

The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services.

No Sunday School programs and no childcare.

The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

October 4: "The Way of Music" – Jimmy Merritt – Recently I compiled a list, in step wise progression, of what I believe to be the making of a musician. Some of the steps are directly related to how music is put together structurally but also maybe, how our lives hold together in the best and the worst of times. After all, music relies heavily on tonal relationships; human interactions rely heavily on total relationships.

October 11: "Security, Serenity, Peace of Mind" – Ann Malpass – Based on the writings of Christine Robinson and Alicia Hawkins from **Listening Hearts**. Larry Eisenbert tells us: For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe. Matthew 6:34 tells us: So, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. Let's see what Christine and Alicia have to add.

October 18: "Pathologies of Power" – Reverend Brian Clougherty – My title is a book by Dr. Paul Farmer. His subtitle is "Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor." The cause of these Pathologies is inequalities of power that deprive the poor of opportunities to better their lives. Farmer calls this 'structural violence.' I will explore these ideas.

October 25: "Tartans" – With Chris Walsh – Tartans are an iconic part of Scottish culture both here in North Carolina and in Scotland. Inspired by questions around family kilts, Chris will be talking about the history of tartans and how they're more modern than you might think.



Dates to Remember

October 8: AUW Meeting.
Meet at the church to go to
Abundant Harvest for lunch.
Meeting at the church at
1:00 p.m.

October 11: Following the
service, covered-dish lunch
and Board Meeting.

OCTOBER 3: HARVEST SALE!

SALE AT 3:00 P.M.

SUPPER AT 6:00

LOADS OF FUN!!



“Happiness is Homemade” From This I Believe

Tommie Rae – Micanopy, Florida

A small boy runs home, crying. Once inside he calls out to his mother. His mother reaches out her arms, and the boy runs into her embrace. She asks, “What’s wrong?” His words are drowned out by the fabric of her shirt, which he clings to. Suddenly she smiles, for she has thought of what would make her son feel better. “Would you like a plate of cookies?” she asks. The boy looks up at her, smiles and nods.

Why is it that a plate of warm homemade cookies makes you feel better? Is it the cookies themselves? No, that can’t be it, because you can buy cookies, and that doesn’t cheer you up as much. Maybe it’s because they’re warm. Well, you can heat up anything now a day. (including watermelon, which tastes nasty, please don’t try it!)

Then the reason must be because they’re homemade! No, not necessarily, because I’ve had some downright horrible homemade cookies. They did not make me feel better; to be exact, they made me want to throw up. So, what is it about homemade cookies that makes us feel better? Let’s look at another example, to see if we can figure it out.

In the movie “Stranger Than Fiction”, the main character, Harold Crick, is a tax collector; in other words, he works for the I.R.S., one of American adult’s worst fears. Mr. Crick is sent to audit Ana Pascal. She hates him on their first meeting as expected, and so after a long, miserable day of going through her receipts and such, he packs to leave. Before he can go, Ana brings him a plate of freshly made chocolate-chip cookies. She partially apologizes for making his day so horrible and offers the cookies as sort of a peace offering. Harold cautiously accepts the cookies and reveals that he has never truly had homemade cookies. His mother always bought them store made cookies. He had never had cookies made directly for him, and from that moment on he begins to fall in love with Ana.

What was it about that simple gesture that made Harold fall in love with someone who had just made his day a living hell? She obviously wasn’t trying to win his affection, just acting as a normal human would. Maybe it’s because she showed some compassion for him. In reality, that is all people want, someone who accepts them for who they are; but that’s beside the point. The point is he started to fall in love with Ana because she made him cookies!

Have you figured out why the cookies made him feel better yet? Not only that, but why warm homemade cookies make you feel better? It’s rather simple if you think about it. Warm homemade cookies make you feel better because they are made for you. Whoever made you a plate of cookies obviously cared enough about you to make them. That’s why they brighten your day, because they’re made with love. To be loved is all anyone could ask for. That is why I believe no matter who you are, a plate of warm homemade cookies will make you feel better.

LOTS OF HOMEMADE ITEMS, MADE WITH LOVE, AT THE HARVEST SALE!!