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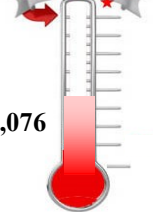
CATCH THE FIRE!

2019 Apportionments

\$24,351

★ GOAL! ★

\$10,076



Financial Update APPORTIONMENTS ARE MISSIONS.

The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds, a

method of giving that proportionally allocates the church-wide budget to conferences and local churches. **Our participation in the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund** acknowledges that we United Methodists are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church—the living body of Jesus Christ. Our unity with other Christian communions is affirmed as we witness to a common Christian faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world. See more at www.umc.org/how-we-serve/apportioned-funds.

These offerings were received for the month of September:

- Total of \$11,749 which included:
- \$ 535 - Building Fund
 - \$ 813 - Apportionments
 - \$ 250 - Women at the Well
 - \$ 87 - Larry & Jane Kies
 - \$ 51 - Heifer Moolah
 - \$ 200 - Building Use
 - \$ 5 - St Andrews Fund
 - \$ 151 - Coffee NOW - Kies
 - \$ 151 - Coffee NOW - NAMI

Thank You!

“When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words.”
—Thema Davis



Arizona Spaghetti Card Game & Spaghetti Supper Saturday, October 19 @ 6 pm



Come for the spaghetti! Stay for the Arizona Spaghetti! We will have a fun evening of dinner and fellowship Saturday, October 19 at 6 PM. The evening will start with a spaghetti dinner. We will provide the spaghetti and sauce, the garlic bread, and the beverages. You can bring the salad or a dessert. We will also have a free will basket out with proceeds going to our apportionments. The evening's entertainment will be a fun card game called Arizona Spaghetti. You can do an easy internet search for



the rules or we will teach you to play. It can be anybody's game right up till the end. We will have a variety of games available to all ages if cards are not your thing. You won't want to miss this! Bring a friend or two! Please sign up at the Servant's Counter in the Narthex so we have an idea of how much spaghetti to cook. See you there!



We are starting new group that will keep our college youth connected to St Luke. If you have a college student, please let us know their address so they can be included! The first thing we want to do is send care packages during their December finals. We will be collecting items during the month of November, so be on the lookout for small goodies to bring (keep in mind any postal rules). We estimate about 5-10 students. You can also help by donating to cover postage costs. If you have ideas of future activities, questions, want to help, or have questions, please see or contact Wendy Jennings.

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Last week, I mentioned Carson King in my sermon. Carson is the young man who showed his heart as he saw his Venmo account grow at an astronomical rate. What started out as a joke and a way to get on camera at ESPN's College Game Day turned into a story larger than life. He made a sign asking for beer money: *Busch Light supply need's replenishing*. He says he expected a few bucks, maybe enough for a six-pack. By the afternoon, he had over \$600. At that point, he declared that he never intended to receive that much, so he was going to give anything over a case of beer to the Stead Family Children's Hospital. That's when things really took off. Within a week, his account raised more than \$300,000 and Anheuser-Busch and Venmo each pledged to match those gifts.



A lot has happened since then. Several people have tried to cash in on this wave of goodness by trying to trick people into giving to accounts that are similarly named. If you are trying to participate in this miracle, you might be giving some unscrupulous people your well-intentioned money. I find this deplorable, but also not at all surprising. People will go to great lengths to cheat big-hearted people. Be careful!

Then, on Tuesday, the Des Moines Register released a report that Carson King had made racist posts on social media when he was 16 years old, 9 years ago. The backlash has been swift and overwhelming...against the Register.

I agree. Now, I'm sure that the Register was trying to do the job they are called to do. Perhaps they were looking for more depth on this young man with such a big heart. Perhaps they don't deserve the vitriol they are receiving about digging into his past. However, they didn't need to release this information. They could have followed the story to the end before they released this information. They could have talked to Carson and shaped the story differently. Carson immediately apologized. He seemed genuine and remorseful.

I think that this turn in the story is terrible. There is racism in this country. There is rampant racism and it is often supported in the public sphere. This must end.

But we also need to give space for people to grow in their understanding of racism. I am much more aware of how my actions and feelings have racist undertones than I was a decade ago. I am light years from where I was as a high school kid in an almost all white district. My college years were a time of great growth in this area. I wonder if the same is true for Carson.

As followers of Christ, we believe in second chances. As those who live into a Wesleyan understand of faith, we believe that we can grow toward perfection. If this is true, then we need to default to grace. Unfortunately, when we change our hearts and

Second Chances

lives, there are people who don't believe it to be true. Those who know us best are often the ones that trust us least when it comes to change. It takes time and effort, consistency in our behavior, to show people that we have changed.

As this story plays out, I choose to share grace with Carson. I choose to share grace with all who seek to change their hearts and lives. That is what we are called to do. And no matter what happens with this story, the miracle of so many people coming together to support the Stead Family Children's Hospital is a gift we have all received.



Chad



Charge Conference
Tuesday, October 29
@ 6 pm
Monroe UMC

Committee members are encouraged to attend. All members of St Luke are welcome to attend.

All Saints Sunday
Sunday, November 3

We will be recognizing and remembering people from our families that have died in the past year. Please send a digital picture with the person's name to the church by October 17 in order for your family member to be recognized.



New Staff Member

Be sure to stop by the office sometime to meet our new Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Etter and make her feel welcome.

Jennifer is married to Brad Etter and has 2 children, Brayden and Avery. They have lived in Newton for about 12 years.

Jennifer's hours in the office will usually be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 - 11 am and some evenings.



October Salvation Army
Food Pantry Request
Soup and Crackers





United Methodist Women

October 16 - 1:45 pm

At St Luke UMC

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

Program: Women Rising Up for Human Dignity and Rights by Pat Patty

Hostess: Martha Stewart

October 18-20 - Mission U in Marshalltown
Please pay all pledges and present all bills.

Sunday School Mission offering

We have completed our covenant with Larry & Jane Kies. Our 2nd through 5th Sunday school offerings will now be designated for Douglas Williams. Doug serves as pastor and Volunteer-In-Mission promoter of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Argentina.

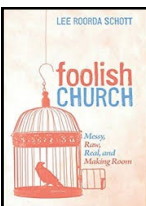


On the challenge of mission, he states: "Our world is becoming a global community and God wells up in me the desire to be part of seeing God's peace expand and renewal take place. There are so many challenges that face us and time and time again God reveals in every challenge an opportunity for growth and healing."

As always, the offering on the first Sunday of each month will be for Sunday School supplies and administrative needs.

Corinne Kleppe, NOW – Missions Chair

Adult-2 Class



The Adult-2 Class is reading and discussing *Foolish Church* by Lee Roorda Schott. *Foolish Church* shares the lessons that Rev Schott has learned while serving at Women At The Well Church at the women's correctional facility in Mitchellville with the hope that we might be inspired, equipped and encouraged to live out our calling.

Reverend Lee will be joining us for our discussion on Sunday October 13.

If you are looking for a class with variety and topical studies, this would be a good class for you. There is always room for more to join the conversation.

News from our Librarian ~ Karen Clark

Library News ~ It has been a while since our little library in the corner has acquired a new Max Lucado book, but now we have and you might just want to check it out! In *Unshakable Hope* Lucado acknowledges that we all need some hope once in a while in this shaky world of ours. Maybe it is our future, our faith, our family, or our finances that leave us reeling, but the answer is always the same. If we can build our lives on the the promises of God we will once again find hope. This book dives in to the Bible's most significant promises, equipping us to overcome difficult circumstances so we can experience lasting security, while making wise decisions. These promises can keep you secure in the midst of life's storms and they can lift you through the day to day struggles. God's promises can guide us throughout life. You can find it on the Newsletter Shelf in our little library. Check it out!



MMDC Mission Trips

The time is coming to make our 2020 financial commitment to our Midwest Missions Distribution Center trips. Well, not quite yet, but it is coming. Please think about when you plan to go, clear your calendar and let me know you plan to join us.

Our trips will be Sunday-Wednesday January 19-22 and again February 23-26. We will leave early afternoon and the return trip will be Wednesday afternoon. We will be working at the center Monday, Tuesday and half day Wednesday. We will be staying on site in the dorm. We will eat a few meals out and eat together in the dorm for the remainder. It is a great time of Christian fellowship while we do worthwhile work for God's Kingdom. Please consider going on one of these trips. Again, let Karen Clark know if you plan to go and you will get more details, skclark1978@gmail.com or 641-831-4526.

Midwest Mission



World Communion Sunday - October 6

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults.

For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins?

On World Communion Sunday our giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. A check to *St Luke* with *World Communion* in memo can be written at anytime and mailed or placed in offering plate.





My Story

In the mid 1990's I traveled with two of my aunts to Colorado Springs. One place I had always wanted to visit was Seven Falls. My parents had visited Seven Falls on their honeymoon, and I had always wanted to see it for myself. There is a set of stairs next to the seven waterfalls that allows a person to climb to the very top. My aunts decided not to climb but I took up the challenge. It was beautiful... and it was a LOT of steps. 224 steps to the top. There were landings along the way that allowed me to stop and rest and take photos of the beauty of the waterfalls.

Once I reached the top, I enjoyed the view of the waterfalls from the lookout. Then came the challenge... there are two ways down. A long hike to the Eagle's Nest observation platform where there was an elevator... OR... back down the stairs I had originally climbed. There really wasn't time in our schedule to hike through the woods, so I had to go back down the staircase. The stairway had a steep grade and although the climb hadn't caused my fear of heights with movement to kick in, going down meant I had to look out... at nothing. Okay, not really at nothing, but it did make my stomach a bit nervous. As I began to descend the stairway, I stopped at a landing where I met a young girl. She smiled and told me I could go past her because she was really nervous. I smiled back and told her I was too. Then I suggested we tackle the descent together and she readily agreed. Together, the stairs were not as scary.



¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:18-20

There is strength in numbers. If you braid two or more threads together you create a strong rope. If you nail two boards together you create a strong bond. And when two or more people come together we can tackle the difficult and at times scary events in our lives. And when we add our faith in Christ we build a bond that is stronger than any other. Let's choose to "bind" ourselves together in the Love of Christ.

Corinne



The Parable of the Persistent Widow

LUKE 18:1-8

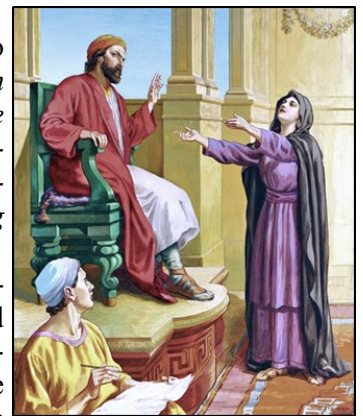
Persevering in working for the ways of God's reign

It is believed the author of the Gospel of Luke was a friend of Paul, and a physician. Like Paul, Luke was not an eyewitness to Jesus' life; he likely gleaned his writings from interviews with disciples and others who had such personal encounters. An online query states Luke contains 24 parables, including this, which addresses never giving up and always praying.

A judge resided in a town; he neither feared God, nor cared about people. A woman, a widow, kept coming to the judge, asking for her rights against her enemy. *"Protect, defend, and give me justice against my adversary!"*

For a while the judge refused to help. Later he thought, *"Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because she keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice. Otherwise she will keep coming until she wears me out."*

Aware of the judge's responsibility to be fair in cases of widows and other oppressed members of the community, the widow had come to the judge continually. Eventually the woman's persistence broke through the judge's callous nature and he ruled in her favor.



God is able to empower us to speak words of compassion, faithfulness, and persistence. Will we persist, ourselves, when we witness injustice?

The Seasons of the Spirit Bible Study Class meets Sunday mornings, sandwiched between the end of the 8 a.m. church service and the beginning of the 10:30 service. The class's emphasis is on the weekly lectionary readings. All are welcome to join in the discovery and learning!

∞ **Lectionary Readings for October 2019** ∞

- **October 6: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | The Heirloom of Faith**
To acknowledge the ways we have received faith and have nurtured faith in others.
- **October 13: Luke 17:11-19 | Get Up and Go**
To reflect on the restoration of community.
- **October 20: Luke 18:1-8 | Faith Persists**
To persevere in working for the ways of God's reign.
- **October 27: Luke 18:9-14 | Be Satisfied**
To cultivate a spirit of humility that opens us to God and one another.

Saturday, November 2: 8 am -?
Tree Cutting Party at St Luke



October Ingathering Collection

We will continue to focus on the Personal Hygiene Kits during the Month of October. These kits are delivered to disaster victims (like those affected by Hurricane Dorian in September) to assist them in reclaiming their dignity and self-respect. There is something about feeling clean and refreshed that helps a person feel like their world will eventually be set right again.



This month we will focus on the remaining items needed to complete their Personal Hygiene kits:

- 10 adhesive bandages (3/4" x 3")
- 1 NEW wash cloth
- 1 NEW hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")

Please place kit items in the Ingathering basket on the Mission Table in the Narthex. Kits will be assembled for you. If you are wanting to help complete a partial kit, notes will be placed on partial kits which specify what is needed to complete that kit. For those who would like to complete an entire kit, the list of items will be available on the Mission table.

Corinne – NOW Missions

Jasper County Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, October 6

Did you know that most people who don't have safe drinking water or enough food to eat live in an impoverished country?

Church World Service is an organization that helps families and communities with seeds, tools and training to grow nutritious food and with solutions for safe water. The money raised by Crop Hunger Walks goes towards ending hunger in local communities and around the world.



The Jasper County CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 6. Registration begins at 1:30 pm at the Jasper County Courthouse Lawn. The walk begins at 2 pm.

Want to be a part of the fundraising and to walk? Donation envelopes can be found on the Servant's Counter.



Ingathering 2019 Saturday, November 2nd

If you are interested in attending the 2019 Ingathering with Corinne, please let her know.



Diaper Sewing Days

We have lots of diapers cut out and yards of flannel. Come and join us as we make diapers for MMDC.

We will be meeting Monday and Tuesday, October 21 and 22 for another round of sewing. Watch for sign-up sheets on the Servant's Counter.



Silent Auction News



The St. Luke building renovation fundraiser silent auction resumed offering items for bid in mid-September. This auction will conclude on October 20. Please continue save your new or gently-used items for donation to future fund-raising auctions. Your participation is **much** appreciated! St Luke is grateful for your support of **donating** and **purchasing** items to help financially support the renovation projects.

Ingathering Shipping offering Sunday, October 27, 2019

We will be collecting an offering for Shipping costs for our Ingathering kits on Sunday October 27th. The recommended amount is \$2 per kit. We put together at least 41 school kits, and we are working on the Personal Hygiene kits currently. With this in mind our goal for this offering is \$150 to \$200. Wouldn't it be nice to present a check which will pay for shipping our kits as well as the kits of a smaller church?



NOW Missions

Friday, October 18: 8 am - 3 pm Volunteer opportunity at Mobility Worldwide (formerly called P.E.T.)

We will go to Mobility Worldwide in Leighton, Iowa to spend the day painting, sewing and assembling the PET carts which are sent worldwide. These carts are used in areas of the world where wheelchairs are not sturdy enough to provide mobility to those who are disabled. We will meet at the St. Luke parking lot at 8 AM to car pool. We usually work until around 3 PM. You will need to bring a sack lunch. If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity please speak to Mike or Barb Kaldenberg. There is still time to sign-up at the Servant's Counter.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>OCTOBER</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 8/10:30 Worship - World Communion Sunday With Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p> 	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>13 8/10:30 Worship - Rev Lee Schott 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p> 	14	15	16	17	18	19
		7 pm Council meeting	1:15 pm UMWomen Meeting @ St Luke 6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	7 pm Quilt Guild - F Hall 7 pm NAMI - Choir Room	 Mobility Worldwide Volunteer Day 8am - 3pm	6 pm Arizona Spaghetti Supper & Card Game 
<p>20 8/10:30 Worship 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
	 <p>Sewing Days 9 am - 4 pm</p>	6:30 pm SPRC 7pm Mission Coalition	6:30 pm Praise Team 7:15 pm Choir	 9 am - 2 pm 6-9 pm Day For Girls @ 1st Presbyterian		
<p>27 8/10:30 Worship Ingathering Offering 9/11:30 Fellowship 9:15 Sunday School Classes for all.</p>	28	29	30			
		6 pm Church Conference @ Monroe UMC				

Read Calendar closely for events not appearing elsewhere in Newsletter. Thank you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

October 6	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Pageler Family	Dave Miller/Leslie Maach
Greeters	Bruce Maach	Jeff/Amy Murphy
Reader	Dave Miller	Dennis Smith
Acolytes	Ushers	Ava Smith
Nursery	Parents take turns	Doug McIntyre
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Praise Team	Praise Team
Projection	Peg Ehler	Karen Clark
Fellowship	Rosemary Hartschen	Brooke Chambers
Care Core	Barb Swihart	Amy Murphy
Communion	Ann Leonard	Rose Evans/ Brad Patty
	Counters	
October 13	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Peg Ehler/Dave Miller	Doug/Jenna McIntyre
Greeters	Chuck Springer	Karen Clark
Readers	Rose Hartschen	Mikey Carter
Acolytes	Ushers	Aniston Chambers
Nursery	Parents take turns	Mary Nelson
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Projection	Ethan Pageler	Pam Smith
Fellowship	Ann Leonard	Carolyn Cook
Care Core	Jenni Patty	Lisa Marston
Counters		Russ Leix/ Doug McIntyre
October 20	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Jean Schnell/Chuck Springer	Dennis/Pam Smith
Greeters	Leonard Family	Jeff Carter
Readers	Karen Dorrell	Rose Evans
Acolytes	Ushers	Kleo O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Pat Patty
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Deb Stoullil
Special		
Projection	Brad Patty	Doug McIntyre
Fellowship	Jean Schnell	Wendy Jennings
Care Core	Joyce Stonehocker	Karen Clark
Counters		Mike Kaldenburg/ Jenna McIntyre
October 27	8 AM	10:30 AM
Ushers	Mary/John Onstot	Mike/Kleo O'Brien
Greeters	Rose Hartschen	Lori Leix
Readers	Jenni Patty	Corinne Kleppe
Acolytes	Ushers	Michelle O'Brien
Nursery	Parents take turns	Volunteer Needed
Keyboard	Bev Thomas	Jan Lewis
Special	Skunks	Skunks
Projection	Deb Stoullil	Wendy Jennings
Fellowship	Tamara Lloyd	Pat Patty
Care Core	Barb Kaldenberg	Jenna McIntyre
Counters		Barb Kaldenberg/Pat Patty

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St Luke News

Dear St. Luke UMC,

Your loving support mean the world to Midwest Mission and the countless people who will be touched by your generosity. You are a shining light for Christ and a beacon of HOPE!

In His Service,
Chantel Corrie

Congratulations to the St Luke UMW for receiving an award from the Iowa Conference UMW - Central District for being a 2018 Five Star Unit for Giving.

Many thanks to the people of St Luke and the SPRC for the reception given in honor of my time serving as the administrative assistant for St Luke. I appreciate and cherish all the support, prayers and encouragement given to me by the SPRC and members of this church over the past 6-1/2 years that I have served in here at St Luke. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Shirley Guillaume

Our sympathies to the family and friends of May Lisk upon her passing.

Our condolences to Russ Leix on the passing of his brother Marion.

Congratulations to Alayna Guillaume on the birth of her baby sister, Bernadette Frances on 9-19-19. Bernadette's parents are Rachel Guillaume and Nathan Guthrie.

Congratulations on the baptisms of Payton and Brenna Figland.

Worship Assistants

Please find a sub or trade if you cannot do it as scheduled. Then contact the church office so we can print correct names.



A Special Blessing for those with October Birthdays

- October 2: Sue Anderson
- October 7: Barb Pherigo
- October 9: Dean Stonner
- October 14: Jean Schnell
- October 15: Angel Anderson
- October 18: Patrick Murphy
- October 20: David Thongvanh
- October 21: Ella Hendershot
Myron Rhone
- October 22: Quinton Guillaume
- October 26: Doug Spaur
- October 27: Linda Hotger



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, contact the office.

Newsletter



If you know someone that would like to receive the monthly Newsletter via email, please send their name and email address to the church office to be placed on the email list, at: Worship@StLukeNewton.com.

Want a printed copy of the Newsletter?

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available at the church. They can be found on the table by the church office.



“Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything.”

—Ray Bradbury



“Instead of a second collection, think of it more as a GoFundMe campaign.”

Days For Girls


The next Days For Girls sewing day will be Thursday, October 24 from 9 am-2 pm and 6-9 pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church. Questions? Contact Rose Evans or Karen Clark.



A Mighty Tree

For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.


—Martin Luther




Puzzle

Harvest hunt


Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.



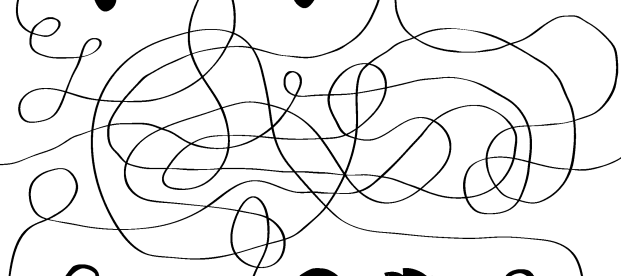
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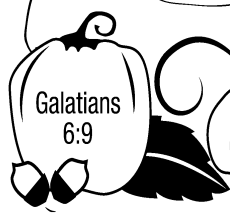


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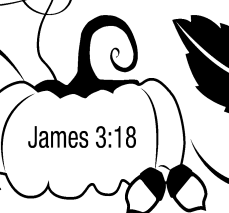


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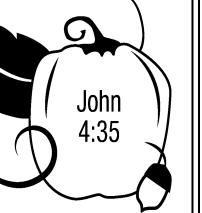




Galatians
6:9



James 3:18



John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields