

# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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***"Sharing God,s love with our neighbors,  
Inviting them to share in in the joy of Jesus Christ"***

## ARTICLE

I ran across an interesting practice called "Glory Sighting" and I am intrigued with the possibilities. It's from a book titled "Leading Together: the Holy Possibility of Harmony and Synergy in the Face of Change" and it describes *glory sighting* as a reminder of God or a sense of God's presence. The author describes how he starts meetings by asking team members "*where have you had a sense of God's glory, God's goodness, a sense of beauty or a sense of awe?*"

He describes examples of how people who are feeling down or discouraged can have their spirits lifted by this simple time of sharing. "Hope rises when people are reminded that God is with us and the challenges we face are small in comparison to God's great grace and glory."

At first, I thought this was not all that different from sharing a "Praise" and there obviously could be some crossover. The more I thought about it though, it seems to me that a lot of praises we talk about are about things that happen to or for us personally. For example, we give thanks and praise

God for a successful surgery or the resolution of a situation we may have had. With a glory sighting, it is more about attending to the work of the Lord around us or in someone else's life or in the world in general. For me, it can be as simple as a hummingbird flying right up to me while I am sitting in my backyard or as grand as an exceptionally colorful sunset.

I think a great value of this is how it could change our focus on so many things. I believe when we begin to actively look for glory sightings, we will see and experience them more and more. It's kind of how you will never see what is in the sky if you are always looking down. Steve

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be Monday evening, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. We will again be in person in the fellowship hall and we will also offer a Zoom link if you would like to join in online.

## **BIRTHDAY SURPRISE**

A Reminder to join us for a SURPRISE Birthday Celebration honoring Mary Helen Meadows' 90th birthday on September 18, 2022 at 12:00 noon right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please rsvp by September 1 to Marlene Webb (865-599-8959) or Jim Meadows (865-740-6428). You may email rsvp to [mkwebb21@gmail.com](mailto:mkwebb21@gmail.com). For those of you who would like, we will have a money tree and a card you can sign.

## **CHOIR**

Choir rehearsals have been moved to Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. We will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th and we will be starting Christmas music in preparation for our Cantata this year. More details on that to follow shortly!