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Have you heard the story about the little child who was walking with his Dad through the woods? They'd been walking for several hours, and the end of the woods was nowhere in sight. Dad stopped to survey the area and assess their situation. There were no signs of civilization. No houses, no gas stations, no convenience stores, no cars.

Dad playfully asked the child, "Which way should we go?" "I don't know, Dad, I've never been this way before." "Are you saying that you're lost?" asked Dad. "How could I be lost?" the child responded. "I'm following you!"

Dad, whether you know it or not, you are being followed. No matter your age, there will always be younger legs trying to walk in the imprints you've made. But leading your family is not as lonely a job as it may seem. For you have one who has gone before you to show you the way. Your family can confidently follow you, as you follow Christ.

So, lead on, Dad. Lead your family to the summits of life. Lead them through the frightening shadows with bold bravery. Model a resolute faith that the light will overcome the dark. Ignore the whispering voices that urge compromise, and stand strong on your convictions. Climb every mountain with confidence in Christ to give you strength. Fall to your knees and pray when your family stumbles through the valley. Feed your soul and the souls of your family with uplifting fellowship.

Expose the traps of Satan with the light of the Word. Grapple bravely with tough decisions using the gift of spiritual wisdom. Focus your eyes on the peak and push ahead through the rocky canyons.

Remember-you are not alone. You have one who has gone before you to show you the way. Your family has never been this way before, but they won't get lost as long as they follow you and follow Him.

Lead on, Dad.

Grace and peace to you and Happy Father's Day to all the fellows!!

Randy

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PASTOR BILL

Attendance

May 7, 2023 ~ Dale UMC - 22,	Edenville UMC - 11,	Hope UMC – 53 = 86
May 14, 2023 ~ Dale UMC - 23,	Edenville UMC - 8,	Hope UMC – 62 = 93
May 21, 2023 ~ Dale UMC - 25,	Edenville UMC - 12,	Hope UMC – 52 = 89
May 28, 2023 ~ Dale UMC - 33,	Edenville UMC - 13,	Hope UMC – 53 = 99

Our Next Food Pantry ~ is this Thursday June 29th.

Last Friday's Pop-Up-Food Pantry was amazing. We more than doubled our last distribution in May. We fed over 150 families and gave away nearly 18,000 pounds of food. **9 ton of food!!!** We had great turnout for help when the truck arrived at 2:00 pm, Bob Pyle was on hand to properly supervise Elgin who was unloading with his tractor. We had first time helper of Randy and Gale Hock, Charlie Russian, Curt and Sonya Alexander, Vicki Vitak brought her granddaughter Lizzy, Bret, Donna, Joann and Tiffany from the Dale church. We just had a great crew. A BIG thank you to Terri & Deb for all their work to make it all come together. We had Katie Wisneski from the Food Bank with us this time... she liked what she saw and how we had it organized... Again, everyone was pleased... **Pantry #3 in 4 weeks!!! In case you didn't pick up on it yet, "I love feeding people"...**

Thursday June 29th ~ from 4 to 6 pm. ~ The truck will arrive between 2 & 2:30... **Free!**

Thursday July 27th ~ from 4 to 6 pm. ~ The truck will arrive between 2 & 2:30... Helpers, please park in the Fire Hall parking area, East side only. **Please Don't Block Doors.**

Those picking up food will be entering the parking lot from Hull Rd ~ then exiting on to Hope Rd when leaving... as we did last month...

June 4th is Trinity Sunday / Communion Sunday and for Hope UMC it will also be Graduate Recognition Sunday. Jackson Crego graduates on June 1st from Meridian and will be a 5th year student of Delta College this fall, pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering. We will recognize Jackson on Sunday Morning June 4, 2023. Congratulations Jackson!

We have a Community Garden ~ Its ready to plant!!! How cool is that. If and when you plant anything please mark it clearly, we don't want to undo anyone's work. Let's have fun with it...

Announcements

Bible Study ~ The fall study will begin September 12th and 13th after the Labor Day Weekend... Happy Summer to you all!!! Don't stop reading God's word, stay close always!

June Pot-Luck ~ it will be Sunday June 25th ~ **Summer Cook-Out Style** ~ Pastor Bill will be grilling Hot-Dogs and burgers on his Blackstone ~ right after the service. Greg Brady has agreed to start it and prep it as I finish the service. Dish to pass will be summer salads ~ Macaroni/Potato salads, Chips, again summer style fixings....

VBS ~ is being planned for July 31, August 1 & 2!!! (Vacation Bible School) more news soon!

Youth Rummage Sale ~ June 23 & 24 ~ Help is needed as well as donation items. Drop items off items on Sunday June 18th, and through that week.

Hope UMC ~ Adopt-A-Highway ~ summer pick-up dates is July 15 – 23, the fall pick up is September 23rd – Oct. 1st ... Dale Shedden will be keeping us informed.

Let us continue praying for: Phyllis Miller, Michelle & Doug Fillmore, Lowell & Jane Thomas, Betty Folland, Jim Walters and Tom & Betty Fillmore, & Larry Hall.

I talked to Larry Hall yesterday, he and Rita are doing well. He has several Dr. Appointments and a biopsy later this week. They would appreciate all the prayers they can get.

Travel Mercies ~ Curt and Sonya are going to the Carolinas to see Curt's Dad, Deb and I heading to Annual Conference, please lift travel prayers for safe travels...

Blessing To Each of You Always,

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This Sunday ~ June 4th ~ is Trinity Sunday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Bill Page
4 Jackson Crego
6 Alexandra Hetherington
12 Greg Brady

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 Charlie Russian
11 Lois Devericks
14 Lori Wilkinson
15 Betty Foland
15 Jan Holzinger
19 Reushan Russian
24 Rhett Maxwell

JULY ANNIVERSARY: Dale and Laura Shedden

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