



Bemidji United Methodist Church

All Church E-mail for September 5, 2018

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THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK...

Wednesday, September 5

9:45 Havenwood Services, **10:45** Neilsen Place Services,
1:00 Staff Meeting, **3:00** Bike Group, **5:00** Community Table

Thursday, September 6

5:00 Community Table, **6:15** Lotus Zen Meditation

Saturday, September 8

9:30 Yoga,

5:30 Game Night in the Lounge

Sunday, September 9

Rally Day

9:30 Early Family Worship

10:30 Worship

10:30 Potluck Meal in the Lounge

Tuesday, September 11

5:30 Yoga, **5:30** AA,

5:30 Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal, **6:30** Trustees Meeting

Sunday, September 9



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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good reputation is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord made them both.

Those who sow injustice will harvest evil; the rod of their fury will come to an end. Happy are generous people, because they give some of their food to the poor.

Don't steal from the poor, because they are poor. Don't oppress the needy in the gate. The Lord will take up their case and press the life out of those who oppress them.

New Testament

James 2:1-17 (CEB)

My brothers and sisters, when you show favoritism you deny the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has been resurrected in glory. Imagine two people coming into your meeting. One has a gold ring and fine clothes, while the other is poor, dressed in filthy rags. Then suppose that you were to take special notice of the one wearing fine clothes, saying, "Here's an excellent place. Sit here." But to the poor person you say, "Stand over there"; or, "Here, sit at my feet." Wouldn't you have shown favoritism among yourselves and become evil-minded judges? My dear brothers and sisters, listen! Hasn't God chosen those who are poor by worldly standards to be rich in terms of faith? Hasn't God chosen the poor as heirs of the kingdom he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Don't the wealthy make life difficult for you? Aren't they the ones who drag you into court? Aren't they the ones who insult the good name spoken over you at your baptism? You do well when you really fulfill the royal law found in scripture, *Love your neighbor as yourself.*^[a] But when you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, and by that same law you are exposed as a lawbreaker. Anyone who tries to keep all of the Law but fails at one point is guilty of failing to keep all of it. ¹The one who said, *Don't commit adultery*, also said, *Don't commit murder.*^[b] So if you don't commit adultery but do commit murder, you are a lawbreaker. In every way, then, speak and act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. There will be no mercy in judgment for anyone who hasn't shown mercy. Mercy overrules judgment. My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it? Claiming to have faith can't save anyone, can it? Imagine a brother or sister who is naked and never has enough food to eat. What if one of you said, "Go in peace! Stay warm! Have a nice meal!"? What good is it if you don't actually give them what their body needs? In the same way, faith is dead when it doesn't result in faithful activity.

Hymns for Sunday September 5

In Christ There Is No East or West	UHM	548
All Things Bright and Beautiful	UHM	147
Sent Forth by God's Blessing V,1	UHM	664

Early Family Service Scripture Sunday September 5

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sermon Title for Sunday September 5

Level Playing Field