

Central UMC –Lake Odessa

Sermon Notes

November 12, 2017

Theme: YOUR FAITH AND YOUR FINANCES—“Managing Your Life Resources” (Part 1)

Text: Matthew 6:19-21

Rev. Dominic Tommy

Introduction

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful

(1 Corinthians 4:1-3)

Financial pressures

A Delicate Balance in Faith and Finances is Needed

In the Bible, God has promised prosperity, yet warned against the dangers of wealth:

“Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul” (3 John 1:2). When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry (Colossians 3:4-6)

We are to honor God with our wealth, yet we are cautioned against it becoming our god. “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce” (Proverbs 3:9)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs (I Timothy 6:10).

And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” In Luke 12:15

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matt. 6:21)

JOHN WESLEY ON STEWARDSHIP

When the Possessor of heaven and earth brought you into being and placed you in this world, He placed you here not as an owner but as a steward—as such He entrusted you for a season with goods of various kinds—but the sole property of these still rests in Him, nor can ever be alienated from Him. As you are not your own but His, such is likewise all you enjoy—even your finances). (John Wesley)

Welcome to



Central Church

Our Mission

Central United Methodist Church Glorifies God through the Work of Ministry and the Making of Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Celebration Service

November 12, 2017

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

PRELUDE

Tomi Whitford / Marilyn Noffke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign, pass, and return red friendship pads in each pew at this time.

Also prepare Prayer Request Sheets during this time.

INTROIT

“He Has Made Me Glow”

TFWS 2270

*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 62:1-8 (ESV) (congregation in bold)

You, O God my soul wait in silence; for from You alone comes my salvation.

You alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

For God alone, O my soul, waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

Trust then in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us!

*OPENING HYMN

“To God be the Glory”

Hymnal 98

Ushers will collect Prayer Request Sheets

INVOCATION PRAYER (in unison) (be seated)

O God, we scarcely can imagine that you desire,

even long ago for our participation in your redeeming work.

Today in our worship, Lord, challenge our commitment to the Church

and missions of Christ. Transform our hearts and help us to be

faithful stewards of the gospel of Christ. Grant us grace of sharing

in the global missions of the Church

that furthers your eternal presence in the world.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Count Your Blessings”

Tomi Whitford /

Oatman, Edwin Excell

Marilyn Noffke

SHARING PEACE

The Peace of our Lord Jesus be with You!

And Also with You!

(Please take this time to greet one another in the Name of Christ by saying,

“Peace be with you” and your neighbor says “And also with you”)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Children age 4 & under are welcome to leave for the nursery
downstairs after the *Children’s Moment*.

STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

Penny Thelen, Chair of Finance Committee

INVITATION FOR OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Hymnal 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS

**O God of grace and glory, we bring our tithes and offering in celebration of
your kingdom, which we pray is breaking in among us. Help us be grateful
for the bounty that you have offered for us to steward. Make us good
managers of this bounty in Christ’s name. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS, PRAISES, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

Please stand for the reading of God’s word, as you are able.

*SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 6:19-21

Pew Bible NT#6

SERMON:

“YOUR FAITH AND YOUR FINANCES” Rev. Dominic Tommy
“Managing Your Life and Resources” (Part I)

*CLOSING HYMN:

“Amazing Grace” vs 1,2,3,4,6

Hymnal 378

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Bind Us Together (*Bob Gillman*)

TFWS 2226

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together,

Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,

There is only one King;

There is only one Body,

That is why we sing:

POSTLUDE

****Please stand as you are able***

Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on:

Wednesday, November 22—7 pm at the First Congregational Church
Our Central Church Chancel Choir will be participating in the service as well as our organist, Marilyn Noffke. All are welcome!

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The date has been set for "Dinners for Eight"! On Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m., hosts/hostesses will open their homes and provide the meat and potatoes. The guests sign up to participate and help with other parts of the meal. This would be a time to linger over dinner and have fellowship time with members of our church. *If you are interested in being a host/hostess, please sign the sheet in Fellowship Hall.* We will share more information as this event unfolds. If you have questions, see Andrea Gentner (616-374-7126) for more details.

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Lakewood Community Council Christmas Baskets will be packed Dec. 5-8 with delivery on Dec. 9. Our assigned gifts are for girls ages 8, 9, or 15. Gifts should be wrapped and marked with the appropriate age. Families who receive these gifts are blessed, and those who help with this project feel blessed as well. *This year we are also asking for non-perishable packaged food because of a decline in donations through the schools.* Also appreciated are money, mittens, hats and socks. Please mark your calendars and plan to help. Your support of this ministry is very much appreciated.

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Souper Thursday Thanksgiving Feast will be held on:

Thursday, November 16 — 4:30 to 6 pm (No Respite or dinner 11/23)
Our Souper Thursday volunteers will be serving a Thanksgiving Feast with all the trimmings. All Central Church families and community friends are invited.

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Additional Stewardship pledge cards are available on ushers' tables. You will also find newsletters and prayer calendars for November, as well as new issues of Our Daily Bread.

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MINISTER: Every Member of This Church
PASTOR: Rev. Dominic Tommy
SECRETARY: Kim Stoepker
ORGANIST: Marilyn Noffke
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jackie Spagnuolo
CUSTODIANS: Mike McCartney / Rolando Varela
TODAY'S SERVICE:

Worship Assistant
Lori McNeill

Audio/Visual
Today: Chuck Rayner / Shelly Reiser
Next Sunday: Tony Barcroft / Shelly Reiser

Coffee Fellowship
Today: Open
Next Sunday: Open

Greeters
Today: Virginia Rayner / Carolyn Jackson / John & Terri Catt
Next Sunday: Carolyn Jackson / John & Terri Catt

Nursery
Today: Comfort Tommy / Mary Dykhouse
Next Sunday: Andrea Gentner / Karen Avery

Ushers
Today: Tom Reiser / Allen Decker
Next Sunday: Same

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*The altar flower is presented by Jane Everett.
"As I celebrated my birthday yesterday, November 11th, I'm once again reminded of God's faithfulness and grace for gifting me another year full of love and memories."*

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**In case of a pastoral emergency, please call
Pastor Dominic at the parsonage (374-8294) or on his cell
(269-941-3787) or the Church Office during office hours.**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS

Toni Robinson	Patsy Cole	Sharon
<u>Continued in Prayer</u>		
Sgt. Branden Curtis	Karl Klynstra	Gary Smith
Sr. Airman Lloyd C. Corston	Toni Robinson	Ed Hilliker
PFC Steven Wakley, Jr	Dale Patterson	Hank Minenna
1SG Nicholas Ludema	Phylis Armstrong	Susan Steele
PFC Jason Hilley	Pam Coleman	Sharon Brink
Sgt. Nathan Sparrow	Terena Galaviz	Ross McDowell
Brian Rayner	Travis Tucker and family	Judi Brandon
Kim Seese	Patti Coorman	Armrose LaBine
<u>Our Special Friends</u>		
Leah Abbott	Margot Bailey	Ada Dennie
Lois Goodemoot	Joanne McDaniels	Phil Shetterly
Ed Reiser	Helen Miller	Toni Robinson

Our Partners In Ministry

Our Missionary, Paul Webster, Zambia, Africa
Woodland United Methodist Church, Woodland
Welcome Corners/Peace/Freeport United Methodist Parish

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

11/13 Brian Decker
11/14 Jewel Eckstrom
Ford McDonald
11/15 Kay Barcroft

EVENTS

Mon 11/13	UMW Officers Meeting – Fellowship Hall	10:00 am
	UMW Member Work Bee – Fellowship Hall	1 pm
	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tues 11/14	Fellowship & Care Committee – Front Room	6 pm
Wed 11/15	Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 11/16	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Thanksgiving Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm
Fri 11/17	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
Sun 11/19	Sunday School – classrooms	9:30-10:15 am
	Worship Service – <i>Sanctuary</i>	10:30 am
Mon 11/20	UMW Unit General Meeting – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Finance Committee – Front Room	6 pm
	A.A. Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Wed 11/22	Community Thanksgiving Service – 1 st Congregational Church	7 pm
	<i>No Choir Rehearsal</i>	
Thu 11/23	<i>Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed</i>	
	<i>No Respite Care or Souper Thursday Community Dinner</i>	
Fri 11/24	<i>Office closed – For an emergency, Pastor can be reached at 269-941-3787</i>	
	Christmas ‘Round the Town – Fellowship Hall	9 am-6 pm
Sat 11/25	Christmas ‘Round the Town – Fellowship Hall	9 am-3 pm
Sun 11/26	Sunday School – classrooms	9:30-10:15 am
	Worship Service – <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	10:30 am
Mon 11/27	AA Open Meeting – Sr. High Classroom	7 pm
Tue 11/28	Education Committee – Front Room	7 pm
Wed 11/29	Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary	7 pm
Thu 11/30	Respite Care – Lounge	1:30 pm
	Souper Thursday Community Dinner – Fellowship Hall	4:30-6 pm

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Christmas ‘Round the Town
Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25
 The UMW is hosting Christmas ‘round the Town in our Fellowship Hall for vendors and their wares. There are a few booths still available; see Terri Catt.