

*The Redstone Parish
Of the United Methodist Church*

Date ~ September 18, 2016

18th Sunday after Pentecost ~

Children and Youth Sunday: Presented by the UMW

Color: Green

Newell

Little Redstone

Pastor: Robert L. Rabenstein II ~ Phone: 724-516-9614 (cell)

Parish Phone Number: 724-330-5223

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

Invocation: Behold! The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are with you and among you! Lift up your hearts in joy! Lift up your voices in praise!
Peggy Farquhar

*Opening Hymn: **“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”** UMH 390

*Our Call to Worship: *Psalm 79:1-9* *See Screen*

- *Barb Stanley*

Moments with Our Children and Children’s Offering.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings. *Noah and Makenna Gourn*

*Doxology: **“Praise God From Whom...”** UMH 94

Passing of the Peace.

Scripture Lesson: *1 Timothy 2:1-7* *Jen Robbins*

Message: **“Faith and Truth”** *Pastor Rob*

*You are invited to stand as you are able

Prayer of Confession (in unison): **Father, we cannot lie to you. You knew us before our birth. Turn us away from the evil on and his minions. Turn us to your truth and light. Lead us through the Lord Jesus! Father, God, hear our payer. Amen.** *Edie Kefover*

Hymn: **“Take My Life, and Let It Be”** UMH 399

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers of the People.

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

Second Reading: ***Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*** *Nikki Byers*

*Closing Hymn: **“This Is My Song”** UMH 437

*Benediction.

*Musical Postlude

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, September 19, 2016: Men’s Bible Study at Newell at 7 PM

Tuesday, September 20, 2016: Worship Committee meeting at LR at 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 29, 2016: Parish Council mtg. at LR at 7 PM

****A special thank you to Vi Eakins for sponsoring this week’s bulletin at Little Redstone.***

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.

What do you say when a child asks...

Q: If Jesus doesn't want us to get hurt, why did he tell us to chop our hands off and poke our eyes out?

A: When Jesus spoke about cutting off a hand or poking out an eye, he was purposely exaggerating to make his point. This is called *hyperbole*. It's like saying, "I'd give *anything* to have an ice cream cone right now." Even though you wouldn't actually do *anything*, you want everyone to know how badly you want it. Jesus wanted to make people realize how bad sin is; it's so bad that you should get rid of *anything* that makes you sin. Jesus didn't want us actually to cut off our hands or poke out our eyes. Cutting off your hand won't get you to heaven and won't get rid of sin in your life. By saying it that way shows us how important it is to sacrifice habits, friendships, or attitudes that cause us to sin.

Key Verse: *"So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better to enter Heaven crippled than to be in hell with both of your hands and feet."* (Matthew 18:8)

Related Verses: *Matthew 5:29-30; 18:7-9*

Note to Parents: Jesus was also addressing the issue of legalism; the religious leaders were very concerned about keeping every letter of the law, and they had added hundreds of rules and regulations of their own. In effect, Jesus was saying that if they were serious about keeping the law, they should take drastic action. The point? Putting out an eye doesn't stop a child from envying his friend's bike; envy comes from the heart and involves the mind and imagination, not just what a person sees.

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

Psalm 79:1-9 (NIV)

O God, the nations have invaded your inheritance;

**they have defiled your holy temple,
they have reduced Jerusalem to rubble.**

² They have left the dead bodies of your servants
as food for the birds of the sky,

the flesh of your own people for the animals of the wild.

³ They have poured out blood like water
all around Jerusalem,

and there is no one to bury the dead.

⁴ We are objects of contempt to our neighbors,
of scorn and derision to those around us.

⁵ How long, LORD? Will you be angry forever?

How long will your jealousy burn like fire?

⁶ Pour out your wrath on the nations
that do not acknowledge you,

on the kingdoms

that do not call on your name;

⁷ for they have devoured Jacob

and devastated his homeland.

⁸ Do not hold against us the sins of past generations;

**may your mercy come quickly to meet us,
for we are in desperate need.**

⁹ Help us, God our Savior,

for the glory of your name;

deliver us and forgive our sins

for your name's sake.