

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

Wow, that was a short summer...time flies when you are having fun, they say. I was surely having fun among you and with all of our well-attended Sunday celebrations. Thank you for a lovely time!

We turn now to the autumn, and since Labor Day is nearly upon us, I want to talk with you a little bit here about the labor of ministry that we all share. Not my labor, or the labors of the staff; those can wait for another discussion. What I want to encourage us all to think about is the leadership that comes from *you*, as an expression of your God-given talents. How many bright lights are hidden beneath too many bushels! Our drummed-in modesty often prevents us from embracing the truth that we are both gifted and called, every one of us! Understand, friends, that we believe that God provides

leaders, teachers, helpers, builders, planners, encouragers, and whatever other roles are needed for the fruitful management and flourishing of a church. And although God provides the raw talent in the form of y'all, we need to cultivate a measure of listening and praying and *accepting* leadership, too. It's not just Jonah who runs away from the call, nor just pastors who avoid their leadership till later in life. We *all* have avoidance behaviors, we *all* have excuses (most of us call them *reasons*, but excuses they remain), and we are *all* convinced that we are more tired, busy, untalented, and overcommitted than everybody else. But I will be praying this fall that the Spirit will gently move through the 'confusion of our delusions' and bring us clarity, for this kind of self-limiting thinking does God and each of us a disservice...and where there is

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Our Purpose
To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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disservice, our level of service to God's world suffers.

The great Robert Louis Stevenson said, "To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life." This is *exactly* what God wants for each of us, and what every healthy church desires for its participants. We *need* to grow and be fulfilled in our ministry, in our loving, in our serving, in our helping...and the church is a fine hook to hang our dreams and growth upon. Together, we change the world, right? So be thinking and praying and listening...our labors are not quite concluded, thank God!

Rally Day

Our Rally Day fall kick-off will be on September 10 following the 10:30 service. There will be a potluck lunch (please bring an item to share) and activities for members of all ages. One activity that is always enjoyable for everyone is the cake/plant walk. You can be part of the success of that event by donating either an edible item or a plant. There will be a water slide on the front lawn for the kids. Please invite anyone that you know with kids. They will need swimsuits and towels. The Membership Team will also be serving up an ice cream social.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

Recovery Celebration!

If you are at the Thursday night market on September 7th, come join the Recovery Month celebration in the city plaza! This event is sponsored by numerous recovery partners from throughout the county - Butte County Rehab, Johnson's House of Sobriety, Dax-It Recovery Services, The Salvation Army, Skyway House, Aegis, Paths Straight to Recovery, and Equity, just to name a few. There will be live music, face painting, candle lighting and inspirational speakers telling us about the incredible successes that have happened in recovery in our community! Check it out - this will balance out all the depressing, negative news you hear. The stories of success will warm your heart and give you new hope! Please let me know if you have any questions. - Katya Yarosevich, 530-228-0215 or jkyarose@sbcglobal.net

Submitted by Katya Yarosevich

WOMEN: ASPIRE CHICO

SEPTEMBER 23

Aspire is a one-night women's event with 3 ladies taking the stage. Join us for a night full of comedy, music, and Bible teaching.

Saturday, Sept. 23, 6pm at Grace Community Church, 2346 Floral Ave., Chico. Advance tickets \$25, call 480-812-1100 or online www.aspirewomensevents.com. Discount for groups of 10 or more. Flyers will be on our church entry hall bulletin board.

Submitted by Suellen Rowlison

NEWS FROM HEIFER & WORLD ARK

Heifer's *World Ark Magazine* is going all digital starting now. You can sign up by going to www.heifer.org/worldark and enter your email.

The last hard copy issue was Spring 2023 which you can find in the rack by the North door into Trinity's hallway. Other back issues are available there as well as online going back years. You can also search Heifer.org by subject matter, i.e. animals, products like coffee, chocolate, cardamon, and countries & USA projects. Besides *World Ark*, there are monthly downloadable Family Fun Packs for children. (tip: send to grandchildren) and school and church resources. Enjoy. ▣

Submitted by Suellen Rowlison

UWF Notes

After their summer hiatus, the UMF will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at 10:00 to fellowship and discuss agenda items, especially their annual fundraiser Bazaar that will be held on Dec. 1st-2nd. Some projects such as embroidering tea towels have been in the works since early spring, with Carol Riley assisted by Mary Coulter and their group of preppers who've washed and ironed the cloths for the embroiderers.

When embroideries were finished, they were again washed, ironed and folded by others and ready for display and sale.

Other chairpersons will organize their groups for the country store, cookies, candy, crafts and white elephant booths. Lunch will again be served as well as ala carte pieces of pies and cinnamon buns as part of the luncheon.

Jody promises pomegranate juice for the popular Bazaar jelly, and a "jellying party" will likely be announced for November. Donations of standard half pint jars and rings are welcome, as are pectin, sugar and new jar lids.

On the last weekend of August, Suellen Rowlison and Lily Loughlin participated in Mission U held at Centennial UMC in Sacramento. The theme was "Living the Kin-Dom and Exploring the Lord's Prayer".

In mid-August, UWF mourned the passing of Joe Ann Haynes who succumbed after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Joe Ann was an active member of UMF for many years and especially remembered for her inspirational anecdotes and prayers that began meetings and her enthusiastic chairing of the Agape Book Circle till felled by illness. She is greatly missed.

While not a UWF project, Coleen Schloman and Carol Riley co-chaired the annual church Labor Day weekend Rummage Sale with participation of members who also are part of the church.

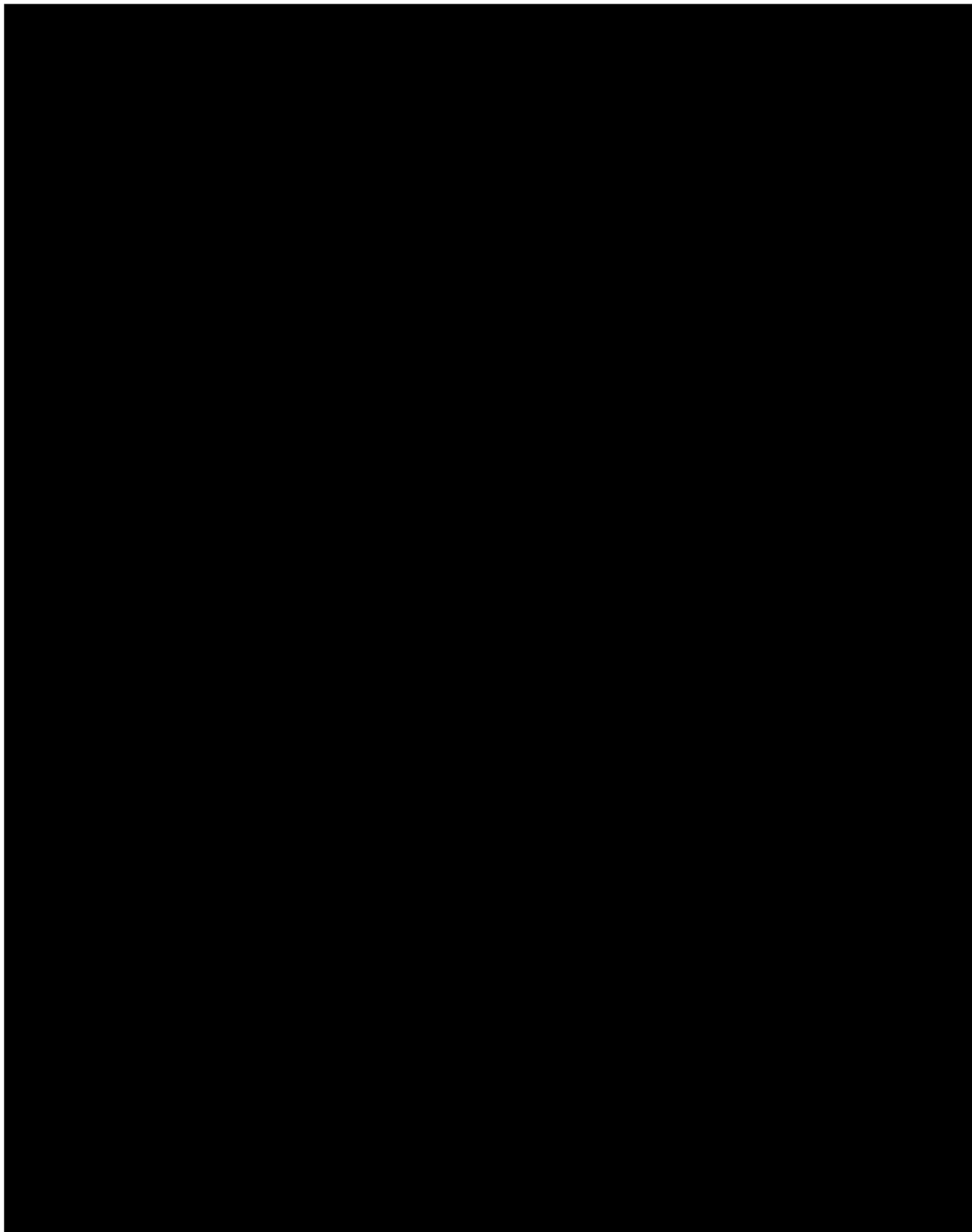
President Neva is calling Sewing Group members to meet on the 4th Thursday, Sept. 28th, at 10:00 to share their projects or to discuss ideas. Time TBA.

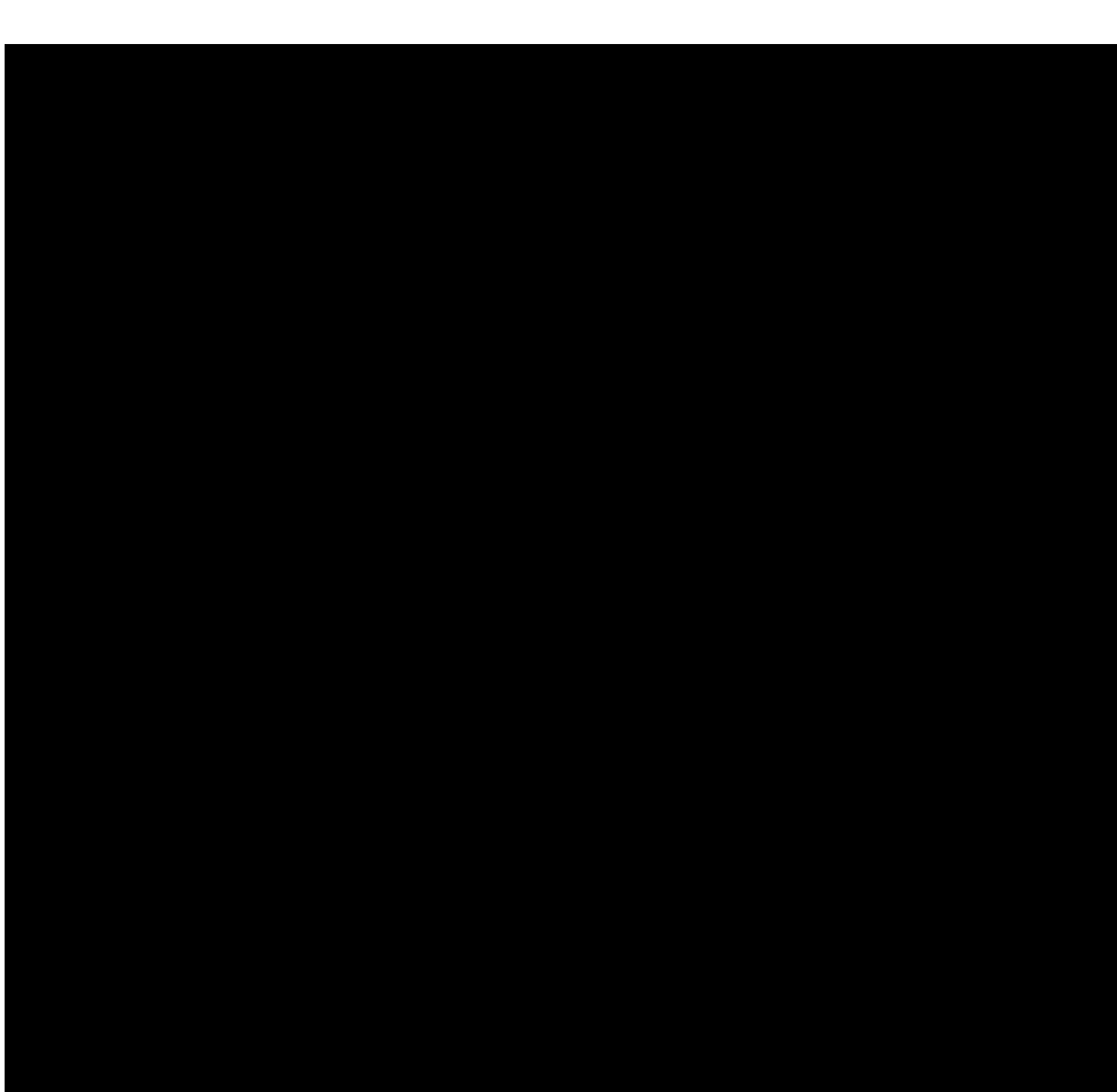
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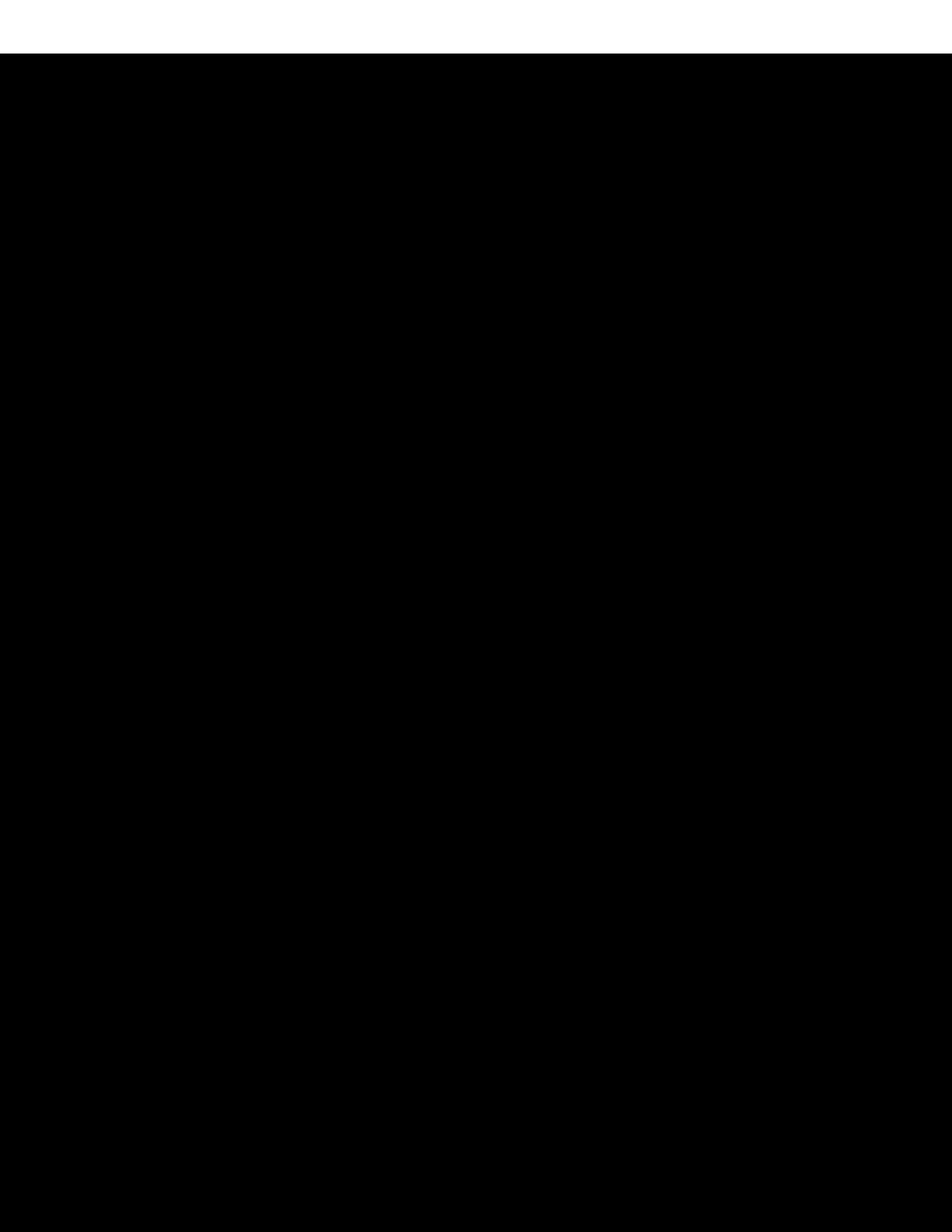
Sewing Group

Heads up! Vacation time is over. Time to get back to work on your BAZAAR PROJECTS..... Sewing Group is meeting September 28, THURSDAY @ 10AM. Please bring a sample of your “wares to share” and a sack lunch. Beverages will be provided. Any questions?? Call Neva Wacker @ 530-592-3618.

Submitted by Neva Wacker







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WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 3 LABOR DAY SUNDAY

On this annual celebration of our work in the world, we explore our Christian calling through the fantastically challenging writing of St. Paul as found in Romans 12:9-21. The message will be called “Quite A Job Description!” Holy Communion will be offered today as well.

Sunday, September 10 RALLY DAY

“An Agreeable Church” is the theme this morning as we gather for another rousing Rally Day. Our text is Matthew 18:15-20, where Jesus describes the theologically astonishing concept of binding and loosing. Today will be agreeably provocative!

Sunday, September 17

Matthew 18:21-35 explores the role of mercy and forgiveness in our lives, and it is a role that needs some development in all of our lives. The homily this morning will be entitled “Mandatory Mercy”.

Sunday, September 24

We continue in St. Matthew, with this infamous passage from chapter 20, vs.1-16. The radical nature of God’s grace will be trumpeted yet again, and will result in the message “Grumbling and Grace”.