

CLIFF DRIVE CARE CENTER

November NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember

November 10th: OPEN for Veteran's Day

November 19th: Thanksgiving Dinner with the Free Methodist Church

November 23rd & 24th: CLOSED for Thanksgiving

Save the Dates

December 2nd: Parent Shopping Day

December 14th: Christmas Program

December 25th-January 2nd: CLOSED for Christmas and New Year

We are OPEN for Veteran's Day

We will be open on Friday, November 10th, for Veteran's Day. Since Elementary schools will be closed, please message us on Brightwheel if you would like your school-age child to attend Cliff Drive for the full day.



Service of Gratitude + Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 19th | 10:30am | Under the Tent | 1435 Cliff Drive

You're invited to a service of gratitude on Nov. 19th at 10:30am under the tent. Following the service we will share a Thanksgiving meal together! Please bring a side dish or dessert (with serving utensils) to share. We hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving

We will be open November 20th-22nd, if you would like your school-age child to attend CDCC for full days that week when schools are closed, please message us on Brightwheel.

We will be closed on November 23rd and 24th and will see you back at Cliff Drive on the 27th. We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your family.

Parent Shopping Day

Dec. 2nd | 12-4pm | 1435 Cliff Drive

On Dec. 2nd the Free Methodist Church will be offering free childcare from 12-4pm so that parents can get Christmas shopping done! Space is limited so look out for sign up details on Brightwheel soon!





**November
School Themes:
Family and
Thanksgiving**

Chapel at CDCC

*Cliff Drive children gather every Wednesday to sing songs
and hear a story from the Bible.*

For chapel we are learning about the fruit of the Spirit

November 1st: "Sarah Laughs with Joy" from Genesis 21:1-3, 6-7 (JOY)

November 8th: "Do not Worry" from Matthew 6:25-34 (PEACE)

November 15th: "The Boy Who Went Away" from Luke 15:11-24 (PEACE)

November 22nd: "Jesus Heals the Lepers" from Luke 17:11-19 (THANKFULNESS)

November 29th: "Mary Says Yes" from Luke 1 (CHRISTMAS)

Dear Parents,

Recently, my sister-in-law sent me a reel on Instagram about how God cares for us. The video was shot in a pasture and the woman who was narrating said she had been talking about Psalm 55 with her Grandmother, which says this:

"Cast your burdens on the Lord and He will take care of you; He will not permit the godly to slip and fall." Psalm 55:22

The older woman said how this reminded her about 'cast sheep.' Every spring when she was younger, she used to lend a hand at a friend's farm. They had to keep an eye out for these sheep, whose coats would get so full that they would weigh down the animals. If the sheep became too heavy laden with their wool, it would become a danger that they might fall over onto their backs. Once this happened, they wouldn't be able to right themselves again. They were helpless. They needed the shepherds to come and put them back on their feet because, if not, the sheep couldn't survive. The Grandmother said that when a shepherd found a sheep like this, they would gently put them right side up, speaking lovingly to them and holding them close, helping them to gain their equilibrium and balance again.

This made me think about our children. Being a parent is such an important job. Our kids get very weighed down by their emotions, by busy schedules, by the changes they are experiencing developmentally, and because they are learning how to get along with others. Everything seems so big. . . because it is to them. And, when they fall over (or throw themselves on the ground) sometimes they can't get themselves back up. They need someone who loves them to hold them close and tell them it is okay, to help them calm down and help take what is bothering them from them.

Of course, as the writer pointed out, we also are like these sheep. Sometimes we are so burdened that we fall over, unable to keep going. Like our kids, this can happen because of all kinds of reasons. And, we need God to come and put us back on our feet. We need the assurances of Jesus, who called Himself the Good Shepherd, to come and make us right again, speaking words of love and telling us He is with us. We are never alone and it is going to be okay.

So, if you are feeling greatly burdened today, I hope you can take some time to ask God to help you, to give Him what is so heavy that you feel like you can't carry it anymore on your own. The Lord is faithful. He will hear you and bring rescue. And, the next time your child is so overwhelmed, remember this picture of the Good Shepherd tenderly helping the little sheep who can't move. What a beautiful reminder that we are held as we are holding these precious little ones we have been given. We want to teach them that they have a Savior who cares for them, because one day they will be grown and we want them to know we have a God who will always care for them. Amen.

- Pastor Colleen

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With Love,
Miss Delanie
Director

