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Hope in the Resurrection
A Note and a Prayer – May 2022

“²¹ Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus lived among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ They prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two ²⁵ to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” ²⁶ When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.”

Acts 1:21-26

The disciples had a necessary task of finding someone to take the place in the ministry of Jesus left open by Judas’ betrayal and death. They choose two from among those gathered who met their criteria. Then they prayed for God’s direction in who would fill the space. Matthias was chosen and he took the place alongside the eleven apostles.

The disciples searched for someone who had been with them during Jesus’ ministry on earth. That was important so that the person would know and be able to speak with truth and knowledge of who Jesus was and what he taught. For Jesus’ ministry to continue, those closest to Jesus had to continue spreading the message.

The disciples also looked for someone who could witness to the resurrection of Jesus. The chosen disciple would need to go with the disciples in spreading the gospel of Jesus who was crucified and then resurrected. They would have to know that the Jesus of the resurrection was real. They would need to live faithfully into the power and truth of the resurrection.

As I thought about the criteria for the one to take Judas’ place in ministry, I wondered how we might fit into the necessities of that disciple. We were not alive to be with Jesus during his ministry. How well though do we know his life and his teachings so that we can live like him? Have we lived a life that is close to Jesus and his teachings so that we can share the truth of his message and ministry?

Even though we did not walk with Jesus during his ministry, we can witness to the resurrection as Matthias and the other disciples did. We witness with our life and our words. We witness with love as Jesus commanded. We witness with a belief in the resurrection. As I said Sunday in the sermon, we are people of the resurrection.

There are many aspects of witnessing to the resurrection. One word that comes to mind when I think of resurrection is hope. Hope is looking forward into a future good. Biblical hope is grounded in God. Hope is possible because God is good and throughout life, God has proven over and over of God’s goodness. The resurrection is a climax of God’s goodness that gives hope.

Before the death and resurrection of Christ, humanity was partially responsible for providing sacrifices for the atonement and forgiveness of sin. After the resurrection, Jesus was the one who took those sins and by love, offered forgiveness. We have hope for life now and life in eternity. We can stand on that hope knowing that a good and gracious God can be trusted.

I don’t know if Matthias thought about all these things when he was chosen. He may have gone about doing what he had done before Jesus died. The resurrection though gave him a firmer foundation of hope. The resurrection was now a cornerstone of the message of the gospel.

Let us pray: *“God of the resurrection, you are the source and strength of the hope we have in this life. Thank you for your love that sustains us. Help us be faithful witnesses to the resurrection. In the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.”*

Grace and Peace,
Lori Anne

IMPACT Youth Sunday School

Sunday May 1- Barbara Laymon

Sunday May 8- Lynne Hicks

Sunday May 15- Natalie & Brian- Backpack Buddies

****Meet in Missions Room****

Sunday May 22- **No Sunday School**

Sunday May 29- Lynne Hicks

Children's All-In-One Sunday School

Sunday May 1- Tiffany Evans & Sherri Robinson

Sunday May 8- Natalie & Brian Gray

Sunday May 15- Landon & Sarah Carter

Sunday May 22- **No Sunday School**

Sunday May 29- Tiffany Evans & Sherri Robinson

High School/College Graduates: If you are graduating from high school or college please let the church office know by May 15. Please let us know where you are graduating from, and what your plans are after graduation. Graduate Sunday is June 12 at the 10:55AM service.

Rocky Railway VBS is Monday June 20-Thursdays June 23, 6:30PM-8PM in our Family Life Center. Registration is open now! Use the QR Code to register children 4 yrs-5th graders. If you can't access the QR code see Natalie to register. Registration forms are in the narthex of FLC and sanctuary.



VBS REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

1055 AM USHERS for May Charles Crenshaw, Lester Cozart
Johnny Miller, Mike Harrison

1055 AM Greeters May 2022 5/1 Mike & Teresa Deal
5/8 Shirley Cody & Donna Henderson
5/15 David & Claudia Hunter
5/22 Donna Henderson & Connie Moore
5/29 David & Claudia Hunter



Is anyone ready for a Road Trip? Young at Heart will have a lunch meeting on Tuesday, **May 17, 2022**, in the Family Life Center at 12 noon. We will be gathering to discuss plans to re-organize and begin our monthly trips. We have a bus ready to travel... let's gather and make plans for some fun times this Summer and Fall. Bring a guest - we have plenty of room. All suggestions for trips are welcome, so bring your ideas of places you would like to visit and favorite places to eat or drives you have taken. Looking forward to getting back together again. P.S. You don't have to be retired to join us - just young at heart. Everyone is welcome!



FUMC will have a single "Welcome Back" service on May 22, at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. The service will be followed by a covered dish lunch in the FLC. Sponsored by UMW, the service celebrates both 150+ years of United Methodist Women, now United Women in Faith, as well as a return to "normal" after Covid 19 restrictions. Look forward to special music during the service. In addition, the Music Makers children's music ministry will perform for us during lunch. Although there will be no Sunday school on May 22, we'll have a wonderful day of worship and fellowship!

Our last month of preschool has arrived! Please join me in prayer as we end our school year. Pray for safety, fun, and growth as we transition into summer. Our teachers have done an amazing job and they could not have done this without your support and prayers. We are closing out preschool with only 2 spots left for next year out of 60, which is absolutely amazing! Our preschoolers have come a long way in their education and love for God. We are so blessed to be part of this growth! *Katie Allen*

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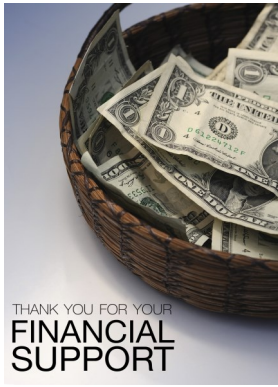
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Thank you for your generous financial support. Your ongoing gifts are vital to the ministries of FUMC!

***Give not from the bottom of your purse,
but from the bottom of your heart.***

| | MAR 2022 | Jan-Mar 2022 |
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| Tithes/Offerings | \$33,567 | \$121,574 |
| Memorials | 2,365 | 3,095 |
| W/S Foundation | 2,682 | 2,682 |
| Other Income | 130 | 130 |
| Total Income | 38,744 | 127,481 |
| Expenses | -48,613 | -149,492 |
| Total | -9,869 | -22,011 |



DEL McCULLOUGH

By Evelyn Daniel
By Debbie Broadway
By Tom & Brenda Graham
By Mike & Jean Hinshaw

MARY ELLEN & M.C. DEADMON

By Mack & Martha Deadmon

*Dear Church Family,
Walter and I are so appreciative of the prayers, cards, food, and kindnesses that you shared before and after my eye surgery. I am healing a little more each day. It has certainly been a new experience for us, and the entire process will continue for a few more months. Thank you for your understanding and patience as I get back to my regular routine at church. We are so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful, loving church.*

*Blessings to you all,
Lou Wilson*

MAY Birthdays

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| May 01 | Charles Crenshaw | May 17 | Will Rooney |
| | Melinda Crenshaw | May 20 | Ralph Greco |
| May 02 | William Berry | May 21 | Mackie Deadmon |
| | Mike Deal | May 22 | Donnie Lakey |
| May 03 | Melissa O'Connor | May 24 | Emery Rosenbaum |
| May 05 | Sam Redman | May 26 | Bob Ritz |
| May 06 | Jake Barnhardt | | Sarah Wood |
| | Wanda Bryant | | Mike O'Connor |
| May 08 | Carl Wicker | May 28 | Paulette Hendrix |
| | Phillip Cartner | May 29 | Sally Brill |
| May 09 | Lester Cozart | | Katie Hendricks |
| May 10 | Charlotte Miller | | Linda Trudgeon |
| May 12 | Brantlee Evans | May 30 | Chance Anderson |
| | Scotty Seaford | | John Brock |
| May 14 | Virginia Coil | | Robert J. Hendricks |
| | Barbara Laymon | | |



Lou's Lines

What a joy it has been to have so much singing during our worship services recently. There is nothing like a hymn to put joy in my soul! I am going to assume that John Wesley felt the same way. If you read his "DIRECTIONS FOR SINGING" in our Hymnal, you might agree. Briefly, they are:

Learn these tunes before any other. Sing them exactly as they are printed. Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Sing lustily and with good courage. (My personal favorite). Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above the rest of the congregation, but blend your voices together. Sing in time, do not run before nor stay behind. Above all, sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. (Yes! Amen).

A colleague from years past asked me if I went to a church that used those 'old books' for music. I proudly answered yes and here are just a few of the reasons why:

1. They are scripturally based and enhance the spoken message in a way that only music can do. They are poetry that points us to God.
2. The words are there so that you can refer back to them each time you come into the Sanctuary. If I love a hymn, I just might want to see the words again and again.
3. They teach as you follow the musical notes. Even young children can be shown that the notes go up and down, like your voice goes high and low. There is harmony written there, for those that can already read it.
4. When you open your hymnbook, you know that the entire congregation is to join in. This is a time for active participation in worship.
5. They bind us together as a congregation and remind us of the rich traditions from which we come.


Sing on, my friends! Let us unite our voices as we worship together as a congregation and sing praise to our Lord and Savior!

I will sing to the Lord for he has dealt bountifully with me. Psalm 13:6

Lou Wilson, Director of Music

The United Methodist Men will meet Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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The mission of First United Methodist Church is to *believe* in Jesus Christ as Lord,
to *receive* the power of the Holy Spirit,
and to *respond* to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.

