

Clergy Corner—Rev. Jerry Brabec

As United Methodist's or any of the other denominations considered mainline, most of us are familiar with the adage that there are three things not discussed in polite company: religion, politics and money. While raising one's hands to Jesus has come a long way, not divulging how much you give to the church is still, pretty much in vogue. Not so with the ardent discussion of politics! Some suggest that contemporary culture's fascination with social media have led us to saying things on a variety of posting favorites that we'd never say out loud in a social setting. Although a little detective work can provide personal results, it is true that the ability to express ourselves in anonymity somehow emboldens us to share more than we should. Often, the discussion around politics, as posted on Facebook for example, has become downright nasty. Tuesday, November 6th, the national day of public voting, is a time for each of us to exercise one of our established governmental freedoms, the right to vote, albeit properly registered and despite our political differences. So let's do ourselves a favor and get out and vote. Whatever your politics, whether or not you talk about it, just do it! It's one thing you can do in complete anonymity...and discuss it however you may choose!