



MESSENGER

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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AUGUST 2021



Bob Dylan wrote a song in 1963 titled “The Times They Are A-Changin.” The lyrics speak to different persons about what is happening around them and how they have to adapt and change in order to keep from being left behind and thus becoming irrelevant. I don’t think any of us really want to be irrelevant and I know all of us will to some extent.

However, it’s one thing to be irrelevant on some topics and a totally different situation to be irrelevant on others. For example, when I was a kid the old timers had all manner of home remedies for all manner of physical issues and diseases. I remember the day I slammed my finger in the car door. My finger was smashed flat and was bleeding a bit. It was obvious that the nail would fall off and the bone in the last joint was crushed. My Granny told my dad to take me to the store up the road and run kerosene over it to take out the swelling and stop the pain. He did but it didn’t do anything but make me stink. We all need to keep up



with advances in medicine and society to be able to continue to understand and communicate with others. What we don’t need to do is to abandon our past, what we have learned, and what we have known in order to move forward. Neither do we need to try to understand our past in our current situation. The past occurred in context and in order to understand the past correctly, we must examine it in context or we are missing the boat. Likewise, we must examine the present in its own context,

not the context of the past. Realizing, understanding, and appreciating the context enables us to look to the future. It helps us to imagine what the future may be like, what changes might be in progress, and how we as people can and should adjust to that possible future.

In their book *Contextual Intelligence*, Leonard Sweet and Michael Beck point out, “We drive forward using as a rearview mirror God’s question to Hagar in the wilderness: ‘Where have you come from, and where are you going?’ Honing this skill of hindsight/insight/foresight triangulation allows us to do time, not to let time do us.” (169) Sweet and Beck are pointing us to understand that we have to understand what is behind us in its context, what is around us in our context, and what we imagine or perceive to be before us in its context. We are to live in the moment that is not the moment we want. You don’t have to like or accept it, but failure to live in this moment makes us unable to speak to people already living in this moment because we are using language that is outdated in our society. I know that statement will illicit the response, “They need to learn our ways, our language, and our worship habits,” but if we are honest, we know they (whoever they are) don’t understand old contexts and aren’t really interested in them. The key is telling the story in new ways and meeting people where they are rather than waiting for them to come to us.

One of our former District Superintendents shared a story that happened following Hurricane Andrew. One of the Miami UM Churches went out to hard hit areas and handed out water...just handed it out: no conversation, no asking questions, not praying with others—they just gave them bottles of water. The following Sunday, the congregation was amazed and upset that no one they gave water to came to worship. They didn’t understand the context and only gave to receive. They expected the people to whom they gave the water to appreciate the gift and respond in like manner by attending. They did not understand the context in which they were working; they didn’t take the time to look at times in their past when they were hurting and in need and ask what they had needed and how they would have liked for others to respond or appreciate the situation (context) in which they were operating.

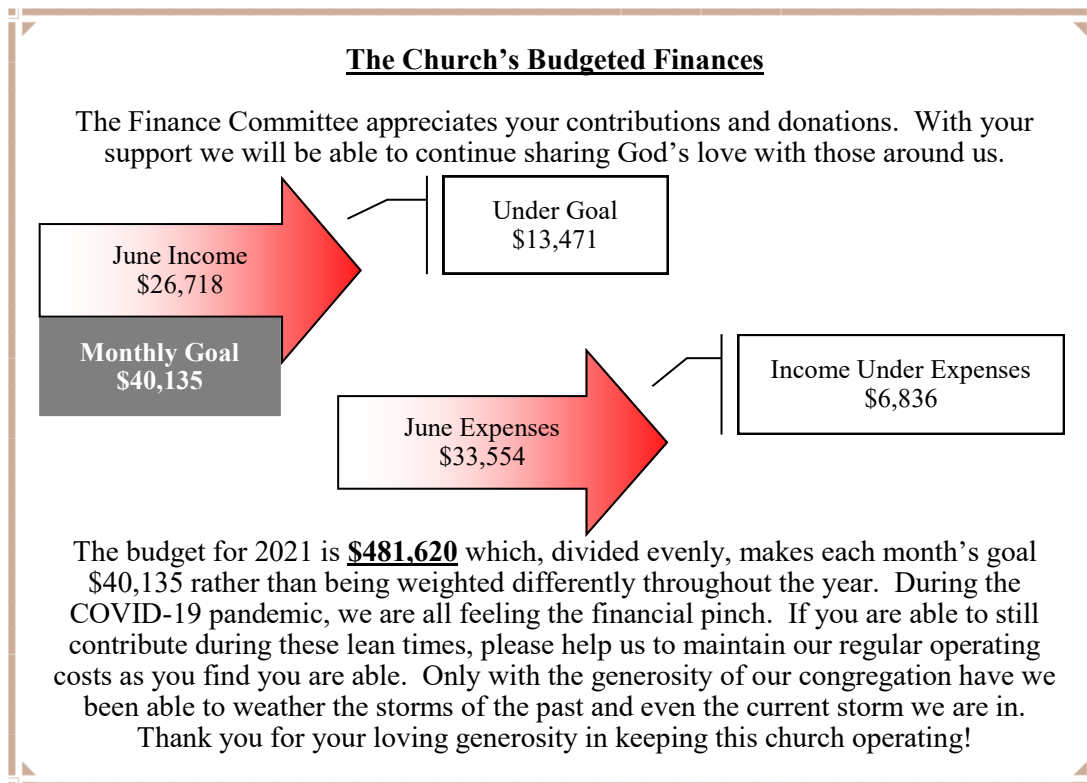
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August Birthdays

7 Joy Brady	22 Sue Whitson
10 Patty Mooney-Hildebrand	24 Eva Jenkins
15 Nancy Boffo	25 Jan Gilreath
19 Carol Henn	26 Carole Copeland
19 Linda Wilson	27 Trudy Metzger
21 Caroline Sandusky	28 Gary Pittman
22 Brett Clark	29 Jonah Thomas
22 Rita Clark	31 Peggy Moyer

August Anniversaries

8 Paul & Beverly Marsh	23 John & Carol Stephens
10 Larry & Jan Gilreath	24 Jackie & Imogene Smith
17 Duane & Nancy Torneden	28 Billy & Ruth White
18 Bill & Natalie Walls	28 Michael & Nancy Boffo
20 Michael & Jennifer Evans	31 George & Fan Nolan



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AMY ADAMS
 BRUCE DERN
 CAREY MULLIGAN
 CATE BLANCHETT
 HELEN HUNT

HELEN MIRREN
 HUGH JACKMAN
 JAMES CAMERON
 JEFF BRIDGES
 JEREMY RENNER

LEE DANIELS
 MATT DAMON
 MERYL STREEP
 NAOMI WATTS
 TOMMY LEE JONES



Illustrated by Katie Howe

All Will Be Well

—*Mary Bowley Peters (1813-1856)*

Through the Love of God our Savior,
All will be well;
Free and changeless is His favor:
All, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation,
All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation;
All, all is well.

Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful, in in Christ abiding,
Holy through the Spirit's guiding,
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow;
All will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow,
All, all is well.
On our Father's love relying,
Jesus every need supplying,
Or in living, or in dying,
All must be well.

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Where have we come from? How and why was our congregation formed? What challenges did those originators face? To understand who we are and what we do, we must know where we come from. We must understand how to reach others for Christ. We must understand where they are and where we are going.

I would love for us to look at our long past and ask those questions of who, what, and why and then look around us to see where we can find the keys to where we are going and how we will get there. In Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland* there is an interesting conversation between Alice and the Cheshire Cat:

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where—" said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

"—so long as I get SOMEWHERE," Alice added as an explanation.

"Oh, you're sure to do that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."

Let's remember where we have been, understand where we are, and know where we want to go.

Blessings,

Pastor Wayne



FOUR-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

footnotes*

*Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters

JULIE LYLES CARR

Foot Notes Bible Study

We hear a lot about some of the “big” names in the Bible. Moses. Mary. Paul. But what about those who have a small mention, or whose names aren’t even known? What might they have to teach us about the faith journey? *Footnotes Bible Study* is a unique four-week study that introduces us to some people who are just a brief blip on the screen of the Bible timeline, just a footnote in biblical story. As we journey through this four-week study, you will be inspired by the backstories of these people of faith who show us that even minor players can teach major lessons.

When: Tuesdays at 4pm
August 17th – September 7th

Where: Fellowship Hall

Lead by: Lauren Good

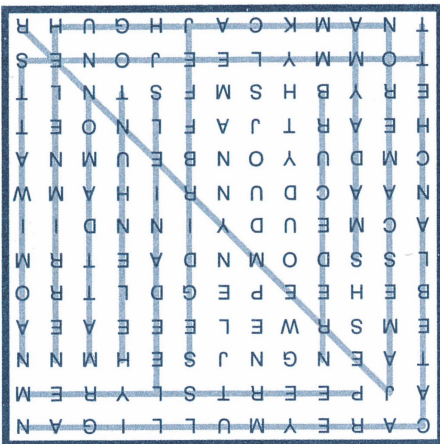
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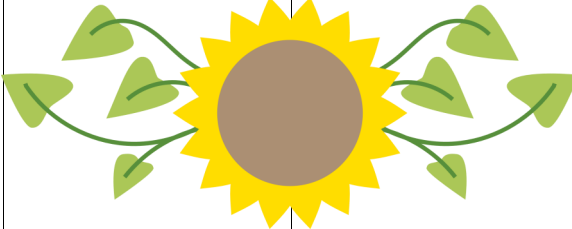
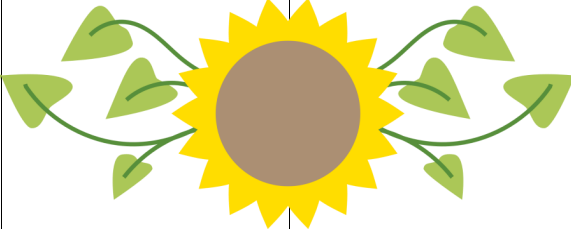
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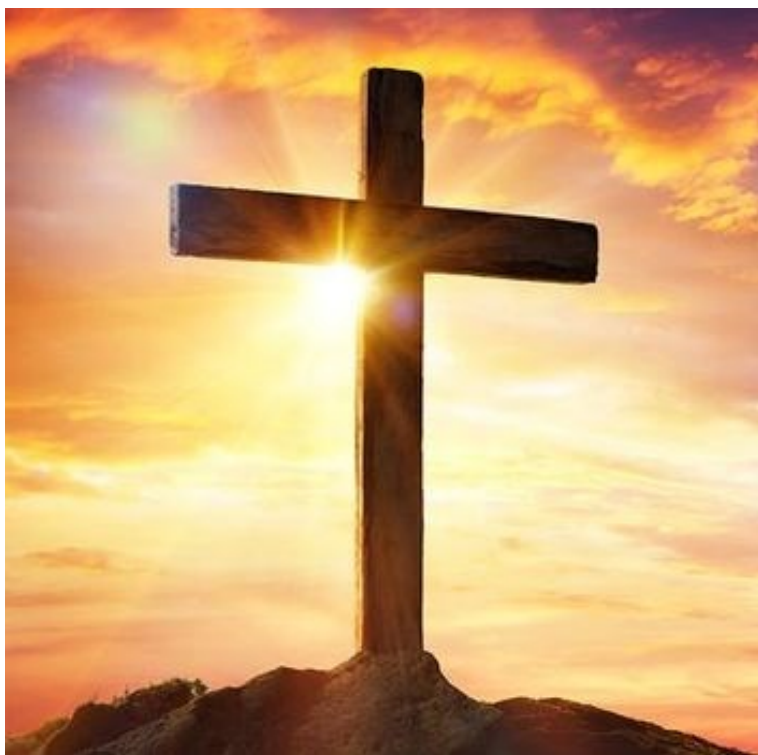


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