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Isaiah 49:16 Behold, I have carved you on the palms of My hands;

When I read Isaiah 49:16 in the context of this picture....



It takes my breath away... how about you?

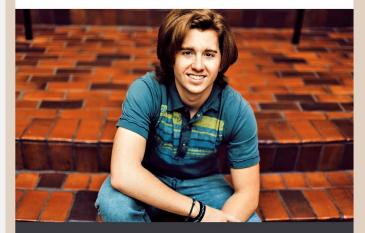
I truly and completely believe that God is a personal God. He is not indifferent or untouchable or watching us from a distance. God is near. He is here, with us, every moment of every day. He is with us and for us and his love is everlasting! God will never abandon his children. The Isaiah 40 verse goes on...after saying our names are written on the palm of his hands...to say that we are always before him...always...continually...all the time...forever. That means now, 5 minutes ago, in 3 days, when we are awake and asleep...all the time! There is never a time we are not before God. Why? Because God loves us. Yes! God loves each and every one of us! Yes! Even knowing that we will make wrong choices, do and say things that won't please him...God still loves us! God speaks to us in Isaiah 49:15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!" As hard as it to imagine forgetting ones child, it can and does happen. Some people neglect their children, they abandon them, and they reject them. But as a mother of two grown children there is never a day that I do not think of them. They are always on my heart and in my thoughts. I cherish the time I am able to spend with them and even though they are grown and on their own there is a part of me that misses them each day. I cannot forget them. I cannot help but love them and have compassion for them and want to be near them. But some mothers do forget their children. That is the life they choose to live and this is not to judge or condemn them. It is to contrast that God is not like that...He will never abandon us or neglect us or reject us. His hands are always open to us ready to receive us, to encourage us, to hold us, to carry us through life's ups and downs. God's love is constant. Even if you don't feel loveable... God still loves you. God's love is everlasting. When all else fails and fades... God is still there. God is our rock, our refuge, our stronghold, our comfort, our shield...he is all that we need to see us through this life. His love and mercy are forever!

GLEANERS TRUCK COMING ON AUGUST 21ST

Volunteers are needed to serve at the Gleaners Truck from 3:00 -6:00 p.m. at the Sheridan High School Parking Lot on Monday, August 21st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. - Psalm 146:2



BRYCE NELSON

Join us for an evening of worship with this amazing young singer!

Saturday, September 23, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan First United Methodist Church 207 E. Second St., Sheridan, IN 46069

A "love offering" will be taken to benefit the outreach ministries of the church: Help Our Neighbor, Learn and Play Preschool, Lunch Club, and the Sunflower Pantry.



Tuesday, August 8 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch Club at Sheridan First United Methodist Church 207 E. Second Street, Sheridan

Free school supplies, free hair cuts, balloon animals, hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream sundaes

LEARN AND PLAY PRESCHOOL begins September 7



MISSION TRIP

Special thanks to this group who spent a week doing mission work at Red Bird Mission.







LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club not only feeds the body, we are developing fellowship, working with kids on learning, helping life skills, and loving the community. These are the faces of Lunch Club in July.





The kids have enjoyed learning embroidery from Abby Davis.







LUNCH CLUB (continued)







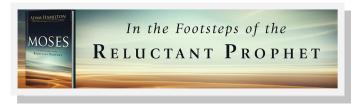


EDUCATION NEWS



Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 6, we will have our Blessing of the Backpacks and blessings on our teachers returning to school. Bring your backpack to church!



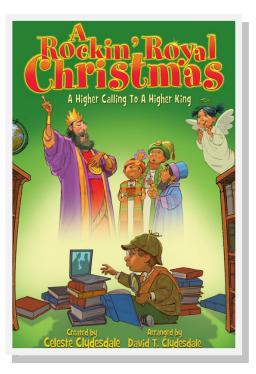
Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

You are invited to join the new "Moses" Bible Study beginning Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m. in the Men's Bible Study Group and/or on Sunday mornings beginning August 13 at 9:00 a.m. in the Topics Class.

Retrace the life of Moses from his modest birth and rescue as a baby to the courts of Pharaoh, from herding flocks in Midian to leading the people out of Egypt.

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us n the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and the life in powerful ways.



A Royal Rockin Christmas We have selected our Children's Christmas Program for this December. We are excited that Nikki Davis and Amanda Summer have agreed to help with the program again this year. This is a fun program that the kids will love. Watch for further details about practice schedule.



EDUCATION NEWS (continued)







Our lesson on the Parable of the Sower



MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS



The Sunflower Pantry is VERY LOW on the following items:

Kleenex Toilet cleaner Shampoo Conditioner Sponge/ scrubber Window Cleaner

Please remember our homebound this week.

Mark Blessing 5029 Skipping Stone Drive Indianapolis, IN 46237

Mary Grace Pickett Room132 334 S. Cherry St Westfield, IN 46075

Helen Pickard 22398 Mulebarn Road Sheridan, In 46069

Melba Stephenson 22490 Mulebarn Rd. Sheridan, In 46069 Mary Walker 925 West 236th St. Sheridan, In 46069

Tresa Ann Waitt 334 S. Cherry St. Apt. 230 Westfield, In 46074

Betty Rohrer Room 101 776 N. Union St. Westfield, In 46074

Kate Pickett Room 118 803 S. Hamilton Ave. Sheridan, In 46069



Joanne Norman 200 West 3rd St. Sheridan, In 46069

William Oberthur Room 12 1667 Sheridan Rd. Noblesville, In 46062

Mary Anne Ogle Room 19 1667 Sheridan Rd. Noblesville, In 46062

Robert Fox (Sr.) Room 309 B 776 N. Union St. Westfield, In 46074

If you know of someone who needs to be added to our list, please let us know.





Eli Blaes	8/3
Sally Lindenmayer	8/4
Nikki Frazier	8/6
Martha Rockey	8/6
Mary Berry	8/7
Carol Kuhn	8/9
Kathy Evoy	8/11
Nate Mylet	8/12
Brad Pickett	814
Janice Heffelmire	8/21
Phil Pearson	8/21
Thelma Daisley	8/25
Kenneth Bensen	8/29
Adam Habig	8/29
Tim Bales	8/30
Leslie Pence	830
Jeannie Sample	8/30
Andrew Kerr	8/31

Vincent & Robin Lindenmayer	8/8
Ronald & Cheryl Dennison	8/9
Neil & Rebekah Thompson	8/10
Robert & Elaine Habig	8/12
Randy & Sharon Brimberry	8/18
Bret & Angie Weitzel	8/25
Bryon & Carol Fritz	8/26
John & Martha Rockey	8/27
Bob & Sarah Godby	8/27
Dylan & Julia Neff	8/31

150th ANNIVERSARY COOK BOOK

We are collecting recipes to be included in our 150th Anniversary Cook Book!

Please include your name, who it was passed down picture of them if you have one, and of course all sary info for the recipe itself with a picture of the ished product!



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There will be boxes marked:

Main-Dishes/Casseroles

Appetizers/Drinks/Desserts

Church History/Stories/Devotions/Fun-Facts

Please place your recipe in the corresponding box. You may also e-mail the church. Also, if you have an inspiring story of how God has worked in your life or that of a loved one, please share it so it may be included in our Anniversary Cookbook, as well as fun facts, devotions, church history, and recipes for fun things to make, i.e. playdough.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00p.m Sunflower Pan-	2 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	3 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	4 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	5
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6 8:30a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Worship Blessing the Back- packs	7 Lunch Club 11:30-1:00	8 Lunch Club Back to School Bash 11:30-1:00 Lydia Circle 1:30p.m.	9 Bible Studies 6:00-7:00p.m.	10	11	12 UMM Break- fast 7:30 a.m.
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