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

ARTICLE

I consider myself a reasonably intelligent person with a basic understanding of many disciplines ranging from biology to philosophy. However, one area that just befuddles me is economics. I could not tell you the difference between a bear and a bull market. I know how interest rates and inflation affect my wallet, but not what determines or causes them. I find talk of tariffs very taxing. I think our domestic product is gross.

One basic financial concept I do grasp is that of "Supply and Demand." This is an economic principle explaining the interaction between the availability of a product (supply) and how much people want it (demand), which ultimately determines the price of that product in a market. When demand is high and supply is low, prices tend to rise, while abundant supply and low demand lead to falling prices.

Becky Newberry's son James Michael made a true remark during his message at her funeral last week. He said something to the effect that you cannot be saved unless you realize how much you need to be saved. We Methodists speak of being convicted by the Holy Spirit.

This might be perceived as the "demand" which is high when one realizes their eternal destination is what is at stake. High demand would thus lend itself to a high price. Indeed, a high price *was* paid for our salvation. Our Lord gave His very life as a ransom.

But here is where God's economics diverges from that of the world. The "supply" of His grace is endless and free. We cannot earn it, buy it or deserve it. It truly is Amazing.

Steve

HOPE AND RESTORATION WOMEN'S EVENT

We are excited to welcome Dr. Carol Price-Guthrie as our guest speaker this Friday evening, October 3rd from 6-9 PM and Saturday October 4th from 9 AM to 4 PM for this special occasion. Topics will include Restoring Our Joy, Renewing Our Strength, Beauty From Ashes and the Power of Forgiveness.

Saturday will also include break-out sessions on the following: Self Care / Stress Management, Prayer and Art Therapy. Make plans to join us and tell your friends.

TRUNK OR TREAT

This annual fun outreach activity is scheduled for Sunday, October 26 starting at 5:30. We will go until we run out of candy or people whichever comes first.

We need donations of candy or small toys which can be placed in the big blue barrel which is already set up in the Fellowship Hall.

We also need people to decorate their vehicles or a table to hand out candy to our neighbors. Contact Edie Hall or Alicia McMillan if you can participate.

HOMECOMING

Bookwalter's Homecoming is Sunday, November 2, 2025. We are marking 143 years as a magnificent church. Please come to the celebration. Worship is 11 a.m. and Sunday School is 10 a.m. A covered dish luncheon follows. This is also the end of Daylight-Saving Time – so remember to Fall Back. Our guest speaker is to be determined later.

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.

BOOKWALTER DEVOTIONAL

Please get your submissions to Pat Newman by November 1st. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are once again joining forces with the Friends of Inskip group to provide Thanksgiving baskets for those in need in our community.

Our contribution this year will be 200 boxes of instant stuffing, 200 packets of gravy (not jars!) and 200 Kool-Aid packets. We will collect through November 16.

WARMING CENTERS

We decided to not try to host a warming center this winter, but encourage members to volunteer at one,

SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY

Our congregation had fun while working towards a good cause of providing socks for students at Inskip Elementary. We also had the rain delayed "Water Day" from our Wacky Wednesdays in July.

