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# New Covenant UMC Newsletter

## Words from Pastor Althea V Jackson

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Dear friends and family,

One of my favorite scriptures is first Corinthians 13:13: now by these three: ...faith hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

One word can say so much. And I've been thinking about these words: faith hope and love. We start with **love**.

This word conjures up so many pictures. Pictures of couples in romantic embraces. Pictures of parents doting over their offspring. But the strongest image of love is the love that is demonstrated to us through Christ. Another familiar passage: **for God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed**

**in him would not perish but have everlasting life.**

Our English translation of "so" makes us think of quantity. The actual Greek conveys the **quality** of loved.

I hope this will encourage you:

It eliminates the notion of God as terrifying, vindictive, and capricious. We were crafted and created by a God who loves us. We are not accidents or mistakes. But as David said we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

God loves us. That is the most powerful message we have as his disciple: tell people who may have known or believed that it was possible for a God who created a universe could love one seemingly

insignificant aspect of the creation like the love so great he gave his son.

God loves us enough to come to where we were and take us on a journey where we discover the quantity and the quality of God's love.

My prayer for you as we go through this season is you remember these two things: God has loved you before you knew there was a God.

God will continue to love you through the good days and the yucky days.

As our beloved brother Wil-son said; God loves you. So do I. And there is **Nothing** you can do about it.

Love always, Pastor Althea

Sunday Worship	10am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting on Zoom weekly	5:15 pm
Every Tuesday & Thursday Take out dinners	5-5:45 pm
Thur Oct 14 Finance Com. on Zoom	7pm
Sat Oct 16 Trustees	11 am
Monday Oct 18 Food box delivery	8:30 am To 1pm
Sat Oct 9 Church Council	11 am
Sat Oct 9 Nominations & Leadership Development	1:30 pm

**November  
Newsletter Deadline  
October 25, 2021**

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