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From my Heart to Yours...

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” – 2 Cor. 12: 9

Sometimes when the way isn't clear, and I feel like I have nothing else good to say, I will go up to the attic in my mind and search through old files of old sermons and illustrations left behind and pick out snippets of ideas I can use like quilt scrapes turned into something new. That is the idea of *sufficiency*- there is always something there to pull from, if we trust in our own creativity and in the mystery of God!

Lynn Twist defined sufficiency: “It isn't an amount at all,” she says. “It is an experience, a context we generate. Sufficiency resides inside each one of us, and we call it forward. It is a consciousness, an attention, an intentional choosing of the way we think about our circumstances.”* Do we look at our lives from a viewpoint of scarcity- that we never have enough and have to hoard what we have? Or do we look at our lives from a viewpoint of sufficiency- orienting ourselves toward the experience that is right in front of us with all its gifts and limitations, using what we have and sharing all we can, trusting that there will be enough?

In the life of our faith community, the month of October was a time of commitment. We made a commitment to share our gifts, believing that together we will have enough. Our church is like “a tapestry of rich and royal hews”* with each one's unique gift given and generosity received.

Now the month of November is a time for gratitude. We are grateful for the year past as we look forward to the year ahead. We are grateful for our own families and friends and the family we call “church.” We are grateful for the way the land restores itself after the winds and rain and how people come to rescue those who need help to rebuild their lives. We are grateful for a community called Bryson City and the way people pull to together to feed, house and provide medical care for those who need it.

If we look around us we will see all the pieces we need to build the Kingdom of God like quilt scrapes turned into something new and beautiful. For God's grace is sufficient for us all!

Pastor Terry

*God, Improv, and the Art of Living, MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Eerdmans Pub., ch. 21, p. 144

*Carole King songs, from album “Tapestry”



Fall Picnic





November



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 8 am Men's Breakfast	2	3
4	5	6	7 11:00 Bible Study	8 8 am Men's Breakfast	9	10
11	12 Francine Barnett 	13 Whitney Hanna 	14 11:00 Bible Study	15 8 am Men's Breakfast 1 pm Lois Circle & Thank Offering Drew & Susie Campbell (A) 	16 Jim Ewing 	17
18 Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner After worship	19	20 Patti & Corky Robison (A)  Terry Palmatier 	21 Office Closed Steve & Becky Claxton (A) 	22 Office Closed Noon - Giving Spoon Thanksgiving Meal Robert Booth Susan Jones 	23 Kelly Hanna 	24 Frank & Marilyn Monateri (A)  Samantha Birchfield 
25	26 Frank VanMiddlesworth 	27 Lois Ewing 	28 11:00 Bible Study	29 8 am Men's Breakfast Brandi & Robert Helma (A)  Tom & Linda Mitchell (A) 	30 BCPC's turn in Food Pantry 	1 Mike Letterman Buddy Parton 