

Memory Lane News



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From the Pastor's Desk

Winter – what can I say? It has its moments of beauty: the silvery silhouettes of sleeping trees against a bright blue sky, the falling snow on a full moon night, warm cozy socks, a cup of hot chocolate and a good book, especially the Good Book . . . winter a perfect time for reflection.



A friend gave me a book entitled *The Fourth Quarter of Your Life- embracing what matters most*. The book gives perspective on preparing for living in the fourth quarter of life. It opens with a quote by Henry David Thoreau, “*What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.*” I suggest this is a quote worth meditating on.

I pray that whatever quarter of life you are in that you will set aside time each day to talk with your Lord and Savior. It is a must for those who are planning to finish well. I want to share a few thoughts with you about prayer:

1. Prayer – written, silent or read is wonderful for our souls. I pray silent short prayers throughout the day; I write my morning prayers most days, and I read the Bible as prayer, or I read other people's prayers regularly.

3. I love to read short passages of Scripture while paying attention to phrases, or even a word that captures my attention. These often lead me to word studies that help me see deeper into what I am reading. I always ask for the help of the Holy Spirit as I read.
4. Writings offered by those I sense are deeply spiritual people also inspire me. I don't know about you, but I have developed a list of people who have shared their walk with God in writing.

Many of them have written in Upper Room books called *A Guide to Prayer for all Who Seek God.*” One of my favorites was printed in 2003 and guided by Norman Shawchuck and Ruben Job. Ruben Job was a UMC Bishop in Iowa and was a very Godly man. He passed away in 2015. Norman Shawchuck was a pastor, teacher and consultant. He and Job were friends.

I close with a quote from Henri J. M. Nouwen, a contributor to many of the *Guide to Prayer* books. Spend some time thinking about what he is sharing. “. . . *the full power of the Word [Bible] lies, not in how we apply it to our lives after we have heard it, but in its transformative power that does its divine work as we listen.*” I understand the author to say God's Holy Spirit will change us if we will show up.

Get a good book (especially the Good Book), some warm socks, and a cup of hot chocolate to help you with whatever quarter of life you find yourself. Spring is coming!

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Schedule of Events

Children Sunday School..... 9:45 am

Sunday Service 11:00am at Church
.....or YouTube (Good Shepherd Cotter)

Movie & Dinner—Monday 4:00 pm

Graceful Stitches Sewing..... 10:00am
Meet in basement of church

Recovery Group—Thursday 10:00am
Meet in basement of church

Women of the Good Shepherd - Third Tuesday
of the month at 10:00am

Good Shepherd Brotherhood—Fourth Thursday
of month at 6:00pm

Church Potluck—Second Sunday of the month
after Church Service



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**God is
LOVE.**
1 JOHN 4:16

