

*The Redstone Parish
Of the United Methodist Church*

Date ~ October 16, 2016

22nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ Laity Sunday

Color: Green

Newell

Little Redstone

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The mission of the Redstone Parish is to make disciples for Jesus Christ through ministry, outreach, and witness to the congregation and to the community.

Gathering - Greeting - Announcements

Thank you to all who participate in church business and activities!

Invocation: All hail the name of Jesus Christ. Behold a Savior; a redeemer for God's people!

*Opening Hymn: *"We Are the Church"* UMH 558

*Our Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:1-8* UMH 841

Moments with Our Children and Children's Offering.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings.

*Doxology: *"Praise God From Whom..."* UMH 94

Passing of the Peace.

Scripture Lesson: *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5* Newell: CEV pg. 1455

Message: **"People will hear what they want to hear"** *Pastor Rob*

Prayer of Confession (in unison): **Let us not be afraid to speak God's truth. Let us take up our witness and give voice to our God's great grace! Father, look upon us. Forgive our sins and let us lift our voices in hallelujahs! Thank you, Father, for the redeeming blood of Christ! Amen.**

*You are invited to stand as you are able

Hymn: *"Wonderful Words of Life"* UMH 600

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of the People.

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer.

Second Scripture Reading: *Jeremiah 31:27-34*

• Newell ~ Chas Bock: CEV pg. 931

*Closing Hymn: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* UMH 500

*Benediction.

*Musical Postlude

Musicians: Newell: Eddie Stevenson

Announcements

If you have announcements that you would like to see in the bulletin, please e-mail Jen by Tuesday at: RedstoneParishUMC@zoominternet.net

Monday, October 17, 2016:

- Bible Study with Marian Diederich, "The Jewish Foundation of Christianity." 10:00 AM at Newell and 7:00 PM at Marian's home.
- Men's Bible Study at Newell at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 19, 2016: Meeting to discuss Spaghetti Dinner Benefit at LR at 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 20, 2016: Confirmation Class at Newell at 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 23, 2016: Bread for the World Sunday with Special Offering.

Thursday, October 27, 2016: Annual Conference at First United Methodist in Belle Vernon at 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 30, 2016: Combined service at Newell at 10 AM with Shepherd's Voice Quartet

If you or someone you know is at home or at a hospital or nursing home and needs a visit or communion: feel free to call Pastor Rob and pass on the specifics and he will happily visit that person or persons.

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What do you say when a child asks...

Q: What's a parable?

A: A parable is a short story with a surprise ending that makes a point. Jesus told many parables for two reasons: (1) to hide the truth from people who weren't really interested, and (2) to teach the truth to listeners who were interested and wanted to learn. Whenever Jesus told parables, those who weren't interested or who didn't want to listen didn't understand. But those who wanted to learn asked Jesus to explain the story, and then they got the point. We can learn from the Bible if we want to do what God says. But if we don't want to listen to God, the Bible won't make much sense.

Key Verse: *[Jesus] used many such stories to teach the people. He taught them as much as they were ready to understand. (Mark 4:33)*

Related Verses: *Ezekiel 17:2; Matthew 13:34; Mark 4:9, 30-34*

Note to Parents: Many younger children (preadolescents) may not fully understand parables. That's OK. Part of what makes parables powerful is that they can teach us more and more as we gain experience in life. Whenever you read a parable with your children, help them see how it teaches us to live. For example, the parable of the Good Samaritan is about a hurt man who receives help from an unlikely stranger after being bypassed by two religious leaders. Simply explain that Jesus wants us to be like the helper – compassionate toward others.

Question #67 from "Amazing Questions Kids Ask About The Bible"
By: Veerman, Galvin, Wilhoit, Lucas, and Osborn