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THE STORY OF JONAH

By Pastor Jonathan Lamb

“I sank to the foundations of the mountains, the earth’s gates shut behind me forever! Then you raised my life from the Pit, LORD my God!”

Jonah 2:6 Christian Standard Version

Jonah is an interesting story; we often think of Jonah and the big fish that swallowed him. However, Jonah was a prophet that was instructed to go to the people of Ninevah, the capital of the Assyrian Empire. The greatest threat to Jonah’s nation, Israel. When Jonah heard the Lord call to him to go there, he made certain to go in the opposite direction boarding a ship head west to Tarish (likely in Spain). Then there was a terrible storm and Jonah convinced the crew to throw him over. The Lord sent the large fish to swallow Jonah to save him from drowning. There in the stomach he spent three days.

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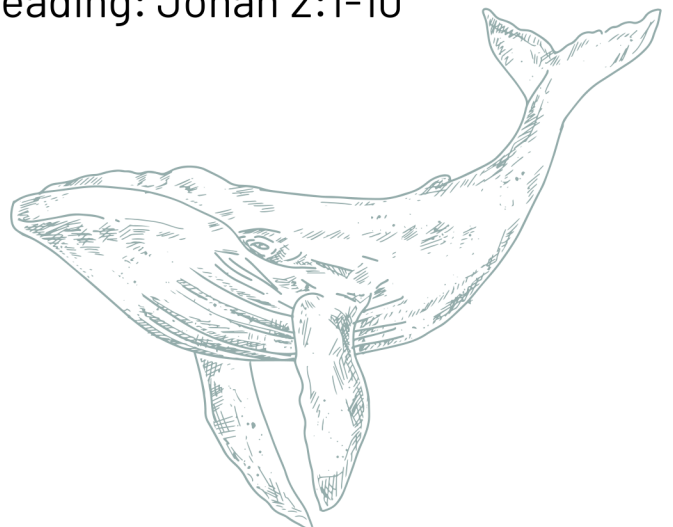


While, he was maritime creature he prayed for God help. Later Jesus referred to Jonah's three days in the big fish as a metaphor for his three days among the dead before he rose from the grave. The Lord delivered Jonah. The ultimate deliverance was Jesus rising from the dead. Even we feel overwhelmed by the throws of life and feeling like drowning there is hope. We live as Easter people who have been delivered.

Let us pray.

I come to you now and ask you to take complete control over my life. Every area of my life that is not pleasing to your name please change and correct. From this day forward help me to live everyday for you, and in a way that pleases you. I love you Lord and I thank you that I will spend eternity with you.

Recommended Scripture Reading: Jonah 2:1-10



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



This month our Partners-in-Ministry met at Toms Brook United Methodist Church where we celebrated “Holy Humor Sunday” or “Bright Sunday” demonstration/worship service. Many American churches are resurrecting this old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians after Easter of “Holy Humor Sunday.” For centuries in all Christians faith traditions, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection.

Visit the Holy Humor Website at <http://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/hhsunday.asp>.

Please feel free to check out these ideas for some fun and humor! May you be blessed as we celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection this Eastertide.



Jonathan J. Lamb
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SCAMMER ALERT



Dear Church Family,



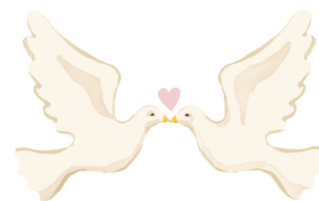
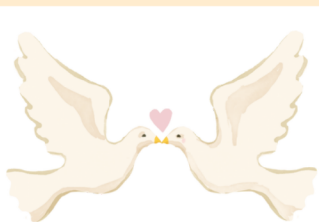
I need to bring to your attention; that a scammer has been sending out email messages posing as myself "Reverend Jonathan Jennings Lamb" help with personal requests. The nefarious email address is: pastorfaithle14@gmail.com. If you notice an email from this address of "Pastor Faith" then don't respond to them.

Here are some things to note.

1. I will never text or email you to ask you to pick up a gift card for me of any kind.
2. Please note who is sending you the number and address of the information, my email is jonathanlamb@vaumc.org and my cell phone is 540-742-1535. If you are receiving information from another email address or phone number please disregard the message, and you can let me, and the Church Office know about the situation.
3. I (Rev. Jonathan Lamb), will never personally email or text you one-on-one to ask for help with the discretionary fund of the churches.
If you feel led to give to your church's discretionary fund, you can write a check noting "discretionary fund" and place it in the offering plate. Any request to assist with "discretionary funds" will be made from the pulpit and/or newsletter. I appreciate you all.

Sincerely,
Pastor Jonathan J. Lamb

LOVE IS IN THE AIR



Join us in celebrating the joyous news of our beloved pastor Jonathan's upcoming nuptials!

On Saturday, March 9th, Jonathan popped the question to his sweetheart Becky amidst the picturesque charm of Middleburg, VA. Becky, a dedicated social worker for a non-profit in Martinsburg, WV, captured Jonathan's heart with her kindness and compassion.

As Jonathan gracefully tends to the souls of our congregation as the shepherd of the Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parish UMC, we offer our sincerest blessings to this radiant duo as they prepare to embark on the grand adventure of marriage. With every passing day, their love blossoms, illuminating the path ahead with hope and promise. Stay tuned for more details as they prepare to exchange vows in August 2024!

EASTER SERVICES



We were blessed with a fantastic turnout as our community gathered at dawn to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The serene beauty of the sunrise mirrored the warmth of fellowship shared among friends and neighbors. With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we embraced the spirit of Easter, united in faith and love. Thank you to all who joined us for this inspiring and uplifting celebration of hope and renewal.

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Our regular Easter gathering was filled with the warmth of fellowship and the joy of the season. The sanctuary echoed with voices raised in praise as we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was heartening to see our community come together in faith, sharing in the promise of renewal and redemption. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this meaningful and blessed Easter service. Let's continue to carry the spirit of Easter with us throughout the year.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- William Deitrich** - 5th
- Richard Thompson** - 6th
- Sandy Lowry** - 7th
- Morgan Thomas** - 15th
- Henry Symanski** - 17th
- Eileen Miller** - 18th
- Linda Rose** - 20th
- Brandon Haley** - 23rd
- Dylan Hall** - 23rd
- Larry Brown** - 24th
- Amanda Crossen** - 25th
- Ann Royster -Woltz** - 28th
- Peyton Hall** - 30th



ANNIVERSARIES

- Joann & Gary Garrett** - 10th
- Laura & Richard Thompson** - 11th

APRIL MEETINGS



Admin Council


April 4th at 7pm

Trustees

April 10th at 6pm


Fig Leaf Meeting

April 16th at 10am



NOON TIME PRAYER

Please Join Us
Thursdays at Noon at
Middleburg UMC's Sanctuary



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT

SERVING GOD THROUGH **P**RAYER, **A**CTION,
AND **L**OVE THROUGH **S**ERVICE.