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"Bearing Fruit for Jesus!"

"Fruitful Use of Talents" is our theme for this week. God has blessed us with talents and abilities which we are to use to carry out his purposes. Our talents can be used to extend his Kingdom and in service to others. We pray that the essays and sermon messages during the program **Bearing Fruit for Jesus!** will help you to grow first in your relationship with our Lord and then in your serving and giving. This week's essay "Fruitful Use of Talents" is available attached to the e-mailed messenger, copies are available to pick up in the narthex or in Fellowship Hall, and to those who get mailed a messenger, will have a copy mailed to you.

During the coming week we hope you will prayerfully consider the purple Service Commitment Sheet you received in the mail a few weeks ago. Please mark the ways you are willing fruitfully use your talents in support of Utica UMC ministries over the next year. On October 25 when you come to service, please return your sheet. Or return it to the office at your convenience. Additional sheets are available if you need them.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.
There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.
God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."
I Corinthians 12:4-6 (NLT)

BELOW ARE THE WAYS I WILL OFFER MY TIME AND TALENTS TO HONOR GOD AT UTICA UMC
Please indicate ways you will continue serving and new ways you are interested in serving.

CONNECT

Events
- ☐ Blood Drives (e.g., serve snacks, help with check-in)
- ☐ Drug Take Back Day (e.g., be present to help police officers collect medications)
- ☐ Community events (e.g., Rummage Sale, Trunk or Treat)
- ☐ Church activities (e.g., meals, cook-offs)

United Women in Faith (UWIF)
- ☐ Support UWIF mission projects
- ☐ Prepare and serve funeral meals
- ☐ Funeral hospitality (e.g., help set-up things before the service, show individuals where things are located)

United Methodist Men (UMM)
- ☐ Support UMM projects

GROW

- ☐ Bible Study or Small Group – Lead
- ☐ Bible Study or Small Group – Participate
- ☐ Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Toddler/Nursery Child Care Helper
- ☐ Celebrate Recovery (e.g., provide childcare, provide encouragement and prayer)
- ☐ Grief Share (e.g., Facilitator)
- ☐ STARS/XCEL (e.g., Kitchen, Transportation, Special Guest)
- ☐ Stephen Ministry
- ☐ Scouts (e.g., help with merit badges, church liaison)
- ☐ Committee member

WORSHIP

- ☐ Hospitality Team
- ☐ Prayer Minister
- ☐ Usher
- ☐ Liturgist
- ☐ Serve Communion
- ☐ Sound & Video
- ☐ Live Stream support
- ☐ Chancel Choir
- ☐ Handbells
- ☐ Praise Band (Vocal/Instrumental)
- ☐ Coffee hour after 9:30 service (set-up, serve, clean-up)
- ☐ Prayer Bears (e.g., put tags on bears, ensure they are in pews)
- ☐ Put inserts in the Bulletins for 9:30 Service
- ☐ Refill things in Sanctuary pews (e.g., prayer request sheets, offering envelopes) and straighten

SERVE

- ☐ MCREST
- ☐ Winter Shelter
- ☐ Oil Change Ministry (e.g., check-in guests, serve food, talk with people as they wait, move vehicles, purchase supplies)
- ☐ Mini Pantry (e.g., stock the pantry outside, keep the storeroom organized)
- ☐ TIM (e.g., participate in activities, donate items when requested)
- ☐ Adult Mission Trip
- ☐ Visit those who are shut-in or hospitalized
- ☐ Drive a shut-in to/from church
- ☐ Help with maintenance of the church (e.g., plumbing, electrical, auxiliary cleaning, gardening)
- ☐ Help with maintenance of the parsonage (e.g., yard work, repairs, updates)
- ☐ Assist with specific office needs/tasks

We are now Live!

Every Sunday, the 11am service will be shown live on our YouTube channel. Links are also available on Facebook and on the church website. Please click on the link or type in the following to view the live stream - https://www.youtube.com/@uticaumc5212/live.

The 9:00am service will continue to be recorded and will be posted the following week on Youtube.

***Please remember that if you watch the 9:00am service it is a week behind and the 11am service will be the current week.

Featured Library Book

Have a Little Faith
Mitch Album

A message, a word and a little incite will come to you as you read *Have a Little Faith*. I picked up the book wanting to hear the words of a hometown boy and thinking he was a hometown boy was one of my first mistakes. Albom is Jewish raised in New Jersey, so he has quite a different start from native Michiganders, The book was made into a television movie in 2011. Albom shows how two devout men walk thru the faith challenges of life.

Rabbi Albert Lewis, ageing rabbi in New Jersey.

Pastor Henry Covington, former Detroit drug dealer turned pastor.

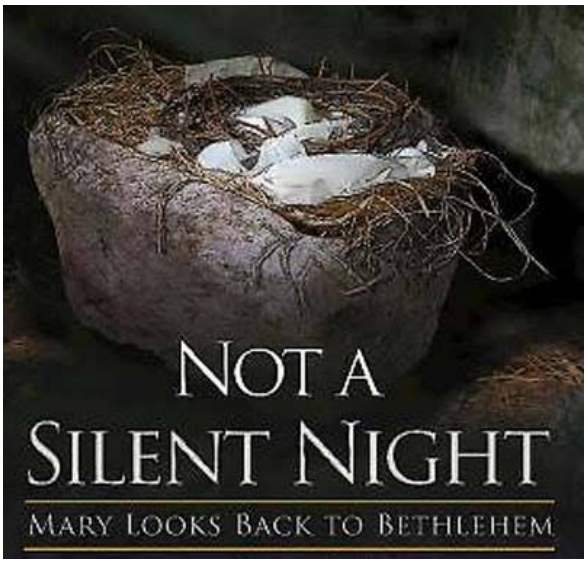
What common elements could these two men have in their lives?
Call letters 296.7

Advent Study

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point-of-view—proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby. This year, experience Advent and Christmas with Mary.

The five sessions are:
1. Beginning with the End
2. The Piercing of Mary's Soul
3. Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished
4. Mary, Full of Grace
5. It Was Not a Silent Night

You are invited to share this beautiful Advent Study by Adam Hamilton.
We will meet Tuesday's at 11:00 am in the Conference Room adjacent the Office.
November 17th, November 24th, December 1st, December 8th and December 15th.
The study book is available online. If you need assistance ordering or have any questions please contact Martha Powers @ 586-703-1668.



Mini Pantry Update

John Wesley – *"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.*

I love this quote by John Wesley…he was a simple man yet left behind profound quotes and thoughts.

His presence still challenges us today to "do more"!
Looking ahead I can't help but think of Thanksgiving and Christmas and the abundance we have yet the lack of abundance so many are experiencing today.
Over the next several months I would encourage you to shop all the sales that will be available as we prepare for the Season of Harvest and Celebration.

Instant Mash Potatoes
Gravy
Stovetop Stuffing
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Cranberries
Jello
Cornbread Muffin Mix

(Of course the ongoing needs for "staple items" is always needed and welcome. Peanut Butter, Jelly, canned tuna or chicken, Chef Boyardee, Pasta and Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup)

Trunk or Treat

We are 2 weeks away for the Trunk or Treat that UUMC will once again be hosting.
Saturday, October 24th 1:00 to 3:00.

Thank you to Dave Miller who has coordinated the Grill Master Team.
We are still in need of "ONE" additional kitchen crew member. Please contact Melanie Kuzia with questions and to volunteer.

We have a need for 3-4 volunteers to help set up and then clean up before and after the event. If you are part of the Set Up Team please plan to arrive at 11:00.

If you are participating in Trunk or Treat Alley please plan to arrive anytime after 11:30. You will be directed to your assigned location in the Parking Lot.

Please contact Martha Powers @ 586-703-1668 with questions and to volunteer .

Interested in making cards?

Join Kathy Kamlay and friends for a cardmaking event on Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. No experience necessary. You'll go home with 5-6 greeting cards ready to send. Sign up (sheet in Narthex) by October 31 to reserve your spot. Questions? Talk to Kathy after service or call 586-979-7875.

Blood Drive

Utica United Methodist Church

8650 Canal, Sterling Heights

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: UTICAUMC or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES:

9:30AM
with Organ, Choir and Handbells in the Sanctuary

11:00AM
with our Worship Band in Fellowship Hall

Online Worship
A recorded service will be available online on Facebook, our church website and on YouTube beginning at 9:00am each Sunday.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00am-2:00pm

Mini Pantry
Food and Monetary Donations are being accepted.
Suggested foods canned meat, pancake mixes and syrup, small peanut butter and jelly, boxes of crackers.

Keep Connected
If you are not signed up for our Weekly Messenger email, you can do so on our website by clicking on the "More" tab, then "Weekly Messenger; on that page you will find a place to register for our weekly email!

"Like" us on Facebook!

Our Mission
Inviting people to rely on Jesus to find unexpected purpose, peace and joy.

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Deadline Information

Announcement Loop/Vertical TVs—**End of day on Tuesday** each week
Messenger Articles and Prayer List by **Noon on Wednesday** each week.
Announcement made during service by 1pm Friday
E-mail rachelle@uticaumc.org or office@uticaumc.org

E-Giving

Going on vacation; can't make it to church?
How about using E-giving so you can still give your offering for those times when you can't be here **The E-giving tab is on our church website: www.uticaumc.org**
If you need assistance, call the church office.

Celebrate Recovery, Thursday, 6:30pm

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