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Scripture Thought:



Create in me a clean heart,
O God,
and put a new and right
spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10



The Faith Circuit Rider

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From the Pastor



As a young man I was introduced to the musical, South Pacific. It is set in the time during WWII and as the title tells us, in the South Pacific. So many themes emerge from the plot; acceptance, racism, faithfulness, prejudging, and of course love.

As the latter theme develops, a character who was a nurse stationed there named Nellie Forbush, sings a line from the song entitled, A Cockeyed Optimist. But I'm stuck like a dope. With a thing called hope, And I can't get it out of my heart! Not this heart...."

During Sunday School during the season of Lent, we will study a book written by a friend and colleague, John Wimmer. The title is Blessed Endurance, Moving Beyond Despair to Hope.

I want to extend a personal invitation to join me and the Journey of Faith in this time to pray, learn and reflect as we walk together toward the joy of Easter. I believe it will be a life enhancing and faith growing experience.

There is no charge for the book. It is my gift to you. Won't you journey in faith at Faith during this Lenten Season as we consider Blessed Endurance? We need you because we will not be the same without you! We are not "WE" without You!

*Agape',
Pastor Rob*

What is the Season of Lent?

Lent can be defined as a period of forty (40) days before Easter, intended to be a time of intensive preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts up to the Holy Thursday Evening.



From the Lay Leader
March 2019
“The Fisherman”

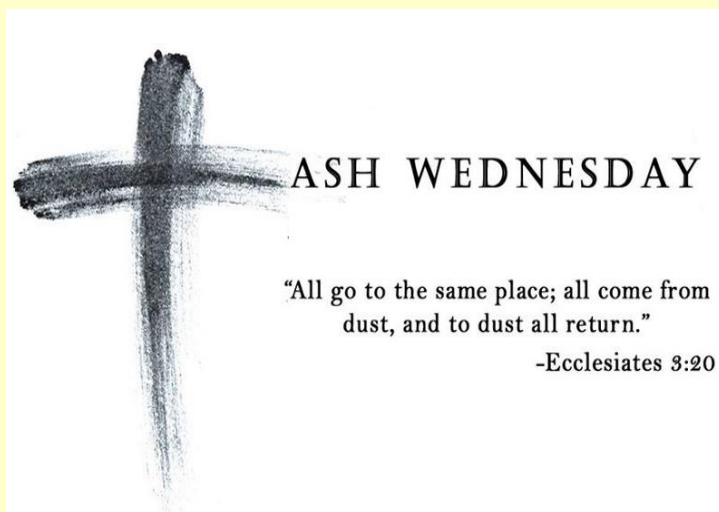
Today is Friday, February 22. It is 6:55 AM. I am sitting on the balcony of a friend’s condo overlooking the Gulf. The water is calm. The moon is still visible and slowly disappearing behind a beautiful pinkish-purple hazed sky. The sun is breaking through the cotton candy swirled clouds behind me. It looks like a giant red beach ball. A single huge pelican is bobbing in the water like a buoy. And one more thing, the same dedicated fisherman, in his neon yellow tee shirt and black folding chair, has taken his place on the white sugar sandy beach beside a blue heron. I’ve watched this fisherman all week. All he has with him is his fishing pole and the black folding chair. I wonder if his name is Simon! So, you know where I am going with this fish tale.

The other week Rob preached on Luke 5:1-11 where Jesus called the first disciples. This scripture amazes me. Jesus just spoke and Simon listened. He did exactly as Jesus instructed even though he was exhausted from his all-night fishing expedition. Jesus reassured him by saying “don’t be afraid”. Leaving it all, Simon followed Jesus to fish for people. Watching this lone fisherman, I wondered if we can relate.

Can we alone do anything to grow the Kingdom? Yes, each one of us can make a difference.

Our daily lives are a reflection of Kingdom building. How we treat our neighbor, a smile to the disgruntled cashier, a bag lunch to the homeless person under the bridge. What better way to fish for people than to share your story of how Christ made a difference in your life. You don’t have to be a bonified evangelist, just have a sincere heart and faith. And yes, the lone fisherman made a great catch this morning. So, can you!

Susan



Treasurer’s Report



February 22, 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

Needed through 02/17/19 for budget	\$ 7,243.46
Received to date for budget	\$ 1,510.00
Ahead of Budget	\$ 45.54
Paid out to date for budget	\$ 6,293.36

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

JIF Class



Thank you, Janie, for teaching in February. Our Lenten Study begins on March 3 with Rev. Rob leading the Class using the book, Blessed Endurance by John Wimmer. Books have been ordered and it is hoped that they will be used for your personal devotions during this Holy Season.

Blessed Endurance deals with things that go bump in the night and how we can see these bumps as opportunities for spiritual growth. We hope you will join us each Sunday at 9:45 in the JIF classroom.



The UMM will meet at their new time and day immediately following the morning worship service on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Lunch provided!

Gerald



Our March and April mission project will once again be our Heifer arks. This collection of your pocket change will go to assist people around the world with seeds, animals and the instructions that will enable people to enrich their lives. They also pledge to share with folks in their village so everyone's life is blessed. The arks will be available by Ash Wednesday and due back by Easter Sunday.

Beth



SERVING MEALS TO THE HOMELESS

OPEN DOOR - 32 Commerce Street, Waynesville, Saturday, March 16th at 5:30PM.

Colorful Ladies of Faith

The Colorful Ladies will meet at 10:00 on March 21, the third Thursday of the month.

All are invited to join this special group at the church.



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



Thanks to all those who have provided beautiful flowers in our Sanctuary and to Susan for her meaningful worship centers.

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:

Mark your calendars for Monday, March 4, at 2:00 for our Monday Movie Matinee.

Snacks will be served during the comedy movie shown in the JIF class room.

March Servants:



Greeters: Chris Johnson

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.

March Celebrations



2-John Davis

3-Kay Boen

5-Elsbeth Geiger

8-John Schrenk

9-Beth Williams

18-Terri Rogers



27-Beth & Don Williams

31-Rev. Rob & June Rollins

ASH WEDNESDAY

The ashes that are used on Ash Wednesday are usually obtained by burning palm branches that are left over from Palm Sunday of the previous year. When the priest applies ashes to our forehead, we hear the words,

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return” or “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

The ashes on our forehead remind us of the Lenten call for penance and conversion.