

Heavenly Notes

May and June 2021



Sharing the journey to know, to love, and to serve God.

United Methodist Church



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Sunday Worship

Sanctuary 10:00 am

Live on Facebook 10:00 am

or anytime on our website
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Zoom Coffee Hour 12:00 pm

Zoom Discussion 11:45 am

Meeting ID: 969 9365 4405

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New Sermon Series

Foundational Prayer

Interpretation of The Lord's Prayer

Are You Just Saying Or Are You Really Praying?



Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer

Pastor's Ponderings



Colossians 4:5-6

1 Timothy 4:9-16

Luke 10:41-42

Titus 2:11-14

"Two Words"

We heard it often as children. Some of us as parents or grandparents use it as a knee-jerk reaction. Some say it is a symbol of self-actualization. If we can only do this, "they" say; then we have truly arrived at wholeness. It is the ability to say "No."

Many people have trouble saying "no" when they should. No to evil, no to neutral or even good things that keep us from the best things. No to the worry and distractions of life. No "people-pleasing" (not to be confused with relationship building).

It is because of these struggles that "they" say if you can only say "no" then you will be well-adjusted. This is (in part) what is hurting volunteerism and organizations that rely on people saying "yes" to succeed.

At times, "No" may indeed be the right answer and we need to have the power to say it. But we also need the power to say "yes" when the time is right -- for others, and even for ourselves.

Consider the {grand} parent who gives the quick knee-jerk "No!" to a child's request for a perfectly acceptable activity. Then all day long the parent must follow up with "no" to all

the other (and perhaps less acceptable) activities the child chooses to engage in our of restless boredom.

The well-adjusted person is able to discern the right choice and follow through with the best response, whether it is a "no" or a "yes."

Sometimes, our struggle with the "no" is because we have not found the key "yes"es in our life. When we become certain what is the best thing to do in any given moment, we find it much easier to say "no" to everything else that want to compete for that time.

When we are not sure of the "yes", we get distracted and worried about many things (Luke 10) and we don't know how to make the most of our time (Col 4). We may be confused about to what we should say "no" (Titus 2). But when we have learned to what we should say "yes", we save both ourselves and others (1 Tim 4).

John Wesley said, Be so busy* doing the good (the yes) that you don't have time to do evil (the no).

I hope and pray you can find the key yeses of your life so that you will not, out of distraction, worry, or confusion, neglect your true purpose and calling in life.

*Caution. Don't equate "busy" with a flurry of activities, or you may become worse off than when you started. Martha was busy, but it kept her from the more important business -- the yes of that moment -- of sitting before Jesus.

Pastor Chuck

Prayers

Since the last e-newsletter:

- * David and Carolyn Lynch's son Mike Brier - covid
- * Terri Preiss's neighbors Jack and Nancy Kelly - both placed in Nursing home.
- * The peace and health of the family and friends of Terri Preiss's friend Hugh Jamison, who passed away from covid related pneumonia.
- * Earl and Jo Campbell -- she was seen at UM for health issues.
- * Their son David Campbell - still recovering from covid.
- * Pastor Chuck's Dad - weakening from cancer
- * The dire covid situation in India, in need of aide, meds, oxygen, etc...
- * Pastor Deane (and Nancy) Wyllys - 3.5 year old grandson diagnosed with leukemia.
- * Bruce & Pat Harton's daughter-in-law Elizabeth Harton - spinal surgery (and dedication of quilt pictured below)



You will be happier if you give people a bit of your heart rather than a piece of your mind.

May Birthdays:

- 1 - Ione Bennett
- 3 - Debbie Kirkpatrick
- 11 - Richard Nowak
- 18 - Eric Anderson
- 22 - Jo Campbell



June Birthdays:

- 2 - Jeff Walker
- 15 - Billie Jo Loran Odell
- 18 - Sherrie Rice
- 30 - Ruth Wyckoff

May Anniversaries:

26, 1978
Doug & Shelia Daniel



June Anniversaries:

10, 1961
Gar & Vivian Lemon

25, 1982
Richard & Karen Nowak

If we missed your special day, we apologize. Please let us know so we can update our records.

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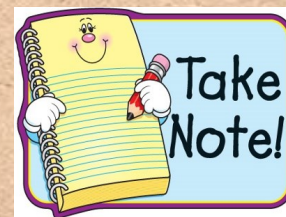
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Regularly Scheduled Meetings in May and June 2021

(Chair/Leader will confirm meeting and whether it is on Zoom or not)

May			
Mon	3	7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting (TBD)
Wed	12	12:30 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Thu	13	7:00 pm	Finance /Administrative Board (has moved to bi-monthly)
June			
Wed.	9	12:30 p.m.	Worship Team Meeting
Thur.	10	7:00 p.m.	Financial Team Meeting



Weekly Regularly Scheduled Meetings in May and June 2021

Sundays	10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm (TBD)	Worship Zoom Coffee Hour Zoom Adult Sunday School Discussion
Wednesdays	7:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesdays	9:30 am - 11:30 am	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thursdays	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous
Saturdays	10:00 am	Alcoholics Anonymous



Worship Service Manuscripts are available on request for those who might prefer to read than watch, or don't have easy access to online services. If you, or someone you know would be interested (if another person, please confirm their interest first) let the office know and we'll be happy to send a copy of any certain week or every week as desired. Manuscripts will also be available on our website.

Heavenly E Notes is an e-mail that is sent most weeks with a devotion from the pastor and timely church news, Information, and opportunities. Heavenly E Notes will be more flush with content as the church begins to resume more normal activities. If you aren't getting the weekly email, request from the office that you be added to the church's email list.



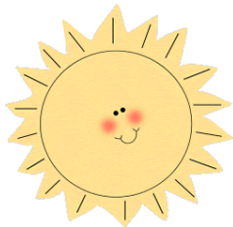
Hello Church Family,

Tired of being cooped up and ready for a time of fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

Come to Lunch Bunch in Armstrong Hall June 23rd at noon. Bring your own lunch as we cannot yet have a potluck. Also, invite a friend. We will be observing all COVID protocols.

We will be playing white-elephant BINGO (a nice socially distanced game that is still filled with fun) so bring a wrapped white-elephant gift (or several). Who knows what treasures await?

See you on the 23rd. If you have any questions, call Karen at the office or Pat Harton.



Bright Sunday

Many believe Bright Sunday (sometimes called Holy Humor Sunday and a variety of other names) derived from the ancient tradition of Easter Monday, which may have begun in the 5th century when Bishop John Chrysostom preached that Easter was a cosmic joke that God played on Satan and death by raising Jesus from the dead.

The somber solemnness of Jesus' passion culminates with the stunning joy of his resurrection and it is this joy that is the turning point in history -- therefore we celebrate God's joke on evil by telling (healthy) jokes and funny stories, feasting, and enjoying good laughs and looking forward to that banquet / reception (that wedding reception) that Jesus has waiting for us?



Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



Financial News

by Charles Kirkpatrick

The Finance Committee wishes to thank all who provided financial support to the Church helping to restore the ability to meet our financial obligations. Your generosity over the past few weeks has allowed the Church to restore the Payroll Emergency Fund allowing a small reserve to ensure we are able to pay staff as well as restore a small reserve for paying bills. Today we are doing well as we migrate through the Pandemic caused by the Covid 19 virus. Hopefully moving forward, we will soon return to normal operations and continue to explore ways to attract and convert visitors to become members or regular attenders. Having spent a great deal of time attending Church Leadership programs in 2018 and 2019 focused on making small but essential changes for growth, I and others are excited to begin exploring ways to grow our Church. As we all know, growth will be the key to long term success including financial operations.

Over the past few years there have been many discussions about how to present a clear view of the Church Finances. I've received many suggestions and some feedback about being too complicated. The Church is actually only slightly more complicated than a normal household. The Church has all the same bills: Mortgage, Electric, Gas, Insurance, Water and Sewer, Telephone, Internet, Repairs and Maintenance...etc. In addition to normal expenses, we have staff pay and benefits. We manage all this by creating an annual budget listing every expense item, the amount we expect to pay and then track all payments each month to ensure we are spending money on approved cost. This budget tells us how much we need to receive each month to pay bills and payroll. Emergency cost or items that are not on the Budget are reviewed and preapproved by the Admin Council. As with most households if one receives enough money each month to pay what is needed, then one would be doing OK. If the Church receives enough each month, then the Church will be doing OK, not great, but still OK.

So, what is the best way to communicate how the Church is doing. Starting today with this Newsletter, the Finance Committee will provide an overview of what is spent and how much money is received to pay bills and payroll for each month. When or if it becomes critical, we will issue a special plea as was done in April. For any of you who would like additional information, please contact me directly.

Month	Received	Spent
January	\$17,476	\$13,469
February	\$ 7,967	\$13,974
March	\$10,185	\$11,207

Happy Father's Day!

The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him **Dad**

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.



"No, I'm ashamed to say we didn't attend church while we were on our summer vacation. Henry says he just can't sleep in a strange pew."

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Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen

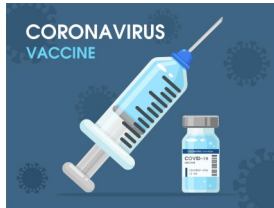
“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”





Winter Storm Notice

During the school year, if the school's are closed, please call the church office at 810-632-7476 before venturing out to make sure the church is open.



Coronavirus Vaccine Questions?

Still deciding whether or not to get the Vaccine?
Check out this link from Consumers Rights Magazine.

<https://www.consumerreports.org/vaccines/your-questions-about-a-coronavirus-vaccine-answered/>



Upper Room Daily Devotional Booklet

The *Upper Room* daily devotional *guide* offers short messages that apply scripture to the challenges and opportunities of everyday life. It is a inspirational resource to meet God in prayer and see him at work.

Pick up your free copy outside the secretary's office or call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.



Lenten Kits

Lenten Kits are still available. If you would like one please call the church office. You may also pick a kit up in the office Monday thru Friday 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

810-632-7446

Communion



If you are unable to attend in person, we offer Communion on the first Sundays of the month through the online worship services. To participate with bread and cup, you can (1) use your Spirit given imagination as you follow along, (2) find something at home that will work for you (3) pick up from church office one sanitary juice and wafer set for each participating individual in your home (4) or if it is not possible for you to come to pick them up, contact the office and we will try to deliver them to you. .