

*The Redstone Parish  
Of the United Methodist Church*

Date ~ October 23, 2016  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~  
Bread for the World 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.

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Gathering - Greeting - Announcements

Invocation: Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the Lord, your God! *Joel 2:23a*

\*Opening Hymn: *“Near to the Heart of God”* UMH 472

\*Our Call to Worship: *Psalm 65* UMH 789

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: *Luke 18:9-14* Newell: CEV pg. 1262

Message: **“Eeewww! I am sooo much better than him!  
Thank you, God, for making me sooo cool!”** *Pastor Rob*

Prayer of Confession (in unison): **Father, I look around me and I realize that I am not the center of attention. I see that I am no better or worse appearing than the next person. Sometimes, it is humbling to realize that others may be better Christians than I. So, Father, let me learn to see others for what they are. Not what I think they**

\*You are invited to stand as you are able

may be. Teach be to be humble, forgiving, and gracious. Father, please, hear my prayer. Amen.

Hymn: *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”* UMH 382

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of the People.

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

Second Scripture Reading: *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

• Newell ~ Chas Bock: CEV pg. 1455

\*Closing Hymn: *“And Are We Yet Alive”* UMH 553

\*Benediction.

\*Musical Postlude

Musicians: Newell: Eddie Stevenson

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**Announcements**

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

**Monday, October 24, 2016:** Bible Study with Marian Diederich, “The Jewish Foundation of Christianity.” 10:00 AM at Newell and 7:00 PM at Marian’s home.

**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

**Sunday, November 13, 2016:** Spaghetti Dinner Benefit at Newell from 1:00PM – 5:00PM. Tickets are available for purchase in the back of the church.

*\*A special thank you to an anonymous donor at Newell and Bob and Peggy Farquhar at Little Redstone for sponsoring this week’s bulletin.*

Additional announcements on back

*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.*

\*On Saturday, November 12, there will be an indoor yard sale at Star Junction UMC from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. We are liquidating the church. There are kitchen items and appliances, decorations, Christmas items, hymnals, dishes, and depression glass. If you would like to set up your own table of items, or wish to donate any items, please contact Missy Swiantek at 724-736-8407.

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What do you say when a child asks...

**Q:** Why did the disciples tell the people Jesus was too busy to see the kids?

**A:** Many parents brought their children to see Jesus, and Jesus always welcomed them. The disciples tried to stop them because they didn't understand how much Jesus loved children and wanted all people to come to him. Sometimes adults act like kids aren't important or that children get in the way. But Jesus thinks kids are very important. He thinks *you* are important. Don't be afraid to bring your requests to him.

**Key Verse:** *But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them. For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."*  
(Matthew 19:14)

**Related Verses:** *Matthew 18:1-6; 19:13-15*

**Related Question:** Did Jesus talk to the kids?

**Note to Parents:** Remember that Jesus told us to be like children in our belief in him. Watch your kids for clues about how this is done.

Question #69 from "Amazing Questions Kids Ask About The Bible"  
By: Veerman, Galvin, Wilhoit, Lucas, and Osborn