



October 30, 2020

Hebrews 12:1 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses..."*

Dear Friends,

This weekend is not only Halloween, but more importantly it is All Saint's Day. It is the day that we set aside to remember those who have gone before us in the church; especially those who have died in the past year. As I think about those whose names will be read aloud, two words come to mind. The first word is "gratitude." I am grateful for all the ways that God used them to bless our church and community. You will most likely recognize their names. These folks made a significant difference over the years. The second word is "generosity." These people made a difference in the world through their generosity in sharing of time, treasures, and talents. They are an excellent example for us to follow. For almost 150 years (since 1872) many saints like them have given of themselves to support the important work of MUMC in the community and larger world. In Hebrews 12 these folks constitute a "cloud of witnesses" who like fans in a stadium eagerly cheer for us to carry on their work in our day.

I hope that you will find enclosed our Scope of Ministries pamphlet for 2020. I believe that our cloud of witnesses will be pleased with what we are doing to continue their work in a new day in new ways. I also hope that as you consider prayerfully your giving to MUMC in 2021, you will want to help carry on the work began so many years ago in this day for a new generation.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McNitzky".

David McNitzky  
Pastor