



**BENEDICTION EVERY
THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**



September 24
Riley Meek

September 26
Karen Hawk
Walter Pogorzelski
John Shorten

September 28
Josh Michael
Linda Perry
Kathie Wietmarschen

September 29
Shannon Taylor
Andrew Meek

September 30
Cherri Grasso

HOPE EMERGENCY

Located in Lynchburg, Hope Emergency Program provides food and clothing outreach services to the rural poor of Adams, Brown, Clinton and Highland Counties and is currently seeking volunteers to assist Sr. Lucia and her staff. Places are currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. to organize donations and portion food, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. for distribution of food and clothing. This is a wonderful opportunity to answer Christ's call to help our neighbors and serve in His name. For more information, flyers are in the Narthex or contact Cathy Breckel (parishioner) at cjbreckel@gmail.com, 937-205-7535 or Diane Vollman at Hope Emergency 937-364-1055.

LAUGHTER IS GOOD



It never fails...

Cashiers are always checking me out.

Imagine my surprise when I went to the Army Medical Center for a heart bypass operation and discovered my surgeon's name was Dr. Eror.

"What a name for a doctor," I said.

"Yeah," he agreed. "You can imagine the reaction I got when I was a Major."



The first-time father, beside himself with excitement over the birth of his son, was determined to do everything right.



"So, tell me, nurse," he asked as his new family headed out the hospital door, "what time should we wake the little guy in the morning?"



WE CALL IT



PRE-SNOW



**I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU,
I WAS SITTING ON THE COUCH**

**WHEN "BANG" THE CUSHIONS
EXPLODED, I COULD HAVE DIED**

no, its not that bad yet



so far its just raining cats

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**YOU'RE GOING TO NEED
THESE**



**WHEN THE STEELERS FAIL TO
MAKE THE PLAYOFFS THIS YEAR**



LOOKS LIKE RAIN



..YUP

**I'M GONNA POOP IN
THE HOUSE TODAY**



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SCOTT HILBURN

SERMON FOR TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

I admit. I am a “foodie.” I love food. When I walk through the foodie door at Jungle Jim’s and behold their 3 million food items, I experience a high only a foodie can know. I love to watch cooking shows on TV. The “Two Fat Ladies” show is the bomb. But one of my heroes is a man who brought this common food into the homes of millions – George Washington Carver. He was a devout Christian, born of black slaves. He was a brilliant scientist who found 300 uses for the peanut – ink, ice cream, bread, cosmetics, dyes, candy, soap, sausage and oils. His peanut oil was even used to cure polio. Through the peanut, he found substitutes for flour, cheese, even coffee. He is the father of peanut butter!

Mr. Carver was a humble man who gave God credit for all his knowledge of peanuts. He wrote in his memoir, “When I was young, I said to God, ‘God, tell me the mystery of the universe.’” But God answered, “That knowledge is reserved for me alone.” So I said, “God, tell me the mystery of the peanut.” Then God said, ‘Well, George, that’s more nearly your size.’” And God told me. God “handed over” to Mr. Carver the knowledge needed to feed millions of people to this day.

Jesus says today, if you want to be the most important in the Kingdom of God, you must become a “servant of all.” Jesus teaches us how to become a servant – you must allow yourself to be “handed over.” Jesus, the Good Servant, got “handed over” a lot. Jesus allowed Himself to be “handed over” to men so by His death we could live. Jesus got “handed over” to the chief priests, to the scribes who condemned Him to death and the Gentiles who did the killing (Mark 10:33). Jesus got “handed over” to Pilate who ordered the killing (Mark 15:1). Pilate then “handed over” Jesus to the executioners (Mark 15:15). Judas betrayed Jesus by handing Him over to the Jewish leaders. This “handing over” got started by His own Dad. Romans 8:32 says, “He who did not spare His own Son, but handed Him over for us all.” Jesus sure did get passed around a lot. I bet that tried his patience at times. But Isaiah (53:7) prophesized “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth.” Jesus proved His gentleness to the very end.

We all like to feel important. Jesus says what makes you important is different than how the world sees importance. The world says you’re important by the stuff you own, the job you have, the recognition you receive, the power you possess, and if others see you as eye candy or if you’re of an older generation, a “looker.” We go nuts over pretty people and the richest among us. Just pick up any magazine at the Kroger check-out to prove that. Jesus says the most important person is not determined by how much you have, but who you are. The first will be the servant. That is who you must be.

The hallmark of a good servant is that you must allow yourself to be “handed over” to the needs of another. Anyone who just got married, or married for 72 years like my parents, or anyone who welcomed their first child or their sixth, or anyone who is a caregiver to your parents or in-laws or spouse, or anyone who loves a drug addict, or anyone who is paying for their kid’s education, or anyone who is working overtime or two jobs to put food on the table, knows exactly what it means to be “handed over.” The list of ways to be handed over is endless.

Anyone who takes Jesus seriously will be handed a cross. Don’t be afraid of it. Embrace it. When you carry your cross you give yourself away. You hand over your very self to another. Jesus says that is where you will find true joy. The great writer from Dayton, Ohio, Erma Bombeck, said it so well. At her judgement she wants to possess nothing when she sees God. “When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, ‘I used everything you gave me’.”