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**Jumbled Thoughts**



**By Rev. Ryan Bachuss March 26, 2023**

We look this week at a pretty straightforward piece of scripture. Paul is speaking to the Roman church and he is telling them that they have the Spirit in them and they should utilize it. How often have we been down a path that we knew was wrong but we went down it anyway. When we got to the end of it we often probably said geez this isn't what I expected at all. See, Paul knows the struggles that being a Christian can pose, he knows especially the struggles new Christians face, and he is trying to give them all the guidance he can. Paul says, "The mind governed by the flesh is dead, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace"(Romans 8:6) We are reminded in this scripture that we are now children of the Spirit, and also children of the light. There is no need for us to live in the flesh anymore because the Spirit sustains us and builds us up. Paul warns against returning to the flesh and he also reminds all of us that Jesus rose again by the same Spirit that is within each of us. Have a blessed rest of the week. See you all Sunday.

This is the Fifth in our weekly Lent season devotionals. Each Wednesday during Lent I will be adding a new one.

I have always loved winter. Most people think I am strange because it is cold and you cannot get out as much and the gray days just seem to keep on coming. But I love snow, I love building snowmen, I love drinking hot chocolate and watching the fire burn. I fully enjoy getting bundled up under blankets and watching movies. These of course are mostly indoor activities, but the point is I try to make the best of winter even though it is cold. Life can sometimes seem like winter. We can feel the gray days piling up and we can wonder if things will ever improve. But rejoice the sun does come out, the warm air comes in and the flowers bloom. Life gets better when we look for the positive things in our lives. God guides us through the presence of the Holy Spirit to see the brighter days that are ahead. Even in the worst weather or the worst days, we can see God at work and we can see the positive in life. If we live our lives with the scripture in our hearts, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want" Psalm 23:1 how can we not see the brighter days and greener pastures ahead.

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- C--Create a community of trust & faith with our neighbors.**
- A---Attend to the physical needs of our neighbors.**
- P---Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighbors.**



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United Methodists vow to faithfully participate in the church's ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness.

**ATTENDANCE/STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION:**

**Sunday, March 19, 2023**

**Presley Chapel UMC**

In Person Attendance = 32 Online Attendance = 3

General = \$992.00 Building Fund = \$6,300.00  
 Missions - \$5.00  
 Mission Fund Balance = \$966.24  
 UMCOR Sunday offering - \$20.00

**Huntsville UMC**

In Person Attendance = 36 Online Attendance = 1

General = \$1,367.00 Building Fund = \$0.00  
 Missions = \$17.00  
 Mission Fund Balance = \$1,882.90  
 UMCOR Sunday offering = \$250.00  
 Get Up & Give - 20.00

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**Presley Chapel UMC - Happy Birthday:  
 Happy Anniversary:**

**Huntsville UMC - Happy Birthday: Joyce  
 Roberts - 27**

**Happy Anniversary:**





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**If you watch our service on Facebook, please comment or like us so that we can count your attendance.**

**METHODIST MEN'S CHICKEN PICK-UP:**  
**We need your help!** This is an easy way to participate in the ministries of our church. Takes less than two hours to complete. Pickup is at Tyson headquarters in Springdale at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Drop off at Open Arms food pantry. If you would like to help in this great cause, please click the new link and sign up or talk to pastor Ryan.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAFAF29A4F4C34-chicken>



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**We are pushing the confirmation classes to the spring. You may possibly be asked to be a mentor for one of our youth going through confirmation, so please keep an open mind as we prepare our youth to be the church body of the present and the future.**

**Breakfast with the pastor Crossbow Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

**Reminder to everyone - you have access to our online directory where you can update your photos or your address and phone information. Please keep our directory as updated as possible. If you have questions on**

**how to access this directory, call us in the office.**

**Our theme for 2023 is going to be stepping out of the darkness and loving the light. Many of our sermons will reflect us learning how to love the light and live in the light that God provides.**

**Weekly Lent season devotionals will be posted online and via this newsletter each week by Wednesday during Lent.**

**March Sermon Series**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> "Live in the Spirit" Romans 8:5-11**

**\*A list of items needed by Methodist Family Health can be found on the table in the back of the sanctuary or at this [link](#). Items will be collected during Lent (between February 22nd and Sunday, April 9th)**

**Check the back page for a list of Holy Week events and times.**

**VBS is coming!! As we begin to make our summer plans, make sure you add VBS to your calendar. This year it will be at Presley Chapel beginning June 5th and ending June 7th. Look for more announcements in the future about VBS.**

**Bags of individually wrapped candy are needed at both churches to stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunts. Please bring your candy to your church by Sunday, April 2nd.**



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**Easter Sunday Potluck at Presley Chapel  
at 12:15 p.m.**



*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."*

Romans 8:26-27 New International Version  
(NIV)

Tonya Crow, Kaye Doll, Linda MacLean, Echarte family, travelers, Les Norton, Tim Hill, Amanda Cousins, Lori Trinkle, Steve & JoAnn Tenpenny, Scott McGlocklin, Andy Grove, Kenton Blisard, X Dotson, AT Smith, Shannon Moppin, Jimmy Peacock

**Our Military Members:** JR Lievsay, Steven Davis, Owen Davis, John Commerford, Kimberly (Commerford) Gannott

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers...*

Please email your prayer concerns to Pastor

Ryan @ [ryan.bachuss@arumc.org](mailto:ryan.bachuss@arumc.org),

[huntsville@arumc.org](mailto:huntsville@arumc.org), or

[presley.chapel@arumc.org](mailto:presley.chapel@arumc.org).

**Pastor Ryan's prayer report:**

Denton Grubb would love to have visitors; he is in room 302 at Meadowview. Keep those dealing with Covid in your prayers as well. Continue to uplift Kaye and Jerry Doll. Kaye is now heavily medicated to keep her calm and as pain free as possible. Pray for peace for them. Pray for our country and those dealing with violence. Continue to uplift Sumner; he is doing well with his rehab for his elbow and his heart. Keep X and Fern in your prayers. X continues to face a difficult road ahead as they work to restore his kidney function. We lift up Les Norton as he recovers from having a piece of his foot amputated. Les is in good spirits but Marlene and him could use our prayers now.

**Recipe of the Week**

**Greek salad with kalamata olives**

Kalamata olives halved half a small jar, 1 whole cucumber thinly sliced into half moons, 1 pint cherry tomatoes halved, ½ red onion thinly sliced, 1 small container feta cheese, ¼ cup olive oil, salt and pepper, juice from 1 lemon, red wine vinegar 2 tsp. Dried oregano 1 tsp. In a mixing bowl place your cucumber, tomatoes, olives, red onions. Then gently fold the feta cheese crumbles in. In a measuring cup add the vinegar, salt and pepper, lemon juice, and oregano. Slowly stir in the olive oil making sure it mixes well. Pour that mixture over the vegetable



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mixture and fold it in. chill in the fridge until ready to serve.

**Church isn't always quiet.  
Church isn't always sitting still.  
Church is always ACTIVE!!!  
Come find out what we are doing**

## Children's Corner

We are coming up on Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is a fun time as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The people all shout hosanna, and wave the palm branches in the air or lay them in front of Jesus. IT is quite a happy celebration. WE are happy because we get to experience the joy of the people that day. But not long after joy isn't so joyful anymore. So, raise the palm branches high, shout hosanna in the highest, and praise God as Jesus returns to the city excitedly.



**Remember all those Sunday's we gathered change?**

For Easter this year, with that money you gathered, we have bought from Heifer International ---a HOPE Basket filled with Rabbits, Chicks, a Flock of Ducks and Some Honeybees!!! It should arrive to some families soon!

We wanted you to know the money you gathered has been put to use for some hungry families! Good Work!

Good Work KIDS!!!  
Ms. Karla, Ms. Pam & Rev. Ryan



**The children will be preparing for the Palm Sunday bell choir during morning worship and on Wednesday nights.**

**K.I.D.S.**



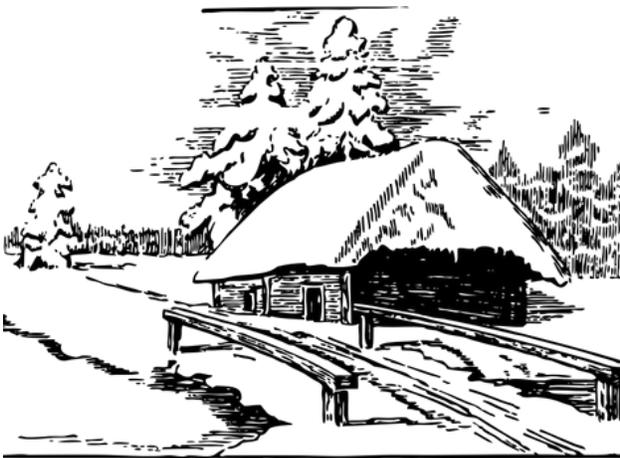
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If you are scheduled to bring the meal for youth, please plan for 30 youth and adults. We will be providing drinks and desserts for the youth, so all you will be needing is a main dish. Remember that we have younger ones now so they should not eat quite as much.



**March Activities:**

22: no youth spring break week

29: fun night

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**By: Pastor Ryan**

**Youth News!**

**We are spending time working with our favorite Bible stories right now. I hope that you will join us for fun, food, and learning on Wednesday nights.**

Palm Sunday is a celebration, but also a beginning. It is the beginning of what we think of as Holy Week, sometimes called Passion week. Palm Sunday is happy and joyful, while the rest of the week is not so much. We see joyful turn to anger pretty fast. Anger then turns to sadness, and the



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end result is Jesus in a grave that had never been used. But the best celebration is the one yet to come. So, spend some time preparing your hearts for the coming weeks as we are getting nearer to the triumphant return of Jesus which we refer to as Easter.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Holy Week Services are coming -**

**April 2nd: Palm Sunday Children's bell choir**

**April 6th: Maundy Thursday services at Presley Chapel at 6:30 pm**

**April 7th: Good Friday services at Huntsville at 6:30 pm**

**April 9th: Easter Sunday worship services - 9:30 am at Presley Chapel; 11:00 am at Huntsville with Easter Egg hunts at both churches after their morning worship. Presley Chapel will be having Potluck Lunch at 12:15 pm.**