

October Newsletter

HALLOWEEN POTLUCK

Everyone is invited to a Halloween Potluck at Faith UMC on Sunday, October 27. The potluck will begin at noon. Please bring your favorite Trick-or-Treat/October dish to pass. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Children (and the young at heart) are encouraged to wear their Halloween Costume or Mask to the potluck. We will have a Parade of Costumes and prizes for everyone wearing a costume or mask!

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

One of Jesus' great teaching parables involves a sower who cast seed along the ground. The sower hoped the seeds would sprout, grow, and bear good fruit. Some seeds did just that, producing a great harvest. But others, Jesus said, fell among thorns and, though they began to grow, these good plants were quickly choked out. Jesus said the thorns were "the cares of the world and the lure of wealth" (Matthew 13:22)

In a culture where having "enough" seems to have become a never-ending pursuit, Jesus' parable remains incredible relevant. Many of us are chasing the American dream in ways that lead to stress, anxiety, and fear – thorns that can rob us of the ability to enjoy the abundant lives of purpose that God intended for us.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why, during the weeks of October, we will be having a worship emphasis called *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. We have already completed a study at Faith and Calvary based on Adam Hamilton's book by the same name. In addition, several members of both churches have read this book. These weeks of worship will enable everyone to consider a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the worship emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year of 2020.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Joan