

Words from Pastor Tom,

I have found myself thinking about the future after I (and Jennifer) got our first COVID-19 vaccination three weeks ago, and now that we've had our second dose this past Saturday, I want to share an idea that has been swimming in my brain—one, I hope, will help us “turn the corner” and think about the future rather than dwelling on the past and present.

There was so much that we couldn't do when I arrived last summer, and I've talked about my grief at those lost opportunities due to the pandemic. So, my idea is a series of what I call “Eat 'n' Meets.” At this point, I'm thinking one every three months starting this July of 2021—a time I hope the pandemic will be such that we can safely gather for a potluck meal (the “Eat” part) and a time of sharing (the “Meet” part). The subsequent Eat 'n' Meets could be in October, January of 2022, and April of 2022. Again, my thinking is a potluck after the 10:00 service, with the sharing time immediately following around the tables (not in a separate room). I will bring up this idea formally at our May Church Council meeting, so I'm open to a different day and time, or perhaps making it a potluck brunch at 9:00 a.m. and having the discussion at 10:00 rather than a worship service, if the discussion takes us in either of those directions.

Eat 'n' Meet #1 would be an open question and answer period (Q & A) with me as the focus. I want to make myself vulnerable to you as your pastor and let you get to know me so that together we can do great things in the name of our Lord and Savior in the future. It would be your opportunity to ask questions about growing up as a United Methodist preacher's kid, my calling into the ministry, my education, my time as a teacher and basketball coach, my past pastoral appointments, my naval career as a chaplain, my motto of ministry, my hobbies (current and “wanna-bes”), or other things you'd like to know. I plan to share a seminar on discipleship and congregational growth that I've written as Eat 'n' Meet #2 this fall, but I'd be willing to foreshadow it with thoughts on that topic since it is an elaboration of my motto of ministry.

There will certainly be more to follow on this idea, so stay tuned!

Yours in Christ our Lord,

Pastor Tom

LLCUMC Monthly Mission Activity



Hope House's Mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safe refuge and supportive services that educate and empower those impacted by domestic violence.

Hope House is dedicated to making sure every man, woman, and child affected by domestic violence can find refuge and freedom. Their programs include emergency shelters, individual and group therapy, and outreach programs to assist survivors on their journey to safety and normalcy. For additional information, visit their website: hopehouse.net

As our April mission project, we will be collecting the items listed below now thru Sunday, May 2nd to support Hope House and the survivors of domestic violence they serve. Please place your donated items in the drop-off box in the Church Commons.

Current Needs:

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| Chapstick lip balm | New wash clothes |
| Lysol Spray | New bath towels |
| Toilet paper | New twin sheet sets |
| Paper towels | New bed pillows |

Hope House will also gladly accept monetary donations to make bulk purchases of critically needed items. If you would like to make a CASH donation, please make your check payable to LLCUMC and write "Hope House" in the memo line. Have Questions? Email Elaine at sendmail2me@comcast.net



For Your Generous Participation!



Prayer List

On Going: Kevin Bergman, Wade Davis, Richard Fuerst, Winnie Fuerst, Harvey Geary, Michael Hatfield, Kirk Morehead, Nancy Rowe, Norma Silvain, Marsha Waz

Depression and Mental Health: Robby Sherrod

Strength and Healing: Jim Arr, Terry Collins, John Hatfield, Ann Hawkins, Ken Iiams, Tara Kelly, Pete Marshall, Mike McMillin, DJ Petty, Mark Shelby, Brian Scott, Andrew White

Missions: Kenyan G-Marc Project, Chics for Chicks, Della Lamb, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Harvester's Food Bank, Lazarus Ministries, reStart, Tarsney Lake Families, Congregation de Mellier, Heart and Soul Children's Learning Center

Please contact the office to update or add prayer requests



**Be Bold as
the Disciples**

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I will be starting a new sermon series titled "Bold Acts." In it I will be preaching on some of the acts of the disciples after Jesus' resurrection that challenged the powers that be in their time and set the course for what we know and believe today. Peter will be a central focus of the series because he clearly is the boldest among the disciple, but we will also look at the apostle Philip and his encounter with an Ethiopian in Acts 8. I hope that through this series we can see that taking on Christ's humility does not mean that we are to be timid about sharing our faith in our risen Lord and Savior.

April 2021

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 4 Sunrise Service 7:00 am Easter Service 10:00 am | 5 | 6 Voting Day at church | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Services 8:00 & 10:00 am | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |