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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

ARTICLE

With the ongoing ebb and flow of concerns during this pandemic, there seems to constantly be a new challenge. Currently, many people who have never bothered themselves with the concept are worried about the "supply chain" as we head into the holiday season. We are all still dealing with 2020 PTSD with the "T" standing for toilet paper. Now it is everything from lumber to grocery items to computer chips. Ships wait offshore for days waiting to unload.

At the root of the problem is apparently a counter-intuitive glut of goods manufactured after factories ramped up production after Covid restrictions were lifted. There is a demand to meet that as well. The slowdown comes with the process of trucking it from the docks to the shelves. One CEO interviewed for CBS called truckers heroes of the pandemic because they did not have a "work from home" option and kept the country going. But now we have the additional crisis of the national labor shortage. One of the largest trucking companies in the U.S. said they have half the workforce needed to keep up with current orders.

One expert says that "We are so used to the plenty that we kind of lose perspective." I agree. We are so accustomed to having practically anything at our fingertips 24/7 that we may get disproportionately bent out of shape if inconvenienced in any way. My hope is that perhaps this situation might lead us to instead be even more appreciative and thankful for the things we do have rather than focusing on what's missing. I hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving even if there may be a missing menu item from your table.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

This year's Advent study is, "Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience". (In-person and Zoom). The dates for the study are Sunday, Nov. 28 @ 3 p.m. and then Wednesdays Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15 @ 6:30pm.

VETERANS RECOGNITION

Our annual recognition of Veterans is this Sunday, November 14. We do this by a special slideshow and music. If you have submitted a photo and information in the past, we still have that on hand. If you have not, there is still time to email Rusty Boggs (rlbconsulting21@gmail.com) a digital photo of your Veteran along with basic information such as which branch of the military they served, their rank and where and when they were posted.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

We will participate in an online multi-church Charge Conference this year. This will be Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Doyal and he will forward you the link.

INSKIP ANGEL TREE

The following information is from Megan Thacker, the assistant principal at Inskip Elementary School:

We realize this time of year you are contacted for many worthy causes. We implore you to consider a local one, the children of Inskip Elementary. This year is particularly hard for our school community, but we are committed to bringing as many smiles as we can through our Angel Tree program. This support generally serves over 300 of our students and their siblings so we need your help now more than ever. Currently, we have 311 angels signed up and ready to be adopted!

The Inskip Elementary Angel Tree is a community-wide, annual donation program that provides Christmas gifts for children in families facing financial hardship during the holiday season. The goal of the Inskip Elementary Christmas Wish List is to make sure that each child receives new clothing including shoes or a new coat, along with a small toy. Their gift wish list is to range from \$40-\$60.

If you'd like to participate in the Inskip Elementary Christmas Angel Tree, you have several options for giving. You may provide a monetary donation that will be used to provide for gifts or choose a student(s) off the tree to purchase items for. If a monetary donation is given, a volunteer will go and purchase items for the student(s). The tags will be available at the

school from November 4th through December 3rd for you to purchase the requested items.

Donation Option #1- Monetary Donation- Please make check donations to Inskip Elementary School. You will receive a receipt for your donation and it is tax deductible. Monetary donations due by November 19th

Donation Option #2- I want to come choose a student(s) and I will shop for them. You may take a tag with child's information to purchase items. Items need to be returned by Monday, December 6th WRAPPED.

Donation Option #3- I want to help and have resources to share with you that can help, too! Please let us know ASAP so we can reach out! This could include setting up a tree at your place of business or providing additional names of people who would like to contribute. You may contact the school at 865-689-1450. Please help the children of our community have a Merry Christmas!

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Mahoney retired at the end of October from the University of Tennessee after 45 years of service.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Wednesday night Adult Bible study group will start a new series on The Apostle's Creed beginning January 5, 2022. This is a six week study and the books are \$10. Please let Rev. Doyal know asap if you would like to participate so books can be ordered in advance.

BOOKWALTER FAMILY

The month of December has been designated Undies Sundays. As an outreach ministry to Inskip School, we are collecting underwear and socks for the children of the school. We need sizes extra small children's through adult medium. We will begin collecting the items Sunday, December 5th.