

SMOKE SIGNAL



March 2020 Newsletter

Burnt Factory
United Methodist Church
Stephenson, Virginia 22646
C. Steven Melester, Pastor

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:~
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST WITH ALL PEOPLE

*"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN."* ~

MATTHEW 5:16



For you who may be unfamiliar with the "church liturgical calendar," the season of Lent is a forty-day season of preparation (not counting Sundays) that helps the believer take stock of their discipleship. It is a time when the follower of Christ contemplates, as fully as one can, what our Lord did on the cross for us and for the world. It is a time of personal reflection as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter. The forty days are reminiscent of the forty days our Lord spent in the wilderness before he began his earthly ministry and mission.

As Jesus fasted during his forty days in the desert; we too, are to consider giving up something during this time. It has become fashionable to give up something like candy, soda, or Facebook. That is okay, but I recommend that we all consider, perhaps a deeper, more poignant sacrifice. As we all reflect on our sin and on whether our devotion and commitment to Jesus is where it should be, perhaps we should consider giving up:

Fear of failure -- Feelings of Unworthiness -- Impatience -- Judgment -- People Pleasing --

Comparison -- Blame -- Guilt -- Impurity -- Entitlement -- Apathy -- Negativity -- Bitterness?

You know friends, we are to give up something, we are to fast, so that God can fill the empty spaces in our soul and spirit! I pray that we all take time in this special season of the church year to experience a true Lenten season and may God fill you with hope, faith, charity, generosity, clarity, peace, assurance, compassion, confidence, purpose, gratitude, humility and love!!!

*Grace & Peace,
Pastor Steve*

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me!"

Down the Worship Road _ _ _ _ _

During the month of March, we will be exploring the wonderful, rich and challenging stories found in the Gospel of John. As we travel together on this journey of Lent, let us gather to worship with a renewed anticipation of just where and how, the Holy Spirit is going to move within our hearts. God bless you and keep you!

MARCH

- March 8 - John 3: 1-17
- March 15 - John 4: 5-26
- March 22 - John 9: 1-25
- March 29 - John 11: 17-27, 32-44

LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL

- April 5 - Combination Service of Palm/Passion Sunday
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 (Holy Communion)
- April 10 - Good Friday Services held at 3:00 and 7:00
- April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY "Son" rise Service @ 6:30
(Held @ the upper parking area)
Breakfast @ 7:00
Services at 8:30 and 11:00



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Chubby Weir
Donna Bonjo
- 3rd Melanie Melester
Ezra Cisneros
- 4th Greg Bigler
- 6th Logan Clemons
Nicholas Wagoner
- 7th Charly Winter
Gary Dixon
- 9th Johnny Morrison
Ariella Cisneros
- 10th Joy Melvin
- 12th Tara Flinchum
- 14th Gavin Tran
- 15th Ben Perrault
Katie Moss
Ed Simmers
- 16th Boo Snider
Jack Mowery
- 20th Rennie Earhart
Tyler Beaver
Millie Hood
- 24th Casey Heinlein
- 25th Beth Beaver
- 27th Carter Gerometta
- 28th Joe Hulver
- 29th Charlie Woods
- 31st Jordan Clemons
Cynthia Ward

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March 14 ~ Ray & Frances Taylor

March 17 ~ Chubby & Helen Weir

March 25 ~ Ed & Deanna Simmers



If you would like to have you and your family's names in the birthday and anniversary list of the newsletter, just let me know and I'll be glad to add everyone.

Just give me the names and birth day (no year necessary) and the anniversary day (also no year necessary).

Charly

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Pastor Steve is offering the sacrament of **Baptism** on the Sundays of **March 15th and 22nd**. Please contact him if you wish to participate in this holy event.

March 2020 Faith Community Nurse Article

Families and Lent



Lent is the holy time we celebrate that begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th and leads up to Easter Sunday. It lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) representing the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. It is time to think about the life we can give to others and the ways we can share Jesus' love with each other and with other people. When we give the gift of ourselves through caring, we are like Jesus because He gave Himself to us. Lent can be a time when we strengthen our families through caring and giving. Some suggestions for giving and caring that you may want to include this Lenten season include:

- *Greet family members with a hug when they come home from work or school*
- *Help another person with his/her work*
- *Have a family night with children planning the menu and the activity*
- *Have each parent spend some time alone with each child*
- *Make cleaning a family project*
- *Play a game with a family member*
- *Visit someone who is lonely or sick*
- *Write a letter to an elderly person in your congregation*

With every family member's help, Lent can be a time when your family grows closer, more loving and more caring.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11*

Wishing you an abundantly healthy and joyfully blessed year!!

Theresa

You can reach me at any time by e-mail at tgilbert@afpdocs.com or theresa.h.seddon@gmail.com or by phone at (540) 247-5612.

As your Faith Community Nurse, I am here to serve as a bridge to better health, meeting the wholistic healing mission of the church by partnering with the Pastor as a healer of the spirit, mind and body.





Hearts of Grace Caregiver Support Group

Contact: Debbie Walker
Email: dswalker1@yahoo.com
(540)664-0908 Cell / (540)667-6711 Home

Tues. March 10th 7:00
Faithseekers Room Downstairs

As you may have heard, Burnt Factory is starting a new ministry for caregivers. I have been a caregiver myself. My husband Rick and I cared for Mom 18 years, with 15 of those years with dementia/Alzheimer's. So, I know all the feelings you are experiencing. You probably struggle with anger/frustration, anxiety/fear, depression/sadness, guilt and grief.

We will have our first gathering on Tues. March 10th @ 7:00 pm, in the Faithseekers Room. I look forward to our time of sharing and caring. Hearts of Grace provides an opportunity for people to share personal experiences and feelings, gather helpful information and be in a nurturing fellowship with other caregivers, just like you.

Caregivers are all around. Your neighbors, your co-workers, and your friends. You!! Caregivers may be parents of a child with disability or special needs, adults with mentally ill or disabled friends, or adults with aging, sick, or dying parents. Still others provide care as part of their job. Caregiving will affect most of our lives in some way, whether we find ourselves on the giving or receiving end.

As Christians living like Jesus, who loves so graciously and generously, we have a clear call to love and care for others. That kind of life glorifies our heavenly Father and reflects the love of the ultimate Caregiver, Jesus Christ. He promises to guide us, supplying us with the strength, wisdom, compassion, stamina, and joy we need for our journey as a caregiver.

(Jesus said,) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.
John 13:14-15

The circumstances and demands of caregivers are varied. While each situation is unique, as a caregiver, you could likely describe your life as:

very blessed, but craving time to rest; some days thriving but, at times, just surviving; emotionally spent, though often content; sometimes struggling with guilt to the hilt; learning on the go, wanting to be in the know; desperate for respite when embattled and rattled; always trying, often sighing, and sometimes crying; defeating the blues with your Savior's Good News; embracing God's forgiveness and grace every day, every place.

Unless you work as a paid, trained caregiver, your call was likely unplanned and a major interruption that changed most aspects of your life. Some respond to this call like Moses, Jeremiah, or Jonah, all of whom resisted God's will. Others echo the psalmists, who cried out to God with defeated, overwhelmed, or fearful hearts. Some respond like Isaiah, reluctant at first, but then declaring, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8). And others may realize, like Esther, that they are exactly where they need to be (Esther 4:14). In all those examples, God supplied untrained, unsuspecting men and women with the strength, grace, and ability to serve. He'll do the same for you.

Thank you for living God's call to care, serve, and love just as Christ loves, serves, and cares for you. Throughout your journey, trust the Holy Spirit to provide real-life encouragement from God's word, his people, and from this group.

*Grace and Blessings on your Path -
Debbie Walker*



United Methodist Women

We just had our February meeting on the 20th with 17 members and two guests. Thanks to Kathy Dixon and Jani Shope for providing delicious refreshments. Doris Duvall had our annual Call to Prayer program, lifting up names of missionaries in foreign lands who are working with those in their area to eradicate the problems that plague those women and children. We were given a card to help us keep their needs before us. At each meeting we choose names and pray for missionaries both near and far who are listed in the UMW Prayer Calendar. Each person at the meeting prays for that name and sends an e-mail on their birthdays.

Gwen Callahan surprised us with donating a couple of handmade items. The lucky recipients were Regina Baldwin and Carol Delauter!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE UPDATES ON OUR MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH:

April 16, with Susan Hyatt as hostess (someone want to help her?) and Debbie Walker program leader.

June 11, with Susie Gerometta and Martha Ludtke, hostesses and Jani Shope trying to get a leader from Camp Fantastic involved in our meeting as we hope our youth will help us put the finishing touches on some blankets that will be offered to Camp Fantastic – mainly tying the ends. It's a fun project! We want to know more about this special camp for children with cancer.

August 20, with Donna Gallagher and Debbie Walker as hostesses and we are looking for a program leader.

October 15, with Anne Kackley, Christina Rohrbach and Theresa Gilbert as hostesses. The program will be our Annual Pledge Service with Anne Perrault. We can also fit in a program during this meeting along with the pledge service.

December 10 with hostesses Regina Baldwin and Carol Delauter. We're looking for a program leader!

We sent donations to several of the organizations we support each year, mainly CCAP, Laurel Center, Abba Care, Evans Home, Special Love (Camp Fantastic), and ARC. We sent a donation to Project Esperanza in December.

We had our UMW Ministry Board on display Sunday, February 23rd in the Narthex, along with Project Esperanza news. We welcomed interested worshippers who checked out what UMW is all about!

We are encouraging our members to read books in the library under the UMW Reading Program umbrella. Some of us will look at the website and see what sounds interesting. Perhaps we can add some interesting reading to our library.

The District Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, March 7th, at the Clarion Inn. We have 16 or 17 who will attend. We are looking forward to hearing Dr. David Johns, President of Ferrum College. Music will be provided by Refuge UMC. Always a morning filled with good food, good fellowship, good speaker and good music!! Donations of gift cards for Target and Walmart will be welcome to support local mission work in the Winchester District and Virginia.

Diana reminded us of the Women's Retreat at the Blessings Lodge September 25-27. More on that will be forthcoming.

Blessings, Polly Duvall, president

Minister of Children Corner



Children's Ministries Bible Literacy Program

We are going to "MARCH" forward into Bible Literacy in 2020. We are starting a Kidz Bible Club in which the children, who desire to participate, will be assigned a scripture to memorize. The children will recite that scripture to me on Sundays, or other evening services or special events, and they will earn Bible Bucks. Packets will come home with them on the first Sunday in March that will give guidelines and helps for parents to work with the children on memorizing their scriptures. On the second Sunday of each month during the Sunday School hour we will have in class Kidz Bible Club programs. The children will be involved in activities that will help them memorize and go deeper with their scriptures. The children will earn random Bible Bucks throughout the year by bringing their Bibles to church, pointing out the scriptures in the Bible, and memorizing the Books of the Bible. There will be many other opportunities to earn Bible Bucks as well. Three times a year I will bring out a Bible Bucks store in which the children can spend their "bucks" and purchase some cool stuff, like Bible covers, toys, jewelry etc. After they learn their scriptures they will "graduate" from that scripture and will earn something cool, then be issued another scripture to learn!

I am really excited to get the children excited about growing closer to God and His Word!! Please note that if a child DOES NOT have a Bible of their own, PLEASE let me know. Every child should have a Bible of their own to read, love, and grow.

REMINDERS: Children's Choirs

March 1 - Little Singers 4:30-5 - Children's Choir 5-5:30

March 15 - Little Singers 4:30-5 - Children's Choir 5-5:30

***PLEASE NOTE:** The Children's Wing can get very congested during transition times. For the SAFETY AND SECURITY of all children in our wing, we must only allow **parents and approved volunteers** in the children's wing. If someone needs to discuss something with Carrie or Emily, please wait for us in our office and we will meet with you after dismissal, as we are trying to keep children safe. Children being dismissed from Nursery and PRE-K rooms will only be allowed to leave with a parent or guardian.

Thank you,

Carrie Fair -Minister of Children and Youth

Emily Cisneros—Nursery Manager



Minister of Youth Corner

ACTS 29: WE ARE THE NEXT CHAPTER

We had fourteen people go to play Paintball on Sunday February 23! We literally had a blast! I was very blessed to have Abigail Fahringer and Tyler Darr as my young adult helpers, and Glen Fair to take pictures of all the action. If you really want to get to know someone, take them paintballing with you! You get to see a side of them you never knew! I loved getting to have fun with the youth! We left with some bruises, but we also left with a lot of fun in our hearts!

March 8 will be our regular meeting. 5-7pm and the Overby's are providing dinner for us!

March 22 we will be participating in a Progressive Dinner. We will visit three houses for appetizers, main course, then dessert. 5-7:30 pm. Note the time change so we can spend some extra time at the congregant's homes. More information to come as we get closer to the date!

April 5 Regular Meeting 5-7pm

We are in our most active and busy time of the year! If have a testimony or a special talent you would like to talk about with an amazing group of teens, we'd love to have you speak at one of our meetings!

Peace and Blessings, Carrie Fair—Minister of Children and Youth!

Meet and Eat Nurture Group – Signups for next session

We're looking for more people to join our Nurture Meet and Eat!!! New groups will be forming the end of March and will meet together once a month for 3 months (April, May and June). These gatherings can happen anywhere/anytime the group chooses. A meal is usually shared; and we definitely share stories and get to know others from our church in a small group atmosphere. Sign-up is from March 8th through March 22nd in the Fellowship Hall. If you are already a member of the "Meet and Eat," you will automatically be part of the next rotation and do not have to sign up again. For additional information/questions, please contact Patty Leonard: ricpat5@gmail.com or 540-664-6973.





CCAP, the Congregational-Community Action Project, is a cooperative ministry of area churches and one synagogue serving Winchester and Frederick County that have joined together to provide financial, material and supportive assistance to people in need. CCAP is located at 112 and 106 S. Kent Street.

Thank you for the generous support for our **January CCAP Day**. We collected 13 pieces of men's long underwear, 129 pairs of socks, 6 handkerchiefs, 21 pairs of underwear, 20 T-shirts and one blanket. All of these items are in such demand at CCAP.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matt.25:40

Our next CCAP collection will be for **Children's Easter Baskets** and will run March 15th through March 29th. A sample basket will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Baskets should be appropriate for children ages infant through 12 years. Please package your basket in plastic wrap and include such items as: sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump ropes, balls, small stuffed animals, matchbox cars, playdoh, books, coloring books, crayons, and markers. Please limit the amount of candy. All candy should be in its original wrapping. The baskets will be given away at CCAP on Saturday, April 4th from 8:30 – noon. Everyone is welcome to come help distribute the baskets on the 4th.

Lunch at CCAP on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Donna Gallagher's Team served 40+ CCAP clients for lunch February 16th. A BIG thanks to Jimmy Grayson for fixing the meat and to everyone who took their time to prepare food and/or serve. Our next Sunday Lunch will be served on March 15th at 12:15 at CCAP. Karen Willis will be the team lead for this meal. We would love to have more volunteers for preparing food and serving. If you would like to be part of the March meal, please contact Karen at 540-539-6989 or krwillis1@comcast.net.

The next CCAP Board meeting is Friday, March 13th at 12:30 in the main CCAP building. I attend this meeting and would love to have anyone join me who may be interested in learning more about CCAP. I can be reached at ricpat5@gmail.com or by cell at 664-6973. We are always looking for volunteers to help at CCAP. If you are interested in volunteering a few hours a week, I will be happy to share the contact information with you. Please continue to pray for the many clients of CCAP.

*Happy Spring,
Patty Leonard*

Located just over an hour from our church, Camp Overlook is a retreat center supported by the United Methodist Church. Many of our Children and Youth have participated in their Summer Camp Programs, and your church will contribute financially to help any camper who wants to go. More detailed brochures are located in the Fellowship Hall or please contact Rob Moss (ram288@comcast.net) if you have any questions. Discounts are available for early registration and/or multiple family members.



Meet God on the Mountain, www.campoverlook.org.

The Laurel Center

THEIR MISSION: To empower victims of domestic and sexual violence by providing emergency housing, advocacy, support services and education. They reach out to the community through education and awareness programs.

THEIR VISION: Working together in our community to stop the cycle of domestic and sexual violence.

Once again Burnt Factory UMC has met the needs of our community. The Laurel Center received 20 warm and soft blankets, dozens of storage containers, juices, snacks and other requested items.

Thank you for supporting the Center and its clients.

Peace & Joy
Donna Gallagher

**Keith Roberts needs your email address
for the following reasons....**

Pastor Steve has special notices he needs to send to those who attend Burnt Factory.

The notices will include not only prayer concerns, but also schedule changes during bad weather.

Keith keeps an email list in his computer for just such purposes. Your email address is protected and emails are sent, recipients not disclosed, to protect your privacy.

Kindly send your email address to Keith Roberts at john.k.roberts@comcast.net with the message:

“ADD ME TO THE CHURCH EMAIL LIST”

Thank You

**Get ready Folks, here comes some laughter
from our favorite Jokester, Buddy Willis!**



Question ~ Why are fish so bad at basketball?
Answer ~ They don't like getting close to the net!

Question ~ What is the best way to communicate with a fish?
Answer ~ Drop it a line!

Question ~ What kind of fish can perform surgery?
Answer ~ Sturgeons!

Thanks for sharing, Buddy!



Burnt Factory United Methodist Men March 2020 Newsletter

March is UMMen Meeting month. We will be meeting on March 19th at 7:00 PM in the Lower Cottage. All males who attend Burnt Factory are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to you joining us to share God's mission for the Men of Burnt Factory.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the UMMen display at the Ministry Fair. It was great to see so many people participating in ministry within our church and community.

The Burnt Factory UMMen will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Fremont Street Nursery on Good Friday, April 10th at 10:00 AM. This will be a very fun event for the classes of children ages 2-3, 4-5 and school age children. I helped with an Easter Egg Hunt several years ago and the children loved it. With our shared ministry with Fremont Street Nursery this seemed to be a good fit for the UMMen to support the nursery. Anyone wishing to help with this event, please let Steve Cunningham know.

With the upcoming General Conference this May, please keep our delegates and the General Conference in your prayers as they will be undertaking some subjects that are very serious and may have vast changes for our denomination. Men's Ministry within our church will remain as strong as ever as our ministries support many local groups and causes.

Keep an eye out for potato planting. This will be our second year using the potato patch across from the church. The crop will be donated to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.

We are now a little less than seven months from Apple Butter weekend to be held October 8 – 10th. Mark your calendars now so that you will be ready.

Don't forget that The Believers are in full swing and have many events planned to help them raise the much-needed funds to eradicate cancer. The United Methodist Men pledge our support to The Believers as they continue to lead our area in the Relay for Life fundraising. The Jack Duvall Golf Tournament on May 5th and their new Unravel the Ribbons 5K Run/Walk on May 9th will be very fun events to support.

We are having a great time on Saturday's at the Men's Study and hope to begin the Men's Coffee/Prayer this summer. If you would like to join the Men's Coffee and have a preference on the time, please let Steve know.

If anyone has any questions about Men's Ministries feel free to contact me (540) 207-7404; tamtut@comcast.net.

Steve Cunningham
President Burnt Factory UMMen



March 2020 Relay for Life Newsletter Article

*I do not like Cancer here or there.
I do NOT like CANCER anywhere!!!*

March 18th is Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action (formerly Kick Butts Day) and is a campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

The Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action is a day of activism where communities across the globe rally to push for the first tobacco-free generation. Your tobacco rates are at a 20-year high in the U.S. due to the worsening youth e-cigarette epidemic, and tobacco is still the Number 1 cause of death in the U.S. and across the globe. On March 18, 2020, students, teachers, parents, elected leaders, health professionals, advocates and concerned citizens just like you are standing up to Take Down Tobacco.

I # Take Down Tobacco because:

- **6.2 million kids used tobacco products in 2019**
- **Big tobacco is targeting my kids**
- **More than ¼ of high school students used e-cigarettes in 2019**
- **Flavored e-cigarettes have hooked my friends on nicotine**
- **I lost a friend to cancer caused by their tobacco addiction**
- **Tobacco has killed enough**

WHATEVER YOUR REASON, TAKE DOWN TOBACCO!!!

If you haven't joined our team yet, you can go online to secure.acevents.org and register to become a Believer team member. Choose the Winchester/Frederick County event and the Believers team. It's so easy and it doesn't cost anything to join. If you don't have a computer and want to join our team, there are paper registration forms in the Social Hall. Please complete one and put it in the Relay mail slot.

Check out [The Believers](#) Facebook page for updates.

Upcoming Events

3/5/2020 PREPARING DINNER FOR THE MONTHLY STONEWALL DISTRICT RURITAN CLUB MEETING. If you would like to help with this fundraiser there is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall to donate food items for the dinner, to help prepare, serve and/or clean up after the dinner is served **OR** just let Lisa or I know.

4/24/2020 SET-UP FOR ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER/BASKET AUCTION. Stonewall Ruritan Club. More details to come. Lots of help is needed.

4/25/2020 ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER/THEMED BASKET AUCTION. Help, help and more help needed.

5/5/2020 Jack Duvall Memorial Golf Tournament. Sign-up forms are on the Relay for Life table in the Social Hall.

5/9/2020 UNRAVEL THE RIBBONS 5K WALK/RUN. Go to the website below for information and registration information. <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Winchester/UnravelTheRibbons>. There will also be events for children to participate. If you can't run, you can walk. If you aren't up to walking either, we can definitely use your help in other ways the day of the race.

5/16/2020 JUNK IN THE TRUNK YARD SALE. It will be held at the Stonewall Ruritan club. More information to come from Karen Willis the activity chair.

5/17/2020 Annual Singin' Sundae Social. Share your talent or come to listen to our amazing and talented congregation and then make a delicious ice cream sundae!!

Please continue to bring bags of **Dum-Dum lollipops** whenever you can for Lisa and me to take to our monthly meetings. The DumDums are for Cancer patients while they are being treated.

Our mission is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer.

We thank you for your support! Theresa Gilbert and Lisa Patterson, Co-Captains

From a branch on the Vine,



I found a story in the Bible I can relate to, but perhaps not as you might think. In the book of Numbers, chapter 22, we read of Balaam, a prophet for hire, and his loyal companion, a donkey. This is the story of a talking donkey. The talking donkey is not why I relate to the story (you may think differently).

Moses is leading the Israelites out of Egypt, and they are victorious against the local inhabitants on the way to the Promised Land. They come to the land of Moab and the king there tries to hire Balaam to curse the Israelites. Balaam refuses saying he can do nothing that is not God's will. Eventually God directs him to go; so, he saddles up his donkey. On the way, an angel of the Lord stood in Balaam's path. Only the donkey saw the angel and tried to avoid the confrontation, but Balaam beat the donkey to get him back on course. He did this three times, and, finally the Lord opened the Donkey's mouth, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" Unfazed, Balaam replies, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now." The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?" "No," he said.

³¹ Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So, he bowed low and fell facedown.

Have you been rejected, even attacked, for trying to help someone? It may be a simple matter of sharing your experience, but the listener snubs your advice. If you are a parent, you have felt your guidance for your children go unheeded (as we did to our parents). Or, when you witness to the joy of Jesus, but it falls on deaf ears. Good intentions are not always met with acceptance. Its frustrating; you are trying to do good and people don't want it.

Help me remember why we do good. For attention? For the adoration of others? To make us feel good? Maybe we should start with ~ it is the right thing to do as asked by Our Father in Heaven. Is doing good its own reward? I can see that, but that's not all. Doing good is being a vessel for God to do good. God brings us into his plan to show love.

Balaam's donkey was trying to get his rider out of trouble, even though Balaam was blind to the trouble ahead. The donkey did good; still, Balaam beat him. Jesus warned his disciples: *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

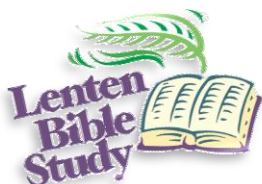
We are going to have trouble, and we are going to be hated for being vessels for God to do good. That is the truth of the world we live in. Then, why not stop caring? Because the Kingdom of God is to do and be good as a reflection of He who is good. We continue to do good because He continues to do good. We forgive because He forgives. We are merciful because He is merciful. We love because He loves. Heartache (trouble) will come because the world does not know the God we know and who knows us.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Do Good! Be a Light! Let your good deeds glorify God. God chose you to change hearts.

In Christ, *Rob*

LENTEN STUDY – HIS LAST WEEK



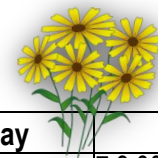
Our study guide will be the Bible as we travel together
Monday Evenings at 7:00pm OR Wednesday Mornings at 10:00am.

We begin March 2nd/4th.

Sign-ups are in the Fellowship Hall.



March 2020 Church Calendar



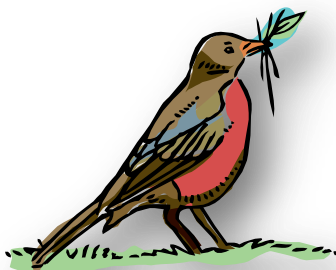
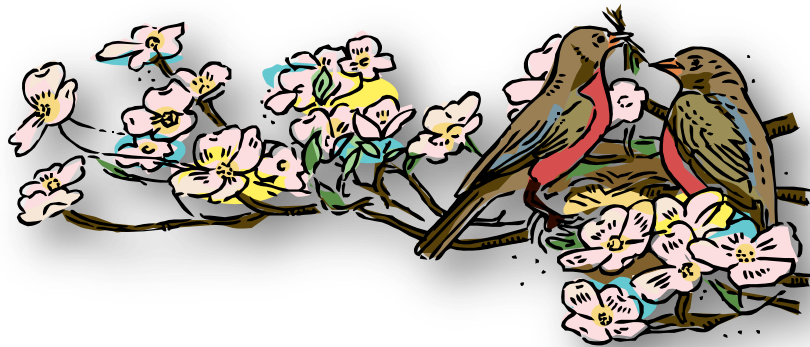
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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