

MEADOWVIEW MESSENGER

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The Pastor's Pondering:

Follow Me!

Are you feeling disillusioned and/or disappointed? Have you ever trusted someone and they let you down? It makes me sad when people are not what they seem. They have been faking all this time. Jesus said, "Follow Me!" When we follow Jesus Christ, we find hope.

It is often hard to grasp humanity. When one puts their trust in a person and the person betrays the other person, it is hard to get back where the relationship began. Whatever we stand for is what we believe. But Jesus said, "Follow Me!" because he will never betray us; even though He was betrayed.

The Bible tells us to put on the whole armor of God. For if we are armed with the word of God, as the Bible directs us, we will be able to dismiss this disillusioned aspect of life and follow Jesus. The Bible tells us, "*to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.*" (Ephesians 6:10) In other words, stand firm in the Lord Jesus Christ. Verse 11, "*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the evil one.*" The evil one is constantly trying to trip us up, Christian and sinner alike. But if we "Follow Jesus" He will give us the wherewithal to stand against the darkness of this world.

Why is the armor of God needed? Because the evil one has always been a formidable enemy of humanity and countless numbers have succumbed to his tricks and cunning lies. He uses our own selves to convince us that following him will bring us greater happiness and that we are sinners beyond help and hope.

But when we put on the whole armor and put on the breastplate of righteousness, and put on the shoes of peace and good news which is the Gospel, it gives us power to chase the evil one away, even if it is just for a little while. Thus, we are prepared for the battle. For a battle is soon to come when dealing with powers of darkness. For this battle is not with flesh and blood, but with wickedness and deceit on every hand.

The shield of faith always goes against the evil one's intentions of harm toward mankind who trust in and have faith in Jesus Christ. "Follow ME"!! Satan might send his fiery darts of temptation and despair, disillusion, and disappointment into the minds of people, but if we are following Jesus and have the faith, Jesus will fight for us.

Praying in the spirit will give us far more than we could ask for. The Spirit works within us to pray inwardly without words. Such prayers increase our ability to withstand the evil one when he attacks. With all of the full armor of God on, it is entirely possible for us to be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."

During these times of uncertainty, and of disillusion if we "Follow Jesus" he will be our hope. "*For my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and his righteousness, I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly, completely, lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*" (UM Hymnal p.368).

Scriptures: Ephesians- 6:10-18 & Matthew 4:19

Pastor Barbara

Calendar for October 2020:

06 6:00-7:00 p.m. Food Pantry at MUMC
13 6:00-7:00 p.m. Food Pantry at MUMC
20 6:00-7:00 p.m. Food Pantry at MUMC
27 6:00-7:00 p.m. Food Pantry at MUMC

Normal (repeating) schedule:

Sunday: Worship @ 9:30 a.m. – Facebook live

Sunday: ~~Worship @ 10:30 a.m. (11:15)~~

~~Sunday School @ 10:45 a.m.~~

Sunday: ~~Choir practice @ 9:00 a.m.~~

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family

Anita Coulthard Joanna Dennstaedt
Skeeter Yeatts Peggy Bolling Dale Carter
Wade Blevins Judy Briscoe Lily Mehl
Linda Martin Wanda Kealey Malcolm Nutter
Susan Rasnick Mack Boyd Christine Puttock
Jeremy Weaver Beulah Stringer Haley Charlton
Lynn Baggett Adeline Littleton Nairn Family
Diane Mash Jones Tony Smith Christina Reynolds
Sandra Warmoth Margaret Carter
William & Doris Quintana Wayne Rector
Hannah Moore Jane Scruggs
Dave Henderson Rev. Doyle's daughter
Carl McKinney Peggy & Sammy Vaughan

Expressions of Sympathy to:

Diane Rector, in the loss of her father.

**If you need to add someone to the prayer list or are ready to have someone taken off, please contact Annette Sumrell at shadygrove_umc@yahoo.com or 276-206-3243 (call or text)*

Sunday Worship services

While some are still abiding by the “safer at home” strategy (due to the COVID-19 coronavirus), Pastor Barbara will be presenting a message on Facebook “live” **each Sunday morning at 9:30.** For those who decide to venture out, **outside worship services are currently being held under the shelter at Meadowview UMC at 10:30 a.m.** If it is too cold or is raining, worship will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

Tithes & Offerings:

Don't forget that the church is still dependent on the tithes & offerings of its members during this pandemic. Keep sending those to: Meadowview UMC, P.O. Box 255, Meadowview, VA 24361

Activities Temporarily Suspended:

- Bible Study – Wed. @ SG 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- Half Century outings
- Older Adult outings

Rules for returning to Sunday Worship in person:

- Temperatures will be taken before entering the building
- Weather permitting, worship will be under the pavilion; otherwise it will be in the Fellowship Hall, using the handicapped access
- Masks will be worn at all times
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entrance and exit
- Nothing will be passed around; offering plate will be at a table as you enter
- No physical contact with one another, such as hand shaking, hugging, etc.
- Social distancing will be followed; families/couples may sit together
- No children’s church or nursery
- No hymnals or Bibles available; bring your own Bible if you want
- No congregation singing; no choir
- Kitchen will be CLOSED; no foods or drinks available. Bring your own drink if you want.

Food Pantry

The food pantry at Meadowview has become such a huge success in the Meadowview Community and beyond. People, families, and others are being served and God is getting the praise. This past week there were vegetables, milk, eggs, and other food items. God has been so good in blessing this endeavor.

(If you have egg cartons, save them and give them to MV for eggs)

Help is needed for the food pantry on Tuesdays 6-7 at MV. Tables are set up outside. Becky McKinney will meet with you and show you what to do if you come. People are needed to stock shelves or pack bags. Becky will also show you that.

Volunteers are needed for delivering food to shut-ins. If you would like to deliver food to shut-ins on Wednesday or any day; the food is left on the resident's porch. See Becky McKinney if you are willing to lend a helping hand to help those in need and our elderly and shut-ins.

Thank you, Pastor

October is:

Pastor Appreciation Month; Domestic Violence Month; Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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