



HOLY WEEK

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From the Pastor



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Scripture Thought:

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 King James Version (KJV)

11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

I admit it! I loathe winter. Well, hate is probably closer to the truth but I don't want to be a hater.

Some of you know how I am a huge college basketball fan. I have said for all of my adult life that if I could make it to daffodils and the ACC Basketball Tournament, I have made it through the winter. And yes, my favorite team is Duke. Duke, the team that many love to hate. Occasionally someone will point out the success of Coach K as a reason to hate my Blue Devils. and of course, that is one of the reasons I love them.

But, maybe not because of the over 1,000 wins or the championship banners. Don't misunderstand me, those fill me with glee. It was a night in the fall of 1980 and the seasons of 1980-1983.

It was before sold out Cameron Indoor Stadium and graduate students could get remaining tickets on a first come, first served basis. I, and three other Divinity School students, stayed up all night to be among the first in line the morning they were handed out. It was not my first 'all-nighter' while there!

A young man, about my age, came about 3am with doughnuts and film to the previous year's team. Later they introduced him to us as the new coach whose name I still can't spell, so Coach K will have to do.

We were an OK team in 1880-1981. Then the lean years came. Well, let's call them the "Winter Years". 17 losses for two successive seasons. It was bleak time in Cameron.

So why tell this story? Because we all have, or will have, those "Winter Times". Maybe you are in one now. If so, remember the daffodil. It's trumpet shaped balm announces to all of creation, " For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"

Lent is a season that coincides with Spring. Lent, is a time when the days are longer and night begins to give way to light. All of this leads us to the dawn of a new day, the light of Easter.

So, when the 'winter' seems long, remember the daffodils and March Madness and Easter and " Lo, the winter is past..."

I hope to see Sunday you as we " March" toward new life.

*Agape',
Pastor Rob*



From the Lay Leader

April 2019

“Lord, Give Me Patience and Hurry Up!”

Recently I read a story about a man who went to the doctor with a swollen foot. After a careful examination, the doctor gave the man a pill big enough to choke a horse. “I’ll be right back with some water”, the doctor told him. The doctor had been gone quite a while and the man was becoming impatient. He hobbled out to the water fountain, forced the pill down his throat and drank enough water for the pill to clear his throat. He then hobbled back into the examination room. The doctor finally returned with a pan of warm water and instructed the patient “to place the large pill in the water, let it dissolve, and sit there and soak his foot for at least 20 minutes.”

Lord, give me patience and hurry up! How many times have we found ourselves waiting on a sign or answer from God about a situation in our lives? Rarely does God’s time match our time. Immediate answers are not always the best for us. I hope your Lenten journey has been a time you have been walking by faith and not sight. That you have put aside your own tendencies to try to figure out answers to questions on your own and have allowed God to work on your behalf to prepare you for the plans he has for your future. Patiently waiting for Easter Sunday!

Susan



Treasurer's Report



March 25, 2019

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2019 Budget \$51,739.00

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| Needed through 03/24/19 for budget | \$12,417.36 |
| Received to date for budget | \$11,343.00 |
| Behind Budget | \$ 1,074.36 |
| Paid out to date for budget | \$10,120.92 |

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



Classes for All Ages

Rev. Rob is teaching using the book, Blessed Endurance, during this season of Lent. You are invited to come and share with us as he leads us to the Holy Day of Easter. Please read this book and come prepared for discussion. Thank you, Rob, for taking us on this journey. Because Rob knows the author, he is making the lessons meaningful and personal.

On Easter Sunday, we will worship together at 11:00 and will not have Sunday School.

On the last Sunday of April, George will begin a series on the book of Ecclesiastes. You may want to begin reading this book before George starts teaching.

We are very thankful for all of our teachers...their time, their enthusiasm and their dedication.



The UMM will meet at their new time and day immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

Gerald

REACH UP REACH IN REACH OUT

Our Church Mission thru Community Outreach

Our April mission continues to be supporting the Heifer International organization. Fill up your ark with pocket change and bring it back to church on Easter Sunday. Currency and checks made out to Faith are also acceptable. Please be praying for the people that we will be assisting with Heifer.

Beth



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street, Waynesville, Saturday, April 20th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

We will meet at 10:00 on the third Thursday, April 18, for a time of coloring and fellowship.

At noon we will enjoy eating together. Bring your own lunch; desert and beverage provided.



Visit our website at fumcwnc.org
 It has been updated and is updated weekly!
New Feature: You can click on the Upcoming Worship scripture and view the actual Pew Bible translation.

CONTACT information



If any changes or additions need to be made please contact me by calling 828-456-6944 or email jlf21@charter.net. Thanks, Judy

Flowers for Faith



We appreciate those who have signed the Flower Calendar list and those who will fill in the Sundays that are still available. The Flower Calendar is on the Bulletin Board.



Invitation:

Come at 2:00 to enjoy a delightful movie and snacks. Sections of this movie were filmed in Waynesville. All are invited to join us in the JIF Room.



April Servants:



Greeters: John & Grace Davis

Educational Entrance: Committee of the UMM



Our church now has assistance for the hearing impaired. If you have trouble hearing the service, please pick up a hearing aid in the narthex.

A special thank you to Eduardo and Tracy for spearheading this project and helping to make our worship services more meaningful for all.

Rev. Robo Calling

Please be reminded to contact **Rev. Robo (400-7947)** if you have sickness, death, or any prayer needs.

It is a privilege for your Faith family to share your burdens or prayer concerns and lift you in prayer.

April Celebrations



3-June Rollins

4-Izzabella Setser

6-Tracy Edwards-Villevoces

7-Pat Griffith

8-Mark Dooly

12-Pam Johnson

13-Charlene Snyder

16-Steve Scarbrough

30-Gordon Wheeler



8-Rick & Kay Boen

14-Josh & Wendy Scarbrough

25-John & Mary Schrenk

30-Pam & Chris Johnson

