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From Our Pastor

Philippians 4:12-13

Stealers Wheel had a 1973 song entitled Stuck In The Middle With You. Even with all the progress of coming out of the COVID19 threat the last 12 months it still feels more like we are in the middle of the pandemic. So many people and families and friends and institutions have been and are still being impacted. We are in the muddle to use another word for anxiety and uncertainty.

We have learned to muddle about with varying degrees of success.

I thank God we have others with us in this muddle/middle. We have those closest as family and friends as well as all the community helpers from grocery workers to health care, to truckers.

Jesus often seems in the middle of something Big. Whether entering the week's drama of Passover or the unthinkable Silent Saturday when the grave temporarily claimed him. And even now there is that experience of waiting in the middle, so to speak, until all things are finalized in a New Heaven and a New Earth.

Middle ground.....in some sense, wherever each of us are now in life; it is a "middle ground" from where we have come and to where we are going.

We should all hope and prayer that we don't feel "stuck." Yet, if we do, our prayer is to get "unstuck," move, and arrive in a better place than before.

Jesus and the disciples demonstrate this time and again. Never quite settled, on the move, discovering the details of their mission and purpose as they move along. Never "stuck" long in one place spiritually. Ever growing, ever changing from one degree of faith to the next. Eyes wide open. Hearts ready for the challenges. And going forward with good company!! Always "buddy up," get an "accountability partner" to move through the middle of things.

Pray for your travel companions this week and on. It's Easter time and the promise of a future is ever present! You don't have to live only in the past. God makes all things new even after that pesky anxious time in the middle!

Easter Blessings!

Pastor Barry

Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on April 2.

Men's Breakfast

Our First-Saturday Men's Breakfast will be on April 3. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday to:

Jim Pressley April 3
Sue Harris April 9
Linda Alexander April 25

Happy Anniversary to:

B. L. & Miranda Fraley Rhodes April 24

Bucket Offerings

In April, the bucket collections at Sunday morning worship will be donated to Green House Ministries. This will help the homeless.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested item for April is sugar-free food.

All non-perishable foods are accepted.

Resources Available

Resources for various kinds of help/support for you or someone you know that might benefit from counseling and/or spiritual support are listed below.

- Insight Counseling Center, Murfreesboro
615-383-2115 for in person or
Online/phone counseling
- Upper Room Prayer Ministry
615-340-7200
- Talkspace.com
Online/phone counseling

Methodist News Source

www.umnews.org

Easter Sunday

Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, April 18. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Where are these words found?

"He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."


-NRSV (hint – book of Matthew)

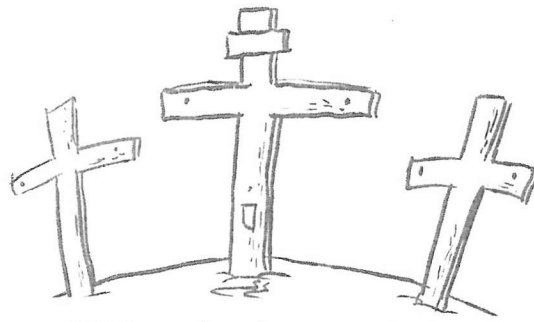
Psalm 33:20-21 was the quotation in the March newsletter.

Stone's River District Address

P. O. Box 12191
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

April Calendar

Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 3	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Sunday, April 4	8:45 a.m.	Easter Day
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service
Sunday, April 11	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
Sunday, April 18	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:30 a.m.	May 2021 newsletter info due call Fay
	1:00 p.m.	 Ad. Council
Sunday, April 25	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service



“When the sky went dark,
the Son shined through.”

“Darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’” (Luke 23:44-46).

Maze

Help the women find their way to the tomb. Try both ways or with a friend, see who can get there first.

