

For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is **faith working through LOVE.**" Gal. 5:6

1 John 4:19 "We love because **He first loved us.**"

Recently, Stephen Clark, President of our VA UM Foundation, told us of 4 gifts God has entrusted to each of us to steward wisely for His kingdom: Time, Talent, Treasures, and **TOUCH** (people our Lord calls us to influence).

(Luke 12:13-21, 34)

I am reminded of a poem I once heard by an unknown author entitled
"Heartprints:"

Whatever our hands touch - we leave fingerprints!
On walls, on furniture, doorknobs, dishes, books - there's no escape!

As we touch, we leave our identity.

O God, wherever I go today, help me leave heartprints!
Heartprints of compassion, of understanding and love,
Heartprints of kindness and genuine concern.

May my heart touch a lovely neighbor, or a runaway daughter
or an anxious mother, or perhaps, even a friend.

Lord, send me out today to leave heartprints.

And if someone should say "I felt your touch,"

May that one sense **YOUR LOVE**

Touching them through ME!

In this 50th Jubilee Year of reaching, teaching, and serving as a Christ-centered community of faith, let us pray that we will always **be loving** in all that we say and do! 11 Corinthians 5:14,15 admonishes "For the **love of Christ** urges us on, knowing that one died for all... and He died for all so that those who live might no longer **live** for themselves, but **for Him** who died and rose on their behalf."

In **LOVING** Community with you,

Pastor Pat