



# FROM THE PASTOR

## If You Want to Walk on Water, You Must Get Out of the Boat "Courage"

Greetings Everyone,

Happy Month of October!

I want to continue to share with you from the idea of Walking on Water. This idea was born centuries ago, and it is wrapped in the Christian tradition with the ministry of Jesus Christ.

While this line originates from a biblical narrative, its significance extends into all areas of personal and professional development, where courage and faith lead us to fulfilling lives.

Consider for a moment, why "walking on water." It's an act unfitting for the biological capabilities and physics laws we humans are confined by. However, the metaphor embodies a phenomenal meaning. It symbolizes achieving the seemingly impossible, transcending limitations, and bringing visions into tangible reality.

The single element that leads one to venture onto the water's surface, stare into the depth of uncertainty, and take that first step, is courage - the courage to challenge ourselves, to move out of comfort zones, to go where we've been told or believed we can't. It's the courage that prompts innovators to think differently, explorers to chart unknown terrains, every one of us to grow amidst adversity, and churches to see themselves differently in ministry.

Yet, courage isn't merely about the grand leaps and giant steps. It starts in the quiet moments, unnoticed and uncelebrated decisions. It's in choosing to rise against the inner critic undermining us. It's in continuing to press forward when it would be easier to stand still. It's in daring to believe in the beauty of our dreams no matter how outrageous they appear.

Ultimately, walking on water is all about unyielding faith - in our purpose, our abilities, and our worth. This faith propels us forward in the face of risk and propels us up when we stumble. While the water may be unsteady and treacherous, faith and courage combined can allow us to achieve what appears unachievable.

Life will place oceans before us, undiscovered and untested. Walking on water in these scenarios is a demonstration of our resolve, our determination, and our courage. It's in these moments that we rise above merely surviving and step into truly living.

So, whenever you find an ocean of obstacles and adversities barring your path, don't just stand on the shore, gazing at what could be. Summon your courage, arm yourself with faith, and step out onto the water. Miracles happen not only to those who believe in them but to those who have the courage to make them happen.

Remember that life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to walk on water... one courageous step at a time.

Praying for the Blessings of the Harvest,

*Dr. Herry*



# UP-COMING EVENTS

**\*\*Please be sure to turn in all Newsletter information NO LATER than 5 business days before the 1st of the month!**

## OCTOBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**October 3rd- Book Review 7pm**

**October 4th- Bible Study Resumes 12pm**

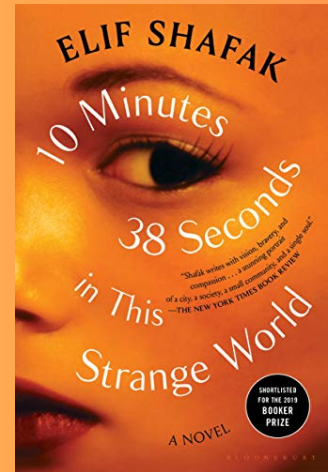
**October 29th - Halloween Boo Bash, 2-4pm**

**November 5th - Youth Horseback Riding, 12pm**

15780 State Highway 100, West Grafton

**Calendar of Events**

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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**Book Club  
7pm Memorial in Lounge**

**October 3rd:  
10 Minutes 38 Seconds In This  
Strange World by Elif Shafak**

Contact Karen Schriefer at 314-522-6842 if you have any questions.

**Announcement:**

We are in need of a volunteer to change the church sign.  
Lee is hanging his hat as **Official Sign Changer.**  
**Are you up for the task?**

# HALLOWEEN BOO BASH



The annual Halloween Boo Bash Party at church is scheduled for Sunday, October 29 from 2:00-4:00 pm. We will need plenty of helpers before, during and after the neighborhood party.

**\*Accepting Candy Donations Now\***



# THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS FOR:

**Prayers:**

- **Dan Fedorchak**
- **Family of Nancy Snyder**
- **Alex Nicks**
- **Rick ( Paula Trautman's brother)**
- **Anne Cox**
- **Deja Allison**
- **Carmen ( from Strength and Honor)**
- **Carl ( Garry Wade's son-in-law)**
- **Andy Dean (Wendy's son's)**



**\*Nancy Snyder has passed\***

**-Details of visitation and funeral are on the table in the library.**

**Cards can be sent to her daughter. Her address is on the table in the library.**



# OTHER INFORMATION

## FACILITY USE REQUESTS REMINDER

If you wish to use space in the church building, you are required to fill out a Facility Use Request form. Your request will need approval so that there are no scheduling conflicts. Please contact the church office for the form. Thank you.

**Holly Turner**  
**Administrative Assistant**  
**(314) 522-8542**



**Don't forget to submit your prayer requests before services on Sunday mornings. The Prayer Request Forms will be located in the offering plate as you enter through the sanctuary door. Please complete your prayer request and place it on the communion table before the service begins. Dr. Kerry will read the requests from the pulpit so all can hear.**

## October Birthday's

- 4 - Allison Schlobohm
- 8 - George Gilbert
- 11 - Nick Motley
- 14 - Greg Rybacki
- 15 - Lori Rybacki
- 16 - Rev. Kerry Allison
- 17 - Lee Rauhut
- 18 - Paula Trautman & Vinny Koenig
- 19 - Dennis (Bud) Panetti
- 20 - Erin Koenig
- 22 - Mary Lou Nolde
- 26 - Alex Brewer
- 28 - Barb Kennedy
- 31 - Nicole Tallent



**If someone's birthday is missing or incorrect,  
please let the office know**



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