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From the Pastor's Desk...

PLAN AHEAD!

Some time ago, back when I was young woman, I chanced to visit San Simeon, CA with my folks. San Simeon is the hilltop estate of the late William Randolph Hearst. Hearst was a collector of art from around the world, and he furnished his castles with many remarkable pieces he brought to his California estate. As we walked through the mansion I noticed in one room a fireplace made of marble that had words in Latin carved into the mantle. The saying took the entire space across the mantle, but somehow when the artist got to the last word in the saying he had run out of room, so he had to put the last letter or two in much smaller font dangling down the side of the marble! I really laughed that sight and thought, 'This must be the original 'Plan Ahead!' sign.

That funny little picture tells us we should plan ahead, and that is very good advice. Jesus even tells us that. He told parables about the king and the builder who did not plan ahead and count the costs of their endeavors, only to be laughed at because they failed to plan ahead.

Planning ahead is the best way, but there are those vicissitudes of life that occasionally thwart our plans. What then? What can we do when our plans don't measure up to the situation, or things have changed enough to cause us to go back to the 'drawing board'?

When our plans have to be refigured we still have valuable assets that we can use. Those are our core values, our faith values. Even if our plans are working the way we expect, we still have our basic values to guide us to make the next step/s.

Those values are basic to Christians faith—love, hope, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, patience, faithfulness, and self-control. (Did you recognize them as the 'fruits of the spirit?') Another way of saying it is Loving God and neighbor as self; or doing unto others as we would have them do unto ourselves.

Yes, our Christian values are those we can't lose when things change and we need to refigure what to do. Even if our plans change we won't 'throw the baby out with the bath water!' We won't throw out our faith values along with undoable plans.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Marjorie

CHARGE CONFERENCE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH,

3:00 p.m.

TRINITY UMC

NEW ROOM (in the rear)

**Plan to celebrate with all United Methodists
in our Northeast District.**

**(Our Pre-Charge Conference/Church Council
Meeting is this Wednesday, at 7:15)**



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Happy Birthday!
Carol Gullatt!
11/05

Happy Anniversary!
Bruce and Gerry Grant!
11/03/1945

We are praying for:

Gordon & Pat Cottrell
Will Tillmon's mother, Esther
Tim & Jeannie Hardin
Jim Patton
Millie Whalen
Ken Kavanaugh
Will Bazemore
George Weldon
Those running for office!



Due to disappointing turnout of children our special Christmas Musical Angels Aware! has been cancelled.



Bulletin Bloopers!

*Our youth basketball team is back in action this Wednesday at 8 pm in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

*Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass This Way Again" giving obvious pleasure to the entire congregation.

ANNUAL JOINT THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

NOVEMBER 23d, 6:30 p.m.

LAKEWOOD, UMC

FELLOWSHIP/GOODIES following worship.

Plan to start off your Thanksgiving week with this special time.

(Pastor Marjorie will be preaching.)



Keep the Food Coming!

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) continues to need food for many families in need. Thanks for the drop offs you've left in the church; If you can, please keep them coming! Nothing is going to waste!



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