

SERMON NOTES

“Sometimes Strange Things Happen in Church!”

Mark 1:21-28



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and together, growing as disciples of Jesus Christ

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany B



8:30 SERVICE ON THE SCREEN 11:00 SERVICE BELOW

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE “Once to Every Man and Nation”

(Please pass the attendance book in your row.)

(Guests, please be sure to list your address, phone number and email address.)

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

By the authority of Christ Jesus we come into this sanctuary.

By the authority of the Gospel we come before the Holy God.

We come to experience that loving awe which is the beginning of wisdom.

We make time for awe in busy lives, and in doing so we discover the light of wisdom.

MORNING HYMN UMH No. 395 “Take Time to Be Holy” vs 1, 3-4

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The money today in the Children’s Coin Jar will go to support the efforts of the Upshur Parish House.

ANTHEM “No, Not One” (arr. Cottrell)

Chancel Choir

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH No. 895

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory – “Come and Find the Quiet Center/All I Need is You”

Chancel Choir

Doxology – UMH No. 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF FAITH UMH No. 451 “Be Thou My Vision”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON “Sometimes Strange Things Happen in Church!” Brian Seders

HYMN OF INVITATION UMH No. 110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

vs 1-3

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “My Life is in You, Lord (Gardner)

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS (as of January 21)

RECOVERING AT HOME

MILITARY – Joel DiStefano (Andy Montgomery’s cousin), Sgt. Lantz Elbon (Tim and Beth Conklin’s son-in-law), Tyler Fretwell, Max Jeffries (Heidi Jeffries’ son), Robert Jerow (Jerry Jerow’s son), Ryan Murphy, Tristan Reneau,(Carolyn Shepler’s nephew), Patrick Spears, Isaac Stalnaker (Denise “Stalnaker” Losh’s son), Patrick Thompson (Sue Mallow’s Son), Joel Timmons (Seth and Michelle Pratt’s son-in-law), Aaron Wetsch, Max White (Andy Montgomery’s nephew), Sgt. Megan White (Kit Phillips’ niece), Ann Urban

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS – Crosby Bender, Janice Bodkins, Jerome Brown, Jack Calain, Faye Cowgill, Dee Clark, Maxine Cooper, Gary Crawford, Mary Sue Daniels, Mike Despar, Ryan DiBacco (John DiBacco’s son), Don Fitzwater, Nellie Galford, Government, Barbara Halperin (Rachel Montgomery’s mother), Skylar Harman, Jeri Hatch, Amelya Hensley, Janis Hensley, Ruth Hepler, Mike Herron, Bob Hinkle, Halie House, Evonne Howell, Kendra Kalar, Loretta Kaylar, Karson, Lois Kessler, Dana Kirkpatrick, Jean Lawrence, Patricia MacVean, Jack Maynard (Seth Maynard’s son), Jim and Patty McCloud, Sharon McQuain, Medical Personnel, Norma Kerr-Metzger, Sue Murray, Jeremiah Myers, Alex Nelson, Roy Nelson, Bill Patterson, John Phillips (Jennifer Wanless’ father), Connie Pizzino, Joan Plant, Tommy and Anne Pritt (Dale Goodman’s cousins), Nancy Rotruck (Jane Corley’s sister), Frank Santmyer, Charity and Kelly Seders, Tommy Scott (Bill Umbright’s grandson), Jason Snyder, Norma Stalnaker, Steve Stemple, Margie Sutton, Miranda Trader, Ed Tyre, Hollis Vance, Dick and Betty Walden, Lewis Ware, Tom Williams, Margaret Winans, Austin Yokum Family,

COLONIAL PLACE – Rose Barnett, Hope Caplinger, Jo Criss, Millie Metheny, Katie Sayres

ERCC – Dixie Gutmann, Paul Mullins, Connie Pizzino, Jim Slider

LAVENDAR FIELDS – Helen Kramer

NELLA’S - Mabel Phares

VALENTINE’S – Robert Fretwell

‡**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**‡

We express our sympathy to the families of James Melbourn “Jim” Cost and Richard Allen Yokum.

Daily Bible Readings

Mon – Ecclesiastes 8 Thurs – Isaiah 40:21-31 Sun – Mark 1:29-39
 Tues – Ecclesiastes 9 Fri – Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 Wed – Ecclesiastes 10 Sat – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Weekly Memory Verse: “He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.”
 Psalm 147:3

Read Through the Bible in a year:

Mon – Genesis 30-31 Wed – Genesis 35-37
 Tues – Genesis 32-34 Thurs – Genesis 38-40
 Fri – Genesis 41-42 Sat – Genesis 43-45
 Sun – Genesis 46-47

January 14, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

8:30 AM Worship 38
 Sunday School 15
 11 AM Worship 130

GIFTS: Weekly Collection \$8,916.86

Needed for Budget through 1/14.....\$16,500.00
 Received for Budget through 1/14....\$14,687.00

I will support my church with my presence and gifts”

January 21, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

8:30 AM Worship 39
 Sunday School 26
 11 AM Worship 159

GIFTS: Weekly Collection \$

Needed for Budget through 1/21.....\$
 Received for Budget through 1/21....\$

Our 2018 Budget is \$429,000.

Backpack Food Program needs YOUR help!

We are presently collecting food items to include: granola bars, oatmeal, canned ravioli, fruit cups, veggie cups, snack cracker packs and puddings. Please drop off your items in the bin marked "BACKPACK PROGRAM" by the church office or you may make a donation and earmark your check "Backpack Program". This is an ongoing school project. Monetary, school supplies and food donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to help the children in Randolph County.



WE CARE MINISTRIES

If you have any Thinking of You cards that you would like to donate, please bring in to the church office for the We Care Group. It will be much appreciated.

UPCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 29, 2018, at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3 PM / Friday 8:30 AM – 12-noon PH: 304-636-0660
Pastor: Brian Seders (304-636-0406 Home)
Administrative Assistant: Rhonda Elmer
Director of Christian Education: Kary Kramer
Financial Secretary: Danielle Taylor
Music Director: Gale Poe
Pastor Emeritus: Basil Hensley
Custodian: Angela Kisner
Nursery Worker: Jennifer Wanless

COME, SHARE, REJOICE...

SUNDAY, January 28 (Psalm 111)

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1st-5th Graders)

MONDAY, January 29 (Isaiah 40:21-31)

9:00 AM QUILTERS / Basement
9:00 AM STAFF MEETING / Sunday School Room
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
6:00 PM DEN 1 MEETING (Harris) / FLC
7:00 PM CONWAYRINGERS REHEARSAL / Handbell Room
7:00 PM DEN 3 MEETING (Straley) / Middle School Room (Blue Room)

TUESDAY, January 30 (Isaiah 40:21-24)

5:00 PM DEN 2 MEETING (Ward) / FLC (5PM-6PM)
6:00 PM DEN 6 MEETING (Reed) / Youth Sunday School Room
7:00 PM TROOP 88 MEETING / Scout Room Basement

WEDNESDAY, January 31 (Isaiah 40:25-26)

10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
3:00 PM WVCH / FLC
6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL / Choir Room

THURSDAY, February 1 (Psalm 147:1-11, 20c)

6:30 PM BACKPACK PROGRAM / FLC Stage

FRIDAY, February 2 (Mark 1:29-39)

SATURDAY, February 3 (I Corinthians 9:16-23)

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, February 4 (Isaiah 40:27-31)

8:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH / Orange Room (1st-5th Graders)

Lent is a time to prepare us to release our old ways and to emerge joyfully into a new, abundant life in Christ! Instead of removing something from our lives lets add fellowship, daily devotions and become healthier spiritually and physically.

Join us Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8:30 to walk for 30 minutes in the Family Life Center and then 15 minutes of devotions. We will begin Ash Wednesday, February 14 and our last day will be Wednesday, March 28. If you have an interest in gathering together, spending time in fellowship, walking (at each individuals pace) and time in the word please join us for "40 Days of Faith and Fitness". Contact Shelley Hyre 304-704-7039 or email shyre@drhyre.com with questions.

