

Pastor Susan Smith's message notes from Oct. 18, 2020

The Hero Maker: Disciple Making

When we live our lives loving one another unconditionally, then we see value in others even when they do not value themselves. Someone looked at you and said, "I can see in you ..." opening your mind to new possibilities, new ways to use your talents, or triggered you to try something you wanted to do but did not think you could.

Jesus used that method to call the first disciples to drop whatever they were doing and follow him. They accepted his invitation, and during those three brief years, these first disciples learned from the Master how to share the good news, what it meant to repent and be baptized, and transformed the lives of sinners, the sick, the lame, the community leaders, the Jews and the Gentiles. They established The Church.

Dave Ferguson outlines the process of apprenticing others into discipleship in his book, *Hero Maker*. After identifying someone in whom you see a skill or a passion, you begin guiding them to grow and to take on a leadership role. The process has five phases:

1. I do. You watch. We talk.
2. I do. You help. We talk.
3. You do. I help. We talk.
4. You do. I watch. We talk.
5. You do. Someone else watches.

Hero making is a process that guides us to reach out and welcome others to know Jesus. By being spiritual hero makers, we can energize people to use their skills, their talents, and their passions to share God's message and expand God's kingdom.

Another aspect of hero making is how it focuses on developing the ministry of a church. Jesus needed help. He needed the disciples who heard his words and followed. He knew his time was limited and he had to prepare them to carry the Word forward without him. Jesus' method can be found in Mark:

1. Jesus went in the synagogue and taught (Mark 1:21-22)
2. Jesus healed the sick and cast out demons (Mark 1:34)
3. Jesus worked with the disciples alone to teach them and give them authority (Mark 3:13-15)

Our church's mission is to "live that others may know Jesus." The value of each word is not only a foundation for the ministries of this church, but also a tool to self-evaluate how we are doing as disciples, too.

As we continue to learn how to be hero makers, we must have an honest discussion with ourselves. What are we doing to be hero makers? Have we heard Jesus call us to discipleship? Have we agreed to take on an apprentice? Have we agreed to serve with someone else in order to learn a new skill or a new role?

Are you willing to be a hero maker? When someone sees in you a gift, a passion, or a skill, say yes when asked to serve on a ministry team, to get Safe Sanctuary certified, to volunteer for a task, or to join a small group. Say yes when asked to apprentice for a leadership role.

The hero makers see in you the possibilities of becoming a hero maker, too. When you say yes, you will discover blessings you never expected.

Preparing For Worship

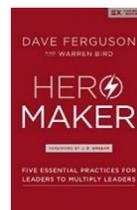
Scriptures for the coming week

Monday	Oct. 26: Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 4:30-32
Tuesday	Oct. 27: Matthew 6:10, 33
Wednesday	Oct. 28: Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36
Thursday	Oct. 29: Luke 4:42; Matthew 10:7
Friday	Oct. 30: Matthew 25:20-21
Saturday	Oct. 31: 1 Corinthians 1:26-30

Upcoming Worship Messages

In Jesus' three short years of earthly ministry, he sacrificially invested in leaders who went on to change the world. In our message series Hero Maker, we will be equipped with practical steps to effectively develop leaders and multiply Jesus' influence for God's kingdom.

- Oct. 25: The Hero Maker: Gift Activating
Nov. 1: The Hero Maker: Kingdom Building



Our Church Family

Prayer concerns from our church family

Aura Tavernner, Judy Murray, Donna Rosiere, Jaccie Blaszczyk, Linda Riddle, Camden Garcia, Peggy Province, Charles Baile, Irene Miller, Ann Wilson, Nancy Walters, Michael Smith (Hubert Neth's son-in-law), Jim Hudson, Alice Hanrahan, Wanda Dahman

Birthdays for the coming week

- Oct. 25: Kim Bulluck
Oct. 27: Haden Gilpin
Oct. 28: Juniper Miller, Evelyn Smith
Oct. 30: Samantha Seelinger
Oct. 31: Thomas Gale

Connecting with Us

DVDs of worship services are available. Simply contact the church office to sign up to receive DVDs of each worship service. Email requests to tech-team@umcburg.org or call the church at 660-747-8158.



Lend a helping hand Saturday, Dec. 5 for a church clean-up day from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Hero Maker in Action: Part 1 in a 3-part series

Dr. Jim Hudson Inspires Students To Find Passion In Teaching

By Carol Lotton Hassler

In Pastor Peter's Oct. 11 sermon titled "Hero Maker: Permission Giving," he asked, "Who have been the hero makers in your life? I bet that you are where you are today because someone at some point took the time to tell you ICNU a hero. God can guide you to do amazing things for Jesus."

That question made me pause. I recalled many people in my life who had been influential, but one person especially—whom many of you know—came to mind: Jim Hudson.

Although I have begun my 38th year of teaching English at Warrensburg High School, I can still recall being a sophomore at then Central Missouri State University in 1980 in my first education course: Foundations of Education with Dr. James Hudson.

In Dr. Hudson, I saw the epitome of what an excellent teacher is: one who is passionate about the subject matter, but more importantly, one who is passionate about his students. He came to class every day smiling and filled with energy, relaying relevant information and sharing stories with us wanna-be-teachers. And he took the time to get to know every single one of us. He saw in each of us someone who could be a hero to others through our calling to teach.

Part of that class was a requirement to observe for 30 hours in a local high school. I observed at WHS in Mrs. Mary McElhiney's freshman English class (another hero of mine who attended UMC-Burg for many years and was influential in my teaching career). I shared how much I enjoyed that experience with Dr. Hudson, who then proceeded to create a special projects class that allowed me to go to Mrs. McElhiney's class twice a week.



Carol Lotton and Dr. James Hudson, 1981 CMSU *Rhetor* (the university yearbook).

I got to know the students and do fun teacher things like give spelling tests. Dr. Hudson saw my excitement for teaching and took the time to create a much-valued opportunity for me.

I once again had Dr. Hudson for a senior level education class. I also got to see him once I started my teaching career when he and Dr. Ted Garten would conduct in-services for the R-VI school district. It always amazed me that over the years he would remember my name and my hometown, as he did that of all of his hundreds of students. Over the years, Dr. Hudson was offered administrative positions, but he turned them down, saying he did not want to leave the classroom and his students.

To this day, when I have visited Jim (I finally graduated to calling him by his first name) in the VA home or now talk to him on the phone, we always discuss teaching, his passion still evident. It is this love of education he inspired in me. I would like to think that I, too, have become a hero-maker working with student teachers as they follow their calling, but most importantly helping in some small way my students on their way to fulfilling their dreams, many of them becoming educators themselves.

We have all been called by a hero-maker who sees in us the talents that God has given us to reach others and "do amazing things for Jesus." For me, it is teaching. Who has been a hero-maker in your life, and what have you been called to do? *Please tell us about a hero-maker in your life. Send your story to carol@umcburg.org.*

November 1, All Saints Day for UMC

UMC-Burg will honor church members who have served as models of faith in our lives even though they ended their earthly lives this past year. Those being honored include Jim Weigand, Don Armor, Bill Turnage, Bill Brame, and Nita Woodrell. If you know of someone else who was a member of our church and passed away this year, please contact the church office.

As Pastor Peter ends the Hero Maker series, the sermon "Kingdom Building" connects with the tradition of honoring the saints in our lives.

The UMC.org website shares how John Wesley favored this day: *In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."* To learn more about All Saints Day, take a look at this article:

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/all-saints-day-a-holy-day-john-wesley-loved>



Join Bishop Farr's Call To Pray For Election Day

Turning on the TV these past few months has swamped us with negative attack ads for various candidates exhausting our minds and spirits.

Bishop Farr has joined with Lay Pastor Ivan James challenging all Missouri Methodists to pray every day through the election.

Only about 10 days remain, so please keep your prayers going. I have discovered that social media is a platform for examples of prayers reflecting the importance others feel for prayers. Here is just one more:

God, we need You! Please forgive us! Sweep through this nation and heal this land. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and cast out anything that's not of You. Amen.

-Pastor Susan Smith