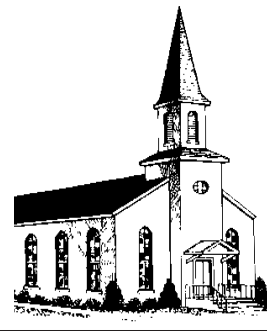


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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Kathy Aeillo, Almena, Clayton & Norcatur United Methodist Churches

One of the lectionary readings for this week is 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. Like most passages of Scripture, there are several important things to learn. The author writes about being prepared for the end times, that we'll think everything's going wonderfully and , then, destruction will come. We also read that we are children of light, not darkness, so we don't have to be as fearful as some others because we have faith and love and the hope of salvation.

It's the last verse I want to address today. It says, "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

Most of us are pretty good, I think, about patting young people on the back when we see them doing well and that's as it should be. We often hear folks telling athletes how well they played the game or how wonderful little Johnny or Jane are for learning to tie their shoelaces.

Hope you make the time to compliment and build up others, though, not just the children and youth. I am well aware there are many who go to the nursing homes and hospitals to

visit, but there are so many more who could. It takes such a little effort and means so much to those who are sick or shut in. Walk around your block and you may find three or four or more who live alone and would really enjoy having some one stop by just to visit

or help them with some little chore. Those simple acts of Christian love can make a huge difference in the lives of those who receive them as well as those who give them.

When was the last time you encouraged someone in their

faith? If you haven't seen Bob or Mary at church lately, have you prayed for them or called on them? It could well be they're going through a rough time, maybe one of those spiritual dry spells that happens to everybody sooner or later. It just could be that your smile, the squeeze of a hand, a kind word, may help them remember how much God loves them. Every one of us have been encouraged by someone or we probably wouldn't be followers of Jesus Christ so it's important for each of us to return the favor.

He who wrote the letter to the early Church at Thessalonica believed those people were already encouraging one another. I believe many of us already do the same. But, if you aren't in that habit, make a conscious effort to begin today. It costs nothing to smile, to say a kind word, to give a hug or a comforting touch. It takes very little time and no trouble to add action to our prayers and, by doing so, we may find ourselves and others better prepared for the "day of the Lord."

Prayer: Almighty God, we thank you for all the bounty of our lives. We pray we might be more thoughtful and encouraging as we go through our days that we might share your love and mercy with all we meet. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

That We Might Be Free

Some were young and had never left the security of home. Others were older, raising families and engaged in established occupations. But, they all had something in common, these brave men and women. They put a halt to their lives as they knew them, left



familiarity behind, and traveled to foreign shores. They risked their lives to serve our country and protect our freedom.

Each time we cast our ballot...every week as we worship freely...whenever we express a political opinion without fear of reprisal, let us remember the months and years sacrificed by our veterans as they defended the rights which we enjoy today.

This Veteran's Day, may we honor the selfless men and women who have paid with a portion of their lives that ours might be free.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nehemiah 8:1-18	Esther 8:1-17	Esther 9:20-32	Psalms 89	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6	1 Chronicles 16:7-36	1 Chronicles 17:16-27

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ANDBE HOME

By DARLENE MCEWEN, Resident Resource Coordinator

Aren't daughter-n-laws wonderful? I just have one. Her name is Sunshine. Yes, that is her real given name. I appreciate her for a bundle of reasons. However, there is one thing she taught me that I am not sure I should continue to do. Most generally, I drive on the top half of the gas in the tank of my vehicle. One weekend my baby daughter, Cara, and I picked Sunshine up in Abilene and drove to Topeka. We met my oldest daughter, Carmen and some other friends for a weekend of shopping and fun. As we were on our way home, I noticed the gas gauge was nearly on the "E", so I thought we should fill up before leaving Topeka. Sunshine said, "Is the light on yet?"

"No, but it's close to empty," I said.

To which Sunshine said, "Oh, let's wait until the light comes on and see how far we can go after that. I'll bet we can get clear to Junction City before we run out."

Well, it sounded like fun so off we took. Sure enough, we made it to Junction City. Now I wait until the light comes and see how far I can go before I fill up!

How does this relate to "Around The Andbe Home?" I drive the Andbe Home van a great deal along with Dawn Risewick and Rose Ann Miller. I also fill it up if the Maintenance Department doesn't get to it when it is needed. I knew the gauge was sitting close to the "E" in the van but no light had come on so I just kept right on driving.

I took it on several short runs and around town and I thought, "This is the kind of vehicle to drive, it goes forever on "E" and there's lots left in the gas tank because the light hasn't come on."

The last weekend of the races in Norton, I was the van driver. I took Bethel Wicker to a birthday picnic party at Elmwood Park and the park was beginning to fill up with race fans. The transfer went fine. Bethel's family called me when the party was over and I got in the van and started to the park. At the stoplight on Highway 36, I decided maybe on this van run I better have my driver's license just because of the races and the traffic. You know, one has to be "cautious and defensive" to be a good van driver. Of course, I want to be accident-free but you never know.

I made the decision to return to the Andbe Home and get my purse. I jumped into the van again and took off. At the first stop sign the van choked a little and I wondered, "What's the matter here?" I looked at the gas gauge and it was on "E", but no light yet.

Sounds of Sunshine's voice popped into my head, "Let's see how far we can go!" I gave a push on the foot pedal and it chugged away from the stop sign. Away I went to the stoplight on Highway

36, which was only one block. The van sputtered and died right there. I looked at the gas gauge again and then it hit me, "This van has no light, only a gauge and it's been on empty for many a mile. This is as far as you are going."

I tried to start the engine. It smelled funny, but with another twist of the key, it ran. I coasted across the highway and pulled into Time Saver where I put in \$5 of gas. By the time I got to the park, the Wicker family was wondering where I was. I still am not sure they believed me that I ran out of gas but it was sure real for me. I had one more trick from being a farm wife that I was just ready to use which was to take the gas cap off and hope there was a drop of gas left from the vacuum. I was thankful I didn't need to use it.

A lot of Norton people are familiar with the blue and white van that the Andbe Home owns. I often wonder if the community truly appreciates the extension that single vehicle brings to the people who live at the Andbe Home. When people are not able to move very well, getting in and out of cars to be transported to doctor, dentist or hospital appointments is difficult for the person who needs to be transported. It is also dangerous to the person who is responsible for putting the person in and out of the vehicle. These medical appointments are so important and so necessary so they must be met. With the van and the lift, it is only a finger push and little roll and off they go. We have been as far as Hays and Kearney for appointments.

How much better is an attitude if a person can get away for a while? If you are a resident, confined to a wheelchair or unable to move very well, going places is not so easy. With the van, it's possible. Some very fun things have been accomplished because the van is available. The fishing trip, the fair, coffee in the community, shopping, and so many other things are possible because of the van.

This service is free. If family members want to donate to the van fund, it is accepted but there is no set cost. Only designated staff members are approved to drive the van. There is a need for family members or a volunteer to accompany staff who are drivers so if there is an emergency with a resident, they can attend to the resident while the driver continues to a safe place.

Next time you see the Andbe Home van around town, join me in a salute to the Andbe Home Board and Administrator who had the insight to purchase it and to the present Andbe Home Board and Administrator who see the need to continue the service.

Now, if you see me pulled up along the side of the road and taking the gas tank lid off, do more than remind me that I have gone as far as I can go. Remind me, that daughter-in-laws are wonderful.

WILSONVILLE

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

Velma Holtze accompanied Margene Holtze and Carol Ommert Wednesday evening when they went to Amherst for the football game. They left her at Kearney to visit with Arlene Jones. The Joneses were Wilsonville residents in the late 40s and early 50s and also Danbury residents in the 60s.

Baptist-Christian Women President Margalee Ruf opened the meeting of the Baptist-Christian Women Nov. 3 in the church by having the women give the purpose. After the secretary and treasurer's reports were given a thank-you was read from Arlene Rice ministries. Dates mentioned were Open House for Earnest tenBensel's 90th birthday. Thanksgiving and Harvest Sunday, Nov. 20 with fellowship dinner following worship service. Velma Holtze had the lesson "Think and Thank". She chose articles from the Look Out for Think and also Thank. For the Think and Thank she used thoughts from a devotional book using the women to assist by reading the scripture

verses. She closed with a short worship meditation using the song "Count Your Blessings" and the scripture Galatians 4:6-8 and prayer. Hostess, Pat Yost, served a delicious apple cake to the nine women from a beautiful table decorated for the fall. Members took the Thanksgiving plates, which had been filled as the women arrived with their goodies, to deliver to various people. Velma and Margene Holtze left immediately after the meeting to deliver at the Beaver City Manor. They drove on to Holdrege where they delivered Avis Wolfe a plate at the Holdrege Memorial Homes and visited with her.

Cambridge football boys won their game at Amherst on Wednesday evening. Anyone listening to the game hears our Wilsonville player, Brian Ballou's name mentioned quite often. If they can win Nov. 9, they will be one step closer to state. The girl's volleyball team is headed for Lincoln for their state game this Friday even though they lost their game Friday evening. They get to go on a wild card because of their points.

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