

Sheridan Congregational News

October 2017

Pastor's Corner

The hot bank of coals

We are a people who struggle with anger. Our politics are reflective of the apparent anger that exists in society as a result of the paralysis that exists in our nation's capital. Our behavior on the road is reflective of the anger that comes from being treated poorly. Historically, being cut off resulted in a sense of relief that an accident was avoided. Now, far too often we feel justified in taking our fear and translating it to very aggressive driving. Couples engage in escalating conflict because of the perception that apparent verbal volume from the other spouse dictates a response of the same type.

These are just a few of the examples of the underlying anger that permeates the culture that we live in. Perhaps the most significant behavior that we all engage in is the behavior of rationalization. This is very simply the act of taking an event like the reality of our anger and twisting or turning the cause of it such as to justify the anger's existence. In our case of road rage, we may be angry at being cut off, but to rationalize our actions so that we justify chasing the other car down the road is foolish at best.

Another behavior that individuals practice is the banking of the coals of anger. If you picture a fire as it burns down, to maintain the heat of the fire you pile the hot coals on top of each other. Often in relationships when we perceive that we are wronged we take that hot coal and we add it to our pile of coals until such a time as fire bursts out. Often times this is pictured as an overreaction to an event and it is. But because of the fact that you have been storing up other anger coals and not letting them cool, the fire of anger explodes inappropriately causing a confusing situation.

Jesus calls us to a life of peace and forgiveness. That means forgiving even when there is no apparent contrition. Forgiveness isn't for the benefit of the other person it is for the benefit of you. You cannot stop banking the coals if you refuse to forgive their reality. And you cannot achieve peace if your desire is to get back at your neighbor.

Current news

We post announcements, articles, and message recordings throughout the month at <http://www.fccsheridan.org>. Follow us there for current information.

Church events

Women's Fellowship

LADIES' EVENT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!!

On Saturday, Oct. 7, come to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 908 W. Oak St. from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm to hear Mahtob Mahmoody's testimony of fear, forgiveness joy and peace as she shares her experience which was told in the international bestseller, "Not Without My Daughter" and made into a film starring Sally Field.

Visit Mahtob's website for information on her international best-selling book "My Name Is Mahtob" available to purchase at the event for \$25. (Mahtob will be hosting a book signing for attendees!)
<http://www.mynameismahtob.com/>

Registration is \$10 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Don't miss the October 1st deadline to register!.

Sheridan FCC has registration forms available in the church entry on the table. Registration deadline is 10/01.

For carpool information call Dee (291-3622), Jeanne (291-3822) or Fran (291-3060).

Board of Stewardship

During the third quarter of 2017, we have completed a few routine maintenance and repair projects.

At the Church

Replaced the fuses in the sanctuary air conditioners

Mounted a smoke/carbon monoxide detector

At the Parsonage

Repaired the dishwasher

We have a couple of necessary repair items on our to-do list.

At the Church

Repair the railing on the ramp

Fill the ruts in the drive at the east end of the parking lot.

At the Parsonage

Replace electrical outlets

Grab bars in the bathrooms

We will begin working on the 2018 budget soon. We will do our very best to ensure that all of the necessary expenses are met. Hopefully, without having to deplete savings.

Contact the Stewards if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

Thank you, Carol McBride, Dee Springsteen, Roger Koster, Marcia Sawdy, and Jake Baldwin

Personal celebrations

Birthdays

- Oct. 2: Jared Palmer
- Oct. 3: Damien Denton
- Oct. 6: Andy Arwood
- Oct. 9: Howard Bignell
- Oct. 13: Andy McFarland
- Oct. 19: Reghan Springsteen
- Oct. 21: Lorena Bignell
- Oct. 21: Roger Wilcox
- Oct. 22: Wayne Schleuter
- Oct. 23: Christina Waldorf
- Oct. 25: David Plavan
- Oct. 30: Asher Hunt
- Oct. 30: Donovan Rivett

Anniversaries

- Oct. 2: Sam & Brittany Denton
- Oct. 9: Rod & Jean Springsteen
- Oct. 9: Craig & Lynda Edwards

Financial reports

	September	YTD
BUDGET INCOME		
Envelope offerings	\$3,676.60	\$54,265.70
Loose offerings	48.00	828.00
Noisy Sunday offerings	-	332.09
Women's Fellowship pledge	-	-
Total offerings and pledges	\$3,724.60	\$55,425.79
Altar and holiday flowers	-	492.00
Soup supper collections	-	400.00
Other special collections	-	-
Weddings	-	-
Meijer Rewards	-	-
AA contributions	100.00	300.00
Miscellaneous income	100.00	308.60
Total income for budget	\$3,924.60	\$56,926.39
Income needed for budget	7,525.08	67,725.75
Over/(under) amount needed	(\$3,600.48)	\$(10,799.36)
NON-BUDGET INCOME		
Memorial contributions	175.00	955.00
Miscellaneous income	-	700.00
Total non-budget income	\$175.00	\$1,655.00
Total income	\$4,099.60	\$58,581.39

CHECKING ACCOUNT SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

August 31, 2017 Balance: \$614.53

INCOME

Transferred from General Savings	1,650.00	
Weekly Deposits	4,870.60	\$6,520.60
		\$7,135.13

DISBURSEMENTS

Church Repairs and Supplies	-221.00	
Medical Insurance	-816.38	
Office	-281.56	
Missions (OCWM)	-225.00	
Utilities	-820.00	
Payroll Taxes	-171.75	
Net Wages	-4,588.30	\$(7,123.99)

September 30, 2017 Balance: \$11.14