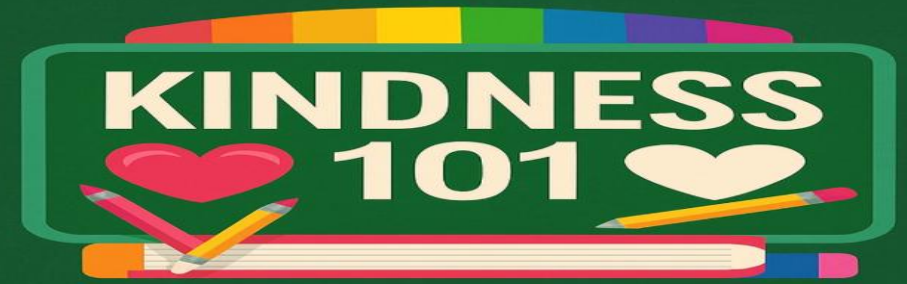


I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise will always be in my mouth. I praise the LORD—let the suffering listen and rejoice. Magnify the LORD with me! Together let us lift God's name up high! I sought the LORD and God answered me. God delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed. This suffering person cried out: the LORD listened and saved him from every trouble. On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God; and God delivers them. Taste and see how good the LORD is! The one who takes refuge in God is truly happy! You who are the LORD's holy ones, honor God, because those who honor God don't lack a thing. Even strong young lions go without and get hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, children, listen to me. Let me teach you how to honor the LORD: Do you love life; do you relish the chance to enjoy good things? Then you must keep your tongue from evil and keep your lips from speaking lies! Turn away from evil! Do good! Seek peace and go after it! The LORD's eyes watch the righteous, God's ears listen to their cries for help. But the LORD's face is set against those who do evil, to eliminate even the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry out, the LORD listens; God delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.



**Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: With our worship, we praise God, for God has blessed us and made us whole.

Psalm 34

*HYMN *We Can't Give In to Hate and Fear* Words on
 (Tune: The Gift of Love, No.408 Screens
 Red Hymnal)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Arthur Michael Meehan

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

September Theme: *Kindness 101*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:25-37

SERMON *He Could Be Anyone*

*HYMN *Jesu, Jesu,* No. 432
 vs. 1-2 & 5 Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

DOXOLOGY No. 94 Red Hymnal

*CLOSING BLESSING

*SUNG RESPONSE They'll Know We No. 2263
 Are Christians by Black Hymnal
 Our Love, vs. 1-2

Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Rev. Brad Mather, Preaching

Hillary Lobenstein, Reader

Heavenly Handbells, Music; Barb Kohler, Director

Luke 10:25-37

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?" He responded, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live." But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?" Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

INVITATIONS TO ACTION

If you are not already receiving our Monday Devotional Word of the Week or our weekly Thursday email that outlines what is happening in the life of this faith community please reach out to the church office at 837-5554 or office@sunprairieumc.org so we can get you on this email list.

KINDNESS 101 SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR THIS SEPTEMBER

Our Sunday School this month will be an intergenerational study titled "Kindness 101." We invite all ages to join us in the Chapel following worship. We will begin with a few questions and watch a video together. Following the video, we will divide into age groups for further discussion and activities. Age group breakdown will be: Birth through 2nd grade in the Nursery, 3rd-5th Grade in E-8 classroom, Middle School in the Youth Room, and High School in the Conference Room. Adults will stay in the chapel for discussion.

We will meet today and on September 28. No need to register in advance. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jenny or Amanda Hinthorn.

HELP KIDS LOVE READING!

For over ten years, the Madison Reading Project has been providing free new books to children in low income homes. During the month of September, our church will be collecting for the Madison Reading Project. Your donation

will help a child know the magic of owning their own book. Place your donation in the giving box on the table in the Narthex.

Please make any checks payable to Sun Prairie United Methodist Church and put Reading Project on the Memo line. If you are giving cash without using your personal giving envelope, and would like to receive credit for your donation, then please put your donation in the provided envelope and put your name, cash amount given and envelope number (if you know it) on the envelope.

BEYOND ETHNIC LONELINESS: CREATING CONNECTIONS AND BELONGING

Loneliness doesn't discriminate. Learn to ease loneliness by building connections with author Prasanta Verma. Join us Sunday, September 28 from 2-4:30 pm. Hosted by SPUMC and Sun Prairie Wellness Coalition.

Please register in advance.

The First 15 registrants receive a free copy of the book "Beyond Ethnic Loneliness" by Prasanta Verma. you can email office@sunprairieumc.org or call 608-837-5554 to request a registration form.