



MESSENGER



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TITUSVILLE
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MAY 2021

In Esther 4:13-14 (CEB) Mordecai says to Esther, “Don’t think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you’ll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don’t speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family.” Other versions state the last words as “For such a time as this.” We have been living in a difficult time over the last year; a time we would have avoided given the opportunity. Have we considered that we are where we are for just this time. The political world has been a mess and has created division even in families and between couples. The health world has been a mess of do this or that and then don’t do the same thing. We have been living in a society rocked by fear of political change and

illness. But we have been born and live for such a time as this. I keep hearing people say “I just want to go back to normal,” but was our pre-pandemic version of normal working? It may have been working for some but it certainly hasn’t been working for all. This is apparent in the church in our country and in many others. Recent Barna Group research indicates that for the first time less than 50% of Americans are involved in a formal religious group— it’s important to realize that this refers to any religion, not just Christianity. Less than 1 in 2 people participate in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship. If we are honest, we know that it’s probably far worse than the 48% who claimed they do because we know there are people who exaggerate about being involved because they don’t want to be embarrassed. As I see it, it’s frightening that so few people are associated with a house of worship. Even more frightening: of the 48%, it’s likely many only participate in worship a few times a year.

So why would we want to go back to normal when normal is what has brought us to this



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Pastor's Podium

Note from Apollo

Pastor Wayne & FUMC,

Thank you for all the food, clothes for the mom and kids, and toys for the Apollo family of the apartment fire. The children will love all the new clothes and food! Mom was so appreciative of all the items and for including clothes for her, too! She is healing from surgery and this was an extra blessing in a low time. Thank you for your kindness and for being so generous!

Love,
Apollo Elementary



EASTER LILY COLLECTION

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to raise \$2, 616.50 for the United Methodist Children's Home and \$1,891.50 for our sister church in Cuba through the Easter lily collection and Easter Offering.

The Easter lily contributions to the UM Children's Home were given:

in memory of

Bill Adair
Merle Ahrens
Curtis & Norine Coleman
Chuck & Sara Franz
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gustason
Robert Hudson
Metta Lyons
Richard D. Mays
Ted & Sally
John Nelson, Jr.
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Parents of Ed & Ingrid Patterson
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in honor of

John Adair
Children & Grandchildren of Bill & Kitty Baldwin
Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Cook
Laura, Ella, & Ava Craig
Beth & Matt Driscoll
Berneda Hill
Homeless veterans/NVHS
Rev. & Mrs. David Leonard
Ryan, Valerie, Jacob, & Everly Nolan
Children & Grandchildren of Bill & Natalie Walls



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Bill & Kitty Baldwin
20 Richard & Florence Llewellyn

MAY BIRTHDAYS

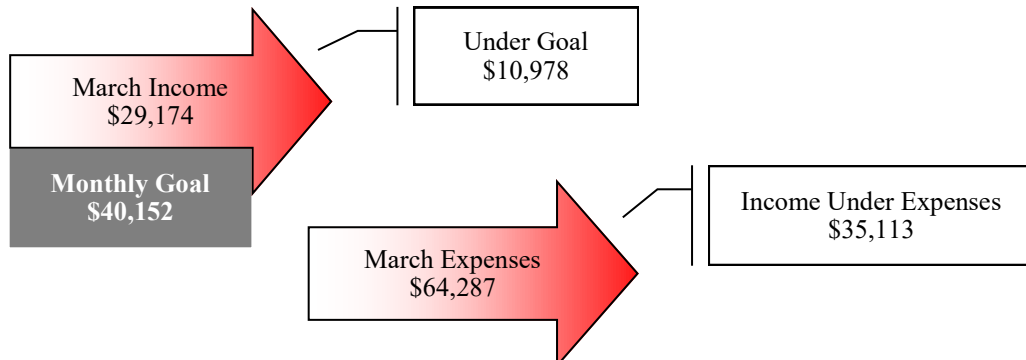
1 Henry Jenkins
4 RoAnne Damoff
4 Mary Stamps
4 Carol Stephens
7 Aaron Mays
7 Jackie Smith
8 Barbara Leech

10 Tom Trovillion
13 Grace Barron
15 Paulette Powell
16 Hal Row
21 Les Owens
21 Carolyn Winn
23 Tom Hammond

24 Vic Boodhoo
24 Marion Brady
27 Reba Howington
28 Angie Messer
28 Catherine Spencer
29 Richard Llewellyn
31 Joe Kendall, Sr.

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!

place? Why would we want to participate in a system that is effective less than half the time in bringing people to God? There is a common statement that says the system or process you have is perfectly designed to create the outcome you are getting. In other words, what churches have been doing is perfectly designed to attract less than 1 in 2 people to God.

We are hopefully nearing the end of the COVID crisis and I was taught in college to never waste a good crisis. We waste a crisis when we fail to learn from it and to find something in it that makes us better people, better at what we do, more knowledgeable, or wiser. In Isaiah 43:19 (CEB) God speaks through the prophet telling us "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." The ironic part of this is God is always doing new things...it is humans who get stuck in the normal or the way we have always done it.

There was a time when people retired and moved to Florida and immediately sought out a church that had the brand they attended back home. Those days are

over. People move south now who have never been to church and know nothing about church except maybe that is where people get married and buried. Sadly, I am being serious here. So we have to do a new thing; we have to offer places for them to serve and to become a part of the community and they grow in faith. We are on the edge of an exciting new world that has more opportunities to make disciples than at any time since the birth of Jesus. How will we accomplish the task? I don't actually know, but I know we start with prayer. So I am asking that we all join in prayer that God will move us to embrace new ways of being a church to the community—ways of reaching out and making relationships with people in the community. I know God has a great plan for FUMC Titusville; I don't want us to miss the new thing God is doing because we are clinging to the old ways of doing church. We want to cling to the risen Christ as he leads us across the street and into a new world.

Paster Wayne

What do we mean by resurrection?

www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-do-we-mean-by-resurrection



Metaphors for resurrection are often found in nature. Image by zhugher, courtesy of Pixabay.

United Methodists affirm the Christian belief in the resurrection of the dead. Our doctrinal statements express this directly.

We affirm the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

"Christ did truly rise again from the dead, and took again his body, with all things appertaining to the perfection of man's nature"
([Article III, Articles of Religion](#)).

We affirm the resurrection of all people who have ever died.

"We believe all men stand under the righteous judgment of Jesus Christ, both now and in the last day. We believe in the resurrection of the dead; the righteous to life eternal and the wicked to endless condemnation" ([Article XII, Confession of Faith](#)).

What exactly do we believe about resurrection? Or, put more directly, what is resurrection?

It is important to begin with what resurrection is not. Resurrection is not the resuscitation of a person who had previously died. Resurrection is not like zombies pushing their way out of graves and tombs and roaming the streets in hordes. Resurrection does not make people or bodies "undead."

Resurrection makes people truly, fully, and completely alive.

In I Corinthians 15, the most extensive discussion of the traits of resurrection in the New Testament, Paul indicates resurrection does not involve the physical body that was buried, but rather a spiritual body. While this newly created spiritual body is still "us" in some way, ultimately it is very different and full of far greater potential than what came before.

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*"What is sown is perishable,
what is raised is imperishable.
It is sown in dishonor,
it is raised in glory.
It is sown a physical body,
it is raised a spiritual body"
(I Corinthians 15:42b-44, NRSV).*

What is also important to keep in mind is the meaning of the term resurrection within Christian theology, and especially Christian eschatology (understanding of the last or ultimate things). Resurrection describes a form of life that is not of this present age, but rather of the age to come. The spiritual body is a new creation just as is the "new heaven and new earth" described in Revelation 21:1:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." (NRSV).

This newly created spiritual body is created for thriving on the new earth in the new creation.

So, what does all of this mean for us now?

We can take comfort that no matter what time and decay do to our physical bodies, it is not in their physical condition that we have hope. Our hope is in the One who raised Jesus from the dead, and whose resurrection body is the first example of what ours will be, when we, too, are raised at the last day.

We can understand that neither efforts to preserve flesh destined to decay nor cremation or organ donation hinders what God will do in resurrection. Understanding the nature of resurrection helps us put any unfounded fears aside when making choices that honor our beloved dead.

At the same time, it gives us opportunity to think carefully about what it means that even these bodies are called "a temple of the Holy Spirit" in this life (I Corinthians 6:19, NRSV). The body to come is spiritual through and through. But even now, as we await the promise of resurrection, this flesh is capable of housing the divine. So while we live, we are called to treat our bodies with reverence — our own and that of every neighbor.

"For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

(I Corinthians 15:22, Book of Common Prayer, 1979)

Even now, in Christ we are new creations. We experience the promise of life beyond death, as well as the [promise of new beginnings in our present life](#). And we experience a foretaste here and now of the fullness of resurrection in the age to come when God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4, CEB)

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When should you call hospice?

It helps to get another point of view.

When someone you love is seriously ill, small but important changes that develop slowly are easy to miss. Ask someone who has not seen your loved one for awhile to tell you about changes they notice today. Or call VITAS® Healthcare. We are happy to discuss questions and concerns about your loved one, or arrange for a hospice evaluation.

Call VITAS if you notice any of the following changes:

Overall

- Increased hospital or doctor visits
- Sleeping more in the daytime or difficulty sleeping at night
- More problems moving around than before
- Medications that were previously effective no longer work
- Frequent urinary tract or respiratory infections

Appetite/Weight

- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite, eating less than before
- Nausea/vomiting
- Keeping food in mouth or choking on food when swallowing. Note: Food held in the mouth may cause choking or aspiration pneumonia.
- Clothes have become too big; more holes needed in belt; dentures loose

Breathing

- Shortness of breath
- Increased shortness of breath or fatigue with minimal activity

Incontinence

- Needing adult undergarments
- Soiling themselves or the bed when this did not occur before

Pain

- New or unexplained pain; worse pain than before
- Moaning, pulling away or frowning of the brow when moved or touched

Weakness

- Falling more often or for the first time
- Problems getting up from the chair or bed
- Change in ability to do basic grooming: showering, brushing teeth, getting out of night clothes

Wounds





- New or unexplained wounds
- Wounds that are oozing or have a noticeable odor

Psychological

- Increasing confusion or new confusion
- Increasing combativeness or new aggression
- Becoming withdrawn and less involved

May 2021

First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	3 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	4 7:15am Rotary Club Meeting 10:00am Disciple Book Study 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal	5 9:00am Patchwork Friends 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Vivos Vocos Rehearsal	6 Nat'l Day of Prayer 	7 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	1 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 8 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
9 Mother's Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 	10 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	11 7:15am Rotary Club Meeting 10:00am Disciple Book Study 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal 1:00pm Staff Meeting	12 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Vivos Vocos Rehearsal	13 Ascension Day 10:00am Retired Teachers Mtg. 5:30pm Leadership Team Mtg. 	14 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	15 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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23 Pentecost 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 	24 11:00am Virus-Side Chat	25 7:15am Rotary Club Meeting 10:00am Disciple Book Study 10:00am Joyful Noise Rehearsal	26 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 6:00pm Vivos Vocos Rehearsal	27 1:30pm Stop Gap (Harry T. Moore Ctr.)	28 11:00am Virus-Side Chat 1-3:00pm Food Pantry	29 7:30am UMM Breakfast 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	30 Memorial Day — Office Closed — 					



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