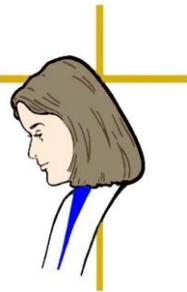


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Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:13-16

Let the Children Come

Whenever I am asked about my process of preparation for worship, I share that the hardest piece for me is coming up with an idea for the children's sermon. This is especially true now that my own children are older, because I am not so up-to-date on the current interests of children and I do not have so many handy toys available for props. I will confess that getting ready for the children's sermon is often the last thing I tackle — usually not until Saturday, and sometimes even on Sunday morning. I must not be the only person who struggles with this because — whenever I going to be away — I find it much easier recruiting a guest speaker who will preach to the adults than convincing that same speaker or someone else to lead the children's sermon.

And yet, I love my time with the children during worship! Much as I procrastinate about locating an appropriate story or object lesson, once I sit down with them it is pure joy to talk with them and see what kinds of things they will come up with in response to my message. They keep me on my toes (!) and they are truly a delight. :)

Many people have told me that the children's sermon is their favorite part of our worship service. It's easy to see why this is the case. Even so, it is important to remind ourselves that this is their special time. If members of the congregation don't catch every single thing the children say or aren't able to see everything the children are doing, that's okay. All that matters is what the children take away from the message. And this reminder is for me, as well. Like many pastors I know, I am not above pandering to the adults instead of focusing my undivided attention on the children.

Children are so precious. We are very blessed by the children in our congregation. They are loving and faithful and innocent and wise. My only concern about the children in our church is that there are not

very many of them. I would ask you to pray, as I am doing, for more families with children to join our congregation. And then, I would ask you to invite any such families you know who are not currently attending church. And finally, I would ask you to help make our church so warm and welcoming for children that the minute a young family walks in the door — they will feel at home here.

We are approaching the end of our Sunday School year. During the summer our dedicated teachers will take a much-needed break. So, we are looking now for volunteers to lead Children's Church in the months of June, July, and August. Over the past couple of years, we have made this as simple as possible by showing Christian movies, such as *Veggie Tales*, during this time. There is absolutely no preparation involved. No teaching skill is required either. All one has to do is pop a DVD into the machine and keep an eye on the children as they watch it.

Even with this very low expectation, we have had a difficult time recruiting volunteers for this task. Last year, there were only 2 Sundays when someone signed up for Children's Church! Surely we can do better.

Some will say, "Well, not many children attend in the summer anyway." It is true that our numbers of children are typically even lower in the summer than during the school year. Still, I think this is a "chicken and egg" argument. Do we not offer Children's Church regularly because there aren't very many children? Or, are there not very many children because we don't offer anything for them???

Jesus loved the children. He scolded those who hindered the children from coming to him. He welcomed children fully. He blessed them. And he pointed to them as examples for adults.

Please spend some time pondering the importance of children in our church. Pray for the children — both those who currently attend our church and those who might attend our church in the future. Pray also about your role in welcoming children into our church. Consider if you could take a turn leading Children's Church in the summer, teaching Sunday School in the fall, helping with Vacation Bible School next month, or volunteering in our nursery at any time. There are many ways to make a difference, but it will take the efforts of many if our church is going to have any children in it in the future.

Pastor Sherri



"When one member suffers, we all suffer; and when one member is honored, we all rejoice." I Corinthians 12:26

Those who serve as missionaries, especially:

Kate & Peter Walugembe in Jinja, Uganda;
Del & Sandy Groves in Zambia;
Dr. Elma Jocson in the Philippines.

Those who are in the military, including:

Christopher Blackwell, Danny King, Ricky Zeiger, and Ethan Zeiger.

Those who are in care facilities:

Hamilton Grove – Sabra Lambert, Betty Smith, Dorothy Schwark
Woodland Terrace – Shirley Hoadley

Those who are homebound:

Dorothy Brayboy, Helen Heward, Esther Thomas, Ken Williams

Those with health problems:

Betty Lou Ahrens, Julian Becker, Patrick Bell, Martha & Maggie Berger, John Busley, Jennifer Busick, Nancy Caid, John Clark, David Crumley, Tim Davidson, Pat Dimmitt, Bob Dunn, Marcie Dust, Norma Eldridge, Doug Ewalt, Bob Ferguson, Jim Flick, John Grynwich, Bobby Gwynn, Andrew Hamilton, Paula Hess, Jim Ireland, Becky Jacobs, Karen King, Ogden Krossovitch, Les Lee, Russ Lee, Charlie Liepitz, Maxine Magnus, Matthew Pickard, Bonnie Pickens, Perry Pickens, Emma Roberts, Dorothy Schwark, Lisa Shuler, Brian Sokolowski, Shirley Starnes, Luke Totzke, Bill Whittaker, Debby Wolf, Chris Zebell.

Those who grieve:

Friends and family of Larry Fisher, Brad James, Leroy Bartelmay, Denise Bohn-Stewart, and Sharon Peterson Flick.

Those recently married:

Brittany Jakeway and Troy Hallin at their wedding on April 16.

Those welcoming a new baby:

Duane and Amanda Below at the birth of their son, Gaving James, on April 16.

Other:

Jeff and Deleighta Swanson as they seek God's will for their next ministry assignment.
Victims of the shootings in Pike County, Ohio.
Peace throughout our world.

Please note: Names will be deleted from the above list after one month unless an updated request is received.



Our Summer Worship schedule will begin on June 5. Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. for June, July, and August.



Church Directory

We are preparing a new Church Directory. Please check the directory copy in the narthex and make any needed changes by May 1. New directories will be printed and available for pick up later this month.



Don't forget your mom on Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day! Bring your mom to worship with you!

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It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Duane and Amanda Below at the birth of their son, Gavin James, on April 16. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 1/2". He is the first grandchild of *Jim and Robin Ireland*. Great-grandparents are *Jim and Charmaine Thompson*. Blessings to your family at this happy time!

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments after our worship services. Sign up in the narthex





Easter Breakfast

A big thank you to all who helped put on a fantastic Easter breakfast! We are certainly blessed with many helping hands. There were 60 people in attendance, and the fellowship we shared with one another is the true meaning of what Easter represents. Hallelujah, He is risen!

Rhonda Petro
Fellowship Chair



Work Day

Thank you to all who helped with Spring Clean-up day last month. We had fourteen people. Many hands make light work.

Pews were waxed, batteries replaced in smoke alarms, sidewalks edged, the lawn mowed, and two new toilets installed in the upstairs restrooms.

Thank you to these volunteers: *Kyle Backus, Nancy Davis, Elmer Doyle, Jim Flick, Sharon Flick, Marcia Hess, Doug Hinman, Joe Hinman Rhonda Hinman, Keith Kehoe, Ron Petro, Sheila Swanson, Sherri Swanson, and Jim Thompson.*

Special Music Sign-Up

Our choir will be taking a well-deserved break over the summer months. We will be looking for special music beginning June 5. Please sign up in the narthex to share your talents with the congregation.



Join Us

"I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

The first Thursday in May has been designation by Congress as a National Day of Prayer. The River Valley Ministerial Association is organizing a prayer event to take place at noon on May 5th. We will meet in the small park at the corner of Maple and N. Elm St. in Three Oaks to join in prayer for our country and our leaders. Please bring your own chairs. In case of inclement weather, we will gather at Real Life Community Church.



Shipshewana Trip

We will be taking our annual shopping excursion to the flea market at Shipshewana on Tuesday, June 7. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. and return at approximately 7:00 p.m. Everyone in the congregation is invited. Please sign up in the narthex so we will know how many vehicles are needed. If you sign up and then are not able to make it, please call someone else who is planning to attend so the group will not need to wait on you.

Children's Church



May 22 will be the last day of Sunday School for this school year. Children's Church will begin May 29.

For our summer programming this year, we are planning to show Christian movies, such as *Veggie Tales*. We are looking for volunteers to take turns watching the children each week. If you love children and can turn on a TV, you are qualified! Please sign up in the narthex.



Community Vacation Bible School

Plans are underway for our community Vacation Bible School this summer. We will be following the theme "Cave Quest – Following Jesus the Light of the World." Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure. Kids will be grounded in the rock solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through dark times.

VBS will be held June 20-24 at the Free Methodist Church, sponsored ecumenically by several area churches.

We will need many volunteers for Crew Leaders, Assistant Crew Leaders, Preschool Helpers and Snack Staff. If you would like to help, contact Ginger Schumm at 269-845-9210 or by e-mail at daynatoys@comcast.net. A list of supplies needed for refreshments and games will be in the narthex soon.



Golden Cross

Golden Cross Sunday promotes health and welfare ministries within our West Michigan Conference and in the local church.

Agencies which benefit from these funds are:

- The Methodist Children's Home Society provides for children who are emotionally troubled and homeless. Some are abused, others deserted, but all are having difficulty coping. Although adoption is now a secondary program, it is still a major concern. The Society believes we have no throw-away children and it serves as a redemptive arm of the Church.
- Clark Retirement Community seeks to provide quality care in a Christian atmosphere of love and concern. In addition to comfortable shelter, nutritious meals and ongoing nursing care for those who need it, Clark seeks to meet the physical, spiritual and psychosocial needs of residents.
- Bronson Methodist Hospital is a major regional center seeking to provide quality care for sick and injured persons. Concern for the whole person is expressed not only through physical care, but also mental, spiritual and social welfare of people. The pastoral care department provides an in-house chaplaincy as well as the training of clergy for this ministry.

Half of the offering will stay in our local church to support ministries that serve persons with disabilities such as preparing large print bulletins and servicing our elevator. We will observe Golden Cross Sunday on Mother's Day, May 8. You may use a pew envelope and mark it "Golden Cross."



Thank you for all my birthday cards and for attending the party during coffee hour.

Eleanor Desmond

With Gratitude



Congratulations to *Annette Donner, Katharine Kersey, and Zachary Sieler* who were inducted into the River Valley chapter of the National Honor Society on April 17.



Peace with Justice

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and

sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds - and yielding fruit! - of peace.

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.

Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians - in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia - to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in?

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to - and experienced by - the poor. We will receive this special offering on May 29. Please give generously.



Graduation

We will recognize the accomplishments of the following young people at our worship service on May 22. Please plan to attend.

Graduating from River Valley High School on June 3:

Paige Barbour

daughter of Jon and Deb Barbour

Laura Donner

daughter of Bill and Tracy Donner

Kaitlin Goodenough

daughter of Craig and Kris Goodenough

Lexie Olson

daughter of Carlton and Meagan Olson

Abby Prim

daughter of Terry Prim

Shelby Sieler

daughter of Tim and Debbie Sieler

Sara Williams

daughter of Adam and Jennifer Williams

Graduating from New Buffalo High School on June 5:

Amber Weers

daughter of Mary Weers

Graduating from Western Michigan University on April 30:

Morgan Weers

daughter of Mary Weers

If we have inadvertently left anyone off this list, please let us know in the church office.

The community is invited to attend River Valley's Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m. Sisters in Faith will provide refreshments.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Brittany Jakeway and Troy Hallin at their wedding on April 16. Brittany is the daughter of *Mike and Cindy*

Jakeway. The couple will make their home in St. Louis, Missouri.



Memorial Day 2016

In recognition of Memorial Day, there will be a special presentation in worship on Sunday, May 29, honoring all those related to our congregation who have served our country in the military, past or present. If you already shared information when we did this three years ago, we will be using it again. If your loved one was not included last time, please turn in to the church office by Sunday, May 22, the individual's name, the branch in which he/she served (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, etc.), a photo of him/her while in the service, and a more current photo (if available). Thanks for your help!



Sisters in Faith Rummage / Bake Sale

We will continue to accept items until Tuesday, May 31. If you have larger items you would like to donate and need help, please call Rhonda Petro at 756-9847.

Yes, you read correctly! The Sisters in Faith will be hosting the annual rummage sale ... along with a bake sale. We feel that this would be an incredible opportunity to raise funds for our ongoing needs and missions.

We are asking for help from all who would be willing to contribute a baked good(s) to the cause. We will be selling a variety of baked items. Some suggestions might be: pies (always a favorite), cakes, cupcakes, cookies, mini or full loaves of bread, brownies, rice krispie treats, etc. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone interested in baking.

We request that you bring the baked goods Thursday, June 2, so that we may package them accordingly. Thank you for your consideration to help!

Sisters in Faith Rummage Sneak Peak

As a thank you to the congregation for its support to the rummage sale, we are offering a "Sneak Peek" night of shopping on Thursday, June 2, from 5:00 to 7:00. This will give you an opportunity to find the treasures you desire before they're gone.

Dear friends,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Conference, I am very pleased to formally acknowledge and congratulate your congregation for giving 100% to your 2015 Ministry Share.



Thank you, for the generosity and sacrificial giving of your congregation. Your prayers and contributions, truly make a difference. Here are some examples how Ministry Share dollars make a difference...

- 1,115 youth attended summer camp in our five camps
- More than 300 students participated in five Wesley campus ministries
- 99 congregations got involved in Vital Church Initiative (VCI)
- Supported ministries of our bishop and district superintendents
- Paid the moving expenses of 49 pastors
- Provided pastors' salary support to 22 churches
- More than \$1 million giving to the Advance for disaster relief, missionaries' support, building churches, lifesaving health care, water supply and Christian education
- Contributed more than \$1.6 million to the UMC general fund to support our shared mission and ministry worldwide to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Praise God for these and many good gifts! By our connectional giving, we combine our resources with many others and accomplish bigger things than we can by ourselves.

Enclosed is the certificate acknowledging your 100% participation and support of the Conference Ministry Shares for 2015 from Bishop Kiesey and the general council on finance and administration.

In Christ,
Pros Tumonong, Conference Treasurer



Sunday School Mission

Pick up a collection can in the narthex for this year's Sunday School mission project. Donations will support the "Changing Lives" endowment campaign for our United Methodist church camps in Michigan. More information can be found at: <http://umcamping.org/changing-lives-campaign>.

Return your filled can to the church office anytime before the end of August.



Mother-Daughter-Sister Banquet

Our church will host a Mother-Daughter Banquet on Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. for all the women of our congregation and their loved ones. Plan now to bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter, sister or friend. Everyone is invited! Sign up in the narthex so we know how much food to prepare. There is no cost for the evening, but freewill donations will be accepted.

Men who are willing to help serve and cleanup are also asked to sign up in the narthex. The menu will be lasagna, salad, garlic bread, gelato for dessert, punch, coffee, and water. There will be a musical program following dinner featuring the talents of Dave Farris (Bonnie Pickens' grandson) and his group. Join us!



Sisters in Faith

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. *Bonnie Pickens* will share devotions; refreshments will be provided by *Rhonda Petro and Faye Sittig*. *Ellie Rogers* will lead Bible Study. Please read chapter three. *Nancy Davis and Sharon Phillips* will be doing Blessings in a Backpack on May 19th.



Church Council

Our Church Council is now meeting monthly on the last Monday. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, our next meeting will be on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

We are currently reading and discussing the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Bishop Robert Schnase. The homework assignment for this month is chapter six "Excellence and Fruitfulness" (pages 125-144).

Thanks to...

...*Dawn Hayes* for making 24 adorable Easter bunnies for the children of our church.

...*Alexis Renbarger* for delivering the leftover bunnies and Easter flowers to some of our elderly members.



Dear Members and Friends of Three Oaks UMC,

Thank you for your financial support of the Three Oaks United Methodist Church. Your gifts are vital in supporting our ongoing commitment to deliver Christ's word in Three Oaks.

This is the first quarterly update for the year 2016. As you may remember the decision was made by the Finance Committee to provide 4 quarterly updates to individuals on their year-to-date contributions, rather than only the third quarter and year end statements as we have done in the recent past.

For this first quarterly update I must again inform you that our obligations have exceeded our contributions. The good news is that we have narrowed the gap. Last year our expenses exceeded our contributions by over one thousand dollars each month during the first quarter. This year we have only relied on our cash reserves to meet a one thousand dollar shortfall over the entire quarter. While we cannot continue to engage in deficit spending forever, I am encouraged that with God's grace and your ongoing support we will continue to remain a viable congregation and a visible presence here in Three Oaks.

We had hoped that there would be some relief from the Conference through yoking with another local congregation to reduce our expenses through sharing of a pastor. This relief will not happen this year. As a result our budget will not see any reduction and there may be a need to rely on cash reserves to sustain us through the year. Fortunately, due to extraordinary giving at year end, we have cash reserves. Please do not interpret this as an indication that your contributions are no longer required. There is much that we have yet to do to here in Three Oaks and your continued support and financial contributions are required to fulfill God's plan for us.

I will strive to keep you aware of the financial situation of the church as we move forward during the year. In God's service,

Ron Petro
Finance Committee Chairperson



Senior Lunch

All senior citizens are invited to attend the River Valley Senior Lunch Program on Thursday, May 19, 1:15 p.m. at the River Valley Middle High School campus. The program will feature Top Seniors. Students will be sharing their experiences and knowledge learned at River Valley High School as well as their future plans. Following the program, the superintendent, principal and other staff will provide updates and answer any questions. Cost is only \$2 per person.



From the Bookshelf by Rhonda Hinman

May is here and we will be planting our gardens. As you plant and work in your gardens, remember that Jesus is the gardener of your heart. He plants the seed of faith, waters it with His word, shines the light of hope and grace on it and watches it grow.

This month's featured book is *The First Gardener* by Denise Hildreth Jones. If heaven had a backyard, it would look like the gardens of the Tennessee governor's mansion. Jeremiah Williams has been tending those gardens for over twenty-five years. And like most first families who have come and gone, this one has stolen his heart.

Mackenzie and her husband, Governor Gray London, are enjoying a sweet season of life when a tragedy tears their world apart. As the entire state mourns, Mackenzie falls into a grief that threatens to swallow her whole.

Though his heart is also broken, Jeremiah realizes that his gift of gardening is about far more than pulling weeds and planting flowers. It's about tending hearts as well. So he gently begins to cultivate the hard soil of Mackenzie's heart, hoping to show her what it took him decades to discover.

A Southern tale of loss, love, and living. *The First Gardener* reminds us that all of life is a gift, but our heart is the most valuable gift of all.

Who's Who at T.O.U.M.C.

Did you know that *Bill Swanson* was once in a talent show on channel seven? He and a friend sang "*Take Those Cold Feet Outta My Back*". They performed as Zeb and Zeke.



Bill and Betty both grew up in Rolling Prairie. Bill was one grade ahead of Betty. He always thought of her as a little girl. Betty wasn't impressed with Bill. However, all of that changed when they were in high school and started dating. They have now been married for 60 years. They have six children, Laura Simmermeyer, Burt, Craig, Sheila, and twins, Cliff and Jeff. They have sixteen grandchildren, five step grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Bill and Betty are both from farming families. Their fathers both worked at Ellis Chalmers.

Bill is from a family of six children, three boys and three girls. He graduated from Rolling Prairie High School in 1954. He finished an electronics course at DeVry Technical Institute. While taking the course, he read lessons to his blind friend, Joe Jeschke. Joe in turn kept Bill on track to finish his lessons. Bill worked at Roxy Music Store in LaPorte, Indiana as service manager for 23 years. Joe worked with him there. Bill then ran a business out of his home for 33 years.

Bill became interested in music in seventh grade. He took Hawaiian guitar lessons. He started teaching guitar lessons when he was a sophomore in high school. He taught lessons before he himself even played the regular guitar. He later took lessons. He taught lessons for several years at Three Oaks and Chikaming elementary schools. He is still teaching lessons today. He played in a dance band.

His grandma taught piano lessons and was happy that he played the guitar. One of Bill's favorite songs is "*Whispering*". We all love to hear Bill play the guitar and sing.

Betty was one of nine children. She was the second to the youngest. While growing up on a farm she helped with chores, including milking cows and in the spring, sap gathering. She was in the 4-H Club. Betty graduated from Rolling Prairie High School in 1955. In school she sang in the choir. Betty's favorite song is "*Amazing Grace*". Not only was Betty a mother raising six children, she also held several other positions through the years. She was a county librarian for five years. She drove the bookmobile part time. She cleaned houses for fourteen years. She was the Sunday night receptionist at LaLamie School for nine years. She has been an Avon representative for

34 years. She also worked the polls. Betty loves to sew.

Bill and Betty have enjoyed traveling through the years to many places. They hope to do more of it.

Bill and Betty come to us from Lamb's Chapel UMC where Bill held a position as lay leader. They joined our church family in August 2005. We are blessed to have them here.



Senior Lunches

Water's Edge UMC (18732 Harbor Country Drive, New Buffalo) is pleased to announce the start-up of weekly lunches prepared for older adults of the Harbor Country community. These will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 4.

Healthy, delicious lunches will be available at a nominal cost of \$3.75 a person. Buffet style choices will include soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert. The comfortable, relaxed setting will provide opportunity for conversation and relationships.

Programs, ranging from entertainment to education, will be offered. The programs begin at 11:00 a.m. with the meal being served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Wednesday in The Commons at Water's Edge. The community is invited to attend.



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If we could deliver your next Parish Post by e-mail, please inform the church office. It would be faster, easier, and cheaper.

Thanks for your help!

Sermon Series: "A Disciple's Path"

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| May 1 | Communion
"Gifts – Treasure to God"
Luke 21:1-4 |
| May 8 | Mother's Day
"Service – Talents for God"
John 13:1-17 |
| May 15 | Pentecost
"Witness – Tell About God"
Acts 2:1-8, 12-18, 21, 37-39 |
| May 22 | Graduate Recognition
"Three Little Words"
Matthew 16:24-26 |
| May 29 | Memorial Day
"Under Whose Authority?"
Luke 7:1-10 |

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