



United Methodist Church of the Pines



715-356-3041

Email: office@umchurchofthepines.org

Website: www.umchurchofthepines.org

www.facebook.com/churchofthepines

415 Chippewa Street, Minocqua, WI

Mailing: P.O. Box 144

Minocqua, WI 54548



Week 9 - February 28 - March 6, 2021

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38

“God is telling us: learn to wait - wait - wait for your God, wait for love, be patient with everything. Everything that is worthwhile must be waited for.” - Carlo Carretto

We have a neighbor who is a car salesman. He told me the following story.
An older couple in town had bought a brand new car from him about eight weeks before. The car was well built and had many safety features. The car beeped when it veered over a right white line or a center yellow line. It had an automatic braking system. The driver's side mirror lit up when a car was in the blind spot. And the vehicle was connected via GPS to “someone” up there “in the cloud.”

Recently, said my neighbor, this couple was on the highway and slowed down to make a left turn. Their turn signal was on as they waited for oncoming traffic to go by so that they could make the left turn.

But suddenly a pickup truck slammed into them from behind at about 40 mph. and the car was pushed into oncoming traffic! Fortunately, the elderly man was able to steer back to his lane, avoiding a 20-foot truck. He pulled their car over to the side of the road. In his rearview mirror, he saw the pickup still partially on the highway.

He and his wife were okay. They were stunned. Their new car! It was surreal.

Suddenly, there was a voice as from heaven! A woman was speaking! Was it an angel?

She said, “I believe you have had an accident. Am I correct?”

Still not understanding what was happening, the old man shouted, “Yes, yes, we have a problem here!”

The “angel” said, “I am going to call 9-1-1 for you, and stay with you while you talk to them, and then I will talk to you and stay with you until the police come to help you. Okay?”

And that's exactly what happened. The “angel” voice stayed with them, and promised not to leave them. She was a huge help. The couple did not need to get out of their car or even make a phone call.

When my neighbor told me this story, of course I thought about the parallels between what the “angel” had been able to do for this couple and what God does for us in our times of need.

How many times has God broken into our human experience to say, “I believe you are having some trouble right now! Am I right?”

This story reminded me of how thankful I am that God is with me in my sleeping and when I arise, during the morning and at noon and at eventide.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Thank you, steadfast God, for your watchful eye over me. Amen.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

- Sunday:** Leviticus 1-4
- Monday:** Leviticus 5-7
- Tuesday:** Leviticus 8-10
- Wednesday:** Leviticus 11-13
- Thursday:** Leviticus 14-16
- Friday:** Leviticus 17-19
- Saturday:** Psalms 22-24

Verse to Remember

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.”
 - Psalm 23:6

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. thumb, hornet, earth | _____ |
| 2. little, leg, casserole | _____ |
| 3. rites, straw, word | _____ |
| 4. hat, elephant, knight | _____ |
| 5. arrest, plant, fly | _____ |
| 6. frame, perfect, this | _____ |
| 7. jacket, fever, journalism | _____ |
| 8. weight, tiger, mache | _____ |
| 9. picker, bomb, tomato | _____ |
| 10. ahead, line, away | _____ |
| 11. saucer, buttress, squirrel | _____ |
| 12. association, fall, born | _____ |
| 13. friend, scout, Friday | _____ |
| 14. eye, house, blower | _____ |
| 15. digger, dust, coast | _____ |

ADD a WORD

Directions: Add one word to the beginning of each word in the series to create a phrase. For example, to the words **alert**, **carpet** and **herring**, you could insert the word **red** to create **red alert**, **red carpet** and **red herring**. Write the word that is common to all in the space provided.

MATH SHAPES

Directions: Determine the value of each shape.

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcirc \times \square &= 12 \\ \square + \square &= 8 \\ \bigcirc + \diamond &= 10 \\ \bigcirc &= ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \square &= ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \\ \diamond &= ? \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \end{aligned}$$



- Answers:**
1. green
 2. chicken
 3. last
 4. white
 5. house
 6. picture
 7. yellow
 8. paper
 9. cherry
 10. straight
 11. flying
 12. free
 13. girl
 14. glass
 15. gold
- MATH SHAPES:**
 □ = 3; ○ = 4; △ = 7