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As We Journey Together......Thoughts from Pastor Ed's Heart...... April 28, 2022

Formula for Life, life abundant in the Body of Christ - 25+2+1=28

- 25 Matthew 25:34-36, 40b, "Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"
- **+2** Acts 2:41-47, "So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."
- +1 Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
- =28 Matthew 28:16-20, "Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age'".

I've shared this formula for life abundant ministry several times in the past. One thing is for sure – abundant sustained life-giving ministry cannot be accomplished over the long haul by a few. It takes a team, a group of like-minded selfless servants with an external focus. This is not a sport for lone rangers.

Several weeks ago the Membership Team mailed letters to a long list of In-active members encouraging them to return to the fellowship with our congregation. Only two came back undeliverable. Very few responses have been returned. Membership is so much more than having one's name on a list! There are great expectations associated with being a member of a local United Methodist Church. All members are to be held accountable for faithfulness to the covenant and professions of faith found in paragraph 217 of the UMC Book of Discipline.

- 217. When persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist church, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ his only son; and in the Holy Spirit. Thus they make known their desire to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church:
 - 1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
 - 2. To accept the freedom and power God gives to them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
 - 3. To Confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
 - 4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world:

- 5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
- 6. To Faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
- 7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Clearly it is up to each individual to make a decision to accept and follow Jesus Christ, but after making the decision, life is to be lived within the body of Christ with the team – it is a team sport. We want and need all of you to return and join us as we reach out into our community to share the love of Christ.

Singled out you get picked off. Please come home!

In His grip, Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOU AT KRESGE

MAY 10TH

KRESGE'S WOMEN'S MEETING AT 2:30 AS WE PLAN FOR THE SUNDAY LUNCH AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS.

MAY 14TH

YARD SALE -KRESGE WOMEN AND MEN WHO CAN HELP WITH THE YARD SALE COME JOIN US FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00P.M. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO PASS THE WORD TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BRING THEIR ITEMS TO SELL. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TABLES AND/OR TENTS. WE WILL PROVIDE SPACES ONLY AT NO CHARGE, BUT A DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

MAY 15TH

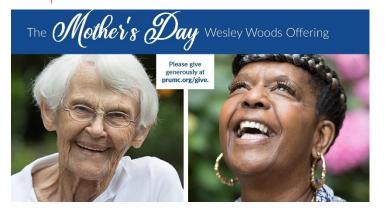
AFTER CHURCH, COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. THE KRESGE WOMEN WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL MEAL FOR YOU! EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND











MAY SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING SUNDAYS



May 202						
						M.F.
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Tues. Morn	4	5	6	7
Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional		Prayer Group 10:30 am Small Group 12:00	Charles & Pam Himes	Clothing Bank		
Candi Himes		12.00	Clara Mae Coley		Dabby Waad	
Mark 4	Mark 5	Mark 6	Mark 7	Mark 8	Bobby Wood Mark 9	Mark 10
8	9	Tues. Mom	11	2Small Group	13	14
Worship @ 10:55		Prayer Group 10:30 am		11:30 am Clean Team		YARD
Masks Optional		Small Group 12:00		Williams Petersmarck		SALE
Kam Andrews	Harland Moody	Kresge Women 2:30				8 TO 1
Mayle 44		Worship Team @ 4:00			Mark 16	Luke 1
Mark 11	Mark 12	Mark 13	Mark 14	Mark 15		
5 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional	16	Tues. Mom Prayer Group 10:30 am	18	Small Group 11:30 am	20	21
		Small Group 12:00		S.H E Dickert		
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Luke 2	Luke 3	Luke 4	Luke 5	Luke 6	Luke 7	Luke 8
22	23	24 Tues, Morn	25 Maria Masi	26	27	28
Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional		Prayer Group 10:30 am	Margaret Jolly	Small Group		
muono optional		Small Group 12:00		11:30 am Clean Team David Owens		
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Luke 9	Luke 10	Luke 11	Luke 12	Luke 13	Luke 14	Luke 15
29 Vorship @ 10:55 Masks Optional	30 MEMORIAL DAY	Tues. Morn Prayer Group 10:30 am				Anniversaries and Birthdays are on
Harland & Linda Moody		Small Group 12:00				the calendar.
Luke 16	Luke 17	Luke 18				