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*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is helpful for building others up according to
their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

Ephesians 4:529

A LETTER FROM YOUR LEAD PASTOR



Dear Friends,

Have you ever tried to row a boat or paddle a canoe or kayak upstream?

It's way more challenging and takes way more effort than paddling with the current. It's fairly easy to go with the flow – at least until the flow becomes rapids and whitewater! But sometimes the destination is upstream. Sometimes we have to paddle against the current. That can be exhausting, can't it?

The thing that is true in a canoe is equally right in the fight to go straight through the gate in the strife that is life. (I'm not sure how deep that sentence is, but it sure rhyme's, doesn't it?) Paddling upstream against the cultural currents to keep in the center of the Kingdom of God takes trust and effort and commitment.

In October and early November, we will focus on a worship series I'm calling Against the Current. What does it look like to paddle upstream against powerful cultural forces such as:

- Fear on October 4
- Doubt on October 11
- Temptation on October 18
- Demonic forces on October 25
- Noise on November 8
- Secularism on November 15

The series will be interrupted on November 1 for a Gospel Music Service with singing and testimonies by The Overtones! Yes, the Overtones are back together, and we're hosting them for a concert of Gospel Music during our normal worship services that Sunday.

In addition, look for information in this newsletter regarding Trunk or Treat on October 31!

Fall is my favorite season of the year, and I'm looking forward to all God will do through our Against the Current worship series! See you in worship, either in person or on livestream!

All for Jesus!
Pastor Mike

A LETTER FROM YOUR BUSINESS MANAGER



Greetings!

Fall is here and we've got some great momentum going into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season! If you're a baseball fan, your team needs to have some momentum going into October for playoffs and the World Series. I'm very excited about our momentum going into October! Abram and our worship team encouragement, Caleb and our youth team excitement and Theresa and the children's ministry are back in action! In person and online worship attendance has also been climbing steadily. It's also awesome to see how God is changing lives through our Global Impact Mission partners! God is good! It's not too late to turn in your pledges.

Updates for this month:

We will not have open office hours on Fridays starting October 2nd. Office hours will remain the same Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 3:30PM. This is actually great news and was shared with a very positive response at our September Administrative Council meeting. Fridays have been very slow at the church office – only traffic has been for deliveries even prior to Covid. Our office staff is excited about it, and they look forward to some extra family time! I need to emphasize that everything is going well with the church and our finances! There is nothing wrong and this is not to save payroll or expenses. We can always come in and complete tasks on Fridays as needed. Brandy and Julie also look forward to coming in a little early or staying a little late Monday – Thursday to have Friday off. Happy Friday Brandy and Julie!

We have some new equipment at the church this month!

1. Picture of new freezer for our kitchen and UMW (United Methodist Women). Over the last several months, we have needed to replace some old equipment in the kitchen. We also have a new warming rack and new steam table. Big thank you to David Hill for his help on installing them! Dixie Stinson and Leann Bohm are our UMW kitchen equipment experts! We appreciate all that they do for our church by preparing event dinners, funeral dinners, Starting Point lunches, etc. They have their "Prayer and Prepare" going on in the kitchen for good food and fellowship! I'm sure they would welcome any of our ladies from DUMC to join the UMW team to help in their efforts! Feel free to call the church office, and we'll get you in touch with Dixie or Leann if you're interested.
2. Picture of a "new to us" zero turn mower. This is a well maintained used mower that will help our volunteer mowing team! Thank you to all of our mowing volunteers that keep our church looking nice each week.



Prayer and repair will be Saturday October 10th this month from 8AM – Noon. Special thanks to this team as we seek to help our church family and fix up areas around the church.

Everyone have a great October!

Peace and Blessings,

Matt





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Listen Up!

POWERSOURCE

ASK JESUS:

1. To help build your family members' listening skills and relationships.
2. To show you how to listen to and engage with God.
3. To keep you focused on God's voice, not on all the competing voices from the world.

"God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason." Like most parents, you've likely heard—or at least thought—this before. The symbolism rings true: Listening more than we speak shows that we care about people's needs and feelings. Listening also helps us understand others better and grow closer to them.

That applies to our faith lives, too. Because listening is an integral component of worship and prayer, it's vital for maintaining a strong relationship with our Creator and Savior. God speaks to us through his Word, through his answers to prayer, and through our fellow Christians traveling on this journey with us.

Being a good listener—to people as well as to God—is an acquired skill.

Even adults need reminders and practice to remain alert, open, and attentive to one another and to God. That's especially true these days, when many distractions and other "voices" threaten to pull us away from faithfully following our true Leader.

Faith becomes "sticky," according to researcher Kara Powell, through give-and-take conversations among parents and children. That means it's important to listen as much—or more than—you talk. Kids' questions and observations provide a window into their faith development and into how we can encourage continued growth.

So, put on your "listening ears" to discover even more auditory insights.

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TEACHABLE MOMENTS

The Master's Voice

Set up an obstacle course and blindfold someone to be led through it. Also choose a leader. Say: **Our blindfolded person must follow this leader's voice to make it through the course. The leader will always give the correct directions, but the rest of us will loudly call out *wrong* directions to try to drown those out.**

Give everyone a turn to be led. Then ask: **How did it feel to be blindfolded and not know which voice to trust? How is this like or unlike trying to hear God's voice in a chaotic world? What things can prevent us from hearing the quiet voice of God?**

Read aloud John 10:2-5. Ask: **How can we know which voice to follow? How can we become more careful listeners of God's voice? What are some ways God helps us learn to hear his voice and speaks to us?**

Say: **Let's ask God to help us listen carefully to his voice.** Close in prayer.

Listening and Learning

Listening has a powerful effect on the person who's listening as well as on the person who's being listened to. It helps us make connections with one another, shows respect, and incites our curiosity. Listening well also makes us better speakers. We can communicate more effectively when we've taken the time—and remained silent long enough—to hear out someone else. Listening is just the first step, however. We also need to act on what we're hearing and put our learning into practice. As James 1:22 (ESV) says, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only!"

Look & Listen Hide a small object and tell family members you'll give them clues to find it. Play loud music and start saying clues without shouting. Afterward, discuss how the noise affected the ability to hear and how people overcame that. Read aloud (or summarize) 1 Samuel 3:1-21 and ask: "How did Samuel know when God was speaking to him? How can we learn to hear God's voice?" Say: "Let's remind each other to tune out earthly noises so we can hear God!"

Be Still For this exercise, allow adequate time between steps. Hand out paper and pencils. Read aloud Psalm 46:10 and say: "Think about what this verse means." (Pause.) Say: "Close your eyes and listen for sounds nearby." (Pause.) Say: "Now listen for God's voice." (Pause.) Say: "Write or draw what you feel and hear." When everyone's finished, discuss your experiences and how being still helps us hear God better.

Stop, Drop & Follow Read aloud (or summarize) Acts 9:1-20. Have family members act out being Saul. Shine a flashlight and say: "Drop to the ground! Saul couldn't see, so close your eyes." (Pause.) Say: "Now stand up and listen up!" Give a simple instruction, such as clapping hands,

stomping feet, or repeating a phrase. Then have everyone open their eyes and stand up. Repeat, issuing a new command each time. Afterward, ask: "What was it like to listen to and follow directions when you couldn't see? What did Jesus want Saul to do?" Say: "Jesus wants us to listen to him and follow him. Then we can tell others about Jesus so they can follow him, too!"

"I" Am Listening Give each person 10 marbles. Say: "Mingle and talk about your day—but without saying the word I. If you do, anyone who hears it gets a marble from you." After five minutes, count marbles. Ask: "What was it like to avoid saying I?" Read aloud Philippians 2:3-4. Ask: "Why does God tell us to focus on others, not on ourselves? How does listening closely show that we care about other people?"

Actions Speak Volumes On index cards, write the names of famous Bible people (one per card). Take turns silently acting out what each is known for. Read aloud Ecclesiastes 3:7. Ask: "How did you know who those people were? Why do we often remember actions more than words? How can we combine our actions and words to tell about Jesus?"

"Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you." –Isaiah 55:3

A LETTER FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR



Hello!

We are celebrating an awesome launch to our fall semester this month! We had our Back 2 School Bash on September 13th, and it was a blast! We got messy, played some games, and had about 75 students come out to join in. We are praising God for this awesome time!

Even more exciting is diving into all there is planned for this Fall Semester! On September 20th, we are beginning a new series called "Stretch". The heart of this series is all about faith. Like our muscles, we strengthen them by stretching them. The stretching keeps us flexible but also opens up areas of new growth, making us stronger. But the difference between our faith and our muscles is that our muscles relies solely on work and effort to build our muscles, where faith is all about what JESUS has done and HIS strength in us. "Stretching" our faith is us fully surrendering our hearts and life to Jesus and allowing His Spirit to lead and guide even when we don't see or understand. So what might this look like and how might we open ourselves up to allow Jesus to "stretch" our faith and be faithFULL in response? Join us as we pray that God continues to work deeper in our lives and keep burning in the lives of students!

In Christ,
Pastor Caleb

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

On Saturday, October 31 from 1:00-3:00pm, we will be having our annual Trunk-Or-Treat outreach. There will be candy, hayrides, inflatables, and more! The purpose of Trunk-Or-Treat is twofold. First, it is an alternative to traditional Halloween. The world celebrates Halloween as evil, dark, and scary. We want to offer an event that is positive, loving, and full of the light of Jesus. Because of this, we ask that those who participate, please not have anything that is evil or scary. (This means no witches, skeletons, demons, etc. Satan gets enough promotion in our culture. Let's make our church different. Let us give glory to God, not to Satan.) Second, this is an outreach to our community. We are giving the area a safe place for them to bring their kids and have a good time. While they are with us, let us show them the love of Jesus.

In order for Trunk-Or-Treat to be a success, we need lots of people to host a trunk. This involves getting to church absolutely no later than 12:30 on October 31 and decorating your trunk or back hatch. You will also need to bring candy to give away. It is hard to know how many kids to anticipate. There are many factors. The last time that Trunk-Or-Treat was on Halloween, we had close to 1,000 kids. Of course, weather is a factor as well as COVID. (If there is wet weather, we have a backup plan inside the church.). So, we are not sure how many will be there, but we ask you to try to have enough candy for a crowd. If you can't host a trunk, we need help with setup, clean up, and game supervision. You can sign-up to host a trunk and/or serve, in the lobby in October. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pastor Eric at eric.schneider@daytonumc.org or call his cell at 765-430-0072. Thanks.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Starting Saturday, October 10 there will be a new women's Bible study meeting at the Church. The first series will focus on answering the following question- *What was God thinking when He made Eve?* Come prepared for discussion! We will also be praying for loved ones who are lost.

We will meet every other Saturday from 10:30 to 12:00.

Please contact GayEllen Stulp at gunzai57@gmail.com or Kaylee Dunkle at kdunkle76@comcast.net to ensure we are meeting the week you are considering attending.

GLOBAL FREEDOM SUMMIT

Join us on Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary for a global gathering to combat human trafficking. The Global Freedom Summit is an amazing hour of inspirational speakers that will equip you to make a difference to end slavery where you are. Thousands around the world will be joining with us as we publicly declare that slavery in any form is evil and must end. Human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world, profiting an estimated \$150 billion a year. We have the opportunity to actually make a difference in the fight for justice. Would you be willing to give an hour of your time to learn more and be equipped to help give a voice to the voiceless? Join us! Become a modern day abolitionist. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Eric at eric.schneider@daytonumc.org or on his cellphone at 765-430-0072.

TOUGH TOPICS-TENDER PERSUASION

A few weeks ago, Josh Hershberger spoke to us one Sunday morning at DUMC concerning the post-Christian culture and the Christian's seeming inability to communicate truth to his/her increasingly secular neighbors, family and friends. We seem to be ill-prepared to proclaim and live out the Gospel in public life.

When Josh spoke, the Holy Spirit was confirming to me my need to be obedient in presenting this material to our church body using Josh's book, [Persuasion Points](#). This art of persuasion has me baffled at times, and I feel ill-equipped myself even though I've known the Lord for 48 years. I think I've become complacent and lazy and yes, somewhat scared in our current culture, to speak up for truth in a winsome and kind manner. Therefore, I am going to be obedient and lead a class of interested souls, like myself, who desire to be equipped to fulfill the Great Commission.

This will not be a "spoon-fed" class; we will be delving into some very hard and tough topics most relevant to our Christian witness. As Josh said:

"This study is designed to help Christians think through tough topics and to give them talking points or "persuasion points" so that they can confidently communicate the gospel and live it out in their sphere of influence."

We will meet **January 10 through February 28 during the 11:00 service**. Please pray and ask the Lord if this class is for you. Watch for the November/December newsletters for further information and updates.

Cindy Jones

THANK YOU

Thank you for once again reaching out and supporting our students with your generous outpouring of love. We are so very thankful for the donation of water and student masks. The DUMC family are a true BLESSING to our school.

Dayton Elementary

Thank you for the placing of Bibles in Reva's name. This surely pleased her greatly. Thank you and Bless all.

The Greeson Family, Glen, Scott, Steve

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