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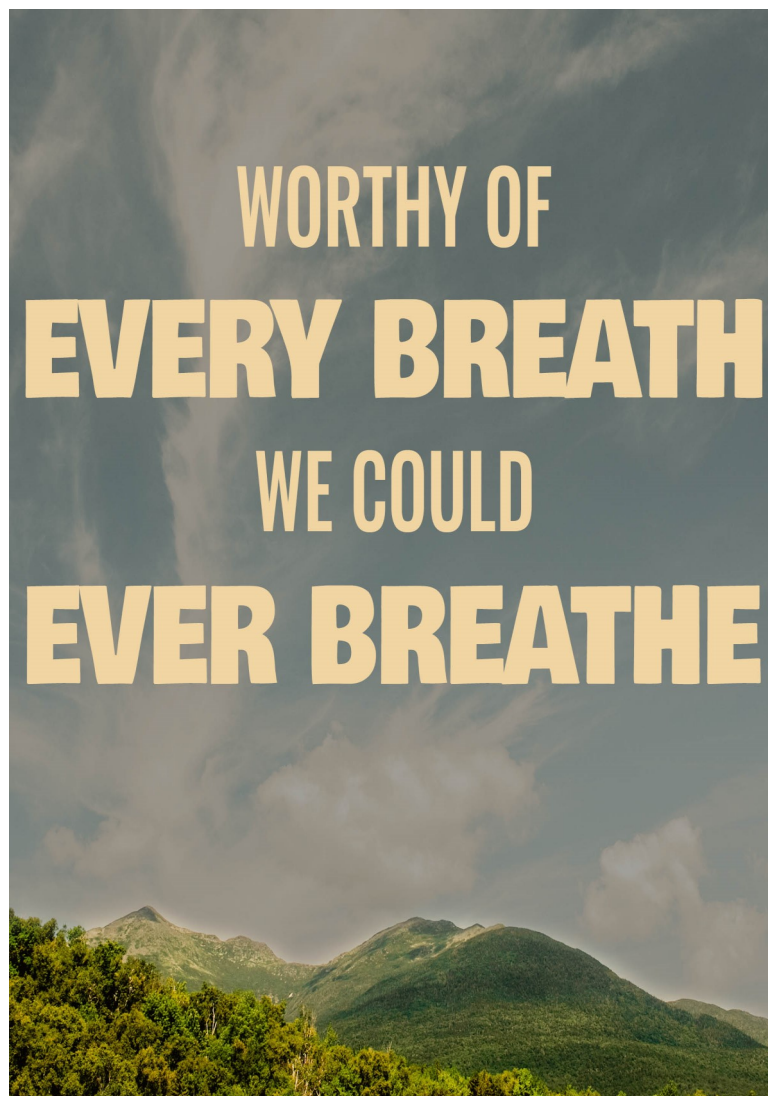
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The Heartbeat

of Heartland Community Church



“Is life not full of opportunities for learning love?
Every man and woman every day has a thousand of them.
The world is not a playground; it is a schoolroom.
Life is not a holiday, but an education.
And the one eternal lesson for us all is how better
we can love.”
—Henry Drummond

Dear Heartland,

The breeze is blowing as I write this. I've often pondered what that moving air has passed over before it comes to me. Yes, I am that creative goof who takes time to think about such matters, but it is cool to me! The air brushes past so many things in such a constant flow. It touches houses, trees, grass, mountains, hills, water, and human beings of all sorts. It swishes over land and sea, through countries small and large, traveling day and night. If the breeze could speak, just imagine the stories we would hear from it!

Our lives are like the breeze in a sense. People and experiences come in and out of our focus as the years unfold. Looking backward shows us a collage of that shifting array. We rarely know who or what will linger long or slip away another direction before we expect the change.

I consider now the permanence of Jesus, once we have welcomed Him into our lives as our Savior. His love is like the soft caress of the breeze in one way, but He doesn't rush away or even drift. During the times in our lives when we feel a distance from Him, that is ours, not His.

Those hollow pockets happen when we've built barriers around our hearts and therefore block our perception of His nearness, much like a wall that stands as a separation from what is on the other side. But, friends, there is no separation from Jesus, for He is above, below, beside, around, and in us. When we choose Him, it is not a temporary choice: it is eternal.

In a time and place where so much seems fleeting and intangible, may we all feel the presence of the Lord who is everywhere always, loving us always, waiting to be for us the light and breath that is ours always.

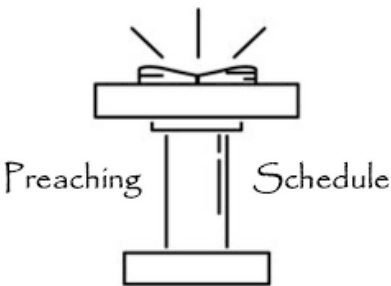
-Kathy Nimmer and Tate



September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 9 Lauren Carlson
- 10 Lois Bosma
- 15 Shirley Farmwald
- 17 Kyle Mills
- 18 Jack Keiser
- 19 Doug Howe
- 23 Ron Brown
- 23 Gary Summers
- 25 Corey Strawsma
- 28 Joe Pruitt

9/4/10 Mike & Allyson Anthrop



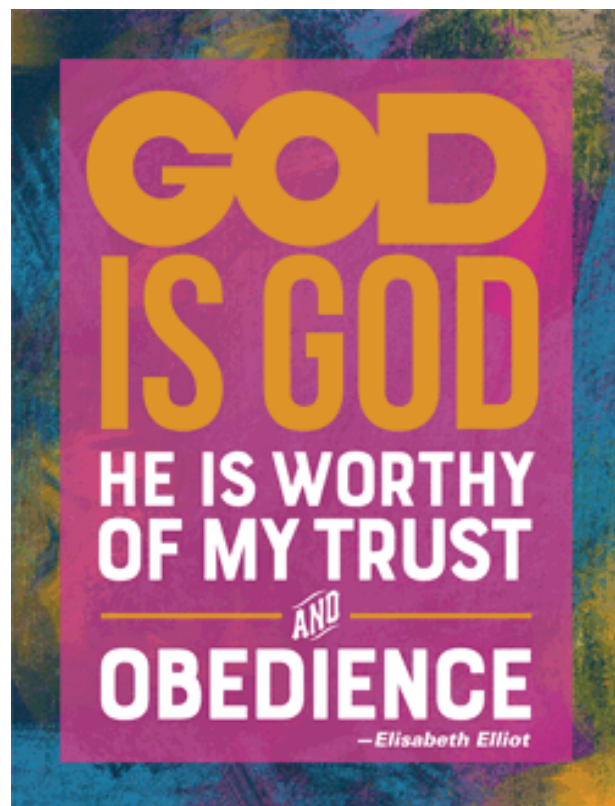
- September 3rd– Ms. Kathy Nimmer
- September 10th– Mr. Larry Williams
- September 17th– Ms. Kathy Nimmer
- September 24th– Ms. Kathy Nimmer

Total Trust

Missionary and author Elisabeth Elliot says our sovereign God is worthy of unquestioning obedience in matters both large and small. Such trust yields mighty results, she adds, providing Christians with rest, peace and guidance.

“God is God,” says Elliot. “Because he is God, he is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in his holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to.”

About the role of obedience in prayer, Elliot asks, “Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today? How many momentous events in Scripture depended on one person’s seemingly small act of obedience! Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and, depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next.”



What is Lament?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we’re raised to stay silent if we can’t say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn’t seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God’s perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. “Spit it out.” “Let me have it.” “It’s not good for you to swallow that.”

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what’s troubling us. He knows that this world’s woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, “Spit it out.” “Let me have it.” “It’s not good for you to swallow that.”

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

—Janna Firestone

Christian Symbol

Water



Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman’s leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

Special dates

- Labor Day, September 4, 2023
 - National Grandparents Day, September 10, 2023
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2023
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sep. 15–Oct. 15, 2023
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2023

Bible Quiz



Not long before Jesus’ arrest, he said: “I did not come to _____ the world, but to _____ the world.” Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to

Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)
Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)

LUM Hunger Hike 2023

Hunger Hike is an annual community fundraising event whose mission is to Raise Awareness & Make a Difference in the Fight Against Hunger — locally, regionally & globally. Hunger Hike (Celebration & 1.5K Walk) event details are as follows:

Sunday, September 17

1 p.m. – Event begins; 2 p.m. – Hike starts

Riehle Plaza, Lafayette, IN

A Big THANK YOU!



Andy Burdick has worked for Heartland almost five years leading the youth group, led Bible stories with daycare, led VBS with awesome decorations, and was on the Heartland Daycare Board. Andy went to Indiana Wesleyan University. Andy has always had a passion for helping people which resulted in Andy working at a youth residential facility, Lafayette Transitional Housing Center, and currently at Salvation Army. Andy has several foster boys that he has opened his home and heart to. Andy has two dogs, loves chickens, loves tacos, and is a proud Taylor Swift fan. Andy has resigned as youth leader and Heartland will miss him!

Thanks, Andy!



Hailey Howe is a lifetime member of Heartland. Hailey graduated from Harrison High School and Purdue in 2020. Hailey is starting her 4th year teaching and entering her 2nd year teaching 4th grade at Mintonye Elementary School. Hailey enjoys rock climbing (with her boyfriend Jacob), bicycling, reading, watching movies, playing card games, and spending time with family. Hailey lives with her sister Katie and their dog Biscuit.

Hailey has had several roles at Heartland--helping with the youth group, helping with VBS, and currently serving on Search Team for Heartland's new pastor. Hailey will be stepping down from helping with the youth group and we want to thank you for helping!

Thanks, Hailey!