

**Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>** – ALL OF US have certain abilities in our hands — whatever they happen to be: running a business, using the computer, managing projects, resolving conflict, working with figures, managing money, coaching sports, offering hospitality, and so on. God is able to use them for the sake of the common good. We need to acknowledge what we do well and invest whatever it is in God's work of mending our broken world, even when we believe our talents are rather insignificant.

– Trevor Hudson, *Questions God Asks Us*

*What talent is God calling you to use for the common good?*

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – MORE URGENTLY THAN EVER BEFORE, the biblical mandate to “show hospitality to strangers” (Heb. 13:2) summons us to create a world where non-uniformity breeds not estrangement but engagement. Every encounter, however small, which forms grace-filled links between diverse groups is part of that effort.

– Robert Corin Morris, *Provocative Grace*

*How can you show hospitality to strangers?*

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** – THE THING THAT SUFFERS most in our hurried lives is relationships: relationships with our families, relationships with friends, relationships within our faith communities, and relationship with God. There just is not time to sit down and talk with one another, to share our stories and concerns, to listen for the whisper of God's voice. Since God made us for relationship — with God, with ourselves, with one another and with the creation — it is counter to God's plan for us not to take care of this basic foundation of our lives. God made us so that in the deepest part of our being, we long to be joined together in community.

– Nancy Ferguson, *Retreats for Renewal: 5 Models for Intergenerational Weekends*

*Where do you see God's presence in your relationships?*

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** – CREATED IN GOD'S OWN IMAGE — with the capacity to love — we seek to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Faith is the means to this loving end. In other words, built upon a firm foundation of trust in Christ, our lives move toward the goal of love — the fullest possible love of God and the fullest possible love of all people and things in God. What an audacious vision, to be immersed and lost in God's love!

– Paul Wesley Chilcote, *A Life-Shaping Prayer: 52 Meditations in the Wesleyan Spirit*

*What does it mean for you to love audaciously in your time and space?*

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – WE MAY SEE that to live as Jesus did is to experience what it means to be beloved sons and daughters of God. The more we know our belovedness, the more freely we may live by the measure of Jesus' own example in the power of loving humility and transforming mercy. Here lie the spiritual roots of forgiveness and reconciliation. But the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation can be as difficult to embrace as the notion of our belovedness.

– Marjorie J. Thompson, *The Way of Forgiveness Participant's Book*  
*Which word is more difficult to apply to yourself: Forgiven, reconciled, beloved?*

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – THE RISEN CHRIST walks beside us — awaiting our invitation to stay with us, break bread with us, interpret life for us, give us hope, and share in thanksgiving. May we, like the disciples before us, have our eyes opened to recognize Christ as he comes to walk beside us this day.

– Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job, *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*

*How is your life different when you picture Jesus walking with you each step?*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

**Healing Strength:** Bobby Hicks, Chris & Katie Hamon, Rex Townsend, Stan Enschede, Chris Osborn (Ken and Sandy Grubb's daughter), Janet Coons (Donna McCullough's daughter)

**Sympathies:** Family of Erin Krebs (Eric's brother)

**Homebound Members:** Mary Hicks, Mary Schmidt, Joann Young, Jeanne Carman

**Military Personnel:** Adam Walters, Joseph Roberts, Lucas Lamkin, Adam Clark

