

# MARCH

## 2023

FURLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### FROM THE PASTORS DESK



#### REFRESH

For some unknown reason, my sometimes that says “refresh”. I get have heard a similar sermon several times Preachers tend to preach on the familiar scriptures. We do that with some good reason, because those passages get to the heart of the gospel message.

computer has something that comes up concerned when I plan my preaching that you earlier in your years attending church.

How much do the messages in church simply refresh your earlier experience, and how much is a new thought? As we move into the Lenten season we come to one of the more focused times in the church; Christmas and Easter. At Easter we tell the story of how Jesus came into Jerusalem, had a last supper, was crucified, and rose from the Dead. It is a challenge to preach a sermon on the resurrection without it seeming like something you have heard several times in the past.

The other night we watched one of my favorite movies, and we date the DVD so we know that it was a whole two years since we had watched it. There were a few things that I had forgotten, but there were also some scenes that I just love to say, “here it comes, watch what they do now.” That favorite moment is a time when it is refreshed. The Easter events are so crucial to the Christian faith that they should be, or must be refreshed at least every year. Along with the Worship Committee, we have planned some things for Lent that refresh, and a couple of things that we have not experienced for a long time.

#### RECORD KEEPING

Here at tax time, we are often challenged with the decision of how long should we keep our files and our records. The IRS is pretty clear about that, but there are things from our past that we just cannot throw away. I have been trying to get rid of a few things that I should have discarded twenty years ago. In that process, I discovered an illustration from many years ago that I want to share with you. I have no idea what the basic source of this story was.

Wellington Church in Glasgow, Scotland became famous for twenty five years because of the great preaching of George H. Morrison, the pastor. Morrison one time told of a dream in which he came up to the gate of heaven, and St. Peter did not know him. And what was worse, he could find no record of him. “But I am Morrison of Wellington,” protested the minister.

“Never heard of you,” said Saint Peter.

“But,” stammered Morrison, “haven’t you heard of my sermons which people said had the beauty and the charm of poetry?”

“No,” replied St. Peter again.

# GOOD WORDS

“But I’m Morrison of Wellington; there must be some mistake!” came the anxious plea,

Then St. Peter asked, “What is your full name?”

“Why, George Herbert Morrison,” said the minister with relieved anticipation. “Ah,” said St. Peter, “I have a notation here that one George Herbert Morrison once spent a whole night at the bedside of a dying man.”

The article went on to say, “What we do in church becomes only a sanctified ‘dead end’ unless it enables us to bear fruit for God in the world. One of my earliest sermons here was “God’s Toolshed” where I describe we Christians as the instruments of God’s grace, and we come into the toolshed to get prepared to be in ministry.

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### Jesus Children Being Honest

With God and With Each Other John 14:6 “I am the way and the truth and the life.” We all want to be honest. We also want to teach our children and grandchildren not to cheat at school, lie or sneak. How do we practice and teach honesty? Honesty is more than just telling the truth. It’s about being authentic and encouraging children to be real with themselves and their friends about who they are. It’s the foundation of strong, genuine and loving relationships. The Bible teaches us how much God values honesty (Prov. 11:1). Most importantly, we learn that Truth is one of God’s attributes. The Old Testament refers to the Father as the “God of truth” (Deut. 32:4, Ps. 31:5, Is. 65:16). Jesus spoke of himself, “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). We see the Holy Spirit is called the “Spirit of truth” (John 14:17). All truth comes from God as the source of everything that is right, just as He is the source of all love in the world. We need to value honesty. We can explain to children & grandchildren that when they’re honest, they gain our trust. We can be an example. Honesty is a two-way street. If asked a question, the truth needs to upmost and whenever possible we need to keep our promises. We must carefully select our words. We need to encourage the young folks in our care to remember that we love them and if a child is caught in a lie, we need to be loving and forgiving. We must acknowledge that telling the truth, after the fact, may be very hard and then show how glad we are when the truth is told.

We are all responsible for our words and actions. We are accountable to God, our immediate family, our church family and our friends. (adapted [www.ahearttoknow.com](http://www.ahearttoknow.com))

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Dear Friends of Grassroots ,

Happy New Year and thank you so much for your gift today.

God bless you and your family for your support of our children both in Tanzania and Kenya.

2022 was a year of opportunities for growth, and answered prayers, for all of us associated with Angel House and Hope 27. The new Kindergarten classes are in full swing with additional students, Heagton Primary School that our Angel House children attend just scored number one in the entire country for examination scores, and Angel Secondary continues to rank highly in the district and regional level as well. The new John Deere tractor purchased late last year has modernized our farming, the new school bus the leadership team took a loan out for earlier this year is transporting our children safely and advertising the schools well in town, and most importantly our children are thriving physically, academically, and spiritually.

Thank you, for your commitment to this mission, your support as we've expanded to partner in a new community, and your prayers for the children and staff as we strive to bring God glory in all we do.

God Bless you!

Holly Heyroth Opundo

On behalf of Grassroots Angel House and Hope 27

North Butler 4-H Club February  
Meeting  
Cora Brackenridge, Reporter

Jeremiah Goebel called the meeting to order on February 13 2023, at Emmaus Church. Carson Brackenridge and Rustin McLaughlin led the 4-H pledge and Flag Salute. Next secretary, Donovan Brewer called roll call of "What is your 4-H goal this year?" and 21 members responded. Donovan read the January minutes. Ella Amend provided the treasurer report. The leader's report was given and Debora announced any member can try to make a fair book cover with the theme of "Sew it, Grow it," the drawings are due Monday, March 6th, and the winners receive a cash prize. She gave out candy for those who filled out their goals sheets. During the 4-H council report, it was announced that Beef Weigh-in is Saturday, February 25th and 4-H Day is Sunday February 26, at the Butler Community College. The meeting was adjourned.

To start the program Rustin McLaughlin led the club in the song *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, Valentine style.

Carson Brackenridge gave a parliamentary talk on how to make a motion while having some of the members practice.

Julia Amend presented a project talk on her past craft/visual art projects. She brought paintings and a little house she built then painted.

Harley McLaughlin shared a project talk over her three steers talking through how she feeds them their names, weight, and breeds. The highlight was the livestock

shows attended.

Ella Amend demonstrated how to give cattle vaccinations with a syringe. She brought her stuffed animal cow and demonstrated how to get the medicine from the bottle to the syringe while flicking it to get all of the air bubbles out. Ella then gave her cow a shot on either the neck or shoulder.

Anna Klingenberg provided a demonstration on how to make an easy snack with a tortilla and Nutella.

Hudson Harder, played a piano solo "*Riding on a Mule*" for talent.

Recreation was enjoyed by the attendees, Hope McLaughlin, announced and led the club in recreation playing color tag by the color of your shoes.

To complete the evening, the McLaughlin's served refreshment.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Dear Friends of Grassroots,

Happy February and thank you so much for your gift today. God bless you and your family for your support of our children both in Tanzania and Kenya.

Our children are all back in school; the new school year has just begun with much anticipation. We are grateful for increasing attendance at both Angel House Kindergarten and Angel House Secondary School, several new teachers have joined the staff Angel Secondary, and to have increased the number of Hope 27 scholarship students by two this year for a total of twelve children in Kenya. We pray for each child as they enter into their classrooms this year, and for their teachers as they encourage them academically. We praise God for providing, through you, to support their education.

Thank you for your prayers for the children and staff we strive to bring God glory in all we do.

God Bless You!

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On behalf of Grassroots, Angel House, and Hope 27

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**Come  
Let's Journey Together  
Living Life,  
Loving Jesus**



### RECYCLE DAYS

Last name beginning...

A thru K = March 14

L thru Z = March 28

Recycle Often-Recycle Right

Go to [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for details on what can and cannot be placed in the recycle carts.

### REMINDERS:

- \* Please wash out all tin cans, glass jars and plastic containers.
- \* Break down cardboard boxes and remove packing tape and labels.
- \* Blacken personal information on prescription bottles before placing in the cart. Lids may be off or on the bottles.
- \* Simply dump items for recycling in the cart and take your plastic bag home to "recycle".
- \* **No plastic bags** allowed in the cart.

Furley Church recycling is offered to church attendees to encourage environmental stewardship. There is no financial benefit to Furley Church for recycling.

THANK YOU for choosing to recycle.

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MARCH 12th



### COMMUNITY LUNCH RETURNS ON MARCH 3rd

Let's do lunch! Furley Church will open its doors and welcome all to lunch and fellowship at 11:30AM on Friday, March 3rd. See the lunch flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

When the Community Oversight Team gathered on February 1 to discern menus for 2023, they were reminded of the Scripture inspiring these meals. In Matthew 14:15-21 we see a crowd gathered in a 'remote' or "lonely" place. The disciples wanted to send the people away to find food, but Jesus said to the disciples "You feed them". In the food desert of Furley a group of around 50 gathered for the very 1st First Friday Community Lunch in March of 2009. The then Andale Furley Coop offered their accessible Hospitality Room to serve the meal in. Then in April 2013, the Community Lunch was served in the NEW Furley UMC building. Monthly attendance had grown to +100. No one ever imagined the gatherings would still be happening these 14 years later! We bear witness to the saying "where God guides, HE provides!"

Your donations to the Community Lunch Fund have been serving the larger community and Furley Church during the three-month break. After recovering food and supply cost, funds were shared with Furley UMC Trustee's for carpet cleaning and treating. New shelving for food service equipment used at the lunches was purchased allowing ground level

storage. No more running up and down stairs for roasters or chaffing pans! New mats in the church entryway welcome all to worship- and lunch. Cash was donated to the Wheat State Manor Auxiliary to purchase items for the WSM wish list for residents. Fund dollars also purchased sheet sets for the Youth Horizon Boys Ranch on N. Woodlawn.

Your prayers for Community Lunch are coveted. The hospitality of the Holy Spirit is desired in all aspects of this gathering. All are welcomed to lunch! Some attendees come from work and some attendees come from a "lonely" place. Starting with the March 3 lunch, the 4 round tables will be designated as *Linger Longer* tables for those who desire to extend their fellowship until cleanup is finished. As we journey together living life, loving Jesus let's do lunch on March 3rd!

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Deadline 19th of each month.

If anyone has a story or article that can be used in the newsletter please let me know.

Always seem to have space to fill with something.

Pastor Garry will be leading a Lenten Bible study starting March 5. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.





Jan Bransom's granddaughters competed at the gymnastics tournament in Wichita on Saturday, February 18th. I managed to get a photo of Sophie on the bars and Sadie on the floor. They are so much fun to watch! Afterwards I got a couple more photos, one with Sophie with her medals and another of Sadie getting ready to head home. So proud of these girls!



Furley Church wishes to welcome our new members Douglas & Kimberly Hague. You are a blessing to us. (Sorry no one got your picture with Pastor Garry to include)

#### GREETERS

March 5th

Jan Lane

March 12th

Debbie & Makenzie Creekmore

March 19th

Denny & Carolyn Hill

March 26th

Ron & Karen Buss

#### USHERS

March 5th

Ron Buss & Randy Koehn

March 12th

Keith Slater & Marvin Spencer

March 19th

Roger Tallman & Dick Ewing

March 26th

John Horner & Randy Koehn

#### Team Counters

March 5th

Karen Buss & Keith Slater

March 12th

Pam Horner & Ron Buss

March 19th

Jan Lane & Randy Koehn

March 26th

Pam Horner & Keith Slater



# Know Jesus

## March 2023 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Read John 3:16</p> <p>Jesus, the only Son and the only one to believe in for eternal life.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Read Matthew 22:37</p> <p>Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read Matthew 14:16</p> <p>Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Read Romans 5:6</p> <p>At just the right time Jesus Christ died for the ungodly</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Read John 14:9</p> <p>Know Jesus, know the Father</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Read John 10:26</p> <p>Know that when Jesus stands among you, he brings peace</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Read John 10:31</p> <p>Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, by believing you may have life in his name.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Read Matthew 14:14</p> <p>Jesus saw them, had compassion, and healed those who were sick.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Read John 10:27</p> <p>Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows his sheep and they know him.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Read 1 John 4:10</p> <p>This is what love is; God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, as the means to our forgiveness</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read Matthew 14:27</p> <p>Jesus walks into the storm to tell us "Don't be afraid!"</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Read Matthew 14:36</p> <p>Jesus, those who touched even the hem of your garment were healed.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Read Luke 23:34</p> <p>Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Read 1 Peter 1:3</p> <p>A new life and living hope through the resurrection of Jesus.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Read 1 John 2:1, 2</p> <p>Jesus is the Advocate with the Father for all who sin, the atoning sacrifice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read 1 John 4:21</p> <p>Christ commanded us to love one another . . . love God, love others</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Read John 15:17</p> <p>Jesus said . . . This is my command, love one another</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Read Mark 3:11</p> <p>The impure spirits declare Jesus the "Son of God."</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Read Matthew 15:3</p> <p>Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for your traditions?"</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Read Matthew 15:18</p> <p>Jesus taught that what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Read 1 John 1:7</p> <p>Walk in the Light with Jesus and have fellowship with one another.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Read Luke 3:22</p> <p>A voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, whom I love: with you I am pleased."</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Read Luke 4:8</p> <p>Jesus answered the devil, " . . . worship the Lord your God and serve him only."</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read Luke 4:24</p> <p>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown,"</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Read Mark 2:6</p> <p>Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Read Psalm 18:30</p> <p>The LORD's word is flawless, it shelters all who take refuge in him</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Read John 1:1</p> <p>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read John 1:14</p> <p>The Word became flesh and made his home among us</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Read Mark 1:15</p> <p>Jesus proclaimed, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent!"</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Read John 14:6</p> <p>Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Read John 14:6</p> <p>No one comes to the Father except through Jesus Christ</p>	



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**WHAT: First Friday Community Lunch**  
**WHEN: March 3, 2023**  
**SERVING 11:30 AM TO 12:45 PM**



Free will donation supports the  
Community Lunch Fund.

MENU  
Taco Soup  
Veggie Beef Soup  
Potato Soup  
(Crackers and Tortilla Chips, too!)  
Breads, Salads,  
Desserts and  
Beverages

Carryout meals available. Food delivery to home  
bound upon request. Call 316.744.0328 after 8 am on  
March 3rd. Need a to go box? Containers will be  
made available after 12:45 pm.



Special guests  
from  
Youth Horizons will  
be onsite to share  
about the work of  
this local ministry  
to young men and  
women.