



2019 as Year of Generosity!

Advent

the coming of our Savior . . .

Be Generous!

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Advent begins "Christ's Time for the Church."

Total Immigrants by Decade

This chart shows, by decade, the number of legal immigrants who came to America from 1820 through 2009.



People are on the move.



*“The rich have many assets;
the poor have only one – **their labor.**
Because good jobs are slow to come to
the poor, the poor must move to find
productive employment.*

***Migration** is, therefore, the most
effective way to reduce poverty and to
share prosperity – the twin goals of the
World Bank.”*

*Moving for Prosperity: Global
Migration and Labor Market, by World
Bank Group, 2017*



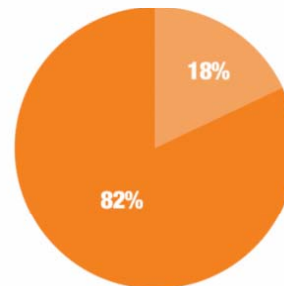
Everyone was/is an immigrant!



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**NEARLY 1 IN 5
RELOCATED
FOR LOVE**

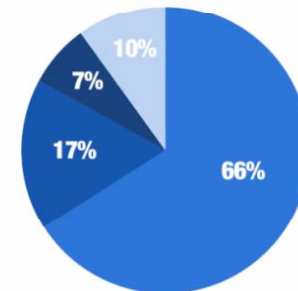
18% Moved for love at least once
82% Never moved for love



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**1/3 OF THOSE
WHO MOVED FOR
LOVE DID IT MORE
THAN ONCE**

66% Once
17% Twice
7% 3 times
10% 3+ times



Christmas Joy
and Love Abound,
When Friends
and Family
Gather 'Round

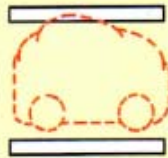
Moving for loved ones!

6 EASY WAYS TO MOVE MORE



Be a homebody

You don't need to leave the house to get in meaningful movement. Cleaning, making household repairs, raking leaves and even cooking a meal count as physical activity.



Park far away

Walking is linked to health benefits like lower body weight and blood pressure, better mental health and a longer life, so rack up extra steps by choosing a distant spot.



Go dancing

Dancing can burn up to 300 calories every half hour, and research has linked it to an increase in white matter in the brains of older adults, which tends to degrade with age.



Explore the outdoors

Gardening, nature walks and bird-watching all come with built-in movement. (Birds, unlike humans, don't sit around much.) Just being outside brings other benefits too, like stress relief.



Tote your groceries

You don't need to lift dumbbells to work out your arms. Everyday weight-bearing tasks—like lugging a gallon of milk from the car to the kitchen—can strengthen bones and muscles.



Ditch the car

If you have a short commute, leave traffic behind and sneak in exercise with person-powered transport. Think bikes, scooters and your own two feet.

“A study in 2018 among men additional half an hour light activities such as walking and gardening slashed their early death by 17%.”

... standing on the subway, walking while you talk on the phone can have an impact...

Jamie Ducharme, Time, Dec. 10, 2018

Moving for “health and wellness”



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Moving for "survival"

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1. Promote Hope - Dec. 2
 2. Pave the Way of Christ - Dec. 9
 3. Produce Joyous Life - Dec. 16
 4. Pitch a Word with Peace - Dec. 23
 5. Participate in the Journey to the Lowly - Christmas Eve
 6. Give Birth to the Incarnate Pattern of Life - Dec. 30
 7. Ready, Set, Go A New Race - New Year's Eve


At the Verge of 2030



**At Table:
United Methodists Seeking a Way Forward**



Feb. 22-27, 2019 Approval of Plan and Constitutional amendment.
April 15, 2020, General Conference **approved Constitutional Amendment.**
August 1, 2021, Some Annual Conf. **may vote to join Connectional Conference.**
July 1, 2022, Local churches and clergy align with a connectional conferences.
April 2025, Connectional General Conference and General Conference meet.



Jeremiah 33:10-16

Hope for Restoration of the Land

Nevertheless, I will bring
health and healing to it;
I will heal my people
and will let them enjoy
abundant peace
and security.

– Jeremiah 33:6

"This is what the Lord says:... in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are deserted, inhabited by neither men nor animals, there will be heard once more the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, and the voices of those who bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord, saying,

JEREMIAH

FAITH FOR THE TOUGH DAYS

Jeremiah 33:10-11 (NIV)

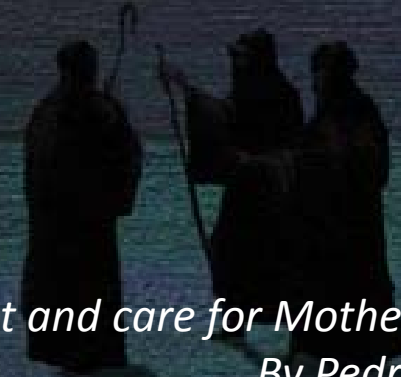


Jeremiah 33:10-16

Wait for the Days

**‘The days are coming,’
declares the Lord,
‘when I will fulfill the good promise
I made to the people of Israel and Judah’**

Jeremiah 33:14



Documentaries that inspire healthier, happier living, with respect and care for Mother Earth.
By Pedram Shojai

Jeremiah 33:10-16

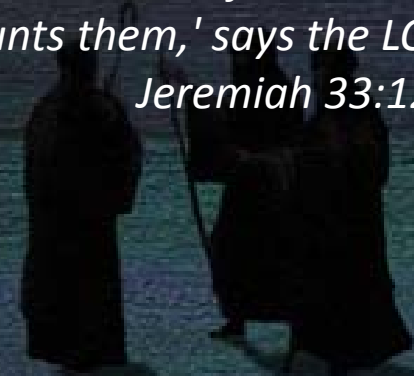
Prepare for the Days

*'In this place, desolate and without men or animals—
in all its towns there will again
be pastures for shepherds to rest their flocks.*



*In the towns of the hill country,
of the western foothills and
of the Negev,
in the territory of Benjamin,
in the villages around Jerusalem and
in the towns of Judah,
flocks will again pass under the hand of the one who
counts them,' says the LORD.*

Jeremiah 33:12-13

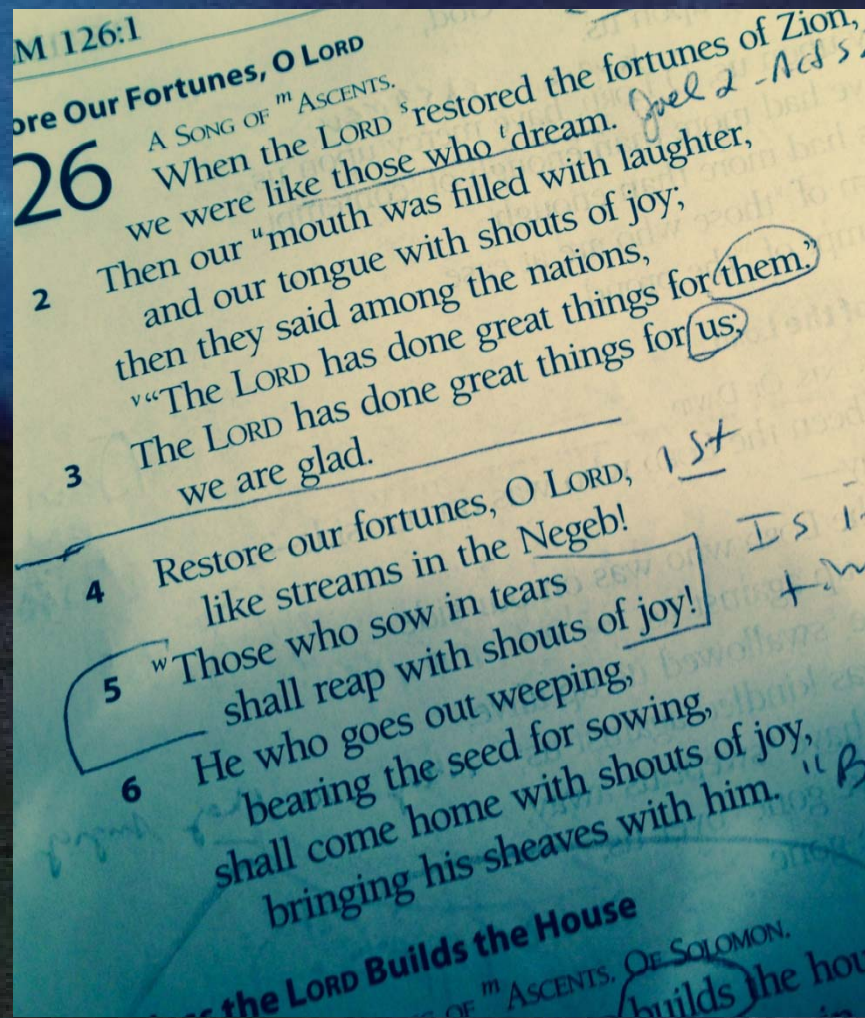


The background image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. In the upper left, a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is partially obscured by clouds, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds. Below the sky, a dark, silhouetted landscape of hills or mountains is visible. In the foreground, three figures are silhouetted against the dark ground. They appear to be standing and looking towards the horizon. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

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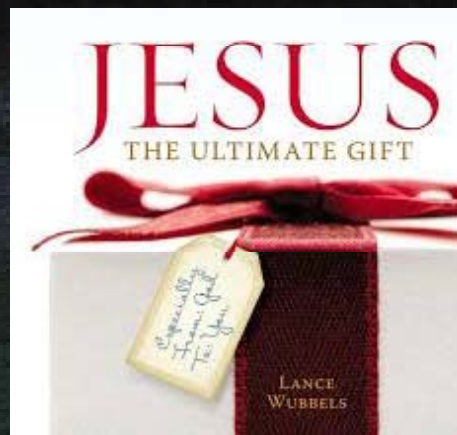
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Share the heart of the shepherd.



GREEN PASTURES



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2. Anticipate pastures for shepherds to rest flocks.

When [Jesus] saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

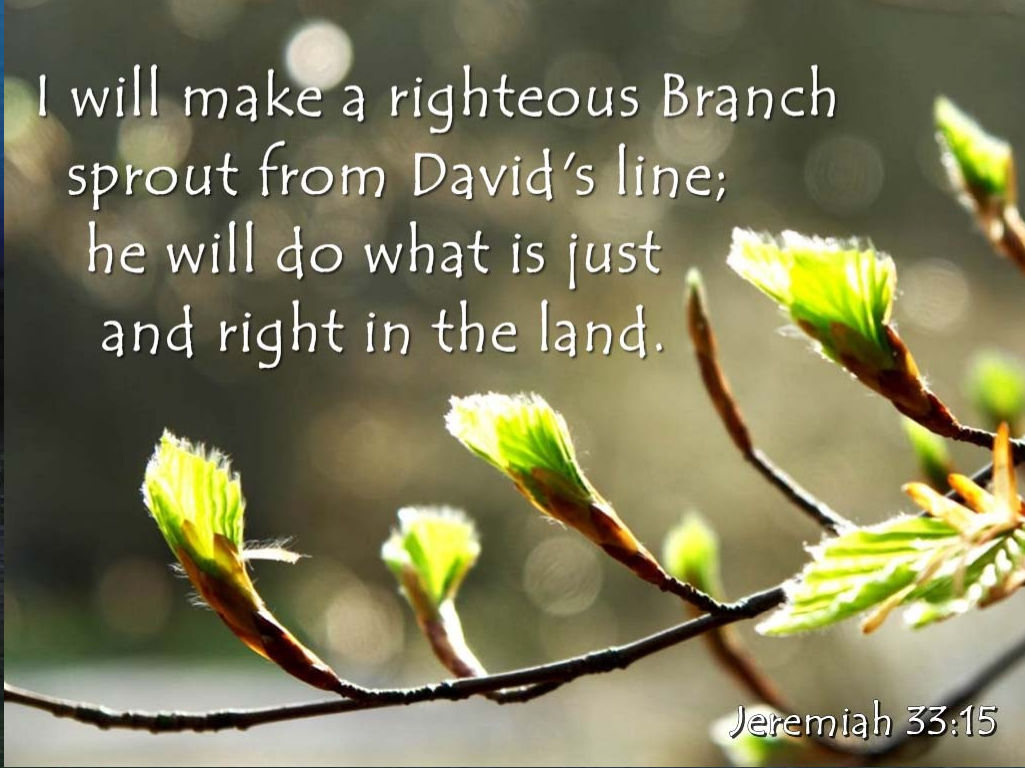
- Matthew 9:36

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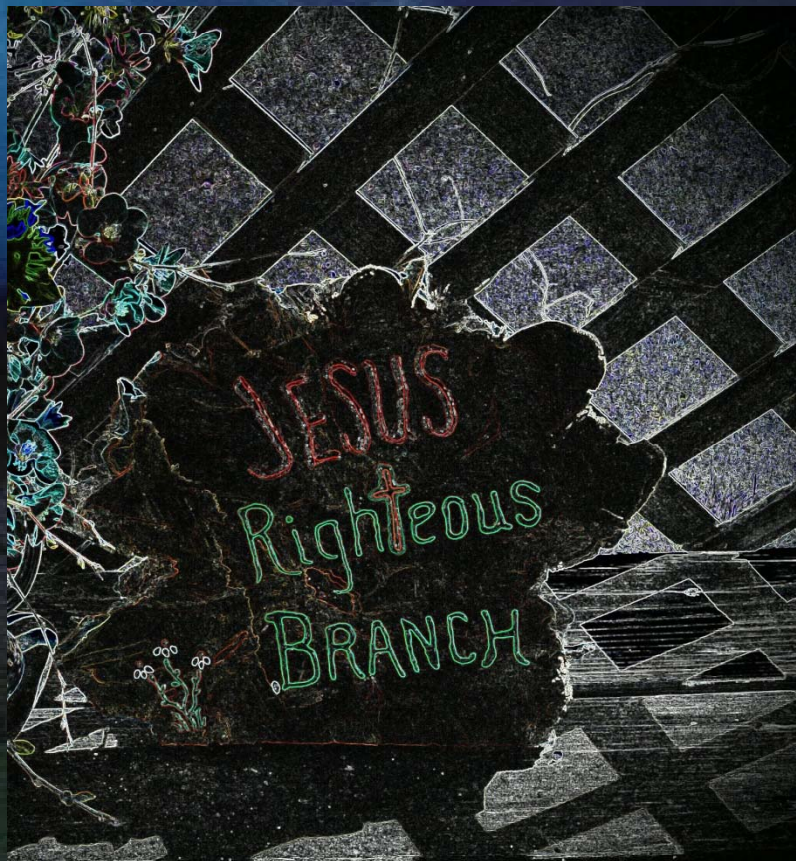
I will make a righteous Branch
sprout from David's line;
he will do what is just
and right in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15



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4. Promote hope for the people walking in darkness.

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**WHEN
THE WORLD SAYS
“GIVE UP.”
HOPE WHISPERS,
TRY IT
ONE MORE TIME.**

Hope

HE WILL RULE OVER THE
GENTILES. THEY WILL PLACE
THEIR HOPE ON HIM.

ROM. 15:12



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4. Promote hope for the people walking in darkness.



Invite the hopeless to the Lord's Table

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