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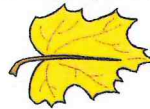
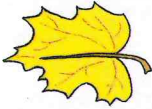
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From The Pastor: **IN DEFENSE OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR**

Are you familiar with the expression "old wives tale"? At one time this was used to describe some bit of information that was commonly accepted but incorrect. I'm guessing the designation "old wives tale" has become politically incorrect! Now we hear of "urban legends". These are stories circulated to cause alarm/response from those who assume the information they are receiving is "gospel truth". Here are three examples of urban legends:



URBAN LEGEND: The new U.S. dollar coins were designed with the motto "In God We Trust" omitted. Then follows the alarming claim, "Here is yet another way of phasing God out of America!" **FACT:** The "Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005" authorized the minting of new dollar coins. New design features were incorporated into the act to allow artists more space to work on the coin. "In God We Trust", "E Pluribus Unum", and "2007" (first year of minting) were placed on the rim of the coins. By the way, the word "Liberty" was omitted and a picture of the Statue of

Liberty was placed on the reverse of the coins. Was this "one more attempt" to remove God, the date, the motto *E Pluribus Unum*, and liberty from America? I hardly think so, but you're welcome to form your own opinion. (Truth is, you will find "In God We Trust" on the face of some of the coins, while the other information remains on the rim.

URBAN LEGEND: Atheists are petitioning the FCC to get all religious broadcasting banned from American airwaves. The call goes out for one million signatures to protest this infringement of religious rights. The story was originally associated with the atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Sometimes a form letter is included so those who are alarmed/concerned can "flood the FCC" with their response. Entire congregations have responded. **FACT:** Madalyn Murray O'Hair never petitioned the FCC to ban religious broadcasting. There is no federal law or regulation that would authorize the FCC to ban religious broadcasting. Yet, the FCC has received more than 30 million pieces of mail (mostly from "concerned Christians") decrying the imminent plan to ban religious broadcasting! The story is a hoax, continuously resurrected and inflicted upon naïve and unsuspecting victims.

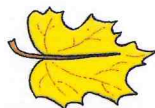


URBAN LEGEND: President Obama canceled the National Day of Prayer. The "explanation" is given that the President is afraid of offending non-believers. Sometimes this claim is accompanied by the explanation that the President favors Islam over Christianity (though he is a professing Christian). **FACT:** The President never canceled the National Day of Prayer. There is no prescribed role for the President in the observance of such a day. Obama did, in fact, sign a proclamation designating the National Day of Prayer and affirmed his belief in the importance of personal prayer. His predecessor, George W. Bush, held a ceremony each year on the National Day of Prayer. (Bush's father hosted one such event in four years, and Ronald Reagan hosted one such event in eight years.)

An interesting observation about two of these urban legends: "In God We Trust" has not always appeared on American coins. The National Day of Prayer was established by Harry Truman in 1952. Does that mean that anyone who calls for a "return to the old ways" is advocating banning both? (I smell another urban legend in the making!) Why would anyone begin/circulate these rumors? We who claim to serve the Lord of Truth have a responsibility to make a good faith effort to get our facts right. By the way, if you don't want those presidential dollars – let God have them! (You can trace many of these rumors at www.snopes.com.)

Call me when you need me. I will come.

~Kenny



WOMEN OF FAITH
September 7, 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall/Pot Luck



Program:
Karen Cumorich
Appalachian Quilts



KOINONIA CIRCLE
September 8,
10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MEETING



September 14,
11:00 a.m.

PICNIC!

SEPTEMBER 18 (Noon)

Meat, Bread, & Drinks
will be provided.
Please bring Salads,
Sides, & Desserts.

Fun and games provided for all ages!



**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE MEETING**
September 22,
6:00 p.m.

**FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
September 26, 6:00 p.m.



Note: All 2012 budget requests are due October 23.



MISSION LUNCHEONS
will resume on
Sunday, October 2

Sundays through **September 25** are being observed as **Casual Sundays**. You are encouraged to dress in a way that is *comfortable* for you and *appropriate* for worship.

MUSIC NOTES

I recently attended a 3-day workshop presented by The Flippen Group entitled "Capturing Kids' Hearts". (Would you believe that the founder of this program is a renowned psychotherapist named Flip Flippen?) The purpose of this program is to enable children to become self managers of and accountable for their own behavior. A vital component of this program is to guide students through questioning and discussion to write a social contract which is simply an agreement of behavior. The end product results in a written document by the children that contains key words that will enable them to maintain a relatively problem-free environment. Each student and teacher who feel they can live with and abide by these suggestions for positive behavior are asked to sign the original contract.

All of my 5th grade students were given the following questions. 1) How do you want to be treated by me (leader)? 2) How do you want to be treated by each other? 3) How do you think I (leader) want to be treated by you? 4) How do we want to treat each other when there is a conflict?

I wonder what the answers to these questions would be if we as church members attempted to write a social contract. Would our key words be the same as my 5th graders? Our 5th Grade Social Contract looks like this:

- Respect (100%)
Responsible (100 %)**
- Be Honest
Active Listening (100%)**
- Positive Attitude**
- No Bullying
Participation**
- Be Like a Family
DO YOUR BEST!**

Maybe we should make this the LaFollette United Methodist Church social contract. Would you be able to agree to live with and abide by these suggestions? Would you be willing to sign your name to the document? Problem-free environment.....Well, it's working great in 5th grade!

Karen

LIBRARY NEWS
by: Jewell Powers



HOME SONG
Thomas Kinkadee. World-renowned PAINTER OF LIGHT, Thomas Kinkadee instills the same virtues in this novel as the world sees in his tranquil paintings. His theme is always "home" touched, affirming the moral values of home, family, faith in God, and the beauty in nature...a delight to read!



THE MARINES OF AUTUMN
James brady (New York Times Bestseller) In this riveting novel of the Korean War, James Brady captures our attention and shocks us with a new understanding of the horror of war...stunning, shattering, as well as the smell and feel of it. He was there. (a great war correspondent as well as author.)



FOR THIS CHILD I PRAYED
Stormie Omartian...A MUST READ! This neat, small beautiful book belongs in every home where there are children...infants to teenagers. "Lord, make me the parent you want me to be, and teach me to pray for them everyday." Parenting is a 24-hour day, depleting and exhausting. You must ask God's help in rearing a child. Children need "eye contact", a hug, a kiss, a smile, and a soft touch to cement your love for them.

Happy Birthday!

Karen Holder	9/2
Paige Troutman	9/2
LeAnn Ellison	9/4
Marni Shirley	9/6
June Lynch	9/8
Frank Shaw	9/8
Carolyn Crowe	9/14
Steve Lynch	9/15
Ray Penn	9/16
Ruby Presley	9/18
Drew Troutman	9/18
Roger Crowe	9/19
Will Ellison	9/19
Lucy Lobertini	9/21
Karen Hendricks	9/24
Bob Jenkins	9/27
Gail Herrin	9/29
Diane Miller	9/30
Mason Troutman	9/30

Thank you, Mrs. Powers for these wonderful book reviews, more to come next month.

MISSION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies. They have been delivered to LaFollette Elementary School and will be given to children as they are needed..

The Campbell County Imagination Library program provides a book a month for children from birth to five years of age. The cost per child is \$24 a year. Approximately 1080 children are now receiving books each month and new children can register at any time. The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation pays 50% each month. The other 50% is paid by donations. Will you sponsor one or more children in this program? For \$24 you can provide books for one child for one year. Let's all join together to give the children in Campbell County an opportunity to discover the magical world of books. Please mark your checks "Imagination Library",

The Sawing Circle has recently had many calls for ramps and handrails on steps. If you can help with these projects, even for a few hours, call the church office or the Kiles (566-7666).

You Can't Fool God!

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God..... and you can't fool GOD!!!

Happy Anniversary!

Tommy & Rebecca Robards	9/9
Joe & Judy Lane	9/26
Al & Marie Wentland	9/30