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*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

ARTICLE

Through the years I have tried to cultivate the concept that we are all in ministry **together**. Yes, I am “the” minister and have certain responsibilities I am set aside for, but one of my fundamental principles about the church is the priesthood of all believers. We are in ministry with one another and to our community collectively.

Of course, there are many occasions where I am called to minister “to” many of you. When you experience loss, for example, I try to help you navigate the pain and grief. From planning a service to conducting a funeral to counseling, this is a role I find myself in often.

Now the roles are somewhat reversed as I find many of you ministering “to” me. In the wake of my mother's unexpected death, you have expressed love and kindness in many ways.

Through meals, cards, messages, cookies and prayers, I have been blessed by this congregation during this difficult time. It is not lost on me how many of you who have reached out are people who have experienced profound loss during my time at Bookwalter. Several even specifically your mothers. I pray I was as helpful and a comfort to you as you have been to us.

To just say “Thank you” seems to fall short of the deep gratitude my family and I feel for your support during our loss. Just know it has been greatly appreciated.

Steve

RECEPTION FOR BETTY

As Betty Lenoir prepares to retire as the Administrative Assistant at Bookwalter, we want to honor and celebrate her with a reception on Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Rummage Sale is Friday and Saturday October 4-5. On Friday the hours will be 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and this will be a half-price day. We need volunteers to help man the sale.

As an added treat, the El Sapito Food Truck will be on site this year. Come grab a deal and authentic Mexican food.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming is Sunday, November 3rd and our guest speaker this year is Rev. Mary Thompson, the executive director of Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries.

This will also be All Saints Sunday, which we will observe by lighting white candles for people we have lost since last November. Please bring a free-standing white candle if you would like to participate.

Note: Daylight Saving Time ends this day also. Fall Back!

ADVENT STUDY

Pat Newman will once again be leading an Advent study as we get closer to Christmas. This year's title is "Faithful: Christmas Through The Eyes of Joseph."

The study will begin on Sunday December 1st at 3:00 p.m. and then be held on Wednesday December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30 PM. We need to order the books in a couple of weeks, so please notify Pat or Rev. Doyal if you want to participate.

HEALTHY AGING

Join us for this free workshop on Friday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. which will feature discussion of the stressors of growing older, and focus on self-care practices.

Participants will also learn warning signs of increased suicide risk and how to use an intervention model, Question Persuade Refer (QPR) to aid friends and family when increased risk is present. Lunch will be served

To register online, click:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1032960932957?aff=odtdtcreator>

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us Sunday October 27 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM. We need donations of candy (Big Blue Barrel!) money and volunteers to decorate trunks or tables. We will be featuring some crafts and games this year.

PECANS

We will be taking orders soon for pecans. See Mary Mahoney for details.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

We are starting a new Wednesday Bible study October 9 on First Corinthians. It's not too late to join as the books are available for you to order on Amazon.

SOCCER CAMP

We held our first (hopefully annual) Soccer Camp on September 21. The children and youth seemed to have a great time. Thank you for all the support through donations and your presence. Hats off to Jason and Michelle French for their tireless efforts to pull this event together. A shoutout also to several members of the Gibbs High soccer team who volunteered their time to help. Great job Bookwalter!

