## Another Word August 18, 2020

As Rich is spending the day at the hospital with Donita, Ellie and Linda are writing this update so it may look and sound different than usual. Donita's surgery went well, and we will keep her in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

We received a thank you from Ashland Pregnancy Care Center for the baby bottles we returned. Our church had a total donation of \$860.62 which they were pleased to receive from us.

Please plan on joining us on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate several baptisms in the pavilion. If anyone is interested in renewing their faith or making their confession of faith on this Sunday, please see Rich.

"The Sacred Assembly", a group of believers, will gather August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Freer Field to pray for our city, state, and country as well as the forgiveness of our sins. The time will be from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Social distancing and masks will be observed. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Scriptures for this Sunday are Psalm 124 and Matthew 16: 13-20.

Please continue to pray for Donita Pate and David Bell's recovery from their surgeries, continued prayers for Mike Reynolds, Arlene Whitmer, Larry Laser, Kim Mercer and Dick Baum.

The church drive-way is being replaced on August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> so if you come into the church on those days you will not be able to get into the parking lot.

From Max Lucado daily devotions:

Jesus invites, "come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...let me teach you, because I am

humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your soul" (Matthew 11:28).

Do yourself a favor, underscore, underline, and accept this invitation. Jesus says. Let me teach you how to handle long Mondays, and cranky in-laws. Let me teach you why people fight, death comes, and forgiveness counts.

We need answers and Jesus offers them. But can we trust him? There's only one way to know and that is to seek him out. Lift up your eyes, set your sights on Jesus. No passing glances or occasional glimpses. Search the crowded streets and shadow-casting roofs until you spot his face, then set your sights on him. You will find Him!

During this time, we felt this seemed to be a fitting devotion to consider and follow.

Let us take a moment to pray:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Hear our words and show us your face. We pray for those affected by the virus, those on the front line in dealing with the virus. All our first responders, military personnel, doctors and nurses who look to you for assistance in their lives and who help so many of us.

We hold up to you, those of us in need of your loving and healing touch. Bless us all for another week and keep us all safe so we may get together and share your love. We pray these things in Jesus' name.

Amen

In His Peace,

