

Oct. 29, 2017

InsideOut Sunday  
James 2: 14-17

## Putting Feet to our Faith

Putting feet to our faith.  
Walking the Talk.

This is who we are as UMs..  
this is in our DNA..  
starting with John and Charles Wesley and their Holiness Club.  
This is what Jesus modeled to his disciples.  
This is St. Francis: "preach the gospel; sometimes use words."

It is a fact that in this congregation you do in fact *do* this all the time:  
you DO put feet to your faith.

But InsideOut Sundays are a time  
when the ***sermon IS the service***  
the ***work IS the prayer***  
the ***cup of cold*** water  
IS the ***communion.***

Today is a day ***to do to the least***  
Today is a day to *teach our children well*  
Today is a day ***practice our faith.***

For a short 60 or 90 minutes  
our faith walks and talks.  
outside the safety of bulletins and hymnals and pews.

Maybe you'll talk with strangers;  
but more likely you'll never see the person you're helping. You are:

- ❖ packing a lunch bag
- ❖ spotting used drug needles
- ❖ you're making lunch
- ❖ sitting in a circle listening
- ❖ helping a child stuff a sock

### What kind of service is that when you never meet the person?

Maybe ... the most powerful!  
My Challenge to you is to walk with the knowledge that:  
yes you have a task to do  
for someone else  
whom you may never meet...

But today **make your work your prayer.**

Pray for the person/s

- who used that needle
- who will wear those socks
- who will walk on that path
- who will eat that lunch
- who will wear that bib

Pray God's blessing on them.

Pray that they will feel your love.

Pray that this service will be a link.

Pray that in your work today

will not just help someone else....

**it will change you;**

it will **move you.**

That *inputting feet to your faith..*

*it means YOU move*

*from where you are now*

*to where God would have you be.*

Pray that today will be:

LIVING CHURCH

not traditional or contemporary;

SERVING CHURCH

not conservative or liberal;

TRANSFORMING CHURCH

open to the *change* God's spirit God brings.

Amen..