



# Advance Memorial United Methodist Church

## *THE MESSENGER*

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### From The Pastor

#### In Times Like These...

You all taught me a new song one Wednesday evening that speaks to the time we are in here in 2020. It is a song by Ruth Caye Jones called either, "In Times Like These" or "The Solid Rock" depending upon which hymnal you find it in. The first two verses and the chorus go:

#### *Verse 1:*

In times like these you need a Savior,  
In times like these you need an anchor;  
Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

#### *Verse 2:*

In times like these you need the Bible,  
In times like these, O be not idle;  
Be very sure, be very sure, Your anchor holds and grips the Solid

Rock!

#### *Chorus:*

*This Rock is Jesus, Yes He's the One,  
This Rock is Jesus, the only One;  
Be very sure, be very sure,  
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!*

I remember watching an episode of "Running Wild with Bear Grylls" where Bear and his guest needed to repel down a major cliff face of a hundred feet or more. They were up in the mountains and all around them was thick packed snow and ice. Bear found a patch of ice with a cleft in it. He pulled out a can of bug spray or hair spray or some such thing. Then he tied their rappelling line to the can and wedged it into the cleft in the ice. That can wedged in a chunk of ice was the only thing

anchoring their rope and keeping them from plunging to their deaths as they rappelled down the cliff. That is not an anchor I would to entrust myself to!

Jesus on the other hand is perfectly trustworthy. He has never let me down. No matter how big the storm, dark the clouds on the horizon, or overwhelming our circumstances may get, Jesus is more than sufficient to anchor our lives and see us through. In times like these –Covid, election craziness, uncertain future, isolation – we need an anchor and a Savior. Jesus is the only one worth trusting ourselves to. Make sure you are anchoring yourselves in Him daily through prayer and studying the Word.

*Pastor Sean Shroll*  
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### A Lesson from Joseph *continued* ....

Then take advantage of this time to also lift each other up. The second verse contains the words “In times like these, O be not idle.” It is easy to feel like there is not much we can do during these pandemic limitations, but never underestimate the power of offering someone an encouraging word. Scrip-

ture tell us in Proverbs 12:25 – “Anxiety weighs down the human heart, but a good word cheers it up.” There is a pretty good chance that anyone you might call, text, email, or send a card to is having some up and down struggles with anxiety, melancholy, or even depression. We can be the de-

liverers of a good word that cheers the heart. And in the process we often find that our own clouds of anxiety and gloom have been parted a little and replaced by something warm and radiant.

*Pastor Sean Shroll*

### Upcoming Events

Methodist Women will not meet in November.

Methodist Men will not meet in November.

**Finance** will meet **Monday, November 16th at 7:00 pm.** This is a Zoom meeting. Members are: Nick Cloyes, Sam Atkins, David Thomas, Ron Andrews, Anita Elliott, Kay Smith, Mike Carter, Jim Lyon, Pastor Sean Shroll, Ron Zastawniak, Kristy Gross

**Council on Ministries** will meet **Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm.** Members are: Sam Atkins, Jane Thomas, Carol Highstone, Debby Atkins, Carol Stevens, Don Young, Ron Zastawniak, Mike Dowling, Mary Beth Cordle, Diana Williams, Brian Gross, Christy Lemaster, Stephanie Nesler, Kay Smith, Pastor Sean Shroll

**Thanksgiving Day,** (November 26th & 27th) the church office will be closed!



### Thank You, God

For a nose to smell  
The flowers sweet,  
And a tongue to taste  
The food I eat  
Thank You, God for these.

For ears to hear  
And eyes to see  
The beautiful world  
God planned to be

Thank You, God, for these  
For hands to touch  
And use each day,  
For feet to run  
And jump and play  
Thank You, God for these  
For sunshine bright  
For raindrops, too

For nighttime rest  
When day is through  
Thank You, God for these  
For Your great love  
And forgiveness, too.  
For Your care for me  
Whatever I do  
Thank You, God, for these

*Merle Glasgow*

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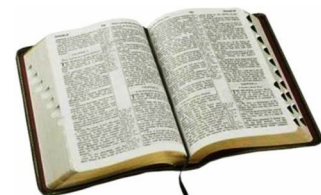
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### Acts 2:38

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, 'Stop -Acts

2:38!' (..turn from your sin...). The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, 'Why did you

just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you.' 'Scripture?' replied the burglar, 'She said she had an AXE and two 38's!' ."



### We Give Thanks

W-e can walk  
E-ach can talk  
G-ive our thanks to  
God  
I-n His care  
V-ery safely there  
E-veryone gives thanks  
to God

T-ogether we run  
H-ave lots of fun  
A-nd we give our  
thanks to God  
N-ow in our way  
K-indly we say  
S-o always give thanks  
to God!

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### Children's Ministry

Tiki Shroll and Carrie Fraley are putting together packets for the children, ages 5-5th grade. For more information please contact Tiki, Carrie or the church office. *The packets are ready for pick up on Fridays.*

*Thank you, Tiki & Carrie*

### Youth Ministry

**Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group

**Instagram account:** SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance)

We have a REMIND that we ask people to subscribe to. To join, **Text@advance you to 81010** (this is where most communications occur!)



### Bible Study Classes

Adult Bible Study meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** on the Church Website (advance church.net) and Facebook page (.Advance Memorial United Methodist Church).

Discipleship Group meets on **Thursdays at 7:00 pm**, in the Family Life Center (gym). Please remember to bring and wear a mask!

**Thank You:** Cindy and Wurtland Nursing and Rehab center were very thankful for the 4 TVs we donated. Thanks to all who donated! COVID has come into the building and is affecting staff and residents. Please pray for the health and safety of those within these walls.

I am also trying to coordinate a letter/card writing ministry with them. Anyone interested can contact me or leave contact info with you and I will get back with them when I have firm details. *Thank you Carrie Fraley*

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## A Look Back

*Continued.....*

*Fri., March 5, 2010*

Never Stop Praying

Prayer can be continuous. Elijah, in seeking an audience with the wicked King Ahab, said, "I swear by the Lord Almighty, in whose presence I stand, that I will present myself to Ahab this very day" (1 Kings 18:15). Elijah was aware of the fact that wherever he went, he stood

in the presence of God.

You, too, are never alone. Wherever you go, God is with you. You can commune with Him and fellowship with Him and pray to Him and hear from Him. That is the idea of continuous prayer: being in fellowship and communion with God.

If you want to grow spiritually, then make prayer a vital and regular part of your life.

*Larry & Betty LaBrie*

