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

ARTICLE

I wrote this on October 31, 2001 so it was now 41 years ago...

It was 20 years ago this Halloween, on a dark and spooky night, when I learned a lesson in guilt. I was just a lowly high school freshman when one of my buddies invited me to go out with him and his older brother. Tricks were more on our minds than treats. His brother was a senior on the football team and one of the cool guys in school.

I hoped to thus achieve coolness by association.

We rode around in a beat up old pickup truck and most of us were in the back. We were armed, of course, with eggs. We pulled up in front of the house of one of the cheerleaders from school. A couple of the guys stood up and heaved their eggs, but they fell short. I kind of liked this girl so I did not really want to egg her house. In the pursuit of coolness, though, I could not refuse to try.

I stood up and hurled my oval missile, which sailed long and true...a direct bulls eye into the glass storm door. Lights came on immediately and I was about thrown from the truck as the driver took off. Nervous, yet hearty laughter, ensued by all parties. Is this how it feels to be cool?

I really never dreamed I could actually hit the broad side of a barn from that distance with a stupid egg. I can honestly say I did not "intend" to cause any damage. Yet, I accepted the invitation, I stood, aimed and hurled my egg. I could only

imagine how stupid I would sound to a cop saying "I did not mean to" had I been caught. The night got worse when we did doughnuts in someone's front yard. Now I felt guilty by association and definitely not very cool.

I think we all do things out of what you might call "half-hearted malice" sometimes. Perhaps we do not really care for someone and take a course of action based on mere lack of compassion. However, we have not fully thought through the consequences. You did not really want to hurt said person (or perhaps, not that much). Yet, now you have guilt regardless of intent or association. Thinking through what you say and do is a good way to prevent egg on your face. Steve

HOMECOMING

Please join us for Bookwalter's 140th Homecoming this Sunday, November 6, 2022. Nicholas Rose will be our speaker. Nick was born into the Bookwalter family in 1994. He is the son of Shari Rose. Nick received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Maryville College in 2016. Summers he worked at Rancho El Camino, La Paz, Mexico. He married Rachel in 2016 and moved to California to continue his education. He received a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in California in 2022. He is the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Director at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Chattanooga.

We would love to have you attend the 11:00 a.m. service to hear Nick's message and stay for a covered-dish luncheon. Please bring enough food

to feed your family and maybe a couple more people. We will share with the Bookwalter family and friends in the Fellowship Hall.

That is also All Saints Sunday. We will recognize this occasion by lighting a white candle in memory of anyone we have lost in the last 12 months. If you are present, please bring a free-standing white candle to place on the altar during the service. However, if you are not planning on attending in person, please let Rev. Doyal know for whom you would like to light a candle. We will provide one and say the name of your person on your behalf during the service.

Also, please note that Daylight Savings time ends on this day as well. So, remember to Fall Back!

VETERANS RECOGNITION

We will have our annual recognition of Veterans on Sunday, November 13. We do this with 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, please email a digital photo of your Veteran to Rev. Doyal - sdoyal7@gmail.com along with basic information such as which branch of the military they served, their rank and where and when they were posted.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Our last scheduled meeting of the year will be Monday, November 14 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join by Zoom, please inform Mary Mahoney and she will send you the link.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

We will participate in an online multi-church Charge Conference again this year. This will be Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM. If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Doyal and he will forward you the link once he has it himself.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are over halfway to our goal of 200 boxes of stuffing and packets of gravy, but are lagging behind with the sugar. We will collect until Sunday November 13 at which time we have to turn our goods over to the Friends of Inskip who will be assembling Thanksgiving boxes that following Wednesday, November 16.

THANKS!

Thank you to all who helped with Trunk or Treat. We had so much fun. Thanks to all who brought candy, had a trunk, and those who manned a station. A big thank you to Alicia and RA who put in so much extra time and effort into this yearly community outreach.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 2022

Our annual study this year will be "Making Room: Sharing the Love of Christmas" by Ed Robb.

Learn how to make room in your heart for God and neighbor this Christmas. Often our Advent preparations have an inward focus as we prepare for the significance of God breaking into our world through the birth of the Christ child. But in a closer examination of the Advent story, we quickly learn that the focus of the coming of the newborn king is outward.

In this book and Advent study, Dr. Ed Robb explores the warmth of welcome at Christmas following interactions with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi. Just as Jesus made room in God's kingdom for a host of people that society wanted to leave on the margins, beginning with the appearance of the shepherds, we too should be asking ourselves who we can make room for this Christmas.

Perhaps it is to the people in your community, or the newly immigrated family in town that doesn't speak your language. Or maybe it's the next-door neighbor who just settled in from yet another move? The story of Christ's birth encourages us to widen our borders and increase our sense of community—and make room for others.

Contact Pat Newman by phone, text @ 865-394-3295, or by email, patn.106@gmail.com, if you are interested in participating in this 4-week advent study. We will have in-person and zoom formats. The first meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 27 @ 3pm-4pm. All other meetings will be on Weds. evenings, (Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec., 21), 6:30p-7:30p.

The books are \$10. If that is a financial hardship for anyone, please contact Pat. If you are paying by check, please make the check payable to BUMC, with "Advent Study" on the memo line. If you prefer to pay with cash, please place in an sealed envelope, marked, "Advent Study" on the outside of the envelope. Place book payments in the Sunday offering or in the slot located on the door of the church office.