

THE
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From our pastor's heart,

May 27, 2021

Two Wesley Life Application Topics are prominent for me and Cindy right now:

Acts of Kindness – Micah, pg 1113, Wesley Study Bible

The hope of the world is the kindness of God. The neighborly practices of God's kindness become the model for the people of God. Kindness uses power for the advancement of the neighbor's life. Acts of caring, not coveting; of releasing, not seizing; of giving, not taking; of empowering, not dominating—these are the practices of God. In the Bible, kindness is a faithful, grace-filled response that reflects our relationship with God. This kindness stands in sharp contrast to the social ills that plague us and those ancient people described in the book of Micah.

Thanksgiving – 2 Samuel, pg 405, Wesley Study Bible

Thankfulness requires recognition that something has been bestowed upon us, sometimes undeservedly. For many of us that is problematic because it means admitting our own limitations. David realizes that his victory over his enemies has nothing to do with him. In other words, he recognizes that he receives something that is beyond his capabilities. When we compare our competence and qualifications with God's awesome power, we can see that we've all received something that surpasses our means. Marveling over God's might and majesty helps us to understand that thanking God every day is in order.

Over the past several months during the restrictions placed upon us by the "COVID Pause, the periods of illness and sudden deaths of our mothers (Nana, Cindy's and Mama D., mine) we have been inundated with acts of kindness; friends reaching out through calls, texts, emails, cards and letters, meals, hugs (even COVID air hugs) all those acts gave us hope and strength to face the next minute, hour and day when things seemed bleak, dark and empty.

We give thanks and are thankful to all who gave a bit of themselves to help us through this incredibly emotional roller-coaster season.

We serve an awesome God whose promises never fail to come true. Cindy and I have seen through you, the wonderfully committed congregation of Kresge - the core group that continues to worship, serve, lead, and contribute, many acts of kindness and promises of God come true.

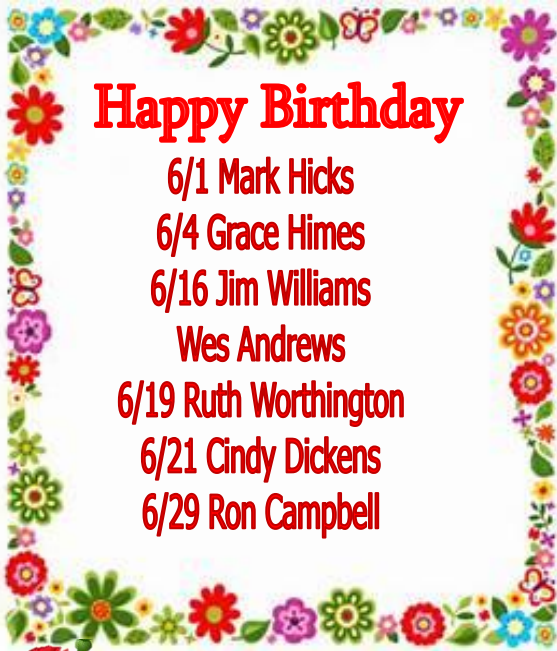
We are thankful to have been re-appointed to serve this outpost of the Body of Christ and the Cedartown community for another year. We invite, welcome and challenge all to share Christ in a new way to those in our community who have never met Him. May we be renewed by Christ and help all who need redemption, renewal, revival find Jesus and welcome them into our midst.

In His grip, Rev Ed

Happy Memorial Day

*For those who have fallen
and for those who have stood to fight
May God bless and keep you safe
throughout each day and night*





Happy Birthday

6/1 Mark Hicks
 6/4 Grace Himes
 6/16 Jim Williams
 Wes Andrews
 6/19 Ruth Worthington
 6/21 Cindy Dickens
 6/29 Ron Campbell



Happy Anniversary

6/2 Lamar & Gaynell Owens
 6/3 Chris & Erica Himes
 6/8 Frank & Harriett Norris
 6/10 Carliss & Betty Sue Kelly
 6/17 Ron & Jane Campbell
 6/20 Ed & Cindy Dickens



*We Greatly Appreciate
 Gifts Given In Memory of
 The Mothers of
 Ed & Cindy Dickens*

On behalf of the UMW at Cedartown First, I want to extend our sincere appreciation to those of you in the Kresge congregation who stepped up to support our book drive to benefit children at Northside School. Thanks to our combined efforts, we were able to deliver a total of just under 350 books, which were given to children who may have no books in the home, and/or those who need to keep from getting behind during the summer break. A special thanks goes to Marian Williams, who made sure the Kresge membership received pertinent information on the project. This is a great example of how our Methodist congregations can work together to benefit our local community. Our intent is to make it an ongoing effort - after all, the need will always be there. We also hope to resume the tutoring program for first and second graders in the fall and hope you will consider joining in.

Yours In Christ,
 Sara Anne Thomas
 Book Drive Coordinator



SAMARITAN
*Hope, Healing,
 and Change. house*

Please remember to bring supplies for the Samaritan House the first Sunday of each month. The Samaritan House is open on Tuesday and Thursday. Volunteers this month are: June 8 Iris Petersmarck * June 10 Sybil Temple

Kresge Family,

May 27, 2021

We are so very thankful for your patience and cooperation over the past several months as together we journeyed through the "COVID Pause".

You followed the guidance established by our Relaunch Task Force with little to no complaint and have sustained those good practices to the present.

Good News! The trends and numbers for COVID cases in Polk County continue to decline. As of May 26 we are down to 4.4 new cases per 100,000 (7 day average), only 1.9 new cases in past 7 days, 5730 total cases with 96 deaths.

More Good News! We will no longer require the wearing of masks. We will respect everyone's decision to do so or not. Please continue to sanitize your hands as you enter and leave.

We will begin to pass the collection plates down and through the aisles. Ushers will watch for any who are not comfortable with the practice to keep the plates going. One plate will be left in the back of the sanctuary, use it if you prefer.

We trust you will monitor your health and symptoms. If you feel sick join us online via the Kresge Facebook page.

One last bit of Good News! Soon and very soon, on a Sunday to be determined we will open our Sunday schools! Watch for announcements and plans.

With joy,

Relaunch Task Force Members

One Board Leadership

June



2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 Ezra 1-2	2 Ezra 3-5	3 Clothing Bank Ezra 6-7	4 Ezra 8-9	5 Ezra 10
6 Worship @ 10:55 Social distancing Masks required Nehemiah 1-3	7 Small Group 4:30 Nehemiah 4-6	8 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am S.H.- Iris Petersmarck Small Group 12:00 Nehemiah 7-8	9 Nehemiah 9-10	10 S.H.- Sybil Temple Small Group 11:30 Nehemiah 11-12	11 Clean Team: Moody, Masi Nehemiah 13	12 Esther 1-3
13 Worship @ 10:55 Social distancing Masks required Esther 4-7	14 Small Group 4:30 Esther 8-10	15 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 Kresge Women 6:30 Job 1-4	16 Job 5-8	17 Small Group 11:30 Job 9-12	18 Job 13-16	19 Job 17-20
20 Worship @ 10:55 Social distancing Masks required ONEBOARD 6:00 Job 21-24	21 Small Group 4:30 Job 25-29	22 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 Job 30-33	23 Job 34-37	24 Small Group 11:30 Job 38-40	25 Clean Team: Edge, Cook, Willingham Job 41-42	26 Psalms 1-9
27 Worship @ 10:55 Social distancing Masks required Psalms 10-17	28 Small Group 4:30 Psalms 18-22	29 Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00 Psalms 23-30	30 Psalms 31-35			