

Memorial Methodist Messenger

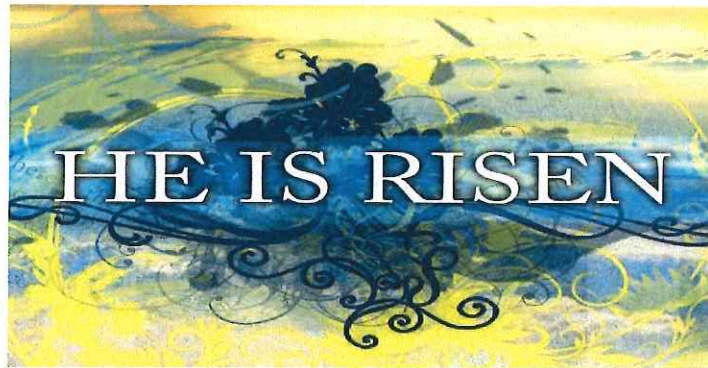
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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

APRIL 2020



Reaching Out with Russell... Evidence of Easter

"Don't be afraid," the angel said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said would happen."

Matthew 28:5-6

A Hungarian writer once wrote an amusing, but also very thoughtful dialogue which he imagined between two babies in a mother's womb. Obviously they were twins. One twin asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?"

The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later."

"Nonsense," said the first twin. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second twin said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first twin replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need . . . Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It take us nowhere."

"Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by Her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist."

Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

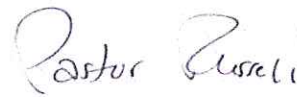
Jesus said, I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (that it might be full and meaningful) John 10:10. God created us in His image to live in an intimate fellowship of love and care with Him. Because of our stubborn self-will we chose to go on our own independent way and our fellowship with God was broken.

To bridge the gulf of separation between us, God sent His Son who sacrificed His life as the only provision for your sin and my sin. It is through faith and trust in Jesus alone that we can experience God's love and plan for our life. Thousands upon thousands have made the leap of faith to trust Jesus and obey Him and found out that God has had a plan all along to bring us back to Himself!

Two babies in a womb debate whether there is a Mother. You and I, in the womb of the planet earth may debate whether there is a Father God. Our iron clad proof of evidence in to point to people who have encountered God in their everyday lives. Does their testimony ring true? Our faith has been revealed to us through words of Scripture and inspired by the Holy Spirit and written down and passed on by faithful witnesses.

Jesus Christ has walked among us. He still walks with us. Will you open your mind and heart and allow Him to reveal Himself to you this Easter?

Happy Resurrection Sunday! Praise the Lord!



Pastor Russell

Commission on the General Conference

Subsequent to the [announcement](#) by the Executive Committee of the Commission on the General Conference that the 2020 General Conference will be postponed, the full Commission met March 21, 2020 to determine next steps to take in setting a new date.

After hearing recommendations from Sara Hotchkiss, Business Manager of the General Conference, and discussion of possible alternatives, the Commission made a determination that the General Conference will not meet in 2020 as originally planned and elected to work toward setting a date in 2021.

"As we looked at the complex issues that we will need to navigate to reschedule the event and the lack of options available, it does not appear feasible to plan for 2020," said Kim Simpson, chair of the Commission. "These issues include the undetermined length of the pandemic, uncertainty around travel bans in different areas of the world, delays in processing visas due to government and business closures and other questions."

In giving direction for next steps, the Commission resolved that holding the event in Minneapolis is a high priority and authorized the business manager to pursue negotiations regarding other dates available at the Minneapolis Convention Center in 2021.

"The Dakotas-Minnesota Area Host Team has done a wonderful job in partnering with us to prepare for this event, and we are grateful for their willingness to continue to work with us as we move toward a new date," Simpson said.

"As many groups have cancelled and are being rescheduled, they are given priority by venues they have already been working with," said Hotchkiss. "Continuing to work with the Minneapolis Convention Center and area hotels will help us avoid competing with other groups for space in those facilities if they did not already have a contract."

Once new dates for the General Conference are set and adjustments with current vendors are made, additional information will be sent out to delegations regarding a timeline and next steps.

MUMC SERMONS FOR APRIL 2020

April 5, Online Worship

"The Guy with the Donkey"

Matthew 21:1-11

Palm Sunday, *Holy Communion*

Jesus had a plan for His triumphal march into Jerusalem before His crucifixion. He knew exactly where His donkeys were to be found and who would give them to Him. Without the gift of that "donkey-giver," Jesus would have had to walk into Jerusalem and not fulfilled the prophecy. Are you a donkey-giver for the Master's use? Will you be?

April 9, Online Worship

"The Messiah Who Cared about Feet"

John 13:1-15, 34-35

Maundy Thursday

Jesus' washing the feet of the disciples at his Last Supper stands out as one of the most significant events in Jesus' life. Jesus demonstrated how love serves and how a servant loves.

April 12, Online Worship

"He Is Risen!"

Colossians 3:1-4

Resurrection Sunday

Easter really is a 3-fold event. It is first of all the historical event of Jesus' Resurrection from death to life. It is also a present reality in our lives as well as an eternal anticipation and joyful expectation for us yet to be experienced.

April 19, Online Worship

"Not Having Seen Him, You Love Him"

1 Peter 1:3-9

How can we really love Jesus when we have never seen Him? We love Him because of the difference Jesus has made in our world, because of the difference Jesus has actually made in our lives, and because He has the words of life.

April 26

**Allen Miller Preaching
Director of Central Virginia Young Life**

40 days of Prayer

Pray with us during Lent

February 26 Ash Wednesday Service

February 27 starts open prayer

5 to 7 PM

Monday thru Saturday till Easter Eve

Open Prayer, Communion

All Are Invited

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God is honored when we come to Him,
He's honored when we talk to Him, and
He is willing to hear and answer our Prayers!
Charles Stanley

2020 Confirmands had a GREAT time at Lake Junaluska Confirmation Camp!!!



Susannah Wesley- 16 rules she laid down in her home...

(She was the mother of 19 children, including John and Charles Wesley. Through much adversity, she dedicated her life to instilling a sense of Christian Destiny into each of her children. Her children went on to change the world.)

1. Eating between meals not allowed.
2. As children they are to be in bed by 8 p.m.
3. They are required to take medicine without complaining.
4. Subdue self- will in a child, and those working together with God to save the child's soul.
5. To teach a child to pray as soon as he can speak.
6. Require all to be still during Family Worship.
7. Give them nothing that they cry for, and only that when asked for politely.
8. To prevent lying, punish no fault which is first confessed and repented of.
9. Never allow a sinful act to go unpunished.
10. Never punish a child twice for a single offense.
11. Comment and reward good behavior.
12. Any attempt to please, even if poorly performed, should be commended.
13. Preserve property rights, even in smallest matters.
14. Strictly observe all promises.
15. Require no daughter to work before she can read well.
16. Teach children to fear the rod.

How God Is at Work in the Deadly Coronavirus

Despite the threat of death, the church in China is seeing revival and healings as they share the gospel

None of us had heard of the coronavirus at Christmas. Now we hear of it daily in the news. Thousands have died, and no one knows what will happen as it continues to spread. But we do know we can't believe the Chinese government regarding how it started or the number of infected and dead. The doctor who blew the whistle, Li Wenliang—who is reportedly a Christian—and seven other scientists were arrested and forced to sign documents stating they were wrong. He died a few weeks later from the virus.

In February, I began getting calls about the story behind the story—that people in China are turning to the church and there have been unverified healings. It's a story few other media outlets know about or care to report. For American media like us, it was not easy to cover. Yet we were able to do podcasts with three sources and are beginning to piece together what is happening. I urge you to visit coronavirus.charismamag.com to read our articles and listen to the podcast interviews about this topic.

In February, I got a call from Pastor Frank Amedia, whose Chinese friends told him the numbers of infected and dead were far greater than reported. Frank was told the virus started, not in a marketplace from exotic animals, but from a high-level laboratory that had been established by the French and Chinese government as a response to the SARS virus to develop vaccines. Only time will tell how the virus really started.

Frank put me in touch with a Chinese pastor living in the U.S. who had contact with many people in China. To protect his identity, I did not use my recorded interview with him, but it gave credence to what Frank said. I contacted missionary Dennis Balcombe too, who has ministered in China for 50 years and was on *Charisma's* May 1994 cover. My only visit to mainland China was with Dennis in the 1990s when I was arrested for smuggling Bibles (and released after a few hours due to his intervention). I knew Dennis to be one of the most knowledgeable Americans about what was going on in China.

Dennis wrote an opinion piece for *Charisma News* saying that, for the church, this has been a blessing in disguise. Citywide prayer meetings are uniting denominations, and he says people are even getting healed through prayer and becoming Christians.

"Many Christians and local churches are using this as an opportunity to help many in the panicking society," Dennis wrote. "Several weeks ago, when face masks were in short supply in Wuhan, many Christians were on the street freely distributing them to the people with a gospel message and prayers for the people."

In addition, his Revival Christian Church (RCC) provides free small bottles of



"Let's agree in faith that God will show mercy and allow this virus to be contained."

disinfectant alcohol, which are in short stock in the stores. Through this, they share the gospel with the people in China. Many have accepted Christ in their services.

While both Frank and Dennis got their information from others in China, I was able to interview a young Christian woman from my hometown who was teaching English in Wuhan and was quarantined by the government until the U.S. Embassy was able to fly her home with other Americans who were stuck there. Alexandra Rodriguez told me how afraid she was and how she was praying to get out. Yet she sees a spiritual significance in what happened.

"This could be the rumblings of something bigger," she told me. "I believe that the Lord works in mysterious ways. I've seen His hand in all of this. It could be a prophecy coming true."

Dennis says the Chinese word for "crisis" is comprised of two characters—the first means "danger" and the second means "opportunity." Despite the coronavirus threat, the church has an opportunity through prayer and supernatural gifts to bring healing to the sick.

As of now, there is no telling how this outbreak will affect China's future. But Alexandra is praying this virus would come to a swift end. I hope you'll join her in that prayer. While this coronavirus could certainly be a sign of something bigger, let's agree in faith that God will show mercy and allow this virus to be contained.

I urge you to subscribe to my daily "Strang Report" newsletter by going to charismamag.com and clicking "Subscribe" at the bottom of the page. You can also visit coronavirus.charismamag.com to read all three of our exclusive reports.

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Navigating Uncertain Times:



Muddy Shoes by Todd

Too Many Food Choices... Food & Facts by: Todd Estes

For holiday's meals when we young, we rarely got home cooking. Well, if we went to grandmas we would. But if we stayed home and didn't travel to Mayberry, we had the joy of going out to eat at the local cafeteria. I remember Morrison's and S&W. The joy of picking and selecting and loading up my tray. This was nothing like school cafeterias. This was food heaven.

Then I discovered the food courts at the malls. Yowzah. But more. It got better. In urban environments, there are often clusters of restaurants around large business or sporting venues. When I worked in a Dallas hotel, there were about 100 restaurant choices within a few miles.

I tended to hang at just a few, but I did like to know that there were choices. But for hotel guests, the choices were often overwhelming.

From food to facts. After 9-11, and during the original Iraq war, I remember 24 hour news coverage. I loved hearing James Earl Jones' famous "This is CNN." With all the news home and abroad, I took it all in - as overwhelming as it was.

And now ... COVID 19 news coverage is everywhere. Maybe it's the closure of sporting events, Hollywood basically going silent, and even a lull on impeachment desires ... it seems there is nothing but virus news. I can handle it.

But an area that has me wishing for more time to digest, more time to process the information, is the emails/web-conferences/blog posts/articles/phone calls/etc. on how churches can adapt, improvise, and waddle through all of this - web streaming, online studies, legal ramifications of size gatherings, care ministry during social distancing, e-giving, supply stocking, and more. True - my church isn't mega, or close to mega - but those churches can delegate and divide responsibilities. Here ... the bucks stops with me. Trying to cram all of this, while still ministering to those on life support, those being laid off, those whose weddings are postponed, can be like looking at cafeteria full of food, trying to make choices, while everyone around is calling your name at the same time.

So people, pray for your pastors. Sermons that need to feed and minister to those facing this crisis, hope that needs to be spread, and peace that needs to be spoken ... all while facing so much being thrown at them. To those that think their job is easier with no events at the “church” forget the church is not a building.

And pastors, hang tough. Hold on to the One who will get you through it. Love your wife. And know this too shall pass. We may never do Church the same again. And that may not be a bad thing.

Be blessed.

(Blog post 3/20/20- shared by Cindi Williams)

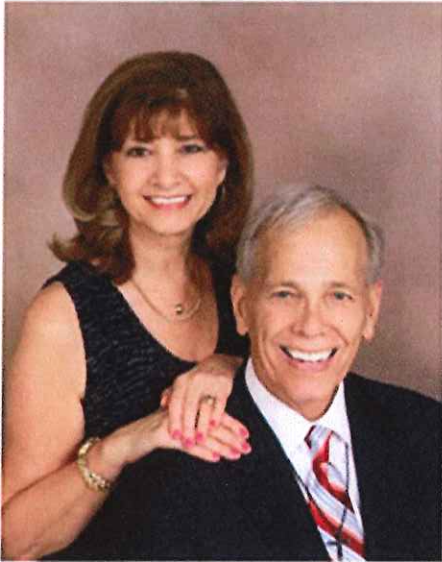
GOD, GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I
CANNOT CHANGE...
COURAGE TO CHANGE
THE THINGS I CAN,
AND WISDOM TO KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE.

LIVING ONE DAY AT A TIME,
ENJOYING ONE MOMENT
AT A TIME,
ACCEPTING HARDSHIP AS
THE PATHWAY TO PEACE.
TAKING, AS HE DID, THIS
SINFUL WORLD AS IT IS,
NOT AS I WOULD HAVE IT.
TRUSTING THAT HE WILL
MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT
IF I SURRENDER TO
HIS WILL.
THAT I MAY BE
REASONABLY HAPPY IN
THIS LIFE,
AND SUPREMELY HAPPY
WITH HIM FOREVER IN THE
NEXT.
AMEN.



Save the Date!

Sat, June 13, 2020



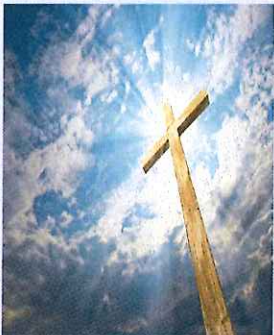
In appreciation for Pastor Russell's and Julie's service to MUMC over the past 10 years, and in recognition of their retirement from a lifetime of ministry, 2 events are being planned for Saturday, June 13.

- 1) A "floating reception" will be held in Legacy Hall from 1-3 pm with light refreshments.
- 2) A sit-down catered dinner will be held at 6 pm in Legacy Hall. There will be a charge of \$10 per person to attend the dinner.

These events are in the planning stages and updates will be provided through bulletins, announcements, and the May newsletter.

The Image of the Invisible God

Author: Tommy Herndon



When Paul refers to Christ as "image of the invisible God," he is saying Jesus is completely and perfectly God. Paul is saying that Christ is God and is also human.
(Colossians 1:15-17)

Through Christ's resurrection he took the consequences of our sin and redeemed human nature. Because of Christ, we can be reconciled to God. God reveals himself through his Son. Those of us who believe in Jesus are saved because He is Emmanuel – God is with us!

I'm grateful that my life can be filled with love and direction because I believe in Jesus who is the son of God. Let's praise God together because we have God to believe in.

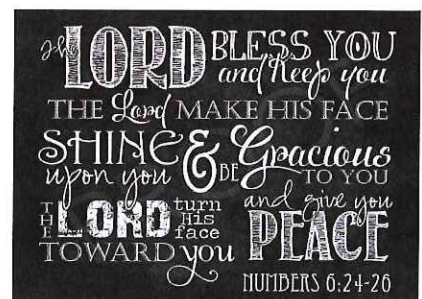
The son is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. Colossians 1:15

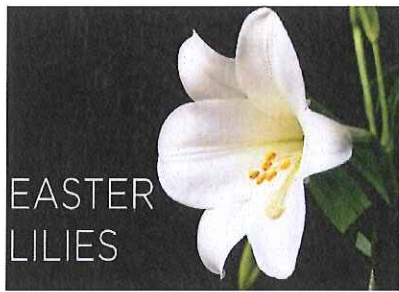
SUPER SENIOR UPDATE:

Here's to wishing each of you a happy and healthy spring. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we must cancel all senior events until further notice. We must all continue constant prayer during this time and continue to reach out to others the best way we possibly can.

We love you and pray for you.

Susie and Joan





Easter Flowers Update:

On Easter morning, we expected to see beautiful Easter lilies as we - God's people - entered to worship and sing hallelujah.

Now we know that Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services and Holy Thursday are cancelled due to the coronavirus. Indications are the same will be true for Easter worship.

Because of the cancellation of services, the Flower Committee is no longer requesting donations for Lenten/Easter decorations. Nancy Dawson, Business Manager, says that several checks have come in; she will mail a reimbursement to those families. Any other checks that may come in will be returned to the donors.

The Flower Committee thanks you for all of the support each of you give us throughout the year.

UPDATE ON THE ALLGOOD'S BABY SHOWER:

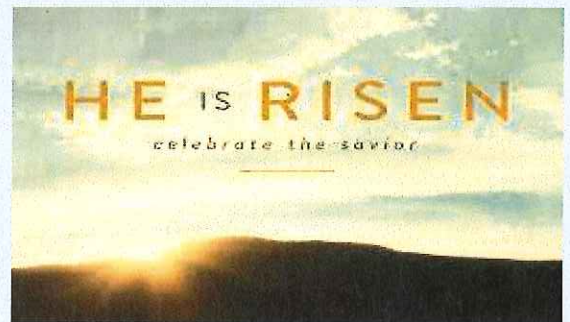
Well since we can not gather at church again this Sunday, we won't be able to "shower" the Allgoods with gifts for their new baby girl as we had planned! And not knowing when we will be able to worship again, I am renaming the shower to "The Allgoods Baby Gift Drop Off". Baby Allgood doesn't know about how our world has changed so she will be making her appearance as expected...in just a few weeks!

As you are able, I invite you to drop your gifts off at church and place them in the fellowship area of Legacy Hall on the rectangular tables in front of the pass through where we serve Holy Grounds. I'm not stating any specific timeline to drop these off because one thing that is certain now is that we can't set any dates! So as I said, "as you are able"!

A reminder of the Allgoods' message: "We do not need any clothes or blankets. We could mostly use diapers (size 1 and up), wipes, and gift cards (Amazon is best, but Target and Walmart are great too) are always appreciated. Our registry is www.babylist.com/allgood"



The greatest man in history had no servants
 Yet they called Him Master,
 Had no degree,
 Yet they called Him Teacher,
 Had no medicines,
 Yet they called Him Healer
 Had no armies,
 Yet kings feared Him
 He won no military battles,
 Yet He conquered the world,
 He committed no crime,
 Yet they crucified Him
 He was buried in a tomb,
 Yet He lives today.



People have been asking how we are supposed to handle our offerings to the church in this time.

Since we are not able to come together and worship, please consider mailing in your tithes and offerings. Not only do we continue to have our regular costs here at church but we want to be as healthy financially as we can be. That will enable us, if needed, to be a resource to minister to our community financially if necessary. Our church has always been mission-minded and what a privilege if, during this difficult time, we are able to be the face of Christ to our neighbors by meeting, not just their spiritual needs but financial needs as well. As a reminder our address is Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 9, Appomattox, VA 24522. If you want to bring your offering by the church, we will have a basket at the entrance of Legacy Hall for your convenience.



The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunity! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on mission's opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.

1 John 3:16-18 New Century Version (NCV)

¹⁶This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Suppose someone has enough to live and sees a brother or sister in need, but does not help. Then God's love is not living in that person. ¹⁸My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.

Community Outreach:

-Liberty Baptist Church (Rev. Rusty Small): The Appomattox Public School system has asked us and the wider faith community to scale up our existing ministry to meet the demands of now about 150 children facing food insecurity. This will fill the gap that cannot be covered by the school feeding program alone. Here is a video that explains the ministry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rZhANu2VLQ&feature=youtu.be>

There is a large fundraising need (around \$20,000 for the next 6 weeks of food) and potentially a volunteer need to aid the packing and potentially aiding in delivery. Thanks for your service to Christ in Appomattox! Call Liberty Baptist Church, 434-352-2336 if you have further questions.

-Appomattox Little Free Pantry FB Post: Find yourself with some extra stuff after that shopping trip this weekend? Don't forget our Little Free Pantry on Oakleigh Ave. (@ St. Anne's Episcopal Church) or Find yourself needing some stuff? Check out the pantry. Always open

-Gleaning for the World: 100% Cotton Mask Needed (JoAnne's Fabric in River Ridge Mall has kits to make these mask for free to those who can sew!!!) Financial Donations are needed to continue to serve the front lines during COVID-19 pandemic.



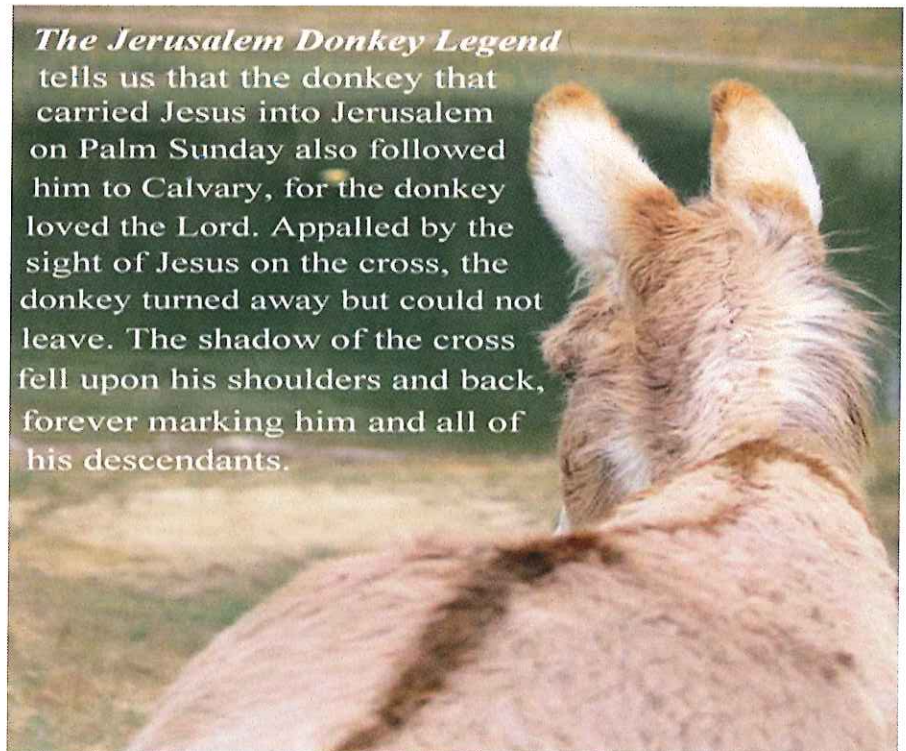
Dear Memorial United Methodist Church,

I want to Thank You again for allowing me to come and share my passion and love for Guatemala with you! You have been so kind and supportive of my ministry with the Mt. Comfort Guatemala Missions Team. I truly appreciate each of you!

*God Bless You,
Cindi Williams*

The Jerusalem Donkey Legend

tells us that the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday also followed him to Calvary, for the donkey loved the Lord. Appalled by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but could not leave. The shadow of the cross fell upon his shoulders and back, forever marking him and all of his descendants.





PRAYER REQUEST:

Recent Prayer Needs:

COVID-19 Virus

The Family of Jean Johnson (Joe Davis' mother in law)

The Family of Bonnie Hinton (Kathy Dickerson's cousin)

The Family of Jerry Small (Husband of Donna, Father to Rusty & Scott)

The Family of Cliff Rhodenizer (Retired VA State Police supervisor and local School Board member)

Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)

Tori and Everleigh Kidd, the Kidd & Parson Families (Bob & Doreen)

George Bergdoll (healing in his leg)

Victims of Nashville tornadoes

Kash Lucado (Joan Holt's nephew's baby) healing from surgeries

Brandy Roberts (Tom & Terrie Conrad's friend)

Kathy Griggs (recovering from Surgery, Carolyn Bergdoll's sister)

Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin) heart attack

Jennifer Tucker (friend of Cindi Williams, breast cancer)

Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)

Bethany Nadolson and family (Bear & Mary's niece)

Charlotte Fenchum (Butch Thomas' girlfriend)

Pastor Russell & Julie's upcoming retirement season

Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law)

Tony Freedman (UM Rev. Freedman Kim's son)

Jean Johnson (Joe Davis' mother-in-law)

Nancy Horton (stroke, fall – relative of Mindy Blake)

Ethan Nadolson (Steve Nadolson's son)

Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)

Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)

Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)

Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)

Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson's niece)

Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)

Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)

Doug Howard (cousin of Pastor Russell)

Michelle Denis (Hospice, friend of Parson's)

Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)

Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)

Olivia Baldwin (Bob & Doreen Parson's friend)

Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)

Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)

Carolyn Bergdoll

Ronnie Spiggle

Betty Armstrong

Denise Bates

Sharee Whitmer Gary Lindsey

Billy Guthrie Cassidy Richardson

Rick Blake Cathy Bates

Adele Richardson Phil Bass

Deb Stacey (health issues)

Dianne Marsh (Cindi Williams Aunt)

Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)



Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to Dan Turner and his family with the passing of his Father, Daniel H. Turner, on March 7, 2020. Please keep the family in prayer during this difficult time.

SPECIAL CALL TO PRAYER:

Bishop Lewis has invited everyone to join in prayer at noon daily praying:

Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future. You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times. As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent. We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health. Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving. Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves. Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide. Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope and trust in you in the days ahead and forever. We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Our Missionary Partners: Young Life (Appomattox & Central VA), The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA), Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia), Chris & Paula McNutt, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala); Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines), Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay), The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania)

Continuing Concerns:

-Babcock Manor: Anne Weakley & Margaret Wilson &

Lorene Lucado & Estaline McCraw

-Valley View Retirement Community: Mary Martin 401A

-Bentley Commons: Daphne Jackson

-Heritage Green Assisted Living, Rm. 101: Elizabeth Jamerson







-St. Joseph's Home: Frances Rogers

Margaret Moon, Victor & Susan Vernon, Manning & Myrt Harrell, Hazel Thomas, Sara Baine, Myrtle White

VA Conference Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, District Superintendent Denies Bates, Pastor Russell & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force & Special Agencies, President Trump/World leaders/ The United States of America, All Refugees

Our Ministry of Prayer: Anyone wishing to receive prayer requests for our church and community send your email address to Marie Milton at mcmorgan112@gmail.com. If you would like a name on our printed bulletin Prayer list, please contact the church office at 352-5705. At the end of each month the Prayer List will be purged. Your help in removing names (when appropriate) and giving updates is greatly appreciated.

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	2 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	3 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer
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26 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	27 9:00 AM – Newsletter Mailing Team 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball	28 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery	29 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Pray, Parlor	30 8:30 AM – Exercise 7 PM – Genesis Bible Study, upstairs, LH		

APRIL 26 PARTICIPANTS



LeeAnn Robinson



Children's Church

Delia Baine



Acolytes

TBA



Debby Long



Lucy Harvey & Beverly Davidson



Chris Woodall & Victor Vernon



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1 April.....Penny Mongold
2 AprilButch Thomas
3 April.....Donna Deaner
5 April.....Freddy Lawson
7 April.....Laura Lawson
11 April.....Tracey Anstey
14 AprilLeah Davis
15 April.....Gerald Wilbun
15 April.....Hilda Ferguson
18 April.....Barry Jones
18 April.....Pam Robinson
18 April.....Ava Lydon
20 April.....Connie Bass
24 April.....Mary Curry
25 April.....Donna Nash
25 April.....Carolyn Bergdoll
27 April.....Eloise Thomas
27 April.....Nathan Putney
28 April.....Al Sears
28 April.....Andy Coles
29 April.....Ken Milton
30 April.....Ashley McDowell
30 April.....Tim Garrison
30 April.....Matt Frady



7 April Todd & Dana Garrett
11 April Blair & Lisa Smith
18 April Jeannie and Gene Beverley
28 April Sue and Mitch Eggleston



Janet Noble & Marie Milton

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
Before Him were many. Which one would he choose?

"Take me," cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright.
I'm of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and luster will outshine the rest,
and for someone like you, Master, gold would be best."

The Master passed on with no word at all,
and looked at a silver urn narrow and tall.
"I'll serve you, dear Master. I'll pour out your wine.
I'll be on your table whenever you dine.
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
and silver will always compliment you."

Unheeding, the Master passed on to the brass,
wide-mouthed and shallow and polished like glass.
"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do,
Place me on your table for all men to view."
"Look at me," called goblet of crystal so clear,
"My transparency shows my contents so dear.
Though fragile am I, I will serve you with pride,
and I'm sure I'll be happy in your house to abide."

The Master came next to a vessel of wood,
polished and carved, it solidly stood.
"You may use me, dear Master," the wooden bowl said,
"but I'd rather you used me for fruit, not for bread."

Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay,
empty and broken it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose
to cleanse, and make it whole; to fill and to use.

"Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find.
I'll mend it and use it and make it all mine.
I need not the vessel with pride of itself,
nor the one that is big-mouthed and shallow and loud,
nor the one that displayed his contents so proud,
nor the one that thinks he can do all things just right,
but this ~~plain~~ ^{plain} earthly vessel, filled with my power and my might."

^{Then}
The gently he lifted the vessel of clay,
mended and cleansed it and filled it that day;
spoke to it kindly; "There's work you must do.
Just pour out to others as I pour into you."

The Chosen Vessel by B. V. Cornwall



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to Help People Grow in the Love and Joy of Jesus Christ

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday:

8:30 AM – Early Worship

9:30 AM – “Holy” Grounds Breakfast

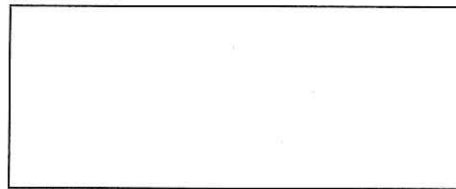
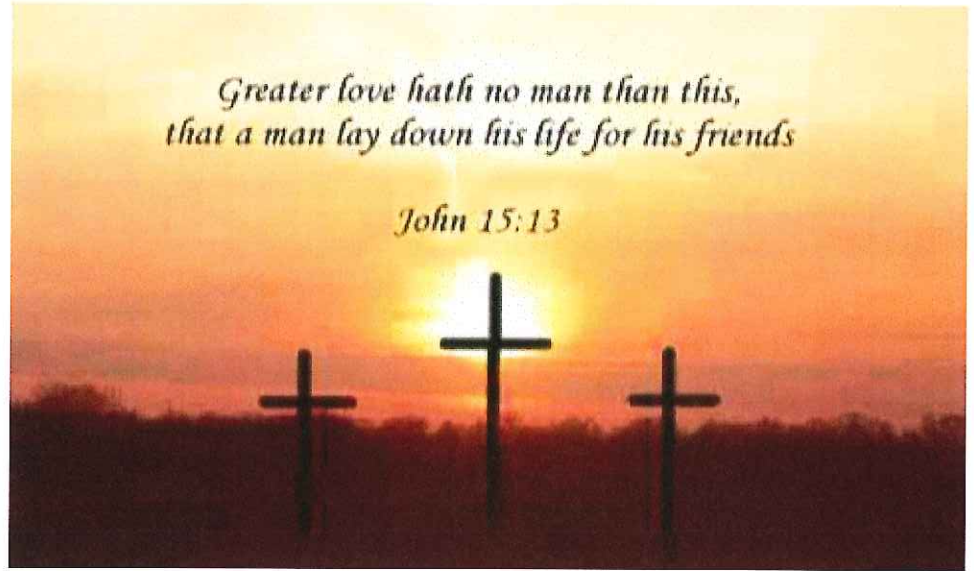
9:45 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

5:30 PM- Youth United

Tuesday:

6:45 PM- Celebrate Recovery



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