

February 4, 2019 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

Well, the Super Bowl has come and gone for another year. I wasn't personally happy with the result, but that's the way the ole football bounces sometimes. We did score a victory with our "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive at Huntley United Methodist Church. We greatly exceeded our goal of 600 items, but do not have an official count as of yet. If you still have items to share, please bring them to church next Sunday or as soon as possible, and thank you for your most generous offerings.

Yesterday in worship we talked about the rejection Jesus faced to his ministry in his hometown, the rejection we face in life, and the best way to handle it. Rejection hurts, there is no question about that. In dealing with rejection in our own lives, we have two great allies, time and God. The old adage tells us the "Time heals all wounds." That is an over-generalization, but there is still much wisdom in this saying. If we can give a bad experience a little time, if we can just hang in there for a bit longer, the sun does tend to shine more brightly. Storms do pass, life goes on, and time does offer us some relief.

But our biggest ally is God. God loves us and cares about us and will never forsake us. God is on our side. When we truly know the care and love and acceptance of God in our lives, our lives will be built upon that rock that never moves, never shifts, and never fails. A strong relationship with God can give us an inner security, an inner assurance, an inner strength that will not fail. God does not fail, and when we have God on our side, neither will we.

Companions in Christ Group meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Huntley UMC Administrative Board meets this Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Huntley United Methodist Women will serve Soup and Bread after worship on Sunday, February 17th. This is a fundraiser for church camp scholarships.

We have designed a Huntley United Methodist Polo-Shirt. Thank you to everyone who ordered one. We are ready to complete the order, so make sure you have ordered if you want one, and paid for your order. We will complete the order this coming Sunday, February 10th.

See you in worship,
Pastor Gary Geiman