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As We Journey Together.....

Thoughts from Pastor Ed's Heart..... June 30, 2022

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

In March 1991 I earned a Master of Science in Management degree from Florida Institute of Technology. I took all my classes in Huntsville, Alabama – most of them on Redstone Arsenal. Many of our professors were men and women who not only had prestigious academic qualifications but also had decades of practical experience managing and leading projects within the Army Missile Command and /or NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

I took several courses from a man who was a retired U.S. Marine Lieutenant Colonel, who after retiring from the USMC had started a run his own log cabin building business before returning to serve as a Civil Servant. He taught us that management is simply problem solving. The first step is always identifying the problem to be solved, the question to be answered requiring in-depth research to identify possible courses of action then sort them out to find the best one – the one that solves the problem. He emphasized repeatedly that continuing to study, to research, to delay a decision is always a potential course of action because one doesn't presently have enough information.

Decades of disagreement are coming to a head not only at the General Conference level but across many Annual Conferences to include our own North Georgia Annual Conference.

Pray for our congregation's Lay Leadership as they survey and study the landscape presently before us in The United Methodist Church as a whole and our North Georgia Annual Conference more focused. Earlier this year our One Board members agreed to wait until after General Conference to make any decisions and take any actions. General Conference has been cancelled/postponed until 2024. So options that would have been made available if the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation had past as written are no longer expected to come to fruition.

Decisions about Anna Kresge Memorial UMC's future are not to be made lightly, or hastily. Pray for our One Board as they research and study to come to a place where they can make informed recommendations to the congregation. As time goes on we will hold information sessions for the entirety of the congregation to hear from subject matter experts of differing perspectives. There will be time to ask questions and receive answers. Be assured this is an issue for the laity to decide. More to come in the weeks ahead. Pray, pray, pray!

Future, Future, Future

I am dreaming of a time when Kresge will once again be full of life, full of Christ's children of all ages and many generations. I am praying this dream comes true.

I implore you to join me in praying for this dream will come true, praying that God would reveal the portion you are supposed to help with, praying for God to reveal that which we cannot possibly dream of, plan and or resource.

I have a dream of a multifaceted, multigenerational ministry exploding off the ground – I am praying for this to come to fruition, won't you join me? Ask God to give you another piece of the puzzle then share what He reveals to you.

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts." Lets not despise small beginnings but look to God to pour out His spirit upon us, just as was poured out on the disciples in the upper Room on Pentecost. Pray we be heated by tongues of fire and enlivened and emboldened by the breath of God! May we all catch the dream!

In His grip, Rev Ed

Lay Leadership

One Board = Simplified Accountable Leadership 2023 and beyond

Have you ever wanted to be part of the leadership of our congregation – to know how and why decisions are made? Would you like the responsibility of helping set our course for the next few years? Ever wonder how our budget is tabulated? What we spend our tithes and offerings on? There are plenty of opportunities available, some immediate and others starting Jan 1, 2023.

Immediate Openings can be filled now: One Board Vice Chair, SPRC Specialist #1/Recording Secretary, and SPRC Specialist #2,

Class of 2025 – potential openings that start Jan 1, 2023: One Board Chair, Treasurer, Trustee Specialist #1 and #2, and Financial Secretary

Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee class of 2025 x2

Please pray, please pray, please pray, if /when God nudges – let the members of Lay Leadership/Nominations Committee - Terry Simpson, Susan O'Neal, Linda Moody, Charlie Self, Charles Himes, or Debbie Blanton know how you would like to volunteer and serve.

Recommended Educational Videos for Building Knowledge Concerning the Potential Future of Kresge and The UMC

The Rev. Rob Renfro explains the theological and spiritual issues surrounding the division within The United Methodist Church.

1. The United Methodist Church is Divided and Dividing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g48onYSqg0>

2. Our Differences Regarding the Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P35XdF873NQ>

3. Our Differences Regarding Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNpmGxE8D88>

4. Our Differences Regarding Sexuality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjOd-fOgAJI>

5. Why It's Time for Traditionalists to Leave

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fw5Y4fMRJtQ>

6. Where Should We Go?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzAVdE9wqY0>

Why We Are Staying in the UMC | Rev. Adam Hamilton | May 17, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1unw5LwdiQ>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Anniversaries and Birthdays are on the calendar.					1	2
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3 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional HOLY COMMUNION Ronnie & Beth Haynes Matthew 6	 Matthew 7	5 Tues. Mom Prayer Group 10:30 am Matthew 8	6 Kayci Moates John Roberts Matthew 9	7 Clean Team Petersmarck Williams Matthew 10	8 Linda Stanton Matthew 11	9 Matthew 12
10 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional Matthew 13	11 Ann Wood Matthew 14	12 Tues. Mom Prayer Group 10:30 am S.H.- Debra W Gaynelle Owens Matthew 15	13 Matthew 16	14 S.H. Judy C Matthew 17	15 Deana Serfin Matthew 18	16 Matthew 19
17 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional Matthew 20	18 Matthew 21	19 Tues. Mom Prayer Group 10:30 am Charlie Self Mark & Michelle Meyers Matthew 22	20 Russ & Deborah Edge Matthew 23	21 Clean Team David Owens Matthew 24	22 Matthew 25	23 Jay O'Neal Matthew 26
24 Worship @ 10:55 Masks Optional Matthew 27	25 Marian Williams Matthew 28	26 Tues. Mom Prayer Group 10:30 am Mark 1	27 Mark 2	28 Mark 3	29 Mark 4	30 Mark 5
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