

The Messenger

I Am The Child

(October is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month. This poem is in honor of those who live with Rett's everyday.)

I am the child who cannot talk. You often pity me. I see it in your eyes. You wonder how much I am aware of ...I see that as well. I am aware of much...whether you are happy or sad or fearful, patient or impatient, full of love and desire, or if you are just doing your duty by me. I marvel at your frustration, knowing mine to be far greater, for I cannot express myself or my needs as you do. You cannot conceive my isolation, so complete it is at times. I do not gift you with clever conversations, cute remarks to be laughed over and repeated. I do not give you answers to your everyday questions, responses over my well-being, sharing my needs, or comments about the standards...great strides in development that you can credit yourself. I do not give you understanding as you know it. What I give you is so much more valuable...I give you, instead, opportunities. Opportunities to discover the depth of your character, not mine; the depth of your love, your commitment, your patience, your abilities; the opportunity to explore your spirit more deeply than you imagined possible. I drive you further than you would ever do on your own, working harder, seeking answers to your many questions, creating questions with no answers. I am the child who cannot talk.

I am the child who cannot walk. The world sometimes seems to pass me by. You see the longing in my eyes to get out of this chair, and run and play like other children. There is much you take for granted. I want the toys on the shelf. I need to go to the bathroom, Oh, I've dropped my fork again. I am dependent on you in these ways. My gift to you is to make you aware of your great fortune, your healthy back and legs, your ability to do for yourself. Sometimes people appear not to notice; I always notice them. I feel not so much envy as desire, desire to stand upright, to put one foot in front of the other, to be independent. I give you awareness. I am the child who cannot walk.

I am the child who is mentally impaired I don't learn easily, if you judge me by the worlds measuring stick. What I do know is infinite joy in the simple things. I am not burdened as you are with strife and conflicts of a more complicated life. My gift to you is to grant you the freedom to enjoy things as a child, to teach you how much your arms around me mean, to give you love. I give you the gift of simplicity. I am the child who is mentally impaired.

I am the disabled child. I am your teacher. If you allow me, I will teach you what is really important in life. I will give you and teach you unconditional love. I gift you with my innocent trust, my dependency upon you. I teach you of respect for others and their uniqueness. I teach you about the sanctity of life. I teach you about how very precious this life is and about not taking things for granted. I teach you about forgetting your own needs and desires and dreams. I teach you giving. Most of all, I teach you hope and faith. I am the disabled child.

---Anonymous

Please pray for a cure for Rett Syndrome.

Coming Events! Plan to attend...

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting will be October 20th at 7:00. Theme for the evening will be Wisdom. Activity for the evening will be bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Red Cross Food pantry. Hostesses for the evening will be Bonnie Weirick, June Clotfelter, Terrie Reich, Belle Perkinson, and Arla Smith.

Rocket Club

A new adventure awaits all children ages 2-12! Come join us at Rocket Club on October 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Bring a friend to share the journey and excitement!



Messiah Village Singing Men

On October 10th we will be blessed once again to have the Messiah Village Singing Men here at Hummel's. We will have a soup and bread supper beginning at 5:30. Sign up sheet to bring soup and/or bread is in the Narthex. Concert will begin at 7:00. You won't want to miss it!

Grace Notes

Practice for the Grace notes will be held before Rocket Club, October 6th from 6:00-6:30. All children are invited to join with us! We will sing on October 17th during worship.

Walk for the Hungry

Walk for the Hungry will be held at Grace Covenant Church on October 24th at 1:30 pm. If you cannot walk, consider sponsoring a walker with a donation which will be used for needy people right here in our community!

This month's special:

- 10/10 Harvest Home & Building Fund
- 10/17 Food Donation Sunday
- 10/31 Bring a Friend Sunday & Loaves and Fishes offering

Scrapbooking

It's time to get back into it! The next meeting of Scrapbooking is October 12th at 7:00. If you have never been there before you are very welcome to join us! We share our supplies, just bring your scrapbook, pictures and any supplies you would like to share.



Hummel's UMC on Facebook

Calling those with facebook pages! Hummel's is now on facebook too. When you log in go to the search bar at the top and type Hummel's and our page should come up, click on this profile and hit LIKE in order to join. This page was intended for special announcements during the week. For instance: If the pool party is scheduled and it begins to rain that day-facebook will be updated so that you are aware if it is cancelled. On Hummel's page there is a "discussions" tab. Right now, there is a thread for prayer requests during the week. Please visit there to pray for those who have listed prayer requests or to post your own request.

There is a separate page for Hummel's Youth. On your profile you can search for hummels and "hummels youth" will come up. Parents and young people are encouraged to join to receive special announcements about youth events!

Please note that www.hummelsumc.org will still be up and running as usual!

World Communion Sunday

On October 3rd we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. In addition to taking communion with believers all over the world, our special giving offering is for World Communion Sunday. The United Methodist Church takes this offering to provide scholarships to racial and ethnic minority students. Please consider giving to this mission.

Happy Birthday to:

- 10/2 Sherry Hostetler
- 10/3 Katelyn Walter
- 10/4 Sue Smith
- 10/5 Emily Hibbs
- 10/6 Andrea Smith
- 10/7 David Kratzer
Hollie Johnson
- 10/8 Alyssa Aucker
- 10/9 Ray Perkinson
Richard Walter
- 10/10 Jeff Walter
- 10/11 Austin Davis
- 10/16 Tiffany Berry
Deborah Kratzer
- 10/17 Lillian Royer
- 10/19 Pamela Gill
Scott Herbster
Clint Hostetler
Steve Smith
- 10/20 Carl Keister
- 10/21 Curtis Holmes
- 10/26 Roger Smith
- 10/27 Davannah Dunn
- 10/31 Jean Walshaw
Doris Straub

Happy Anniversary to:

- 10/10 Roy and Rochelle Paige
- 10/12 John and Sue Hauck
- 10/19 Gary and Tiffany Fry
Scott and Kathy Wendt
- 10/20 Mike and Teresa Hibbs
Brian and Tracy Davis



(Also in honor of Rett Awareness month)

I Have the Courage

I cannot speak, but you understand me.
 I cannot walk, so you push me.
 I cannot sing, but I love music.
 I cannot crawl so you carry me.
 I cannot tell jokes, but I love to laugh.
 I cannot wash myself, so you bathe me.
 I cannot play with Barbies, but I can push a switch.
 I cannot wave bye-bye, so you wave for me.
 I cannot dress myself, but you make me look pretty.
 I cannot read, so you tell me stories.
 I cannot touch, but I can feel.
 I cannot go up the stairs, so you put me on the lift.
 I cannot tell you how much I love you,
 So look into my eyes and you will see.
 I cannot tell what the future will hold,
 But I have the courage to go on.

—Jennifer Ann Robles

www.rettsyndrome.org

To Each His Own

God made me different You know I really try
 He said I am unique
 And I never ask him why.
 If I appear peculiar, there's nothing I can do
 You must accept me as I am as I accept you.
 God made a casting of each life,
 Then threw the old away.
 Each child is different from the rest,
 Unlike as night and day.
 So often we will criticize,
 The things that others do.
 Do you know, they do not think
 the same as me and you?
 So God in all his wisdom, who knows us all by name
 Didn't want us to be bored,
 That's why we're not all the same.

—Author unknown

Pray for our Nursing Home Residents

Cathy Shrawder.....Bloomsburg
David Kratzer.....Nottingham Village
Peg Gilbert.....Penn Manor, Sunbury

Pray for our Extended Family

Ethel Stuck
Virginia Thompson
Warren C. Johnson
Brian and Lori Hummel Family

Recent Surgeries & Procedures

Tanner Fry
Cody Ewing
Edna Hackenberg

Recent Hospital Stays

Tanner Fry
Edna Hackenberg

Please pray for our Shut ins

Scott Smith

Our College Students:

Amy Bowersox	Stephanie Brouse
Brandon Craven	Kim Dreese
Marissa Ewing	Yvonne Herbster
Becky Hibbs	Zach Royer
Michael Shirk	Katie Stuck
Amanda Waite	Casey Wendt

***I am not completely sure this is an accurate list. If your child is missing from the list or if they are there in error please let the church office know so we can fix it.

For Our Sunday School Teachers

Brenda Craven	Justin Keister
Carolyn Hauck	Linda Smith
Jenn Smith	Bonnie Hibbs
Susan Hauck	Dean Smith
Phyllis Howell	Scott Johnson
Tony Dauberman	Ronnie Reich
Kathy Waite	Terry Newman
Suzy Smith	Stephanie Beaver
Carolyn Shirk	Leroy Hibbs
Joyce Dreese	Bo Clotfelter
Pat Mull	

***and anyone who may teach Sunday school who I may have missed but you know they do! Sorry for any omissions.



Please remember those who had Emergency Room Visits this month as well as many Doctor Appointments. Please continue to lift up those people who have not been feeling well and/or are going through testing.

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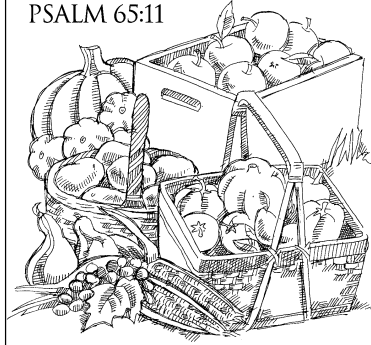
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“Compassion will take care of more sins
than condemnation.”

YOU CROWN
THE YEAR
WITH YOUR
BOUNTY...

PSALM 65:11



The Pumpkin Carving Prayer

Dear God,
As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)-we did rectangles

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.
(Place a candle inside and light it)

