



MESSENGER



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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APRIL 2021

We often hear life referred to as a rat race and compare our busy lives to a race to finish the chores we have and to being busy. But is that the real focus of a race running around like chickens to and fro with no direction or goal? A race requires many things for the runner to be successful. First the runner has to be prepared and conditioned. I have several friends that, for some strange reason that is unknown to me, love to compete in marathons and other races. They run most days if not every day. They take care of their bodies not only by training on the road but also by eating properly, other types of exercises, and getting enough rest. This is the opposite of what I hear when we refer to life as a rat race or we are running around, racing to get things done. Next, they plan the races in which they want to participate. They consider the time of the race, the course, how easy it will be for them to get there, and who else will be running. Of course we are talking about serious runners not those who sign up and start the race so they can get the t-shirt.

Our Christian walk is much like a race, too many

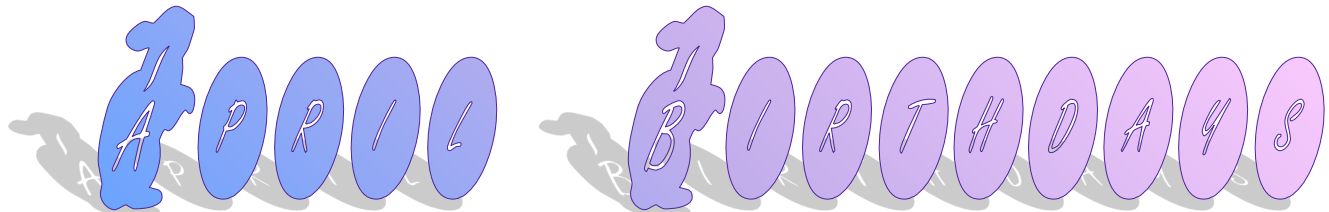
people think that we just have to show up at church on Sunday, give a mental assent to being good people and be nice. But being (or I should say becoming) a Christian is much harder than just being present. We have to plan and work to develop ourselves into disciples of Jesus. If we read carefully, Jesus does not say "worship," he says "worship the Father." But, he does say follow me. Worshipping someone is a lot different than following them. Following them requires a much more intimate relationship with the person, it requires a better understanding of who they are and what they do. Therefore, becoming a disciple of Jesus requires a lifetime. Just knowing what He said is not enough, we must also learn to live as He lived. That is impossible for us without the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are in the season of Easter and that one act of willingness to give one's life for others is not part of our playbook without the power of the Spirit changing us to look for the best of others first and ourselves last. Jesus gave His life for us on the cross and rose on the third day to give us the promise of

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

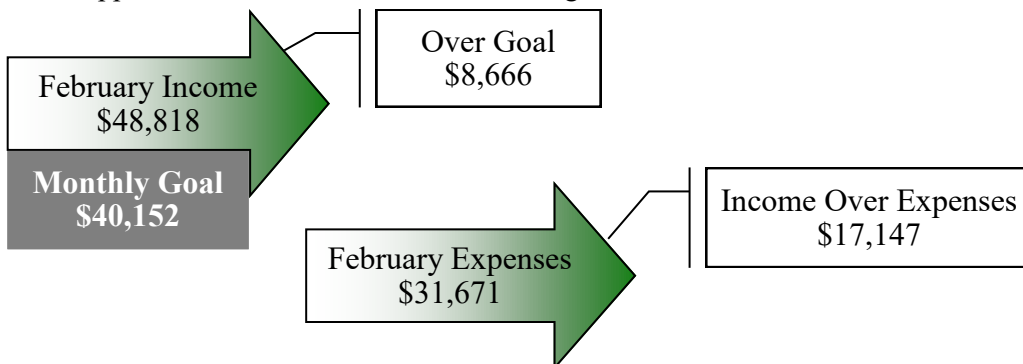
7 Nancy & Gene Burgess
 10 Kurt & Sue Erlenbach
 11 Pat & Sara Coniglio
 17 Dale & Donna Mays



2 Dot Hudson	12 Ann Thompson	23 Barbara Scarborough
3 Don Worner	12 Imogene Smith	24 Bernie Coveney
4 Ann Kennedy	12 Keneisha Jeanty	26 Nancy Clough
4 Red Honaker	16 Bill Walls	28 Kathy Owens
7 Susan Russell	17 Chuck Caro	30 Bill Page
8 Kendell St. Jean	18 Florence Llewellyn	30 Judy Brooks
11 Joan Headlough	19 Jackie Mooney	

The Church's Budgeted Finances

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.



The budget for 2021 is **\$481,820** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$40,152 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all feeling the financial pinch. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and even the current storm we are in.

Thank you for your loving generosity in keeping this church operating!



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overcoming death and the grave. Not only did He do it but he bids us to do the same; to give our lives for others, even if that means a physical death as we see in Paul and most of the Apostles. We are in a race. Our Wesleyan Armenian theology teaches us we are going forward to something more than a simple salvation from hell; we are going to perfection in love in this life. We are running a race that is long and difficult—it requires our best effort and training. It requires us to focus on the goal, developing wholeness and grace in our lives in the here and now not what happens when we die.

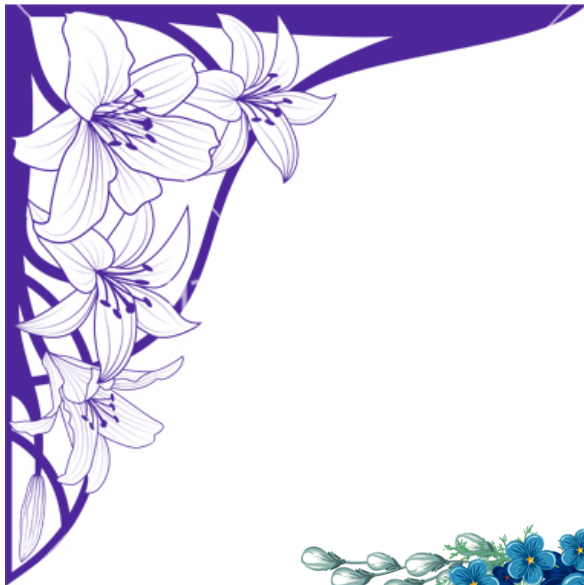
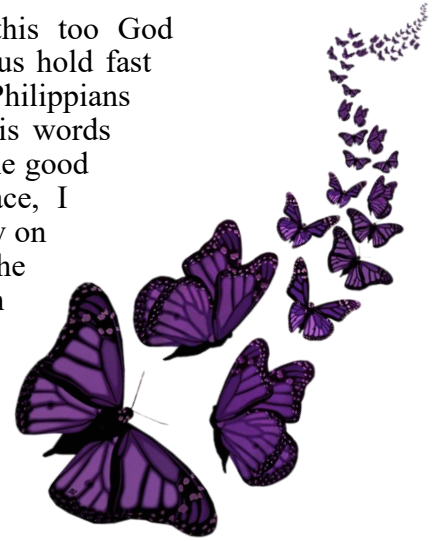
I am reminded of Paul's words to the church at Philippi: "Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think

differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained." Philippians 3:12-15 NRSV. Likewise, his words to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8 NRSV

Jesus calls us to a life of service, of giving ourselves away without seeking recognition or reward. Let's keep running!

Pastor Wayne



EASTER
SUNRISE
SERVICE

7 am
Marina Park
(located by the dog park and boat docks)
Bring your own chair

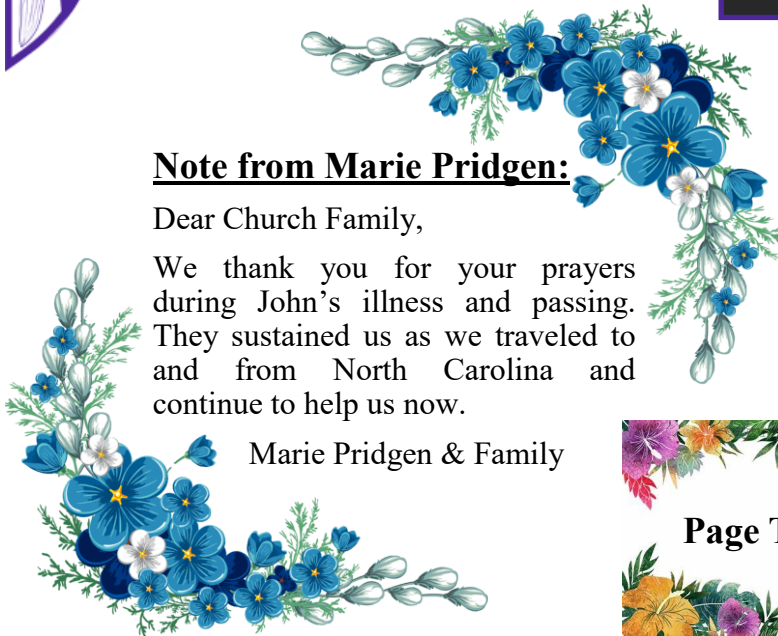
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Note from Marie Pridgen:

Dear Church Family,

We thank you for your prayers during John's illness and passing. They sustained us as we traveled to and from North Carolina and continue to help us now.

Marie Pridgen & Family



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1. Not Slothful in business; _____ in spirit; serving the Lord. . . Romans 12:11
2. Rejoicing in hope; patient in _____; continuing instant prayer. Romans 12:12
3. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to _____. Romans 12:13
4. Bless them which _____ you; bless and curse not. Romans 12:14
5. Rejoice with them that do _____, and weep with them that weep. Romans 12:15
6. Be of the same _____ one toward another. Ming not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Romans 12:16a
7. Be not _____ in your own conceits. Romans 12:16b
8. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things _____ in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17
9. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live _____ with all men. Romans 12:18
10. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, _____ is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19
11. Therefore if thine enemy _____, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of ire on his head. Romans 12:20
12. Be not overcome of evil, but _____ evil with good. Romans 12
13. Owe no man any thing, but to _____ one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8
14. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the _____ of the law. Romans 13:10
15. Now it is high time to _____ out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Romans 13:11
16. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of _____. Romans 13:12
17. Let us _____ honestly, as in the day. Romans 13:13
18. For none of us _____ to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Romans 14:7
19. For whether we live, we live unto the _____; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. Romans 14:8
20. As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall _____ to God. Romans 14:11

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EASTER LILIES

EASTER LILY DONATIONS TO FLUMC CHILDREN'S HOME

As with our Christmas poinsettias, we are giving donations raised for Easter lilies to the FLUMC Children's home. Instead of physical lilies, you will receive a card to send to the person you are honoring. A listing of the honoree or memorial will be printed in the May newsletter along with your name if you choose.

Please complete this form and return it to the church office with your donation of \$10 or more. Make checks payable to FUMC and indicate "Lilies" in the memo section.

Final date to contribute and be listed in the newsletter is April 11th.

Name: _____

Quantity being donated: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

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____ *I would like a card to share with the honoree*

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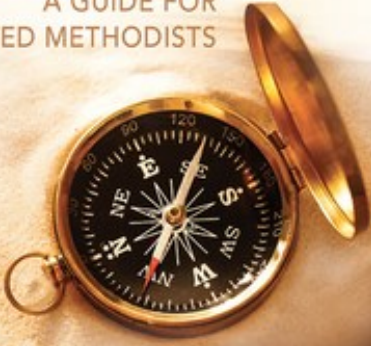
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A DISCIPLE'S PATH

A GUIDE FOR
UNITED METHODISTS

DAILY WORKBOOK



This 6-week Disciples Path Book Study helps us grow as disciples through the lens of our United Methodist membership vows.

Start Date: April 13th @ 10am

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

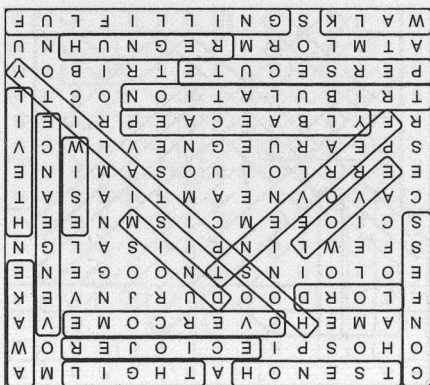
You can place your book order (\$21) through the church office at [321-269-7631](tel:321-269-7631). Books ordered through the church must be paid for in advance.

Go to our [website](#) to sign up for the study and choose whether you would like to attend online or in-person.

Live-Streamed Services

Every Sunday @ 10am

If you can't be here in person, you can catch the Sunday morning live streams on our [Facebook](#) page and on our [Youtube](#) through your computer, phone, or tablet. If you miss the live stream, the video will still be available to watch at your convenience. We look forward to having you there! Say hello in the comment sections and let everyone know that God and our communion with Christ and each other exists even beyond the four walls of our church sanctuary!



Solution for puzzle on pg. 4.

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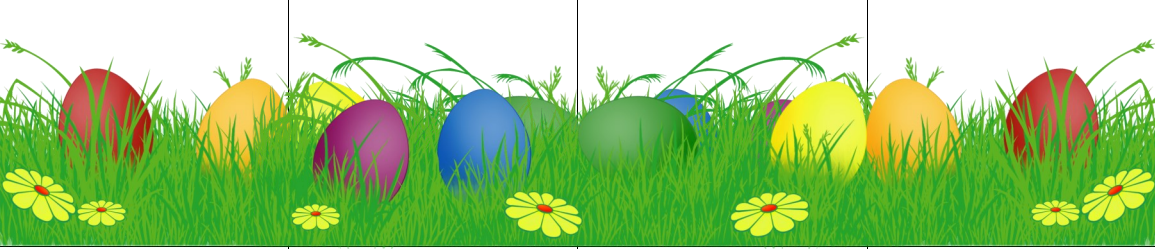





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Holy Thursday 	2 Good Friday 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry 	3 Holy Saturday 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 
4 Easter 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Online 	5 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	6 7:15am Rotary Club Meeting 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal	7 9:00am Patchwork Friends 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Vivos Vocos Rehearsal	8 10:00am Retired Teachers Mtg.	9 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	10 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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