

## Heavenly Wealth

<sup>17</sup> As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?” <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, “There’s one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me.”

**Mark 10:17, 21 MSG**

Mark tells us that a man runs up to Jesus and kneels before him, asking him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” (v. 17). Although Mark does not reveal his age, Matthew says that he is a “young man” (19:20). Jesus looks at him, loves him, and says, “You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me” (v. 21). The young man is shocked and goes away grieving, because he has many possessions (v. 22). He is a “HENRY” -- high-earner not rich yet -- and is unwilling to abandon his luxury lifestyle. We can assume that he had a lot of money, but not enough. He wasn’t ready to abandon what riches he had managed thus far in his young life to acquire. The disciples are perplexed by this, because *they assume that wealth is a sign of God’s favor*, and that it is always better to be rich than to be poor.



But Jesus warns them about people who “store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God” (Luke 12:21). He commends the poor widow who puts two small copper coins in the temple treasury, all

that she has to live on (Mark 12:42, 44). According to the apostle Paul, Jesus says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). In any case, Jesus knows that we need God’s help to let go of our possessions, to give generously to the poor and to follow him. Wherever we are on the socio-economic spectrum, we need assistance with exchanging our earthly possessions for heavenly treasures.

**Stewardship definition (umc.org)** - The devout investment or use of money, time, and ability. In biblical times, a steward supervised a household or an estate. Today, as God’s children, we deem God the source of all we have, seek to hold it in trust for God and desire to be “good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10a)

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart.

Generous living is not just about giving money. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors.

Nurturing, generous living in every aspect of our life together before God. This is great stewardship.

*Stewardship Perspective,*  
*Pastor Cal*

# The Chimes

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The mission of  
Court Street UMC  
is to be a  
welcoming,  
nurturing,  
serving  
community of Christ.



# The Chimes

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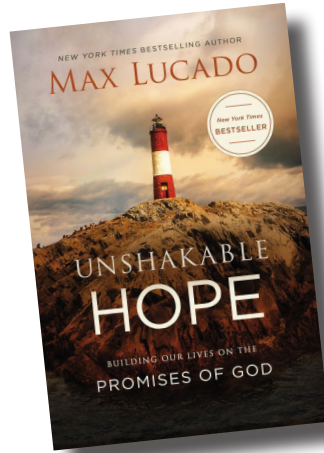
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## Autumn Special Study



*Unshakable Hope:  
Building Our Lives on  
the Promises of God*

by Max Lucado  
Thomas Nelson

### 12-Week Study and Sermon Series Begins Rally Day

**Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Includes Sunday school lessons for teens and children

Pastor Cal will lead a study session after services  
in the Parlor starting at 11:15 a.m.

Request a copy of the book from the church office no later than  
2 p.m. on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The office will order paperback copies that afternoon.



September 12<sup>th</sup> is also  
Grandparents Day, so  
bring your grandkids for a  
morning of fun activities.

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[www.courtstreetumc.org](http://www.courtstreetumc.org)

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## UMW GUEST SPEAKER

October 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Jane Rubietta



### Weary of worry and its tagalongs anxiety, discouragement, and exhaustion?

Jane Rubietta invites you to leave behind your heavy heart and learn to truly live again. Join the United Methodist Women on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Bring a friend. Men are also invited to attend.

You will experience joy and rest in the moment-by-moment pleasure of a God who delights in you—and has all your tomorrows under control. You will laugh and you might cry, but you will leave knowing you are delighted in—and with an arsenal of unusual helps to worry less. And really live.

Jane speaks internationally and is an award-winning author with 21 books to her credit. Books will be available for sale. You can find more information at [JaneRubietta.com](http://JaneRubietta.com). Anyone is invited to attend.



Thursday | September 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

Baker Street Burgers  
1603 N. Alpine Road  
(Edgebrook)

*All ladies are invited.*

*If you wish to come, please let Marie  
Lewis know, (815) 885-3916, by  
Wednesday noon before the dinner.*



Saturday | September 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m.

Stockholm Inn  
2420 Charles Street

*All men are welcome!*



I am cautiously optimistic about this fall; Chancel Choir, Jubellation and Youth Choir singing and playing once again. I've been looking over a variety of music for the fall and am excited for the new year upon us. By the time you read this, Nancy Shindel will have sung on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Curly Thompson will be singing on August 29<sup>th</sup>, and Tracey Armstrong will be singing on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Should all go well, the chancel choir will be back singing on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and Jubellation and the Youth Choir

in October. Keep the music program in your prayers so that we, with the help of God, will be participating in the services once again in the fall. Thanks to Andrew Ashley from Rockford University for singing on the August 15<sup>th</sup> service. Great to have him here.

Peace,  
Jack Armstrong

## Health & Wellness: *From our Parish Nurse*

One of September's world health observances is learning about Alzheimer's. We all tend to forget someone's name, or we misplace items from time to time. This kind of forgetfulness is normal. But forgetting how to get home, becoming confused in places a person knows well, or repeating questions over and over again can be signs of a more serious problem.

Alzheimer's disease was named after Dr. Alois Alzheimer in 1906. He noticed changes in the brain tissue of a woman who had died of an unusual mental illness. Her symptoms included memory loss, language difficulties, and unpredictable behavior. Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain that begins slowly and gets worse over time. It causes large numbers of nerve cells in the brain to die, and most of the time it begins after the age of sixty.

Having memory problems are typically one of the first signs of cognition impairment related to Alzheimer's disease.

Cognition is a combination of mental processes that includes the ability to learn new things, intuition, judgment, languages, and remembering. When cognition is impaired (referred to as cognition impairment), a person has trouble with these processes that begins to affect the things he or she can do in everyday life. Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and conditions such as a stroke and traumatic brain injury can cause cognitive impairment. Some causes of cognitive impairment are related to treatable health issues. Some of these difficulties could be related to medication side effects, vitamin and mineral deficiency, too much alcohol, depression, kidney, liver, or thyroid problems.

Alzheimer's disease is NOT a normal part of aging. It is, however, the most common form of dementia; it involves part of the brain that controls thought, memory, and language. It can seriously affect activities of daily living. Scientists don't yet fully understand what causes

Alzheimer's in most people. In people with early-onset, a genetic mutation is usually the cause. In late-onset, Alzheimer's can arise from a complex series of brain changes that occur over decades. The causes probably include a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors. Listed below are tips to help maintain a healthy active brain.....

**Sleep:** The average adult sleeps 4-6 hours a night, which is not close to what your body needs for a productive tomorrow. Get more sleep at night.

**Mental Stimulation:** Watching TV is not your brain's idea of fun. It is important to continue to learn and stimulate your brain. Start up a book club, play cards, take a class. Continue to learn.

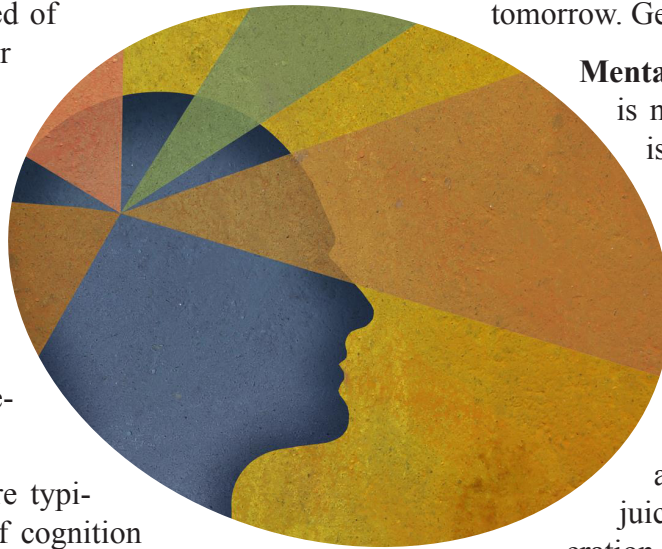
**Healthy Diet:** You are what you eat! There are several foods your brain adores. Such as berries, tuna, salmon, grape juice, and even red wine in moderation.

**Get Moving:** Staying active is vital as one gets older. Take a walk every day, a yoga class, golf, or try swimming.

**Maintain Friendships:** The more social you stay as you age, the healthier it is for you.

**Keep A Healthy Blood Pressure:** If you are overweight or over stressed you most likely have an elevated blood pressure as a result. Maintain a healthy weight for your size. Try to keep your stress level low.

There is much more to learn about Alzheimer's. A couple of websites to start at are: [www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers](http://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers) and [www.adear@nia.nih.gov](mailto:www.adear@nia.nih.gov)



*Teresa Field,  
Parish Nurse*



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### Bill Stein

Director of Music Ministries  
First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

Free-will donations benefit Court Street's organ restoration.

**SUNDAY**

September 19 at 2 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Jeremiah Development is seeking volunteers to help at the LOVE Rockford event. Would you consider helping in the clothing room, being a greeter, helping in the children's area, or distributing food? These are only a few of the areas where we need volunteers to assist in making this event successful and safe. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer by submitting the form found at [loverockfordil.org](http://loverockfordil.org).

THANK YOU!

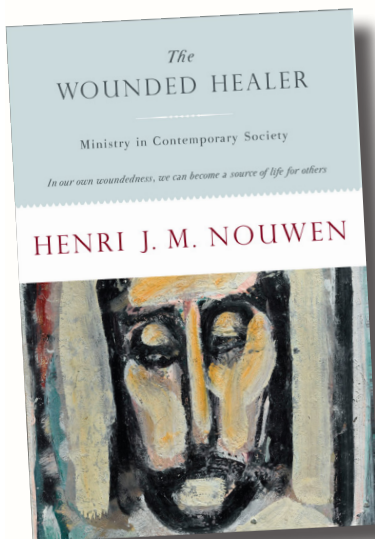


### CSUMC Book Club 2021

September 19

Contact Dorothy Powell for more information at [hiogolfer@comcast.net](mailto:hiogolfer@comcast.net).

*The Wounded Healer*  
by Henri J. M. Nouwen  
Image



### Recommended Reading

Submitted by Barb Adam

*Between Two Kingdoms*  
by Suleika Jaouad  
Random House



*The Women of the Bible Speak*  
by Shannon Bream  
Broadside Books





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**September 5, 2021**

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team  
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Ella Anderson  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

**September 12, 2021**

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team  
 Sound Tech: Tim Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Lily Breson  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

**September 19, 2021**

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team  
 Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Natalie Urness  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

**September 26, 2021**

10:00 Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team  
 Sound Tech: Ryan Welk  
 Video Tech: Steve Ripley  
 Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner  
 Liturgist: Volunteer welcome.

If you wish to receive The Chimes electronically or to be removed from this mailing, please call the church office at (815) 962-6061 or e-mail [Communications@courtstreetumc.org](mailto:Communications@courtstreetumc.org).

*Need a Ride to Church?*

Riders, please call drivers for a ride by 6 p.m. on the Saturday before the Sunday you wish to attend.

Riders must wear a mask, be fully vaccinated, and able to show their vaccine card to the driver if requested.

09/05/21	Dan Boon	815-713-0411
09/12/21	Bruce Shindel	815-397-1479
09/19/21	Tim Gorman	815-636-0514
09/26/21	Jeff Mann	815-742-5444
10/03/21	Dan Boon	815-713-0411

*Please thank these men for making this ministry work!*

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## Birthdays





<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jones, Gwentyth	1	Guyer, Peggy	5	Williams, Laura	16	Gorman, Verlette	24
Gorman, Timothy	2	Ring, Barbara	5	Livingston, Rebecca	17	Long, Desiree	25
Dienhart, Darlene	3	Ryan, Michelle	5	Woods, Rex L.	18	Zimmerman, Phil	25
Dow, Donna	3	Kossike, Alexis	7	Liddell, John	19	Lander, Lois	26
Enderly, Megan	3	Duffey, Shana	9	McDonald, Philip	21	Gdowski, Jackson	27
Jones, Thomas	3	Gilmore, Carey	10	Neville, Matthew	22	Mace, Janet	29
Mertzenich, Nancy	4	Rodgers, John Henry	11	Anderson, Roger	23	Deleon, Michaela	30
Wilinski, Jay	4	Castro-Rodriguez, Miriam	13	Conklin, Diane	24	Faruqui, Sarah	30

## Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Married</u>
L'Heureux, Holly and Stephen	1	2018	3
Gillette, Larry and Annette	2	1967	54
Liddell, Patrick and Karen	14	1985	36
Ciabatti, Kevin and Amy	17	1994	27
Gregory, Sandra and Sean	18	1999	22
Anderson, Roger and Cynthia	20	1997	24
Scheffel, Troy and Shannon	30	2000	21



# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Court Street United Methodist Church</i>			1	2 9:30 AM Head Start 10:00 AM Stewardship Team 1:00 PM The Journeymen	3 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	4 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment
5 10:00 AM Worship Service	6  LABOR DAY CHURCH CLOSED	7 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30 AM Head Start 4:00 PM Worship Committee	9 9:30 AM Head Start 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start 6:00 PM Chatterbox Supper Group	10 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	11 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 8:30 AM United Methodist Men Breakfast
12  RALLY DAY UNSHAKEABLE HOPE SPECIAL STUDY AND SERMON SERIES BEGINS  9:00 AM The Lamplighters 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Special Study 12:00 PM Stick Ministry 12:30 PM Lunch & Youth Activities	13	14 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 CHIMES DEADLINE  9:30 AM Head Start 5:30 PM No IL Wood Turners	16 9:30 AM Head Start 1:00 PM The Journeymen	17 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	18 8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 9:00 AM ECHO Ringers
19  CONCERT SERIES  9:00 AM The Lamplighters 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:15 AM Special Study 2:00 PM Bill Stein Concert 4:00 PM CSUMC Book Club	20 12:00 PM Nurture & Friends 4:00 PM Finance Committee 5:00 PM Administrative Council	21 9:00 AM History & Archives 9:00 AM Quilters 3:30 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM JuBellation Rehearsal 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22 9:30 AM Head Start	23 9:30 AM Head Start 12:00 PM Jeremiah Exec. Board 1:00 PM Chimes stuffing 1:00 PM The Journeymen 2:30 PM Head Start	24 10:00 AM Head Start 1:30 PM Head Start	25  LOVE ROCKFORD  8:00 AM Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 10:00 AM LOVE Rockford
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