



## Bemidji United Methodist Church

### All Church E-mail for September 4, 2019

**IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE ILL? In the hospital?**

Please call the office or Pastor Rob Kopp

#### **THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK...**

##### **Wednesday, September 4**

**5:00** Community Table, 5:30 Choir

##### **Thursday, September 5**

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

##### **Friday, September 6**

**7:30-10:00** Square Dance

##### **Saturday, September 7**

**9:30** Yoga,

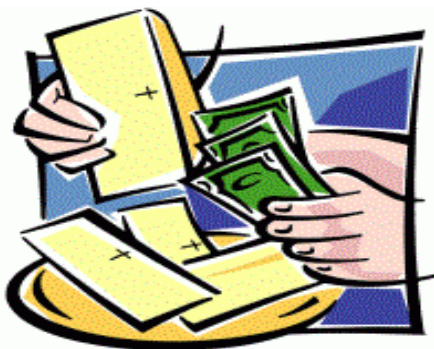
##### **Sunday, September 8**

**10:30** Worship

##### **Tuesday, September 10**

**5:30** Girl Scout meeting in the Fellowship Hall,

**5:30** Yoga, **5:30** AA, **5:30** Ruby Tuesday Singers Rehearsal, **6:30** Trustee Meeting



## OFFERING COUNTERS

**We are in need of Volunteers to  
count money for the month of  
September.**

**Please contact Dave Dahlberg at  
760-0320**

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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 SCRIPTURE

### EPISTLE

Philemon (CEB)

From Paul, who is a prisoner for the cause of Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy. To Philemon our dearly loved coworker, Apphia our sister, Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church that meets in your house. May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Philemon, I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers because I've heard of your love and faithfulness, which you have both for the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. I pray that your partnership in the faith might become effective by an understanding of all that is good among us in Christ. I have great joy and encouragement because of your love, since the hearts of God's people are refreshed by your actions, my brother.

Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to command you to do the right thing, I would rather appeal to you through love. I, Paul—an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus— appeal to you for my child Onesimus. I became his father in the faith during my time in prison. He was useless to you before, but now he is useful to both of us. I'm sending him back to you, which is like sending you my own heart. I considered keeping him with me so that he might serve me in your place during my time in prison because of the gospel.

However, I didn't want to do anything without your consent so that your act of kindness would occur willingly and not under pressure. Maybe this is the reason that Onesimus was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back forever— no longer as a slave but more than a slave—that is, as a dearly loved brother. He is especially a dearly loved brother to me. How much more can he become a brother to you, personally and spiritually in the Lord!

So, if you really consider me a partner, welcome Onesimus as if you were welcoming me. If he has harmed you in any way or owes you money, charge it to my account. I, Paul, will pay it back to you (I'm writing this with my own hand). Of course, I won't mention that you owe me your life.

Yes, brother, I want this favor from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. I'm writing to you, confident of your obedience and knowing that you will do more than what I ask. Also, one more thing—prepare a guest room for me. I hope that I will be released from prison to be with you because of your prayers.

Epaphras, who is in prison with me for the cause of Christ Jesus, greets you, as well as my coworkers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

### *Sermon for September 8*

#### *Ways of Welcome*

### Hymns for Sunday September 8

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

UMH 139

*Together We Serve*

TFWS 2175

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH 560