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September 2023 Newsletter

Number 140 in the United Methodist Hymnal is "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*" written in 1923 by Thomas O. Chisholm, lyrics, and William M. Runyan, music, this great hymn of faith is based on **Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness."**

There is a guarantee in life that change will happen. The Lamentations passage was written between 586 BCE and the end of the 6th century BCE. The people in that period were struggling with change just as we are struggling with change.

Change makes many people uncomfortable because change makes some people feel that life is out of their control. Life is often not within our control, whether we are in a changing situation or not. The best news that I have found is though I am not in control, ultimately God is in control. When I say God is in control, I am not suggesting that God controls every aspect of our personal lives. God gives every individual freewill and many things that happen are not God's actions, but the fallout of the choices people make.

Tragedies happen every day that God does not cause or condone. People fall and break their hip, school busses get hit head on and innocent children are injured or killed. People lose their jobs; inflation rises and people struggle to keep food on the table. This is a very brief listing of changing life experiences. Many of us have faced the cataclysmic affects of the sudden and unexpected death of a spouse. One's life can change totally in the blink of an eye.

When we, as Christians, are faced with dramatic change we can either blame God or cling to God with hope and faith. God doesn't promise Christians will be protected from illness, divorce, death, poverty, inflation, unemployment, or a toxic and divisive political climate. God promises to walk with us through the storms of life and to eventually embrace us when we get to heaven.

So, sing "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*" with me. It is a song of hope. No matter the changes that come, we can face them because God is our strength and shield. **Psalm 28:7-8, "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in him and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him. The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed ones."**

May God bless us with courage to face our changing times. In Jesus' name:
amen._

- Pastor Vicki Downing

September Scriptures

Sept. 1	Luke 12:21
Sept. 2	Isaiah 26:3
Sept. 3	Jeremiah 31:9
Sept. 4	Ruth 4: 15
Sept. 5	Zephaniah 2:3
Sept. 6	John 8:28
Sept. 7	Psalms 119:94
Sept. 8	Psalms 23:4
Sept. 9	2 Chronicles 14:4
Sept. 10	Proverbs 3:5- 6
Sept. 11	Deuteronomy 8:2
Sept. 12	Psalms 3:3
Sept. 13	Deuteronomy 1:21
Sept. 14	Jeremiah 16:21
Sept. 15	1 Kings 8:23
Sept. 16	Ephesians 2:4-5
Sept. 17	Deuteronomy 8:18
Sept. 18	Romans 5:1
Sept. 19	1 Corinthians 2:5
Sept. 20	Psalms 29:2
Sept. 21	1 Peter 3:3-4
Sept. 22	Ezekiel 34:27
Sept. 23	Galatians 5:1
Sept. 24	Psalms 80:14
Sept. 25	Zechariah 6:12

Prayers Needed:

Millie Luttrell
Phyllis & Larry Garber
Jeanne & Shelley Powell
Pattie Mumma



Shower of Blessings
Recipient for July:
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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 7 PM NA	4 Labor Day- Office Closed	5 11 AM Soap Making 7 PM NA	6 6:30 West End Mt	7	8	9
10 7 PM NA	11 7 PM MENS BS	12 7 PM NA	13	14 6:30 All Church Mt	15	16
17 7 PM NA	18 7 PM MENS BS	19 12 PM Women of Faith 7 PM NA	20	21	22	23
24 7 PM NA	25 7 PM MENS BS	26 7 PM NA	27	28	29	30

September Worship Participants

Position	Date	Name
Acolyte	September	Greg Hosier
Communion Set-up	Sept 3	Vicki Downing
Communion Servers	Sept 3	Betty Prosser & Donna Layne Barb McCoy & Donna Myer
Communion Clean-up	Sept 3	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	Sept 3 & 10 Sept 17 & 24	Barb & Mike McCoy Ramona & Bob Keeton
Greeter - Sanctuary Door	Sept 3 & 10 Sept 17 & 24	Marilyn & Tom Martin Kim Stehle
Liturgist	Sept 3 Sept 10 Sept 17 Sept 24	Donna Layne Donna Layne Connie Mitchell Connie Mitchell
Ushers	Sept 3 Sept 10 Sept 17 Sept 24	Larry Campbell & Greg Hosier Larry Campbell & Greg Hosier Kim Stehle & Marilyn Martin Kim Stehle & Marilyn Martin

Wacky Wordies

Each picture represents a familiar word or phrase. For example, 1a is "Once over lightly" and 1b is "Gossip column". If you get at least 30 email the answers to graceumchurch@sbcglobal.net before October 1st. One winner will be randomly selected for a small prize.

	a	b	c	d	e	f
1	once lightly	g o s s i p	wave radio	c a p t a i n	noon good	bathing suit
2	ee ch sp	God nation ✕	✓ yearly	ses ame	d d e e r	hold second
3	r-i ✕ s+k	pox	strokes strokes strokes	n p y o m a	law of returns	e a p s u a l
4	hou se	age beauty	harm on y	encounters encounters encounters	Breat h l out	hearted
5	p a r t i c i p e	MAN campus	momanon	uld block	"Duty!" and beyond	day day
6	sigh	qonpt	skating Ice	inflat10n	g o s p e l	enemy enemy
7	tongue ngue	gettingitall	e a v e s	c m t e a ban ana	e e q u a l s m c	aluminum