

Dear Friends,

In last week's sermon, I quoted Frederick Buechner's book Wishful Thinking with regards to saints: "the feet of saints are as much of clay as everybody else's, and their sainthood consist less of what they have done than of what God has for some reason chosen to do through them." (emphasis mine) Given these thoughts, we are all saints." Thanks to the 27 saints who helped with last week's cleanup at the church. Thanks also to all who have enveloped one another with strength, compassion and love as we continue to celebrate the life and resurrection of John Ritzo. I have also had messages of prayers and caring as I have been away studying, reminding me to take care of myself! What a fine body of Christ we have!

Please read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 in preparation for Sunday as we reflect on God's hope among us, even when there seems to be much hopelessness in the world.

Blessings,

Julie

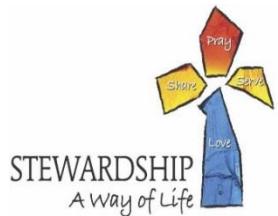
A Word about Stewardship

Dear friends at Nazareth,

Please remember that this is the Sunday to turn in our Time and Talent Sheets and our Financial Commitments to the Lord. Nazareth has been blessed over the years, with the wisdom of strong financial planning, to be able to share God's God's wealth in many ways. Yet making a commitment to the Lord is the way we are called to continue our strong history of giving and serving.

In Christ,

Grant Brown, Stewardship Chair



Things to remember

The Nazareth's Sailing Club (Singles Group) will be going to The Junior League of Spartanburg's Santa's Shoppe on Friday, November 17th. Please contact Angela Smith so she can get the advanced \$5.00 tickets. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.



MISSION FOCUS FOR NOVEMBER is the Angel Tree for Children of the Soup Kitchen. There requests with the child's age and specific wish. Please choose your Angel from the tree on the board by the mission room to make a child's wish come true. Thank you for making a difference in a child's Christmas.

Kathryn Koteka's Senior project for Oakbrook Preparatory School involves "PS I Love You", an organization in Spartanburg which helps Foster Children. As part of her project, she is collecting clothing for children who are taken to foster homes, sometimes with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. There will be bins available beginning Nov. 5th for you to donate clothes to this worthy cause.

Save the Date! **The Friendship Club** will have a special speaker on November 15th at 11:45, the Rev. Matt Matthews of St. Giles Presbyterian Church will be our Speaker. He will share his book entitled One Thousand Miles: Following My Father's WWII Footsteps. Matt is a wonderful author and speaker and you will want to make every effort to attend! Bring a dish or two to share and join the fun and fellowship!

IN OUR PRAYERS

- **Kathy Allen and family in the death of her mother, Marjorie Goodwin**
- **Debbie Ritzo and family**



Service for John Ritzo to be held Saturday, November 11th at 11:00