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Voice of the Martyrs

The senior high youth group is exploring the realities many Christians face around the world. Specifically, they are focusing on the persecution Christians in the Middle East often face. Life was difficult enough for these Christians in the past. In some Middle East countries, even our "allies", to convert from Islam to Christianity can result in a death sentence. Freedom of religion as we understand it in this country was not something most Christians in the Middle East enjoyed.

Recently things have gotten much worse for Christians in the Middle East. With the rise of Isis persecution of Christians has gone from something that happened to an end in itself. As Isis has swept through the Middle East they have done horrible things to Christians. The "lucky ones" have all their assets seized and then are forced to become refugees walking on foot for hundreds of miles to reach refugee camps. The unlucky ones are tortured, killed and have their daughters used as objects of gang rape. It is as brutal and evil as humanity gets.

Voice of the martyrs reminds us as Christians of 1 Corinthians 12:26-27, "26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if

one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." They are an organization that not only tracks Christian persecution around the world, but they help our brothers and sisters in faith. As an organization undertaking such a ministry, they can use our help anyway we can. Prayers are always welcome.

One of the amazing things Voice of the Martyrs is reporting, even as Christians undergo persecution in the Middle East, the doors are opening for God's word of salvation in Jesus Christ. As individual Christians are remaining faithful in spite of their persecution, they are finding Muslims far more likely to listen to their testimony. Many Muslims are disgusted by the actions of some of their faith and this is resulting in openness to hearing the Gospel, to hearing what Christians believe and why they are willing to suffer. It is profoundly humbling listening to the first person stories of those who have suffered and how in remaining faithful they have been used to open people's hearts to Christ love. Some are reporting in the past no Muslim would take a bible when they offered, now they are taking the Bibles offered and reading them.

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:

Invite people to know and glorify God Grow together as followers of Christ Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

Receive your newsletter by email and in color, too. Call the office to find out how!

Such stories born out of suffering often surprise us. Thinking about it, though, it should not. If God can save the world through an innocent man dying on a cross, what can't our God do?

Peace in Christ, Mark



October 2nd FUPC PW







If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 16TH
2:00 PM



Join us on
October 2nd
as we celebrate World
Communion Day!





Freighter View Assisted Living 605 West Portage Avenue

Virginia Blair Audrey Bush Emily Hamilton Delores Swick

WMH Long Term Care 500 Osborn Boulevard

Lois Myers

Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie 1011 Meridian

Jim Schmidt Jean Smith

McKinley Manor 2023 West 4th Avenue

Jeanne Gantz
Jane Kellan
Dorothy Smart
Vera Steffens

Out of Town

Della Porter 2920 Crystal Lane Room 426 Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dorthea Allen Michigan Masonic Home 1200 Wright, Room 167 Alma, MI 48801

June MacInnis 900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2 Petoskey, MI 49770

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The next Deacon's Meeting will be held on October 16, 2016



John White, Marion Osborn, Shane Miller, Pat White, Kevin Tastor, Gina Gough, Dorothy Smart, Jim Schmidt, Jean Smith, Jane Kellan, Ruth Thesing, Judy Knutsen,

Joyce Cross, Wendy (Menard) James, William Kellan, Lilly Donaldson, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.

Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



The Deacons continued their local ministry at Freighter View with monthly services, as well as visiting, praying, and assisting as needed.

The group partnered with the Textiles Group and sponsored a Quilt Show in September. Fifty-two individuals donated 125 quilts to display to benefit Road to Recovery. The show brought in \$2600 through ticket sales to view the quilts and a fee for lunch. We were blessed with many wonderful dishes from our congregation for the lunch, and Cheryl Stevens graciously created a special quilt square necklace

with proceeds that also went to the fundraiser.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this service, Road to Recovery provides free transportation to Petoskey on a regular basis for those needing cancer treatments. It reduces the burden on families to find a way to get a loved one to Petoskey, and makes it easier on the patient not to have to self-drive after a grueling treatment, as well as comfort from other travelers. All of the drivers and workers are volunteers. Many of our congregation have benefit from the van service.

We reviewed the local services available to the area regarding food and our capacity to assist. Our main goal is to provide food assistance for members of our congregation and those families who are in need.

Regarding the pantry, we are only halfway to our goal of \$3000 to reopen the pantry. It was determined that one bag of groceries per family per month was not serving the need as well as we would like. At this time, we are maintaining several bags for the office to distribute as needed on an emergency basis, assisting those of whom we are notified who are in need, supporting local food truck deliveries, and holiday baskets (not just Thanksgiving and Christmas). A grant was submitted through Feeding America on behalf of Presbyterian Women with support from several EUP non-profits to provide monthly truck shipments to schools for needy families. If the grant is successful, the shipments will begin next fall. At that point, our congregation could choose to "adopt" a school to assist with the delivery and distribution of food.

We look to you to let us know if you are aware of a family who should be contacted to provide food assistance. It is understood that people do not wish to be embarrassed by their circumstances. But if there is a need, please do not hesitate to let us know. For the sake of discretion, a note can be placed in the Deacons' mail slot, a note in the offering plate, or contact Jeanne Shibley at jjshibley@gmail.com or call 630-1707. As with the prayer chain, any requests are kept private.

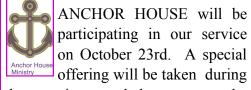
As one of our deacons is fond of quoting: The Lord is good. *Nahum 1:7*

Jeanne Shibley, chair Deacons



Lois and Victor Hillock 10/05
Paul and Margo Sabourin 10/08
James and Ann Bourque 10/09
Karen and Al Dennis 10/09
Michael and Jo Anne Lussier 10/12
Brenda and Don Ransom 10/22





the service to help support the Anchor House Ministry at LSSU.

Anyone wanting more information on Anchor House and their ministry can call Reverend Gabbard or Marty Feldhake at 632-6279.



NOMINATED BEST EMAIL OF THE YEAR

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said: "Let me see if I've got this right.

You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning.

You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self-esteem and personal pride.

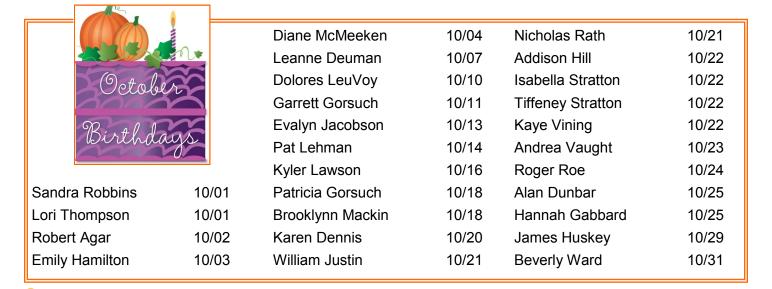
You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, and how to register to vote, balance a checkbook, and apply for a job. You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the final exams.

You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps or race and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Zulu or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card.

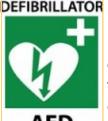
You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books, a big smile, and a starting salary that qualifies me for food stamps.

You want me to do all this, and then you tell me... I CAN'T PRAY?

Submitted by Don Myers



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DEFIBRILLATOR It has come to the Sessions attention that we need to think about the safety and health of our parishioners. One way that we can help secure a safe environment is to have an AED on the premises. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) would offer our members a better chance of survival if there were to have something happen to them that is heart related. This simple and easy device would be available in case of emergencies. And we also have a member who has offered to give classes in how to use the machine. This machine roughly costs between \$1200 to \$1700, we are

currently looking for donations to help us purchase this machine to help our members. Once the needed amount is raised we will make the purchase and then offer the classes. This will be a great

chance for us to get better acquainted with first aid for our fellow family and friends!



month of October of significance. On October 2, 1864, one of the worst battles in Civil War history was 2800 Confederate soldiers squared off fought. against 4500 Union soldiers. The battle is forever recorded in American history as one of the worst atrocities that has ever occurred on U.S. soil. After one day of intense fighting, shots continued during the night muffling the cries of Union soldiers. You would think that the battle had been fought for a great cause, fought for some great strategic value to maybe shorten the war, but the truth is, the battle was fought over a mineral. It was a mineral so valuable that more wars have been fought over it than gold. Instead, the battle was engaged over the mineral salt. Here one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War was fought over Saltville, Virginia, the largest supplier of salt to the Confederate Army.

Now all of this gruesome activity took place in 1864, but in 1982 a completely different activity was taking place in the month of October. Millions of activities

take place in this world during the month of October and here is another one, completely different than the Civil War battle.

It was a mild October afternoon that day in Badger stadium in Madison, Wisconsin and it was packed with over 60,000 diehard University of Wisconsin fans. U of W was taking a beating from Michigan What seemed odd was when the score State. became more and more lopsided bursts of cheers Two completely different events happened in the and applause kept being heard in the stands. It was only natural that some people began to wonder who these strange people were who were cheering while their team pummeled.

> As it turns out 70 miles away from Badger Stadium the Milwaukee Brewers were beating the St. Louis Cardinals in game 3 of the World Series. Many of the Badger fans in the stands were listening to portable radios and responding to something else besides what was happening right in front of their eyes.

> While these two stories that happened in October and were almost 100 years apart, it is in many ways what the Christian life is all about. We might be in the midst of horrible circumstances in this world and vet we have something to cheer about. We can see by faith the victory that is ours in Christ

> > Don Myers, CRE



Practice will begin on Wednesday, October 5th, at 8:00 p.m. We encourage and welcome new and returning voices to come and join this musical celebration of Christ's birth.

The Cantata performance will be on Sunday, December 18th.

Come join the choir for this celebration!



The Textile Social Group will start meeting again in the Social Hall

Anyone is welcome to stop in Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning

October 6, 2016 with whatever textile activity they do.



Walk for Warmth

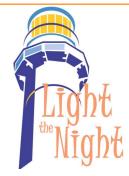
Come Scare Away the Cold! Saturday, October 22, 2016 Registration 10:00 a.m.

Downtown Walk 11:00 a.m.

Avery Center—Downtown Sault Ste. Marie

The Walk for Warmth is an annual community event that raises money to support a local emergency assistance fund. Chippewa County residents can receive emergency help with their electric bills, home heating bills and other similar needs through the Walk for Warmth fund.





Light the Night

Our Christian Education Committee will again be hosting Light the Night on Halloween! We are looking for either monetary donations to purchase hot dogs and buns, and or candy for us to

hand out to our trick or treaters. This is a safe and fun environment for children and their families on Halloween night. We had over 75 last year even with the yucky weather! Volunteers are always needed and costumes are encouraged! If you have any questions, please see either Brenda or Melissa.



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Memorial Committee

October 16th





The Memorial Committee invites you to the
Annual Memorial and Dedication Service
Sunday, October 16, 2016
During the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Candles will be lit in memory of church members
and friends who have passed away during the past year.

We will also dedicate new purchases from the Memorial Fund.

Please call Sara Jones, 635-0740, or the church office, if you have any questions. Coffee hour will follow the service.

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RALLY SUNDAY



Amie with the Preschool and Kindergarten students



Mellissa & Victoria with the 1st and 2nd Grade Class students



Lee & Kristeen's with the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Class students



Jeanne Shibley with the Middle School students

We had our first Youth Group of the year on Sept 11 and were so happy with the turn out, but don't let missing the first one stop you from coming.

Anyone is welcome to join us regardless if they attend our church or not, the group is to help young adults learn more about Jesus and develop ways to share His good news with others.

Next meetings are Oct 9 and Oct 23. Folkersma Home 6:30-8 pm Contact Mark and Melissa Gabbard or Chad and Denise Folkersma if you have any questions.





THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to those who made the delicious soups, salads, and desserts for the Quilt Show Luncheon and to all the kitchen and dining room workers. Your time and talents were truly appreciated. Also, thank you Denise and Jesse who were always ready and willing to help whenever asked. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help! God Bless.



QUILTS HAVE STORIES TOO

A big thank you for all the amazing workers we had

for the "Quilts Have Stories Too" fundraiser. Jeanne Shibley for all the wonderful graphic design work; Molly Glowacki, Linda Metrish, and Connie Lawrence for getting all the quilts hung; John Jobes and all the musicians that played during the show, and Mary Stanaway, Lois Hillock Cheryl Thoresen for organizing the greeters and the luncheon. A total of \$2,603 was raised for "Road to Recovery" and we had so much fun. The Deacons and the Textile Social servers we thank you for being so helpful. God bless you all,

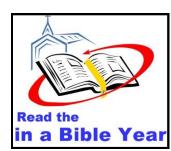
Ruth and Anita.

DISHES

Just a reminder to all those that brought soups, salads, and desserts for the Quilt Show Luncheon to pick up your bowls, pans and other kitchen utensils. Thank You.







1	Revelation 1	Nehemiah 1-2	Psalm 96
2	Revelation 2	Nehemiah 3	Psalm 97
3	Revelation 3	Nehemiah 4	Psalm 98
4	Revelation 4	Nehemiah 5:1-7:4	Psalm 99
5	Revelation 5	Nehemiah 7:5-8:12	Psalm 100
6	Revelation 6	Nehemiah 8:13-9:37	Psalm 101
7	Revelation 7	Nehemiah 9:38-10:39	Psalm 102
8	Revelation 8	Nehemiah 11	Psalm 103
9	Revelation 9	Nehemiah 12	Psalm 104:1-23
10	Revelation 10	Nehemiah 13	Psalm 104:24-35
11	Revelation 11	Esther 1	Psalm 105:1-25
12	Revelation 12	Esther 2	Psalm 105:26-45
13	Revelation 13	Esther 3-4	Psalm 106:1-23
14	Revelation 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Psalm 106:24-48
15	Revelation 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Psalm 107:1-22
16	Revelation 16	Esther 9-10	Psalm 107:23-43
17	Revelation 17	Isaiah 1-2	Psalm 108
18	Revelation 18	Isaiah 3-4	Psalm 109:1-19
19	Revelation 19	Isaiah 5-6	Psalm 109:20-31
20	Revelation 20	Isaiah 7-8	Psalm 110
21	Revelation 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Psalm 111
22	1 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 11-13	Psalm 112
23	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Psalm 113
24	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Psalm 114
25	1 Thessalonians 4	Isaiah 20-22	Psalm 115
26	1 Thessalonians 5	Isaiah 23-24	Psalm 116
27	2 Thessalonians 1	Isaiah 25-26	Psalm 117
28	2 Thessalonians 2	Isaiah 27-28	Psalm 118
29	2 Thessalonians 3	Isaiah 29-30	Psalm 119:1-32
30	1 Timothy 1	Isaiah 31-33	Psalm 119:33-64
31	1 Timothy 2	Isaiah 34-35	Psalm 119:65-96

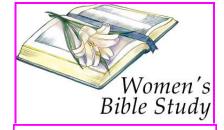


Lee Mason and Ruth Wilson or Mary Stanaway



Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to join us!

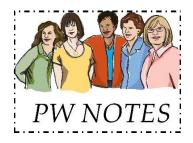




Woman's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am

All ladies welcome to join!



1UltimateCloth



WOMEN'S COFFEE

will be meeting the third Tuesday of every month starting September 20th, at 9:30 AM

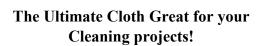
Please join us for fellowship and treats.

PW

All Ladies welcome!



Circle 3
Meetings
Thursday,
October 13th



Get yours at the church office \$6.00 each or 5 for \$25.00



Quilt Raffle

This year the PW will be raffling another beautiful hand made king size quilt by Sandy Shaw.

Tickets are available.

The drawing will be held

November 5, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Dish

Cloths

For Sale

DISH & ULTIMATE CLOTHS

They are still available for purchase in the church office or from Diane!

Dish Cloths \$1 each

Ultimate Cloths \$6 each or 5 for \$25







It's Time for Operation Christmas Child 2016!

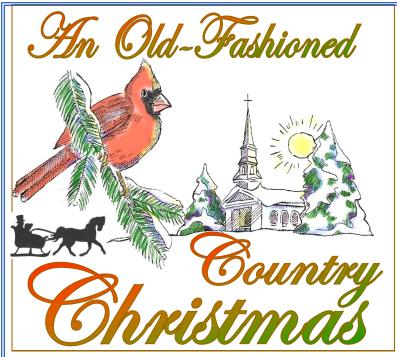
Each year, the Samaritan's Purse organization collects shoe boxes filled with gifts to distribute to needy children around the world. You can help by filling a box for a boy or girl, in the age categories 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Boxes will be available on the table in the narthex on October 23rd and will be collected here at the church by Sunday, November 13th to be blessed. For more information, please contact Dee Musgrave, at 635-0940, or call the office.

Thank you for helping to spread God's love Through the Power of a simple Gift!



Trees for the Bazaar will be available to decorate on Saturday, October 29th.

The PW will be calling for help for this year's bazaar. Please be thinking about how you can help out with this event.



2016 Annual Sea & Bazaaz SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2016 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. \$7.00 PER TICKET

Volunteers and various items are needed to make this year's bazaar a wonderful success! The funds raised help with our mission work. What can you help with?

SOCIAL HALL:

We would like trees, wreaths, or any type of decorations for the Social Hall.

BAKE BOOTH:

Please remember the bake booth. We would appreciate cakes, loaves, preserves, pies, pickles, jams, candy and cookies. Be thinking of what you can do for this booth.

KNIT-KRAFT-KITCHEN:

Please try to help this combination booth to fill the tables with your creative knitting, crafts, sewing, and crocheting.

GRAMMA'S ATTIC:

Space in the Library is limited. We would like one or two special items from each Church family. These can be gently used:

Personal items: Purses, scarves hats, or jewelry.

Household items: China, crystal, wall hangings, or plates.

Christmas items: Decorations, sweaters, or vests.

Books: Hard cover or paperbacks.

RAFFLE TABLE:

Please consider an item for our table. In the past we have received many beautiful handmade articles as well as items ranging from brand new to gently used and unique.



FRIFNDSHIP

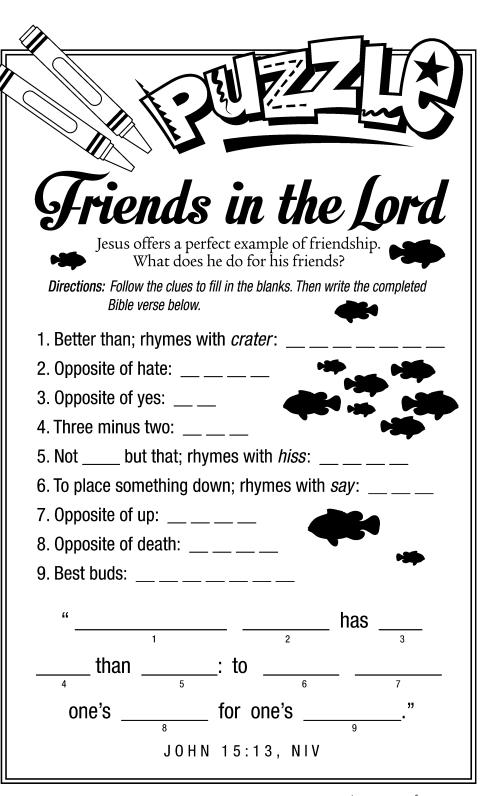
Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend

What you do:

- 1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
- 2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
- 3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
- 4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
- 5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
- 6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV



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Saturday	1 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.	8 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.	15 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.	22 9:00a N.A 7:00p A.A.	29 9:00a N.A 7:00p A.A.	
Friday		7 9:00a Men's Study Grp	14 9:00a Men's Study Grp	21 9:00a Men's Study Grp	28 9:00a Men's Study Grp	
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Sunday		2 World Communion Day 9:00a Early Social Hour (WR) 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship/Communion 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Soup N' Sandwich 12:00p Soup Kitchen	9 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:00a Christian Ed Meeting 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:00p High School Youth Grp	16 Memorial Service 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a Deacon's Meeting (Lib) 11:30a Coffee & Cookies (SH) 12:00p Soup Kitchen 2:00p Freighter View Worship	23 Anchor House Presentation Anchor House Offering 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen 6:00p High School Youth Grp	30 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Bible Study (SH) 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister
Don Myers, CRE
Brenda Ransom, CRE
Kay Boyne, Music Director
Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant
Jesse Witte, Sexton

Return Service Requested

Deadline for November issue: October 19th



Annual Memorial and Dedication Service Sunday, October 16, 2016 During 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

We will remember our loved ones by Lighting a candle for them.

We will also dedicate recent purchases
From the Memorial Fund.

Coffee Hour will follow the service.