone you know, want to fill in on the **ORGAN** or **PIANO** occasionally, please text or call Carla Doty at 657-8903 or email at dougdoty@aol.com.

Another **NEW** opportunity! Would someone like to take care of the pencils (sharpening and arranging) in the pews??? This would help Judy out.

Submitted by: Judy Schaer, Worship Committee Chair



The Communications Committee has put up new signs inside of the church. Welcome signs will be coming soon. You may have already noticed the new signs on the front and back doors as well as in the restroom stalls. These signs will be changed monthly to inform you of current events happening at the church. **Submitted by: Communications Committee**



USED JEANS

If you have any old jeans, any size or color, please bring them to church for Tracy Arnold. Her mother's church turns them into rugs to raise money for missions.



Due to potential damage to our church equipment, our kitchen equipment needs to stay in our kitchen. The white tables can't leave the church property and the white chairs can't leave the church building. We have metal chairs available. If you want to borrow them, please contact the church office.



Note from Laura Ringger: "Thank you for your kind and generous donations over the year to the Metamora Area Weekend Snackpac program. Your continuous donations have allowed the program to provide a snackpac for the weekend to qualified students in area schools.

Note from Pat Wright, Executive Director of MMDC: "We want to thank you for your kind donation of \$150.00 to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Many lives have been touched throughout the United States and in developing countries around the world through shipments made from the Center. Your gift allows this work to continue. It is due to the generosity of people like you that MMDC can carry out its mission."



Music Special
Joe Helms & Dennis Hill



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Set clocks back	6 7:00 p.m. Trustees	7	8 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9	10 9-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry & King's Closet	11
12 Sing & Savor 11:45 a.m. Potluck 12:30 p.m. Charge Conference 5:30 p.m. O.U.R.@Schaers	13 7:00 p.m. Curve Balls	14 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	15 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19	20 8:30 a.m. Keeping the Flame Alive (Misty's in Washington)	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive
26	27 7:00 p.m. Curve Balls	28	29	30	31	

OUR MOTTO: "The Church That Cares"

OUR MISSION (our purpose): "Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through our welcome, worship, and witness."

OUR VISION (what we hope to be): "We are a community of caring people striving to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors."

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

NURSERY:

Sunday 8-11:45 a.m. (infant-kindergarten)

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUPS : 9:15-10:15 a.m.

D.O.C.K. (Preschool – 5th grade)

Youth (grades 6 – 12)

Digging Deeper (Adults)

CHOIR PRACTICE: (7th grade-Adult)

September through May

7 p.m. Wednesday evenings, as announced

O.U.R.: Outwardly Upwardly Righteously

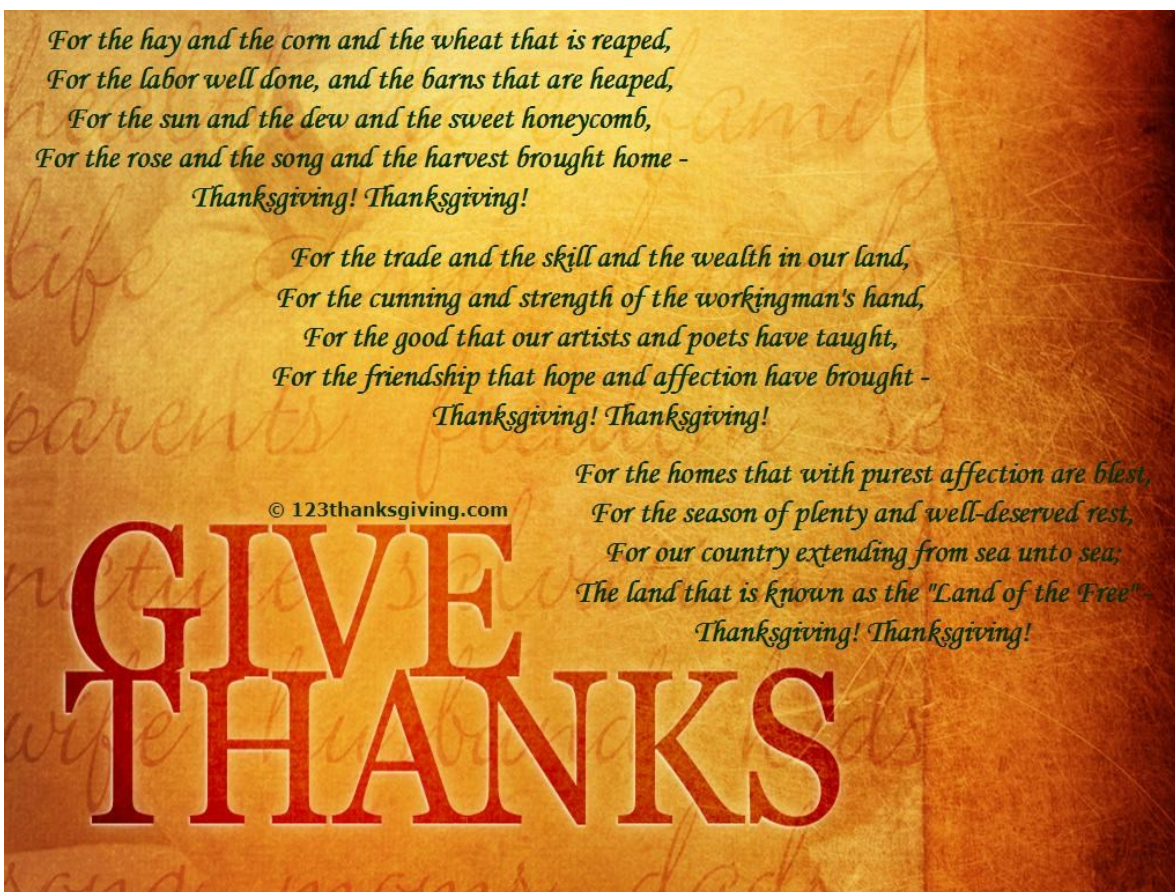
(first Sunday of month)

CURVE BALLS SUPPORT GROUP:

7 p.m. 2nd & 4th Mondays

KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE:

8:30 a.m. 3rd Monday



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