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Hello from Sixth Street Christian Church! We're in the process of getting things ready for our annual rummage sale (July 22, this year, in case you're interested). I say "we", but I must admit that my contribution so far has been admiring the selection and planning my purchases as the fellowship hall gets increasingly organized. It never fails to amaze me that the items one person wants to get rid of are the same things that another person can't wait to buy. You never can tell what someone will consider valuable. People themselves, however, should be beyond our ability to price. Reality is an entirely different matter. One person may consider another as "not worth the trouble". Perhaps this trouble is the effort it takes to include someone with a different way of showing his or her faith. Perhaps it is the energy one person "wastes" on another who won't fall in line with the majority. Maybe it's the conflict caused when a person with a new idea or method fails to value others who have difficulty accepting change. The Gospels' witness of Jesus shows us that every person is worth the trouble. If we believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God's will, then we too must work diligently to make room for one another – outsiders and insiders alike. When we do that, God's Realm will be established in our world.