



Living Faith
United Methodist Church

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Sunday, February 21, 2021

Just Two Small Coins

Mark 12:13-17, 41-44

From The Pastor

Understanding What Really Matters

“For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.” Philippians 1:10 NLT

Christians everywhere keep trying to follow Jesus in different cultural context and particular circumstances. Those who may practice their faith in a safe environment and those who might be facing persecution and opposition in various ways. However, all followers of Jesus Christ must keep their faith and remain faithful until Jesus’ return. Paul wrote to the Philippians when he was in prison. “For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ,” he wrote. Yet, his spirit and faith remain strong amid that adversity. He wanted to encourage the Philippians, so he sent this letter to them.

Paul was always praying for all churches and believers on those places where he planted the seed of the gospel. He pointed out how significant was to keep growing in faith and spiritually. “I pray that your love overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.” (Philippians 1:9). When you become a Christian and started your spiritual journey walking in close fellowship with God, you wanted to learn more about how to grow closer to Him. You started understanding what really matters about all things related to Christ. Have you ever thought what are the Christian values and principles that really matters for your spiritual growth? Here are some things that will help you to continue walking and growing in knowledge and understanding along your Christian journey:

Read the Bible Daily. The Bible is God’s inspired Word. They reveal to us the Good News of salvation and answer many questions you may have about Jesus, God, and the church. They enable you to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:17)

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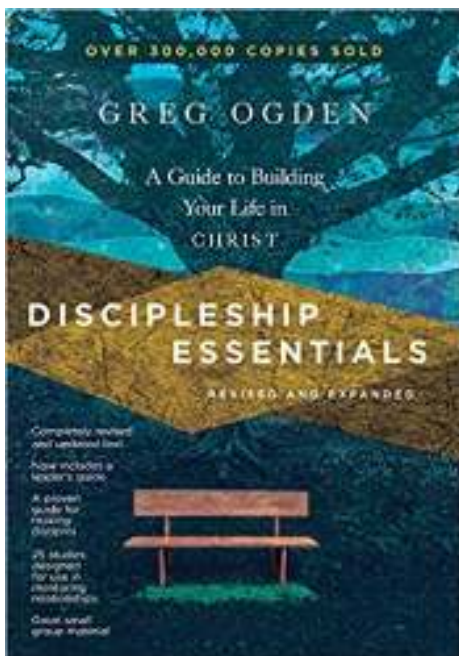
Note from the Pastor continued.

Pray Daily. Talk with God often. If you have any problem, let him know the weight of your burdens. Praise Him with thanksgiving and songs. If you need to confess a sin, tell him all about it. He will forgive your sins and restore your spiritual communion with Him. Pray for others that they may also grow in their faith and knowledge of Christ.

Learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit guidance. In the Bible we read that the Spirit of the Lord dwells withing us. He is our counselor and teacher. He gives us power, strength, and wisdom to live according to God's will.

Attend Church Services Regularly and be ready to serve God and his people. You may learn and find out the best ways to use your talents and gifts for His honor and glory. Worship with others and experience the joy of Christian fellowship. Seek for opportunities to serve others and to witness for Him. These are a few ways to grow in Christ and understanding what really matters to live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

Pastor Jaime



Discipleship Essentials Class

**Wednesdays ~ starting Wednesday, March 3rd
7:00 p.m.**

**Sign up in the lobby
Books are \$16**

Prayer Requests

- **Joan Smith** ~ recovering from back surgery
- **Gloria Peterson** ~ health
- **Dennis Lunde** ~ healing
- **Pat Falk** ~ health
- **All who are feeling isolated and lonely**
- **Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr.** for his leadership and for modeling life in Christ
- **Transition for LF & All UMC's**
- **Protection from viruses and illnesses going around**
- **Shirley Morris** ~ healing, encouragement
- **Donna Chaney** ~ health & strength
- **Our nation, our leaders** ~ wisdom and discernment
- **Vernon Thomsen** ~ health, pain management
- **Elderly, shut ins**
- **Adeng , Annie, Julie Kristin, and Renson Michael Chen**
- **Pray for Marriages, Families, Relationships**
- **LFUMC, and all of God's churches**

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase an Easter flower in honor or memory of a loved one, please purchase one and bring it to the church starting March 21st and give Tracy a note that says who it is honor or memory of and who it is from. Thanks!



Please make sure to turn in your pledge cards.

They were mailed with giving statements.

*** *You can also print the one on page 13 of the news letter to turn in. ****

Scout Chili To Go!

Due to the pandemic, we are changing the format of our annual chili feed. This year the scouts will be preparing their chili in a professional kitchen and delivering it in refrigerated containers for you to heat and serve at home. ***Order a 32 oz. container (about 3-4 servings) and we will make it up for you! Order by Feb. 22nd and the chili will be ready on Feb 28th.***

\$15.00 for one container - Buy 2 get one free!

Enjoy some great chili on a cold day and support this ministry of Living Faith!

ANNUAL TROOP 405 CHILI FUNDRAISER

2021: CHILI TO GO



Pre-Order Now!

**32oz (3 servings) of
delicious chili.**

**\$15.00 each
Buy 2, get one free!**

REGISTRATION OPEN

LAITY SUMMIT

BUILDING A NEW NORMAL

A virtual one-stop event for church and community leadership including worship, workshops and speakers. Register now!

Saturday, March 20, 2021

- Lay Servants, Speakers, Ministers and for anyone discerning a call to leadership
SAVE THE DATE for The Laity Summit which will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. virtually.
- Keynote speaker will be A nationally recognized leader, speaker, and author, the Rev. Junius B. Dotson who is the General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church.
- First 200 people registered by February 20, 2021 will receive a participant box filled with useful resources.
- See the webpage at <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/laity-summit> for more information and to register.



**Prayer Stations
March 28.**



Food Pantry

Thank you for your current donations.

We are in need of donations for our food pantry.

Pastor Jaime & Phil Fisher took the food pantry items to Millard South this week.

We are now collecting for Living Hope's Food Pantry.

We cannot accept food that is expired. Thanks!

**Weather and
Cancellations**

Living Faith United Methodist Church follows the policy of Millard Schools. If the schools are cancelled, the church's daytime and evening activities will be cancelled.



For cancellation information, please check our Facebook Page or our local TV stations.

In the case of threatening weather on Sundays, the decision to cancel worship will be made by the Pastor.



9:00 a.m.
Room D



Read through the Bible, Study Together

9:00 a.m.
Conference Room

Children's Worship Service

9:00 a.m.



Lesson 3: Jesus Obeys His Heavenly Father
Lesson 4: Jesus Is The Promised Savior
Lesson 5: Jesus Is The Sinless Savior
Lesson 6: Happy Birthday review Party!



SERIES OVERVIEW:

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Great sports moments tend to involve people who accepted a big challenge, one that required courage and an ability to keep going.

This month, kids will have fun using sports to learn about the many ways they can say yes to challenges bravely. Jesus accepted many challenges.

Through the stories we know about him, we learn a bunch of things that help kids walk through whatever they are facing. Let's cheer on every kid to be able to say,

- 1. Jesus takes care of me, Jesus heals many people, Mark 1:29-39 (Psalm 147:1-11)*
- 2. Jesus shows me the truth, The transfiguration of Jesus, Mark 9:2-9*
- 3. Jesus helps me when I'm tempted, The temptation of Jesus, Mark 1:12-13, Matthew 4:1-11*
- 4. Jesus understands my challenges, Jesus predicts his death, Mark 8:31-38*



HELP NEEDED

Vacuuming & emptying trash
in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday
School Rooms (except F & G)
and empty Kitchen Trash

We clean our own church. Can you help?

You only need to commit about 2 hours per
month, and you can clean at a time that works
for your schedule. (Currently cleaners are
requested to come Thursday - Saturday)



**CONTACT TRACY IN THE
OFFICE. 402-393-2321**

Scripture and Sermon Titles

You are invited to read the Scriptures prior to Worship Services.

Sunday, February 21

Just Two Small Coins
Mark 12:13-17, 41-44

Sunday, February 28

Not By Bread Alone
Matthew 4:3-4

Sunday, March 7 ~ No Holy Communion

Ostentation And Pride
Matthew 4:5-7

Sunday, March 14

Power And Glory
Matthew 4:8-9

Sunday, March 21

Worship Only God
Matthew 4:10-11

A Look Ahead

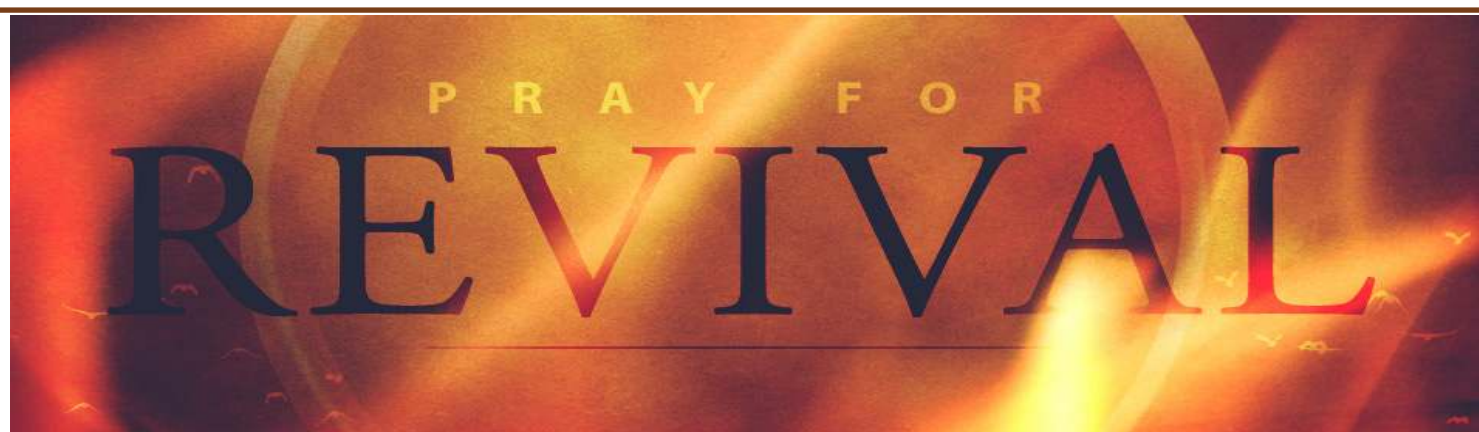
Mar 14 ~ Daylight Savings Begins

Mar 28 ~ Palm Sunday & Prayer Station

Apr 1 ~ Maundy Thursday Service w/ Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

Apr 2 ~ Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. ~ Office Closed during the day

Apr 4 ~ Easter 7:00 a.m. SonRise Service, 10:10 a.m. Easter Service



Revival Prayer Meetings

Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.

Feb 18 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Feb 19 Fri	1:00 p.m.	Car Show Meeting
Feb 21 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship Children's Teacher Meeting Prayer Service via Zoom
Feb 22 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Feb 24 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Feb 25 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Feb 28 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Mar 1 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Mar 2 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Mar 3 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Mar 4 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Mar 7 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship Volunteer Scavenger Hunt Meeting
Mar 8 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Mar 9 Tues	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Mar 10 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
Mar 11 Thurs	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Revival Prayer Meeting ~ WC Praise Team Practice
Mar 14 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Daylight Savings Begins Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship

Mar 15 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Mar 16 Tues	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
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Mar 28 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Palm Sunday/Prayer Stations Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Mar 29 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Mar 31 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D Confirmation Class ~ Room D
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Apr 4 Sun	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m.	Easter Children's Worship Service Adult/Youth Sunday School Children's Sunday School Worship
Apr 5 Mon	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop 405 ~ FH
Apr 6 Tues	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Poling ~ FH Worship Committee Meeting
Apr 7 Wed	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study ~ Vidlaks Women's Bible Study ~ Room D

OUR MISSION

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
to transform the world

OUR VISION

- 1) To be disciples for Christ
- 2) To bring others to Christ

OUR GOALS

- 1) Become & remain Spiritually Strong
 - a) Attend Worship Regularly
 - b) Be Part of a small group
 - c) Pray faithfully
- 2) Share God with our Community & the world
 - a) Mission Shares
 - b) Service to others
 - c) Reaching out
- 3) Interact with The Holy Bible Daily
 - a) Educate & guide our children & youth
 - b) Christian Education for all ages

REQUIREMENTS FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP

During Covid-19

1. MUST WEAR MASKS ~ AVAILABLE IF NEEDED
2. CHILDREN REMAIN WITH FAMILY
3. ENTER/EXIT MAIN DOOR ONLY
4. USHERS WILL SEAT & DISMISS CONGREGANTS BY ROWS
5. BIBLES NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
6. TITHES & OFFERINGS IN DESIGNATED BOX IN LOBBY
7. BULLETINS & ATTENDANCE SHEETS WILL BE PLACED AT SEATING AREAS
(Please place attendance sheets in box in the lobby.)
8. NO SINGING BY CONGREGANTS

**FOR FULL PLAN SEE ATTACHED RETURN TO
CORPORATE WORSHIP PLAN**

Who is at higher risk?



Older adults



People who
have serious
chronic medical
conditions

Heart Disease
Diabetes
Lung Disease



Supplies to have at home:

- Necessary medication – ask healthcare provider about obtaining extra
 - If extra is not possible – consider using mail order
- Be sure to have over the counter medicines and medical supplies to treat fever and other symptoms
- Have enough household items and groceries on hand
 - Grocery stores with 'at-risk' hours
 - Consider ways of getting food brought to your house



Everyday Precautions

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - If soap and water is not available – use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Avoid touching high touch surfaces in public places (elevator buttons, door handles, handrails, handshaking, etc)
- Avoid touching your face, nose, eyes, etc.
- Clean and disinfect your home to remove germs
- Stay home as much as possible



Symptoms and emergency warning signs:

- Pay attention to COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath)
- Emergency warning signs:
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Persistent pain or pressure in chest
 - New confusion or inability to arouse
 - Bluish lips or face



If you get sick

- Stay home and call your doctor
- Consult with your health care provider for more information
- Stay in touch with others by phone or email
- Determine who can care for you if your caregiver gets sick
- Know when to get emergency help

Need more information?

Douglas County Health Department
COVID-19 Information Line
(402) 444-3400
www.douglascountyhealth.com

United Way
Resource Hotline
211

Nebraska Department of Health and
Human Services Information Line
(402) 552-6645

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Living Faith UMC for
2021 is \$ _____**

*“Honor the Lord with your
wealth and with the first-fruits
of all your produce.”
Proverbs 3:9*

I plan to offer \$ _____ weekly
\$ _____ biweekly
\$ _____ monthly
\$ _____ annually

PLEASE PRINT NAME

Date

LORD, in Your goodness, accept my offering!