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There is only one body, that is why we sing.

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**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Michael Seth Crane (Margaret Crane’s grandson)
William Ruffner (Bill & Caren Ruffner’s grandson)
Jonathan Harrison (James Weaver’s step-grandson)
Tyler Shaffer (Kathy Heimel’s nephew)
Branson Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Justin Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Monty Johnson (John & Judy Johnson’s son)
Nathaniel Taft Moffett (grandson of Glenn Moffett)
Derek Niehaus (husband of John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
Christopher Yonke (Dianne Yonke’s grandson)
Christopher Eicher (son of David & Joyce Eicher)
John Lewis (Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)

**GROUPS**

**United Methodist Women’s (UMW)**

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SCRIPtsT READING
Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)

21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised on the third day.
22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."
23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
27 "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.
28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS AND/OR PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS

We are seeking addresses for our young adults who are in college or trade school this fall. Our church wants to stay in touch and let this group know how much we love and care about them. Please email these addresses to the church office at scumc@volstate.net. If Emmaly Fisher had your address for last year, please confirm that the address has not changed or submit the student’s new address. Thanks!

THE JOY MINISTRY TEAM invites those who are 60 and up to join them for their trip to the Civil War Dinner Theater in Whitwell, TN, on Thursday, September 14. Departure time from the church parking lot is 4 p.m. with Tommy Hale driving the bus. Cost for dinner is $39.95. The dinner theater requires that we must have at least 15 in our group, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall no later than Wed., Sept. 6. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Larson at 315-573-1674.