



This week at Mission Bell

Monday, August 7, 2017

Pastor's Pontification

GOD'S PLAN

When one gets to know Mission Bell and the number of groups meeting at the church facility, one begins to realize that a part of God's plan for the church is that it be a support to recovery ministry. In celebration of God's plan, we remember Reinhold Niebuhr and a prayer he penned in the 1930's for the 'church worldwide'.

Niebuhr was an American theologian, ethicist and commentator on public affairs, and professor at Union Theological Seminary for more than 30 years. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964.

Niebuhr's prayer of "Serenity"

"God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen.

The prayer was adopted in the 1950's by AA and recovery ministries in the 1950's.

What's Happening This Week

Birthdays: Althea Eickhoff 8/10, Gary Ciba, 8/11, Barb Horton 8/12

Anniversaries: Joan & Kent Klein 8/10

The Vitality Task Team had a meeting last week and decided we would be offering an all church T-shirt, something you would wear at events/meetings off site or during fun church events; working the pumpkin patch, craft fairs etc. We are in the design process and then will be doing a pre-sale once we have the final product. We are looking for a logo design and a catch phrase, so talk to a member of the team if you have a great idea. We are also looking for a way to make our Narthex a place for greeting each other and putting the "stuff" on the counters in a different area, such as a Missions corner.

Church Conference

The annual Church Conference for Mission Bell UMC will be held on Thursday, November 9. The SPRC will meet at 6 pm and then the conference will begin at 7 pm. If you would like to know more about the purpose of the Charge Conference please refer to the United Methodist Book of Discipline.

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-charge-conference>



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Worship begins at 10 am

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