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PEACE

I remember sitting on the bleachers with a friend in high school. We were laughing at some goofy comment or observation just as two guys were walking by. Maybe the timing of the laughter relative to their arrival is what caused it; I will honestly never know. But one guy looked at us and asked in that menacing way, "Are you talking about me?"

This is the only time I've ever experienced anything like this, though the moment felt familiar. I did not want to judge the other two guys, but I did. I did not want to get into a fight either. My friend replied in a deliberate but clear way, "I don't even know you." He looked at the guy who issued the challenge, the guy looked at him and then decided he didn't know my friend either and walked away.

It de-escalated very quickly. I was glad to have avoided the hostility that could've taken place. Moreover, I was impressed with my friend's ability to avoid it. I wonder if the "other" guy had ever been exposed to someone going through life looking for peace rather than looking for confrontation. Maybe that is all it takes, a little exposure to serenity, to know that it is worth something. Maybe we need to look at people not as "others" but as someone similar to ourselves.

In our continually divisive times, how do we find ways to de-escalate tension? Sure, there are some absolutes of right and wrong. However, how do we navigate the gray areas? How do we look at one another in disagreement, but still convey some respect? May God reign over us and show us better ways of relationship.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." - Matt. 5:9

Peace,

JT



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

Please pray for the following: Rose Kuhn; Julie Summit; Tid Turner; Jane Williams; Gene Tyring; Mike Crecelius; Walt Lowe; Mae Chin; Pat Manis; Sue Kuhs; Allen Sanderson; Kelly Koch.

If you have a prayer request or wish to be removed from the list, please contact Leslie Webb at epcprayers@gmail.com or call the church office.



Presents at No Charge

Lunch, Learn & Visit

11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 2

Program by Dona Bone, Local Author
of *Home Front Heroes: How Women & children Helped Win WW II*

at

Evansville Wartime Museum

(7503 Petersburg Rd. Evansville, IN 47725)

Reservations are required and

must be submitted by Friday, August 27

to Nancy Sanderson at 812-483-5780(16



September 2021

Anniversaries

- 9/1 Walt & Lynn Lowe
- 9/4 Jim & Carol Palmer
- 9/6 Tracy & Jerry Wingarter
- 9/14 Don & Jean Patterson
- 9/23 David & Barbara Moran



Birthdays

- 9/2 Pam Doerter
- 9/4 Chad Horrell
Shannon Irmscher
- 9/6 Christie Niehaus
- 9/8 Ron Sproatt
- 9/13 Pete Mogavero
Kelly Walsh
Bart Huffaker
- 9/17 Anne Fiedler
- 9/18 Alice Hoover
Jayne Manis
Robert Michel
- 9/24 Dorothy Carothers
Brandon Viner
- 9/25 Peggy Pennington
- 9/27 Chris Weil
- 9/28 Marilyn Ellsperman
- 9/30 Adrienne Carter
Donna Cooke
Matt Hikade

Sunday Schedule

- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 -10:30 Fellowship
- 10:30 Worship
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7 PM Choir	3	4
5 *Pam Doerter	6 Office Closed for Labor Day	7 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Office Hours	8 6 PM Assembly Night	9 7 PM Choir	10	11 8 AM Men's Breakfast 
12 *Gary Van Zandt	13	14 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Office Hours	15	16 7 PM Choir	17	18
19 *John Niehaus Fall Kick-off For Sunday School 	20	21 9 AM Quilters 3 PM Youth Office Hours	22 6 PM Session	23 1-7 PM  Blood Drive 7 PM Choir	24	25
26 *Patsy Sproatt	27	28 9 AM Quilters Noon - Book Club 3 PM Youth Office Hours	29	30 7 PM Choir		

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