

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2021

Learning Stewardship Through Wesley

This year, Amazon started "Black Friday-worthy" deal on October 4. That is almost 2 months before its actual date! A renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann once said that we live in "a society of 24/7 multitasking in order to achieve, accomplish, perform and possess... [w]e want more, have more, own more, use more, eat and drink more." As holiday season approaching, it may be true for many of us.



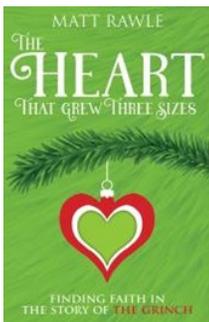
In November, both in my messages and Sunday Gatherings, we will look at this study titled *Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*. Why is it that we often feel awkward talking about money (anywhere in general, but especially in church)? Do we tend to think that financial matters are a private thing? Fear of being criticized? Embarrassed by the temptation to 'keep up with the Joneses'? Tired of pastor's stewardship sermons?

John Wesley, the founder of Methodist Movement, was not shy about talking about money. Wesley affirmed the use of money as "an excellent branch of Christian wisdom." In one of his sermons titled 'The Use of Money,' he wrote, "Having, First, gained all you can, and, Secondly saved all you can, Then 'give all you can.'" In fact, it is often said that Wesley had 'fixed' his spending budget at an early age (like he was in his 20s), and all the difference - however small or large - he gave away to help the poor.

My hope of doing this study is, using the words of author Rev. Jim Hrish, "to enable disciples of Jesus Christ to discover wisdom that will guide them in using their money, so they may continue to grow into the likeness of Jesus Christ (p.14)." Through this study, I hope we will learn what it means to be generous in giving and serving others.



Hope to worship and grow with you! Keiko



Fall Series #2 – Starting October 31!
Earn. Save. Give. Wesley's Simple Rules for Money
Also coming up... **Advent Study starts November 28!**
The Heart That Grew Three Sizes
Finding Faith in The Story of the Grinch
In-person and via Zoom... More info is to come!



Attention Leaders! Winchester District Conference
Sunday, November 21, 3:00 pm
Contact Pastor Keiko for Zoom Link

Interested in becoming a district lay delegate for 2022 Annual Conference, please contact Pastor Keiko for application. Deadline is November 15.



Please pray for the family of Jackie Fletcher, who passed away on October 27. Arrangement information is to come.



**You are invited to... HOLIDAY BAZAAR
NOVEMBER 13
9AM-1PM at Market Street UMC
Masks are required for all guests. Come for seasonal items and much more!**



Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND

For the world in the face of COVID-19 (esp. Delta Variant)

All those who are under medical care, recovering, and/or quarantined, Those who grieve

All Children & Families, Medical and Health Professionals

All who are serving others The peace in the world

Our friends and family at Greenwood: Paul Haltzl Coleman Lauderback Paul Helsley Harold Anderson
Larry Crane Gary Sibert Tasha Moomaw Liam Starr Don & Monti Vanness Phyllis Tinsman
Laura Jahnke Quick Family Carolyn York Carl & Beth Stickley Joe Ganci Megan Eileen Davis
Charlotte Mae Brasnan Dora Bell Lowe Daniel Schneide Cindy Jones Amber Calvert Connie Tilley
Barbara Kern Farrah M Susie & Larry Bell Susie Sencindiver Gary & Brenda Linda Clem Patty Harper
Kaiden Wright Shaw Family Richard Swisher & Family vRobbie Swartz Barbara Ritter Mossy Stemberger
Nancy Orndorff Dan Roach Mable Carter Family of Jackie Fletcher George Martin David Powers
Harry Powers Anita & Jared Chambers Daniel Whitney Bonita White Carrie Eichelberger Marion Clowser
Beverley Soule Donna Belle Donna Kay Stemberger Steve Jones Frances Smallwood Kara Stemberger
Marshall Lorant Larry Braithwaite Ashlee Saxon Ed Lambert Brenna Taylor Phil & Carol Adams
Roger Stover Bob Saville Beverley McGraw George Sonja Diane Joanne Kimberley Linda B Dana
Laurie Residents at Green Valley Greenwood UMC The United Methodist Church

Please Support United Methodist Women's Backpack Ministry

We support families from Redbud Run Elementary School.

Ways you can help: Pray for the volunteers who pack items

Donate funds (check payable to "Greenwood UMW"

with a memo line "Backpack")

Donate Items: Individual mac & cheese

Individual Peanut Butter crackers

Individual fruit cups, applesauce

Individual cereal boxes & cereal bars



CCAP Thanksgiving Dinner

Items needed: Frozen turkeys

Disposable aluminum roasting pans

Cans of gravy, Sweet potatoes, Cranberries

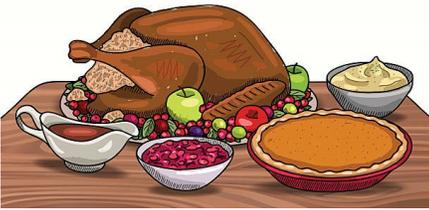
Boxed mashed potatoes

Boxed desserts (Jello, Brownies, Puddings)

Gift Cards (Martins, ALDI, Walmart)



Happy Thanksgiving



Please bring donations either to church (by November 14) or directly to CCAP (between November 9-15)

****Community Giveaway is November 20, 10am—1pm**



Thanks to ALL who came to the Church Cleanup Day!

You may have heard or read about Covid-19 and encountered the term “cytokine storm”. So what is this? I’ll try to explain this in this month’s Health Tips. It’s the cytokine storm that is responsible for making people very sick or resulting in their demise.

Cytokines are small proteins secreted by numerous different cells in our body that function to regulate inflammation, immunity, and the formation of blood cellular components. Cytokines act as chemical messengers that tell immune cells what to do and may tell the body to produce more immune cells to fight off an infection. However, cytokine production can grow out of control. Immune cells release cytokines that tell the body to produce more immune cells which in turn release more proinflammatory cytokines. This cycle continues resulting in a “cytokine storm.” The immune response travels beyond the infection and starts to attack other organs. Blood vessel walls open up to let the immune cells out to the surrounding tissue. The blood vessels get leaky to the point where the lungs start to fill up with fluid, blood pressure drops, and blood clots form throughout the body choking blood flow to the organs. As you can see this will eventually result in organ failure and a critically ill individual.

Scientists are starting to understand why some people are more susceptible to this storm than others. There are complicated biological and social reasons for this. One reason why kids don’t tend to get critically ill from Covid-19 is because their immune system isn’t fully developed and robust enough to get into this “cytokine storm” cycle.

I hope this gives you a basic understanding of the process of a cytokine storm and its ramifications.

See you all in church! Jeff

Jeff Swift is a member of Market Street. He is a physical therapist at Hampshire Hospital.

PRG (Post Covid Re-entry Group) Leaders!

*PRG Webinar:
Both/And: To be Continued
Featuring James Moore
November 17, 1:00 pm*



Go to vaumc.org/prg to register!



Thank you!

Kitchen of Hope Volunteers

Volunteers from Greenwood provided 45 meals at Kitchen of Hope on October 21.

Interested in helping? Please contact Tami Light at 540-535-5095

(Kitchen of Hope is a weekly meals ministry of Market Street. Greenwood has been helping 3rd Thursdays of even months)