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FROM THE SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S DESK... CELEBRATIONS!

Hey! Would you like to Celebrate during March?

Here are a few Ideas:

March Daily Holidays and Observances

- March 1: National Peanut Butter Lover's Day,
Dadgum That's Good Day
- March 2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Read Across America
Day, Old Stuff Day, World Teen Mental Wellness Day
- March 3: National Anthem Day, National Mulled Wine Day,
World Wildlife Day
- March 4: National Day of Unplugging, Pound Cake Day,
Employee Appreciation Day
- March 5: National Absinthe Day, Cheese Doodle Day
- March 6: National Dentist's Day
- March 7: National Cereal Day, Flapjack Day
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 9: National Barbie Day, Get Over It Day
- March 10: World Kidney Day, National Women and Girls HIV/
AIDS Awareness Day
- March 11: National Johnny Appleseed Day, Promposal Day
- March 12: National Girl Scout Day, Working Moms Day,
Plant a Flower Day
- March 13: Daylight Saving Time
- March 14: National Pi Day
- March 15: The Ides of March
- March 16: National Panda Day, Artichoke Day,
Freedom of Information Day
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 18: National Sloppy Joe Day, Awkward Moments Day

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Escape the Tomb Riddles by
JUMC/RUMC Elementary
Students Bible Study:

#1: The devil can't do it. We all
want it, but don't always share it.

God has more of it. He sent Jesus
because of it. What am I?

#2: It was locked when it was full.

When it was unlocked, it was empty.

What is it?

(Answers in Sunday's announcement slides)

From the Spiritual Advisor's Desk contd....

Proverbs 22:17

"A merry heart does good like medicine"

The list continues for the month. However there are also weekly and monthly celebrations that are important such as:

- National Invest In Veterans Week (March 1-7)
- International Women's Week (Week of March 8)
- Endometriosis Awareness Week (First full week of March)
- National Procrastination Week (First two weeks in March...or whenever it's convenient)
- Read an E-Book Week (First full week of March)
- Girl Scout Week (Week of March 12)
- National Introverts Week (Third full week of March)
- National Physicians Week (March 25-31)
- National Women's History Month
- Endometriosis Awareness Month
- Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- National Cheerleading Safety Month
- National Brain Injury Awareness Month
- Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month
- National Kidney Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Social Work Month



With all the daily, weekly, and monthly celebrations, it seems to me that Christians should throw in a few every once in a while. Maybe have Back to Church Month or Be Kind to a Stranger Day or Pray for Your Enemy Day.

If we spent more time celebrating life in Christ and loving our neighbors, I believe our world could change for the better and then we could celebrate a little bit of heaven here on earth.

We are celebrating Mission Sunday on March 20, so I hope that you will stay after church and help us count out vitamins for the Honduras Mission Trip. Sandwiches, chips and dessert will be served.

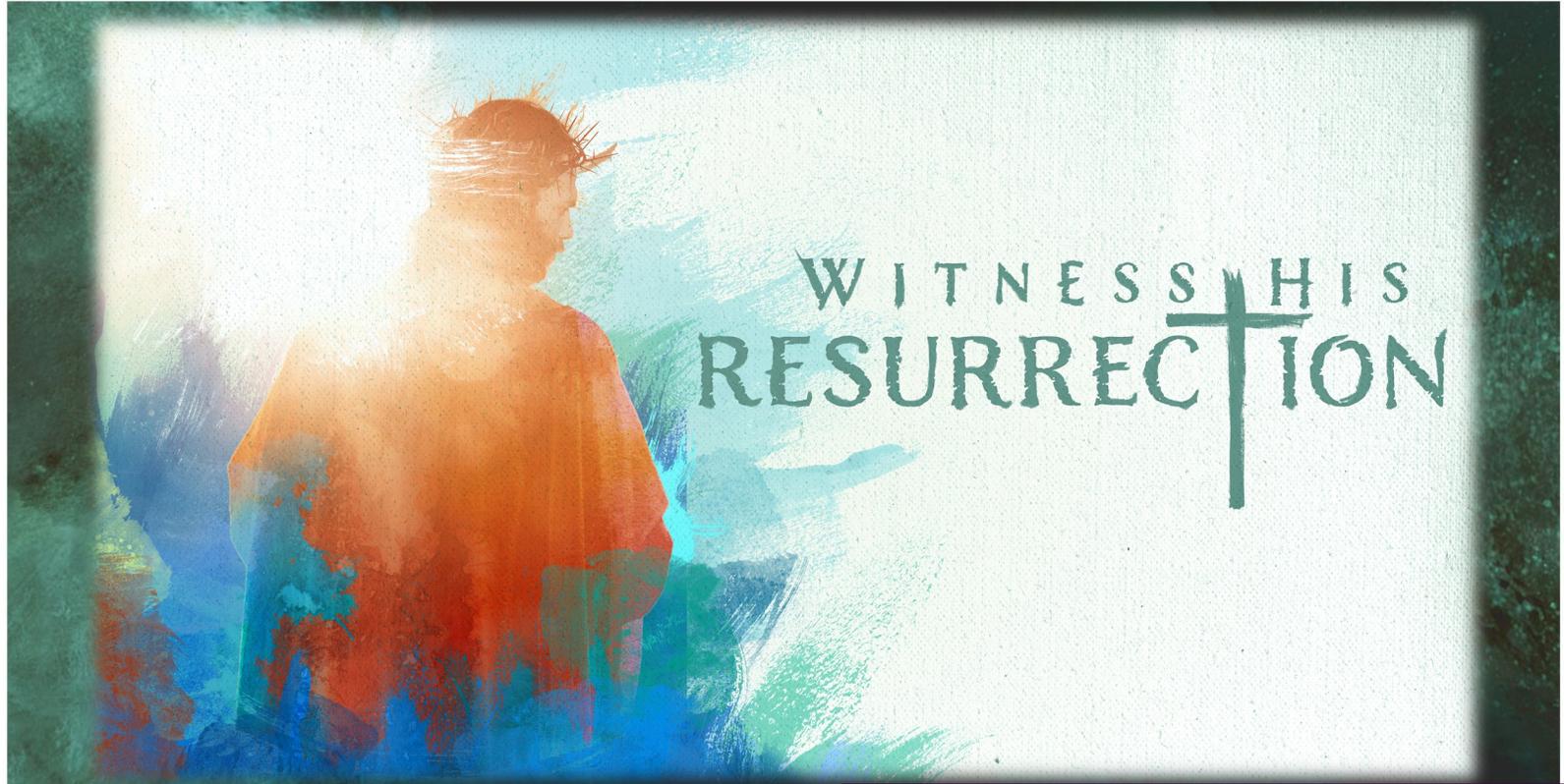
May God bless your home, and may all that God has placed in your care receive His blessing.

See you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday. And remember to pray daily.

God Bless
Walter L Parker, Your Pastor

Vitamin Packing

We are having a packing party for our missionaries that are traveling to Honduras for mission trip. We invite everyone to stay and eat lunch after church on **March 22** and help with this important part of their mission. After lunch we will help our missionaries prepare for their trip by packing vitamins that will be brought with them to distribute to the people of Honduras. We hope you will all join us as a church family for this important project!



WITNESS HIS RESURRECTION

March 6: First Sunday of Lent

Tempted and Tried – Luke 4:1-13

Scripture Reader: Emma Jean Goodreau

Prelude: “O Lord, You’re Beautiful” - TFWS #2064

Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” -

TFWS #2112

Anthem: “Made Me Glad” with “Praise the Name of Jesus”

Communion Song: “How Great Is the Love”

Praise Song: “Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)”

March 13: Second Sunday of Lent

The Zealot – Philippians 3:5-16

Scripture Reader: Crystal Benoit

Prelude: “When I Survey (The Wondrous Cross)”

Hymn: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” - UMH #297

Anthem: Wondrous Cross Medley

Praise Song: “Lead Me to the Cross”

March 20: Third Sunday of Lent

Magdalene – Luke 13:1-9

Scripture Reader: Michelle Sawyer

Prelude: “Hungry (“Falling on My Knees”)

Hymn: “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” - UMH #357

Anthem: “Amazing Grace” (“My Chains Are Gone”)

Praise Song: “The Potter’s Hand”

March 27: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Priorities (The Woodworker) – Matthew 6:19-24

Scripture Reader: Ryleigh Crochet

Prelude: “When It’s All Been Said and Done”

Song of Praise: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Anthem: “King of My Heart” with

“I Give You My Heart”

Praise Song: “You Are My All in All”

April 5: Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Sealer – John 12:1-8

Scripture Reader:

Prelude: “Wonderful, Merciful, Savior”

Hymn: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” - UMH #172

Anthem: “Covenant Prayer”

Communion Song: “Alabaster Jar”

Praise Song: “Broken Vessels”

(“Amazing Grace”)

April 12: Palm Sunday

Felix’s Big Day – Luke 19:28-40

Scripture Reader:

Prelude: “Hosana, Loud, Hosanna” - UMH #278

Song of Praise: “Hosanna”

Anthem: “Here Is Our King”

Song of Invitation: “At the Cross”

GOD'S NOT DEAD

Created by DALE MATHEWS and DANA ANDERSON

The JUMC and RUMC children and youth cannot wait to share this amazing musical presentation with you on Palm Sunday afternoon at 4:00. The story woven into these awesome contemporary Christian songs is one that resounds within many of our lives at one time or another. The questions asked...the faith struggles...the remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for each of us. But most of all, in times where we question, "Where is God in all of this?!", we must hold fast to the truth that OUR GOD'S NOT DEAD!!! The foreword from the creator of this program is found below. I felt we can each benefit from his words.

"A fountain gurgles peacefully behind me while frogs and crickets team together in a symphony of sounds both musical and percussive. Above me, the sky sparkles with stars just coming out for the evening, providing a natural light show, a complement to the music of the night. In my solitude and meditation on a calm and peaceful evening, I let the night's sounds, smells, and sensations wash over me. Yes...it is times like this that I feel close to God. In moments like this, I am reminded that He is our Creator and that music is part of His creation. Sometimes in the busy-ness of our day, we just need to stop and sit alone; we need to hear the music He created for His pleasure and to remind us that He is not only God our Savior, Healer, Counselor, and Lord, but that He is also Creator God. He has skillfully and passionately executed a beautiful, majestic, simple song in you.

If you're having trouble finding your own song, find a spot where you can block it all out. Meditate on His goodness and love, push aside all worldly pressures and listen for His Song. sometimes it takes a moment to hear it...wait for it. If you're patient, you'll hear God conducting the sounds of His creation. The players and The Conductor are just waiting for you to hear it, to drink it in, to allow it to saturate a soul thirsty for the sounds of His love, which are played out in the heavenly music brought to life here on earth.

He is playing it for you . . . playing it so *you* can be refreshed and revived. I hope you hear His Song often, and in the hearing of it, I pray that you find new joy and a fresh passion for sharing your love of God with others!" - Dave Mathews

*I Am
the Lord
of the
Dance*



Sydney Carter's classic hymn, "Lord of the Dance," is a metaphor of the life of Christ. In beautiful, poetic language, Carter describes Jesus as The Piper, calling his followers to the dance of life. You are invited to join the JUMC Chancel Choir as we present this musical from Joel Raney that offers an elaboration on this hymn, portraying each verse individually in a dramatic, colorful presentation - all retelling the story from John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." The musical selections and narration complete setting of "Lord of the Dance," celebrating Christ's victorious resurrection. The narration and scripture have been carefully chosen to complete the story, tying together the verses of Lord of the Dance with a variety of other timeless hymns and songs, creating a meaningful worship experience for the entire congregation.

The choir will present their Easter cantata later in the Easter season following Easter Sunday. There is still plenty of time to sing with us. If you are interested in participating in our musical Easter celebration, please let Sarah know as soon as possible so that we can order a book for you. Also, listening CDs are available for any choir participant who needs one.

The choir meets **Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m.** We begin with our weekly anthems first. Cantata rehearsal will begin at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry

We are looking forward to new things in our youth program!

We have a few young men that will be participating in the Living Last Supper! I love seeing our youth participate in our church's services! We are thriving as a youth group and we are having as many as 15 youth participate on each Sunday



We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our Valentine's Fundraiser! It was a huge success!

Youth Bible Study



Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm we meet to have a bible study we have just finished our "Marvel" bible study and we are fixing to start a new one called "Master Design".

It's a 4 week study on why we were created and how we respond to God's love for us!

Week 1: Designed to Be Loved

Week 2: Designed For Relationships

Week 3: Designed to Respond

Week 4: Designed to Be Heirs With Christ

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Join us for our new series "Coffee with Jesus"



2022 Youth Summer Trip

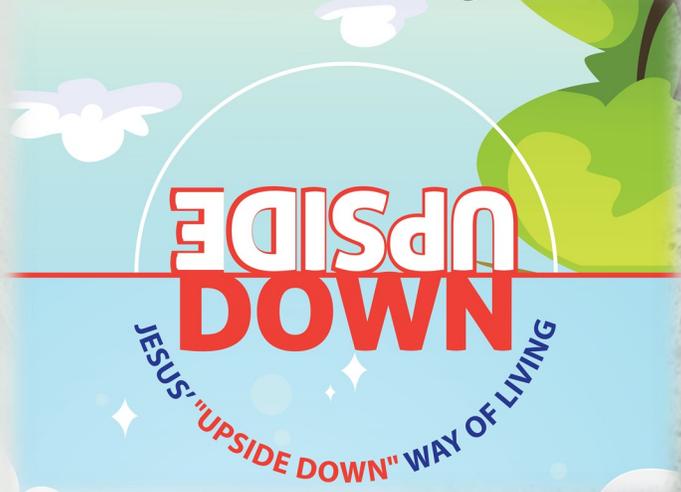
This summer we will be going to Mount Sequoya in Arkansas! We will be going the week of June 6th-10th! We are hoping to take our renovated bus! We have 2 more fundraisers coming up to help raise funds for our trip!

BBQ Hamburger Sale on March 12th from 11am-1pm.

Sausage on a Bun Sale on April 30th!

(Tickets will be available soon with more information)

Children's Sunday School



Jesus' "Upside Down" Way Of Living

The life that Jesus offers is radically different than the one the world offers. When we go "all in" with Jesus, he turns our ordinary life upside down in the most incredible way.

Memory Verse: "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." *Isaiah 55:9 (NirV)*

Lesson 1: The Last Are First

Scripture: Mark 9:33-37, Who is Most Important?

We spend so much of our time putting ourselves first: trying to have it all and be number one. But in the Upside Down Life, the first will be last. The Jesus life is dedicated to serving others and putting God and others first. During this lesson we will name 1 way we can try to serve others.

Lesson 2: One More Mile

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-44, Eye for an Eye

When someone hurts us or takes advantage of us, we want to "get them back." But in the Upside Down Life, we love our enemies and we repay evil with good. During this lesson, we will talk about how we can write out a prayer for someone they don't get along with.

Lesson 3: The Least Gives the Most

Scripture: Luke 21:1-4, The Widow's Offering

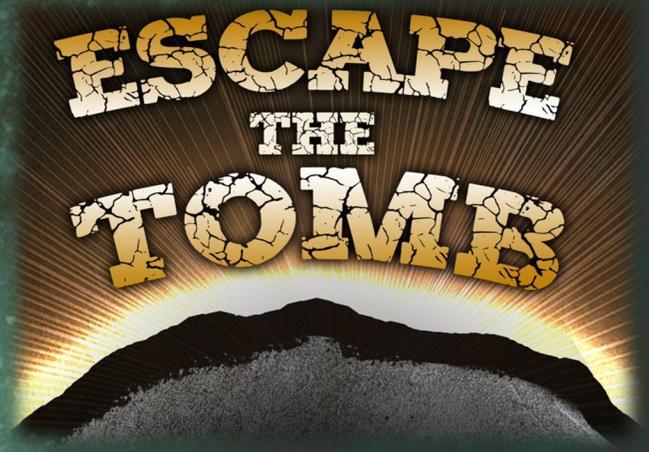
While the others were putting large sums of money into the temple treasury, one widow woman put in only two small coins. Yet Jesus declared that she had given more than anyone else. In the Upside Down Life, a small thing given from a generous heart, becomes the biggest gift there is. During this lesson, we will name creative ways to be generous with what they have.

Lesson 4: Lose to Save

Scripture: Mark 8:34-38, The Way of the Cross

People spend lots of time, money, and effort to live a long life free from care and worry. But in the Upside Down Life: in order to have a life worth living, we have to lay down our life for Jesus – the one who laid down his life for us first. During this lesson, we will identify things we can give up to live a life that honors Christ.

Super Sunday Study



Escape to New Life!

Earth was the ultimate escape room, a place where all God's people were doomed to die from sin. Then God sent us a hero, a Savior, who would show us the way out. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection is the ultimate escape story. If we follow the way Jesus has made for us, we can escape to new life.

Memory Verse: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." *John 8:36 (NIV)*

Lesson 1: Solve the Riddles Scripture: Isaiah 53, Jesus' Death

Predicted Every escape room is filled with clues, puzzles, and riddles that need to be solved. For centuries God had given clues to the prophets about how He would one day help us escape from sin. All of these clues point to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this lesson we will learn that Bible prophesied that Jesus would come to save us from sin.

Lesson 2: Stick Together Scripture: Mark 14:43-50, Mark 15:6-15, The Disciples Flee and the Crowds Say Crucify

In an escape room, everyone must work together or there is no hope of escape! The disciples abandoned Jesus in His moment of greatest need, and the crowds turned on Jesus. In spite of all this, Jesus still fulfilled His mission and made a way for our escape. During this lesson, we will say we must choose to stick with Jesus.

Lesson 3: Doomed! Scripture: Mark 15:21-47, The Crucifixion

A truly great escape room can really give you a sense of being trapped, even though it's not real. All truly seemed loss when Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross, but not even death could stop Jesus! During this lesson, we will learn to say that Jesus died for our sins.

Lesson 4: Free! Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, Jesus is Alive

Of all the dramatic escapes in history, none can match the drama of Jesus escaping from the tomb. If we place our faith in Jesus, we can escape sin and live a new life. During this lesson, we will focus on understanding that if we trust in Jesus, we can escape the punishment of sin.



*JUMC Easter Celebration and
Egg Hunt*

Saturday, April 16th

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

*Come join us for some fellowship,
food, fun, and games. Take a picture
with the Easter bunny, too!*

*Please let Crystal or Sarah know if you are willing to donate
to this event or would like to help with the event itself.*



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

It's that time of year, again.

Yep, you guessed it...VBS TIME!!!!!!!

We have tentatively planned to have our VBS the week of June 20-24. You can volunteer by serving as an adult helper, by donating money to help fund this fun, faith-filled opportunity, and/or by being part of the team that prepares for VBS by setting up/taking down each of the stations.

There are always places where God can use each of us. We pray that you will consider being a part of this awesome week! Please let Crystal, Kim, or Sarah know how/where you are willing to serve.

HOLY WEEK



Holy Week Special Services:

April 12: Palm Sunday

4:00 p.m. *God's Not Dead*

JUMC/RUMC Children & Youth Easter Program

April 14: Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. *Living Last Supper*

April 15: Good Friday

8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The sanctuary will be open for you to take time to reflect and pray at each Good Friday Meditation Station.

6:00 p.m. *Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness*

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service

10:30 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2ND-LARRY LYONS

2ND-HAYDON ROMERO

7TH-ETHAN CORKRAN

10TH-GLENDA GRANGER

12TH-JOANNA SAWYER

20TH-WILLIAM LANE MILLIGAN

22ND-CHARLENE LACOMBE

30TH-JESSIE WATSON

