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Dear Children of Jesus,

A “wise” person once said that there are only two things for sure, death and taxes. I know that these two things are for sure but I also know that these are not the only things that are for sure. We deal with many absolutes during our existence here on earth; death and taxes are among those things.

They, however, are not the only things that are “for sure.” For example, we are entering a new season. Fall has begun to give way to winter, Pentecost will give way to Advent, the Thanksgiving holiday season will give way to the Christmas season, and so the list goes. These seasonal changes have always been there and they always will. They are an integral part of the precision with which the universe was created.

We also deal with emotional changes on a daily, weekly, and yearly basis. These changes are caused by more things than could be listed in any particular writing and they are part of the precision with which we, as human beings, were created. We are constantly being affected by situations we find ourselves in and by the events of the world around us. I would say that this could well be included in the list of “for sures.”

Sometimes things happen in life that we don’t understand. Not only can this be counted among the “for sures” but it also can be attributed to the precision of the created universe. While we are on the earth, we will not understand every part of the creation but we can understand a vital part of it.

That is, God's love for us and everything that God has created. When we accept in our hearts that God sent Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins, we quickly realize the aspects of God that we cannot and may not ever understand are not important. Life is not always a rose garden and disappointment and sorrow can enter our lives at the most unexpected times.

I don't look for answers from God as to why this happened as I didn't look to God to answer why the events of September 11th occurred or any other tragedies. These things can remain a mystery without diminishing any of the power or glory of our Creator.

God never meant for us to know everything which is why God instructed Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As Adam and Eve hid themselves from God, a part of God will forever be a mystery to us.

The lesson I have learned is that the only "for sure" that matters is that God is about love and we cannot explain why all the things of His world happen.

Grace and peace to you...
Randy

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Adopt-A-Highway 2022 From Dale Shedden

The Adopt-A-Highway team has completed another successful year of cleaning our two mile stretch of M30.

The third and last cleaning for 2022 occurred during the week of September 24 to October 1. For each of the cleanings there are about 7 to 10 parishoners who participated. During each of the cleanings we managed to remove from the environment about 5 to 10 bags of trash. It makes a positive and visible improvement in our environmental surroundings.

We look forward to another successful effort in 2023.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets Tuesdays from 10:00 am to Noon at Hope UMC

Meets Wednesdays from 10:00 am to Noon at Dale UMC

Continued prayers for Pastor Pat as he is recovering well. Send cards to 200 Cedar St. Sanford, MI 48657

COLLECTING CHANGE FOR CHANGE – The Treasure is solar powered Audio Bible and we are collecting until Thanksgiving to provide the word around the world in over 100 languages by World Mission. Each unit costs \$50.00 and reaches 144 people. Please fill your canister and turn it in.

CARDS AND PRAYERS TO NOAH – 11 year old with Leukemia. Noah loves Soccer and Wrestling. Please mail cards to: Noah McNich
80 Mt. Tabor Ct.
Dallas, GA 30157

BAZAAR – November 11 & 12, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Meridian Church of God. Edenville UMC will have a table there.

PAYING YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS ON LINE – you are now able to give directly to the church electronically. If your financial institution has bill pay capability the you can set up direct payment without have to write a check or carry cash. If you have questions, contact Curt Alexander at 989-948-9413.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME COMMUNION AND ALL SAINTS DAY - Sunday November 6, 2022 Communion Sunday, All Saints Day, AND the end of Daylight Savings time. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour or plan to sing with the choir as we practice from 9:45 am to 10:30 am. We will be celebrating Communion and lighting candles for those who have left us in the past 12 months. Please make sure to call the church and provide them with the necessary information. 989-689-3811 or 989-975-1501.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - We have added Children's moments, complete with Tootsie Rolls, a brief message and the children jet off to Sunday School. We are still looking for volunteers to help Linda Wendt get the program off and exciting kids wanting to learn Bible stories and do Sunday School events. Please consider helping.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Joanne Crook
23 Melanie Mickle
28 Rita Hall

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dan and Jan Holzinger

NOVEMBER GREETERS

6 Randy & Gale Hock
13 Larry & Rita Hall
20 Bob & Mary Lou Pyle
27 Clarence & Amanda Heatherington

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12 Ryan Holzinger
18 Heather Leuenberger
25 JESUS CHRIST
27 Wes LaCourt
28 John Mickle

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Duff and Judy Sova
Steve and Shirley Morrison

DECEMBER GREETERS

4 Jan Holzinger
11 Darlene Davis & Joyce Colvin
18 Phil & Chris Lleigeb
25 ?????????

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