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REFLECTING ON OUR NEED FOR COMEBACKS

By Pastor Jonathan Lamb

Have you ever needed a comeback in your life? I have needed comebacks in my life. Several years ago, Louie Giglio wrote a book called, *The Comeback*; he shared his personal story. Louie was the Pastor of a large church in Georgia and was stretched thin with many different responsibilities. One night he awoke to find that his heart was racing, and he could not go back to sleep. He would wake up night after night at two o'clock in the morning with anxiety and worry. Eventually, Louie realized that he needed to praise God in the middle of these sleepless nights. The Lord gave him a simple song of praise, and things started to get better, and he was able to make a comeback in his work.

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I have needed a comeback in my life too. I had some difficulties when I was in elementary school with learning difficulties. It turns out my eyes did not coordinate together, but I eventually succeeded through therapy and a lot of hard work. At this critical point in my life as a nine-year-old, I gave my life to Jesus Christ. God helped to provide me with a comeback. I believe you may feel the need for a comeback in your life, whether in health, finances, work, or relationships. God is there to help you in your personal comeback story. Louie shares many people in the Bible needed comebacks, such as Moses, who was in the court of Pharaoh and murdered an Egyptian, then fled into exile. From this place of God called Moses to lead his people when he was eighty years old (Exodus 3). Moses was able to make a comeback. I believe God also has a comeback in store for you too.

You can watch Louie Giglio share his personal story here at the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bbFI7jmwLM>

You can also watch Pastor Jonathan's testimony at his first youth study (September 2020)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uw6mTh-JAxw&t=17s>

God of Comebacks,

We thank you for your love for us. We ask you to help comeback when we have sinned and fallen short of you. We ask for help, with things entirely out of our control, like sickness or anything else that happens to us. We ask that you help us and all who are in need to make comebacks in our lives. We pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

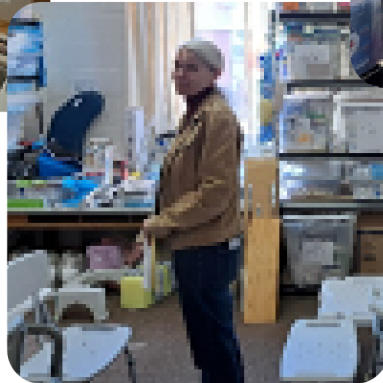
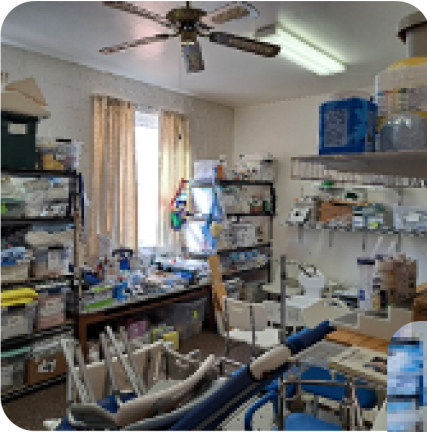


Delores Reid sharing about Equipment for Caring at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. Pictured to the right include clergy: Linda Breeden, Joel Robinette, and Gordon Meriweather.

This month our President, Rev. Debra Cline shared a devotional from Streams in the Desert, based on the Prophet Isaiah and the words “Be still, and know I am God” (Psalm 46:10 New International Version). Mt. Tabor UMC’s Pastor Gordon Meriweather also shared with us, especially how recently the congregation made space available for Equipment for Caring to move their ministry.

Artie Frederick organizer of the Children’s Clothes Closet shared how the ministry began at McGaheysville UMC. Soon, they outgrew their space and the former Harrisonburg District agreed to partner with them in this work. They continue to help everyone in need of looking for clothing for children.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY CONTINUED



Delores Reid then shared about Equipment for Caring, which provides medical equipment that can be loaned. The former Harrisonburg District's Superintendent encouraged Reid who was the District's Health and Welfare Liaison to start a Medical Care Closet to partner with the Clothes Closet. Both Artie and Delores report seeing how God is actively providing care for those in need of help. Delores reported how she received numerous hospital beds, and then had a week where she had to loan out a handful.

Both the Children Cloth Closet and Equipment of Care need volunteers and generous support from individuals, congregations, and businesses to sustain their mission.

Our meeting concluded with a tour of Equipment of Care's space at Mt. Tabor UMC.

*Written by Rev. Jonathan J. Lamb, Vice President of Partners-in-Ministry
Pastor of Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parish UMC*

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday, March 31, 2024

You are invited to join us in worship as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We celebrate God's victory over sin and death.

Rectortown United Methodist Church

Worship 10:00 a.m.

3049 Rectortown Rd. Marshall, VA 20115

Middleburg United Methodist Church

Worship 11:30 a.m.

15 W. Washington St. Middleburg, VA 20117

MAUNDY THURSDAY



March 28, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Worship includes Holy Communion.

Join us this Maundy Thursday as we gather to commemorate the solemn events leading to Easter. Reflect on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the profound act of humility in washing their feet.

Together, let's delve into the significance of this sacred day and prepare our hearts for the journey ahead. All are welcome to join us in this moment of remembrance and spiritual reflection.

LARGE WOODEN CROSS



Hunter Paine, the dedicated organist at Rectortown, and Jeane, whose family has been an integral part of the Rectortown Church and Community for a century, have been pillars of support for our congregation for many years. Jeane fondly remembers accompanying her three aunts to church in a Model A Ford during her upbringing.

Their commitment and devotion to our church family have been unwavering. As a token of their enduring love and gratitude, they have graciously donated a Large Easter Cross crafted from century-old lumber sourced from the Rectortown area. We are profoundly grateful for their contributions and the legacy they have bestowed upon our community.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Jessica Lowry** - March 3rd
- Yvie Frazier** - March 4th
- Laura Thompson** - March 4th
- Eleanor Dove** - March 5th
- Jarod Hall** - March 7th
- Butch Yowell** - March 11th
- Sara Hall** - March 12th
- Madeline Thompson** - March 21st
- Noah Cooper** - March 21st
- Skylar Reggie** - March 24th
- Tom Thomas** - March 26th
- Joice Fredenburgh** - March 29th
- Nick Fallows** - March 30th
- Richard Hylton** - March 30th
- William Ponn** - March 31st

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jody & Nelson Warfield** - 13th

MARCH MEETINGS

Admin Council

March 7th at 7pm

Trustees

March 13th at 6pm

Fig Leaf Meeting

March 19th at 10am

EVENTS



Daylight Saving Time

March 10th

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th



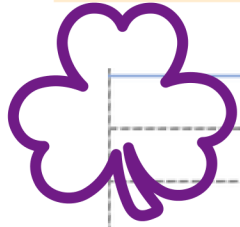
NOON TIME PRAYER

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



RECTORTOWN UMC MISSION STATEMENT
SERVING GOD THROUGH **PRAYER**, **ACTION**,
AND **LOVE** THROUGH **SERVICE**.

MATTHEW GOSPEL READING



<i>Fri. Mar. 1</i>	19:1-15
<i>Sat. Mar. 2</i>	19:16-30
<i>Sun. Mar. 3</i>	20:1-16
<i>Mon. Mar. 4</i>	20:17-34
<i>Tues. Mar. 5</i>	21:1-11
<i>Wed. Mar. 6</i>	21:12-22
<i>Thurs. Mar. 7</i>	21:23-32
<i>Fri. Mar. 8</i>	21:33-46
<i>Sat. Mar. 9</i>	22:1-14
<i>Sun. Mar. 10</i>	22:15-33
<i>Mon. Mar. 11</i>	22:34-46
<i>Tues. Mar. 12</i>	23:1-12
<i>Wed. Mar. 13</i>	23:13-39
<i>Thurs. Mar. 14</i>	24:1-14
<i>Fri. Mar. 15</i>	24:15-35
<i>Sat. Mar. 16</i>	24:36-51
<i>Sun. Mar. 17</i>	25:1-13
<i>Mon. Mar. 18</i>	25:14-30
<i>Tues. Mar. 19</i>	25:31-46
<i>Wed. Mar. 20</i>	26:1-16
<i>Thurs. Mar. 21</i>	26:17-30
<i>Fri. Mar. 22</i>	26:31-46
<i>Sat. Mar. 23</i>	26:47-56
<i>Sun. Mar. 24</i>	26:57-68
<i>Mon. Mar. 25</i>	26:69-27:10
<i>Tues. Mar. 26</i>	27:11-26
<i>Wed. Mar. 27</i>	27:27-44
<i>Thurs. Mar. 28</i>	27:45-56
<i>Fri. Mar. 29</i>	27:57-66
<i>Sat. Mar. 30</i>	28:1-10
<i>Sun. Mar. 31</i>	28:11-20

