

Pastor Peter's message notes from Nov. 1, 2020

The Hero Maker: Kingdom Building

We are wrapping up our message series on being Hero Makers for Jesus Christ by looking at Kingdom Building as the scoreboard for whether or not we are living the lives Jesus is calling us to live.

Main scoreboard stats that churches measure are attendance and offering. Throughout the gospels and the book of Acts it is clear that the disciples and the authors of these books recorded attendance. For instance, we read in the Gospels that 5,000 men along with their wives and children learned from Jesus teaching and were then fed when they seemingly had no food to eat.

Numbers represent real people, and real people matter to God. It is important to count the number of people impacted by the collective effort of our church. As of the beginning of October we have averaged 274 people worshipping every Sunday online or in person. Each of these 274 people is a person we care about growing in their relationship with Jesus.

Offering is also important to support God's ministry. Acts 2 says the early disciples shared their material possessions to accomplish the mission of God and meet the needs of their community of faith.

It is harder to see on our scoreboard the qualitative way lives are being changed. In Matthew 10:7-8, when Jesus sends out the 12 disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven, he tells them their ministry will change the world. And when we as a church develop leaders for Jesus, we too will change the world.

Leaders ensure that disciple making is happening. At the core of every kind of movement is apprenticeship.

One thing that is so exciting about putting apprentices who make apprentices on our scoreboard is that we are inviting God's power of multiplication to bring the kingdom of heaven on earth.

One example of apprenticeship is through the Jamaican medical mission. For the past 10 or 15 years we have sent about 20 people each year to Jamaica to provide free medical care and spiritual education.

One thing that I love about this mission is the number of young people from our university who attend this mission. What would it be like if we recorded on our scoreboard the number of apprentice leaders who came out of this mission and went on to serve in other ministries in other countries and communities across the United States?

What would it be like if we recorded on our scoreboard the cumulative number of apprentice leaders these apprentice leaders have developed each year as they serve in ministry for God? What started as a small group of leaders has multiplied to hundreds of leaders.

The thing that is exciting about putting apprentices on our scoreboard is that it puts the focus of our church on others, not on us. We invest our lives in new leaders so that 50 and 60 years from now hundreds and thousands of people will know that they are loved and forgiven by Jesus.

Preparing For Worship

Scriptures for the coming week

Monday	Nov. 9: Matthew 4:18-22
Tuesday	Nov. 10: Matthew 22:34-40
Wednesday	Nov. 11: Matthew 25:1-13
Thursday	Nov. 12: Matthew 25:14-30
Friday	Nov. 13: Matthew 28:1-15
Saturday	Nov. 14: Matthew 28:16-20

Upcoming Worship Messages

- Nov. 8: Rich Church, Poor Church: Why Give to the Church
Nov. 15: Rich Church, Poor Church: Know the Mission
Nov. 22: Rich Church, Poor Church: Transformation

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, Waneta Lane, Paulette Moore (Chuck Linville's mother)

Birthdays for the coming week

- Nov. 8: Cole Schmidli
Nov. 10: Richard Curry, Grace Lightfoot
Nov. 11: Virginia Maxson, Tessa Roach
Nov. 13: Oliver Miller, Lewis Ollison, Rick Schmidli

Church Clean-Up Day December 5

Join us Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon for a church clean-up day as we make our church sparkle and shine for the Christmas season.



November 29 after worship service

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

Leaders and Apprentices

-by Pastor Susan and Carol Hassler

Pastor Peter ended the *Hero Makers* sermon series on Sunday as you can read in his sermon abstract discussing the importance of leaders and apprentices.

One area in which we clearly see apprentices being trained for leadership is in our church committees. On Sunday, Nov. 8 new committee members will be approved at the Charge Conference. These include Pastor-Parish Relations: Gabrielle Benedict, Ken O'Neal and Mike Quimby; Trustees: Laura Chaney, Kelly Weinberger, Doug Christi, and Steve Price; Nominating Committee: Elli Carter, June Mellinger, and Ron Holmes; and Finance: Dale Carder, Bob Boyd and Sue Evans.

In the UMC, the committees are made up of three classes, each serving for three years. As hero makers, each one on the committee potentially can apprentice another one from the upcoming class. Ideally the newest class has two years to prepare to lead.

The hero makers not only provide the training for the next class of leaders; they also communicate the goals, the narratives and the behaviors not only of the committees, the ministry teams, but also the entire church.

One of the apprentices Pastor Peter has been working with this past year is our Children and Young Family Minister Vada Postlethwait. One of her goals was to develop 20 new leaders for the children's ministry program. Within less than a year, she has moved us from four or five volunteers with elementary school students to 20. She has equipped a team of leaders who are multiplying the ministry of our church for Jesus. So many more kids will have their lives changed by 20 leaders than four. At our midweek ministry, Shine On, are a whole new team of leaders who weren't serving in this ministry a year ago.

Our challenge now is to reaffirm the church's mission and ministries. We must take hero making skills and develop a culture where each leader prepares new leaders that enable our ministries—both old and new—

College Age Bible Study Begins Nov. 9

Looking to meet new people and grow in your relationship with God? College age students (18-29) are invited to a Bible study on Monday evenings. Through the series, "Something Needs to Change" by David Platt we will be looking at how God calls us to respond to extreme physical and spiritual need in our world.

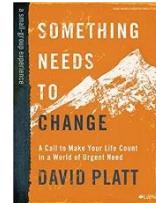
Date and time: Monday at 7 p.m.

First class: Nov 9.

Location: The Rock

305 South Holden Street

Warrensburg, MO 64093



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL



Thursday, November 28

**Sponsored by Johnson County
CROP Walk**

To Volunteer: Please call Erica at 660-223-3260 or email johnsoncountycropwalk@hotmail.com. There are opportunities to package meals for delivery, be a part of the delivery team or help with curbside pick-up.

To Make a Monetary Donation: Please make checks payable to The Food Center and put Thanksgiving Meal in the memo line. Place cash donations in a sealed envelope marked Thanksgiving Meal. Donations can be given to Doug Christie or Christi Riddle, or if preferred mailed directly to The Food Center, P.O Box 872, Warrensburg, Mo 64093.



Office Professional UMC-Burg

The Office Professional will undertake administrative tasks ensuring the rest of the staff and the church's volunteers have adequate support to accomplish the church's mission. The office professional will be self-motivated and able to prioritize duties. He/she will be trustworthy and maintain confidentiality.

For more information about the job, contact Rev. Peter Norton, Rev. Susan Smith, or Bryan Hunt.

If interested, mail a letter of intent and a resume to Rev. Peter Norton, First United Methodist Church, 141 E. Gay St., Warrensburg, MO 64093.