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From The Pastor

Contentment

The past year has been full of challenges hasn't it? And we all know we are not out of the woods yet. As I think about the last 8-10 months I realize that one of my biggest challenges has been trying to make the most of each present day. There has been a lot of pressure to look back on past enjoyments that we are not able to indulge in at present and lament. Then from the other side there has been a tendency to look to the future when some "normalcy" might be restored. Each day we wake up seems a little like an in between time that we muddle through until things can change for the better. Yet I know that God gives us each day as a precious treasure full of opportunity in Him. Somehow we are called to thrive in each day and find contentment in it. It seems like a tall order some days, doesn't it?

God has wisdom to share

with us through what He inspired Paul to write to the churches of Philippi: *Philippians 4:12-13* - "12 *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*" Paul's answer? Christ gives us all we need to be content whatever our lot in life. Somehow in looking to Christ, Paul could be content whether fed or hungry, living in need or having plenty. How does that work?

I recently came across a sermon by an early 17th Century Puritan minister named Jeremiah Burroughs. As a Puritan, Burroughs experienced his fair share of turmoil and persecution -once even needing to flee to the Netherlands. Combining the teaching of Scripture with his own experiences in life he came up with a

wonderful definition of Christian contentment that he shared in this particular sermon. He said, "Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, freely submitting to, and taking delight in God's wise, and fatherly disposal in every condition."

I think the key is in the very last part, "freely submitting to, and taking delight in God's wise, and fatherly disposal in every condition." As I read that I am invited to think about the love and sovereignty of the God we serve. He is a loving and wise Father. He has proven through the gift of His Son that He will withhold no good thing from us. Sometimes in His wisdom He knows there is more to be gained in withholding what we see as good for a time. However, He has promised that as we seek first His kingdom He will provide all our needs.

Pastor Sean Shrall

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The History of Chocolate Chip Cookies

Accidental Inventions that Changed The World

The chocolate chip cookie was invented by American chefs Ruth Graves Wakefield and Sue Brides in 1938.^[1] She invented the recipe during the period when she owned the *Toll House Inn*, in *Whitman, Massachusetts*. In this era, the Toll House Inn was a popular restaurant that featured home cooking. A myth

holds that she accidentally developed the cookie, and that she expected the chocolate chunks would melt, making chocolate cookies. That is not the case; Wakefield stated that she deliberately invented the cookie. She said, "We had been serving a thin butterscotch nut cookie with ice cream. Everybody seemed to love it, but I was trying to give them something different. So I came up with Toll

House cookie."^[2] She added chopped up bits from a Nestlé semi-sweet chocolate bar into a cook-^[3] The original recipe in *Toll House Tried and True Recipes*^[4] is called "Toll House Chocolate Crunch Cookies". Wakefield gave Nestle the recipe for her cookies and was paid with a lifetime supply of chocolate from the company.^[5]

from: Wikipedia



Upcoming Events

- **Trustees** will meet **Saturday, February 6th, at 10:00 am.** (This will be a Zoom Meeting!)
- **Fellowship Nurture and Outreach** will meet **Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm.** (This will be a Zoom Meeting!)
- **Administrative Board** will meet **Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm.** (This will be a Zoom Meeting!)



The Importance of Corporate Worship

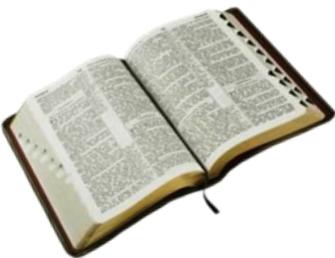
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together Hebrews 10:25

I will not argue with you about nature inspiring thoughts of God. David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." But at the same time, I would give you no comfort about absenting yourself from the house of God. The Bible says,

"Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it." If our Lord loved it enough to die for it, then we should respect it enough to support and attend it. I like what Theodore Roosevelt once said, "You may worship God anywhere, at any time, but the chances are that you will not do so unless you have first learned to worship Him somewhere in some particular place, at some

particular time."
Prayer for the day
Down through the years, beloved Lord, Christians have met to worship You. Thank You that I am a part of this blessed family.

from the Billy Graham Evangelist Association Daily Devotion



Advance United Methodist Women

The Advance United Methodist Women are inviting our whole church in this project. We are collecting the items below to donate to *Child Protective Services in Greenup*. We are doing this project with the United Methodist Churches in Greenup, Sunshine and Louisa as a pilot. If you would like to donate

to this just drop your items at the church office. We will continue this through the year but we would like to get some donated items to CPS!

- Toiletry size bag
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)
- **Underwear** (new-any size)
- Socks (new-any size)
- Juice Boxes/Capri

- Sun Lotion
- Deodorant
- Hair Brushes/Combs
- Blankets
- Small Stuffed Animals
- Gift Cards to area Fast Food Restaurants

Thank you for your loving contributions.
Kay Smith



<p>Children's Ministry</p> <p>Tiki Shroll and Carrie Fraley are putting together packets for the children, ages 5-5th grade. You can pick up <i>packets every Friday</i>.</p>	<p>Youth Ministry</p> <p>*Facebook: Advance SURGE Youth Group *Instagram account: SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance) *We have a "REMIND" To join, Text@advance you to 81010</p>	<p>Bible Studies</p> <p>Adult Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on the Church Website (advance church.net) and Facebook page (.Advance Memorial United Methodist Church).</p>
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To Tell The Truth

Fresh from a visit to the dentist, I decided to stop at my bank. Barely able to enunciate, I told the teller,

"I'm sorry about not speaking more clearly. I've been to the dentist." "You should have used the drive-

through," she said. "Why?" "Everyone who goes through sounds like you."



Short Jokes

- I heard that by law you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How am I supposed to know when it's raining in Sweden?
- Parallel lines have so much in common. It's

- a shame they'll never meet.
- I threw a boomerang a few years ago. I now live in constant fear.
- If you cry when you cut an onion, maybe you shouldn't get so emotionally attached.

- I took the shell off my racing snail so he would move faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish.
- What's the only thing worse than constant advertisements? You'll find out right after these messages.

- I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.
- What happened when the strawberry attempted to cross the road? There was a traffic jam.
- You know what they say about cliffhangers?

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A Look Back

Monday, April 18, 2011

The Ultimate Sacrifice



Calendars are marked with "Easter Sunday" consistently every year. We as Christians today teach about the sacrifice, the death, and, ultimately, the Great Resurrection. Many times, as a Christian, I ponder the walk Jesus made His last hours: the humiliation, the pain, the suffering, and the prayers that went to the Father during those last hours while suffering in sheer agony. The words "Why have you forsaken me" and "IT IS FINISHED" He spoke while hanging nailed to a wooden cross. Those are powerful words when placed in perspective.

"It is finished" was not the end but truly the beginning.....

As Christians the sacrifice of oneself is the one thing that I believe GOD requires from all of us; he gave the ultimate gift of his Son. Sometimes, I think we need to mark every day as "Easter Sunday", it is not always about "ME"; it is the sacrifice being made for others. As God sacrificed His son, the Church needs to rise above "ME" and concentrate on "THEE". This will require us to be ridiculed, spit upon,

and humiliated; but our GOD is still in control and is very much alive. This Easter, let us not forget the sacrifice that Christ made for you; what can you sacrifice for Him?

Deuteronomy 31:6: *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

May God Bless You this Easter Season and God Bless America.

Leeronna Thompson
