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HOW DO WE RAISE KIDS WHO ARE NOT NAIVE OR CYNICAL?

Well, this is such a good question because it reflects a very mature grasp of one of the main paradoxes of the Christian life.

On the one hand, Jesus is sending us out into the world like sheep amid wolves. Sheep are very vulnerable. They're not viewed as belligerent. Nobody is afraid of a sheep biting them. On the other hand, we are to be wise, and discerning, and mature, and stable, and strong, and shrewd, and not duped by the winds of false teaching. There it is, the paradox — and he's got it. We're to be, on the one hand, humble and lowly, counting others more significant than ourselves (Philippians 2:3) — and yet, on the other hand, unwavering in our convictions, full of courage, because Proverbs says, "The righteous are bold as a lion" (Proverbs 28:1).

"Meekness is willing to take suffering. And it is so content in God that it rejoices in the suffering."

So, Rick, it seems to me, has a pretty good grasp of the challenge in front of us, not only to be this way, but to raise kids who become

adults who are this way. Now, I don't know that I can say anything he wouldn't think of on his own since he's got such a good handle on this, it seems to me, but I'll try. Let me make four suggestions. I think it will be obvious what sorts of mistakes could arise in the effort to carry out these suggestions; we'll see.

Illustrate the paradox.

From the earliest age, teach the children from the Bible, day in and day out, with specific biblical statements about this paradox of shrewdness like snakes and innocence like doves. And fill out the teachings with stories from the Bible — and then maybe stories from Christian history, biography, or from the current day. Whenever you see someone in a biography, or in history, or in missions, or in contemporary life, illustrate the paradox. Point it out: help the children see the beauty of it and how much you admire it, and they should admire it.

Let me give a specific example of the kind of teaching I mean when I say, "Pick out specific sentences

to illustrate what this paradox looks like." I'm really influenced here by what I've been thinking about recently because we at Desiring God have tried to articulate a core value that gets at this very thing. I'll mention the name of it in just a minute.

It says in Ephesians 4:1-2 to "walk in a manner worthy" of our calling as Christians. Then it gives three words — more than three, but I'll just mention the first three: being lowly, meek, and long-suffering. We read that to our children. Then we ask them, "What do you think those three words mean?"

Let's talk about *lowly*. What is *lowly*? Humble because of our sin, and what terrible suffering it took to save us, and how dependent we are on God all the time. *Lowly* and *meek*: dove-like, sheep-like, a way of life that fits in with lowliness and long-suffering, not getting angry easily, not returning evil for evil.

Then you pause and you

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The ladies of the church are looking for people who would like to crochet or knit shawls/lap blankets for shut-ins or people staying in Hospice Home.

Don't know how to crochet? NO problem! Shirley Doub will teach you! What a great chance to learn a new skill, enjoy some fellowship, and do something nice for our community.

The more people who participate, the more shawls we can make.

The group will meet on Tuesdays at 6 PM in the basement at the church.

If interested, please contact Shirley Doub @ 336-830-4132 or Debbie Griffin @ 336-961-6978. Please come join in on good fun fellowship! Guaranteed to enjoy!



BECOMING A TRAUMA INFORMED FAITH COMMUNITY

You are invited to join Partners in Health and Wholeness and the Northern Piedmont District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for **"Becoming a Trauma-Informed Faith Community."** There are **three opportunities to join us virtually**: November 16, December 7, and January 12, all at

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

We will define what a trauma-informed faith community is, how to become one, and look at the various ways in which faith communities can productively address trauma. This work is crucial as we find ourselves in layers of communal and individual stress in our world.

This conversation will be whole-person driven, with language that supports and honors our various stories and experiences. We hope that this time will empower you to invite new and healthy ways of doing life and ministry with your faith community, especially with all challenges of COVID-19.

Registration is required to receive call-in details.

To register, visit:

<https://www.wnccumc.org/calendardetail/14341155?>

press in further with your kids as you work through what those words mean, modeling for the kids how to take the words of Scripture seriously. And you ask, “What is the way of life that Paul calls meek that’s supposed to fit with this lowliness of attitude?” Then you show them. Now, I’m thinking of this right now just because, in my working through Ephesians in Look at the Book, this was so incredibly fresh to me. I’ve never seen these three verses together like this. I asked the question to myself, and now I’m asking it to my imaginary kids in front of me: What are some illustrations of what meekness looks like? Because we want to get this right here. We don’t want meekness to look like it isn’t.

Restore, Correct, Defend

Here are the three illustrations:

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him *in a spirit of gentleness* [meekness]. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. (Galatians 6:1)

Now, here’s the catcher: it takes a lot of guts, a lot of courage, to confront somebody in a bad behavior. It’s just so much easier to sweep it under the rug. Everybody else is just ignoring it. You’re going to go to him with courage and confront him — but you’re going to do it in meekness. *Meekness* is that courageous, lowly way of doing it.

Here’s a second illustration:

The Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, *patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness* [meekness]. (2 Timothy 2:24–25)

“You can be a sharp, careful, incisive critic of culture, and yet you might love it and care for it and pray for it.”

Now, there it is again. The first illustration from Galatians was about correcting their behavior. The second il-

lustration is about correcting their doctrine. And that may even require more courage, depending on what kind of person they are. You’re going to get in their face and tell them that what they believe about this is not true. But you’re going to do it with *meekness*. Meekness is combined in those two instances with courage.

Here’s the third one:

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled . . . always being prepared to make a defense . . . for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness [meekness] and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. (1 Peter 3:14–16)

Meekness stands in front of people who are perhaps gnashing their teeth and ready to revile you and slander you, and it speaks a witness for Jesus courageously, boldly, and yet with meekness.

Gentle Courage

You then step back with those three illustrations out there for your kids, and you say, “What is meekness? What is a meek person like?” The answer is this: *courage, courage, courage, courage*. Correcting behaviors, correcting teachings, bearing witness in front of slanderers — but all of it with a gentle and humble demeanor. Now, that’s going to be a paradox for them they’re going to wrestle with for the rest of their lives. Oh my, to return to it again and again and again in our Bible reading would be wonderful.

Then you might illustrate it from Acts 5, where the apostles had been beaten for their witness, and it says in Acts 5:41, “Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.” Meekness is willing to take suffering. And it is so content in God, so confident in God, that it rejoices in the suffering. You teach from specific texts and stories and illustrations about this paradox of courage and meekness.

Look for pithy phrases.

The second thing would be simply to look for sharp, clear, memorable, provocative phrases that can sum up what you’re trying to get across. Now, that’s what we’ve been doing at Desiring God. We’ve hit upon two phrases: one is called *brokenhearted boldness*, and the other is *contrite courage*.

That’s one of our core values now because we want to try to get at this paradox in a very controversial, strident, angry age we live in, and look at what courage looks like. What is this supposed to look like when Christians are courageous? Are they supposed to be brash, and braggarts, and loud, and strident? Or is there another way?

I think finding a phrase that you repeat year after year for your kids, so that when they leave home twenty years from now, they’ll remember, “Well, there was something called *brokenhearted boldness*, there was something called *contrite courage* that my dad believed in. I’d like to discover it again.”

Model what you want to see.

The third thing I would suggest is this: be a model for your children in this. Be bold, be humble, be courageous, be contrite. Over time, they’re going to see this. One special form of modeling that I think is really important happens in this media-saturated time, where you’re looking at the news, you’re looking at videos, you’re looking at YouTube, you’re looking at all kinds of things, and you see stuff you can’t stand. It really bothers you. It’s so harmful, it’s so unbiblical, and the kids know that you feel that way about it, and they’re watching.

“Joy in the Lord in the midst of hardship is a great evidence to the children that Christ is real.”

Now, how’s Dad, how’s Mom going to respond to these things they so strongly disagree with? You want to model for them by saying,

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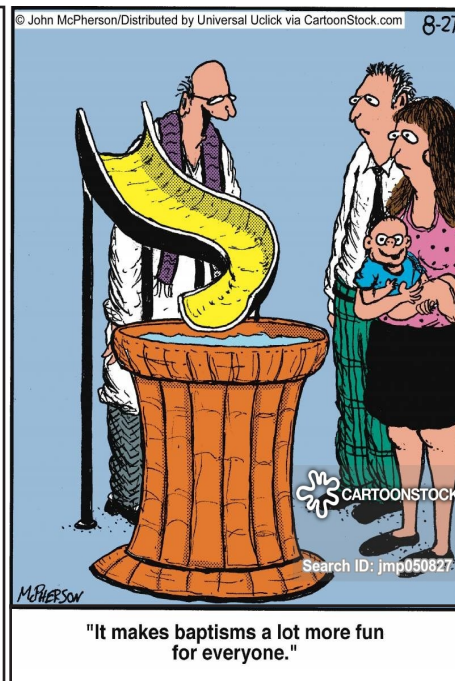
NC REMAINS IN PHASE 3 DUE TO RISING COVID-19 TRENDS

Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina will remain paused in Phase 3 until Nov. 13 as health officials continue to monitor North Carolina's COVID-19 trends. North Carolina has seen increased hospitalizations and trajectory of cases in recent weeks. Governor Cooper underscored the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, and using good judgment despite fatigue or frustration with the pandemic.

With North Carolina's COVID-19 trends moving in the wrong direction, NCDHHS and the N.C. Department of Public Safety sent a letter to local lead-

ers asking them to help slow the spread of the virus by promoting the 3 Ws (Wear, Wait and Wash) and considering local actions to improve compliance with executive orders.

The letter was sent to county and municipal leaders in 36 counties that met the following metrics: the county has had 300 or more new cases in the last 14 days and has been identified by the White House Task Force as a county of concern; the rate of cases is greater than 50 cases per 10,000 people; or the county is one of the three most populous in the state.



CELEBRATE

NOVEMBER

Birthdays!

Michael St John	11/3
Alexis Bowman	11/5
Velma Williams	11/12
Jane Phillips	11/13
Austin Doub	11/17
Mikah Phillips	11/28
Michael Hutchens	11/30

DON'T FORGET TO



CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

An emergency meeting of the council was called on October 19th at 6 PM to discuss returning to indoor worship.

It was agreed that it's time to move worship indoors as the weather is getting colder. Our first day to return to indoor worship will be Sunday, October 25th.

Guidelines for indoor worship are to keep the room capacity at 30% of total capacity or 100 people maximum. Under these guidelines our Fellowship Hall can accommodate 90 people, the Sanctuary only 40, making the Fellowship Hall the logical place to resume indoor worship. However Pastor Chad would like to hold the maximum attendance at 80 just to be extra cautious. Only 80 chairs will be set up. Families can pull their chairs together to sit as a unit. Pastor Chad will speak from the stage area. Masks need to be worn during the service. If anyone has a medical exemption to mask wearing, there will be a designated area to sit, though masks will still need to be worn while entering and exiting the church.

We will need people dedicated to spraying down the chairs and cleaning the door handles, bathrooms and any other touch points after worship. The tables will be removed from the Hall. Aaron Pardue volunteered to do the cleaning for the next two Sundays. We will need a list of volunteers to sign up for cleaning the Hall. Debbie Griffin volunteered to maintain that list.

It will also be necessary to have someone make a list of everyone present for the service for possible contact tracing should the need arise. The ushers will be responsible for creating these lists to minimize the amount of people touching the pens and paper.

Other areas of the church will be taped off to keep them clean. Scouts and crocheters will continue to meet in the basement and be responsible for cleaning the areas after they are done. Groups meeting in the church should be limited to under 25 people.

Worship services will continue to be live streamed on Face Book and YouTube. The services will continue to be held at 9:30 AM.

Fulfillment of Faith Women's Retreat

November 6-7, 2020
with OLIVIA WOODFORD

Have scripture come alive as you prepare for the crazy holiday season.

Through dramatic presentations from *Faith: A Mother's Story*,
deepen your faith in God and the presence of miracles in your life
by exploring the events that led to Jesus' birth
and the faith of those who played a role in God's promise being fulfilled.

The retreat will also include a discourse on daily life of women in the 1st century Israel
with time for group discussion, prayer, reflection and journaling.

The retreat will take place on the beautiful, spacious facilities of the
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTER
1551 Trinity Lane | Hickory, NC
Features large meeting rooms, ample spacing between seats, and newly renovated lodging.
Enjoy the walkable spaces, trails, chapel, and reflection areas.

Experience the events leading up to the first Christmas through the eyes of:

Anne
Mary's Mother

Elizabeth
Mary's cousin

Leah
House of David

Anna
Temple Seeress



About Olivia Woodford, Founder of "Bible Women Speak"

Olivia Woodford is a theater artist and storyteller, founder of *Healing Theatre* and a member of *The Network of Storytellers International*. She has a BFA in Theater from Boston University and has performed in regional and off-Broadway theaters and has taught theatre in public and private schools and to special needs groups. With her ministry, Bible Women Speak, she performs and leads retreats throughout the country and internationally. She is an artist dedicated to bringing the sacred into people's lives.

What others say about Olivia Woodford's Retreats

Olivia, through her writings and presentations, brings scripture to life in such a way as to open up channels of insight, healing and growth."
Pastor Jill King, Our Savior Lutheran, Durham

"The best retreat I have been to – informative, funny, reflective. Loved it!" Esther Bowling, St. Eugene's Ladies' Guild

"Hearing the Gospel from a woman's point of view is life-changing... gave fresh look at the Scriptures." Suzanne Hoades, Church of the Brethren, Boones Mill, VA

For information or to register

Email: info@catholicconference.org

Call: 828.327.7441

Web: www.catholicconference.org/women-retreat/

Special Price for one-night retreat: \$150 per person

Includes three full course meals, private lodging and bath, individually spaced tables and dining areas. Interested in extending your stay for more time to reflect and relax? Just \$75 for a 2nd night.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, Great Spirit,
We thank You for all the good gifts You share with us.

We thank You for the food we eat, for the beauty of the
seasons and for the wonders of Your creation.

We thank You for our friends and families and ask You to
bless and watch over us all.

Most of all Lord, we thank You
for sharing Your life with us, and
for the gift of Your Son, Jesus.
Amen.



Current State: Phase 3

As faithful disciples of Jesus Christ in the midst of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to our biblical mandate to “love our neighbors as ourselves” and our Wesleyan call to “Do no harm. Do all the good we can. Follow the ordinances (stay in love) with God.” In doing so, we seek ways to engage faithfully in worship, study, and ministry while ensuring the health and safety of our members and communities. With the October 2 move to Phase 3, the Bishop and Cabinet make the following recommendations:

Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We recommend that if you choose to return to indoor worship, you limit attendance (including all worship leaders and tech assistants) to 30% capacity or 100 congregants, whichever is less. Masks and social distancing should be mandatory. If you offer indoor worship, continue online or conference call options for vulnerable persons for whom it is not safe to come to the church building. Continue hosting online, drive-in, or outdoor worship services while following CDC, NCDHHS (state), and local guidelines, including handwashing, wearing masks, and observing physical distancing rules as appropriate. Most experts recommend no congregational or full choir singing.
Preschools, Children & Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, most of our preschools, childcare, children and youth ministries follow public school guidance. We urge you to stay current as to the plan of your local school system. The CDC and NCDHHS have guidelines for the reopening of preschools and childcare facilities. Maintain 25 maximum with social distancing and masks for any indoor groups. Outside children and youth activities are an option. Consider creative online, mailed or no-touch drop-off children and youth activity options to keep children and youth engaged, making sure to honor the On-Line Safety section of the Safe Sanctuaries Policy.
Mission & Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outreach to vulnerable populations (food distribution ministries, homeless, etc.) should be done with appropriate physical distance and sanitation practices, including no sit-down meals until public gatherings are safe.
Church Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working remotely or on a staggered schedule is recommended. If staff (paid or unpaid) work on-site, you must use the guidelines for size of gatherings, social distancing, masks, gloves, etc. Their presence on-site should be done with minimal overlap. We recommend a daily health-screening and temperature check for on-site staff and volunteers. (Legal and Liability Issues)
Disciple Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups should meet online as much as possible. Indoor meetings should be 25 or less and must follow Safe Sanctuaries policies and all CDC Guidelines for physical distancing. Only prepackaged food should be served or shared during these gatherings.

Sunday Lectionary Readings



All Saint's Day
November 1, 2020
 Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2020
 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 Psalm 78:1-7
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13

24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020
 Judges 4:1-7
 Psalm 123 or Psalm 76
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

**Reign of Christ/
Thanksgiving Sunday**
November 22, 2020
 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 100
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
 Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

Advent!

What excitement this season brings! Certainly, you've done it many times before; the rituals may be set in stone, the expectations ripe, and the patterns already unrolling. But there is something about the season of Advent that brings forth the kid in us, and we all lean into the hope. Advent is also a penitential season, which means that we aren't just preparing our external space to receive the Guest and our guests. We are also preparing our internal space for that reception. We need time for reflection and acts of repentance. Spoken and sung prayers of confession can be accompanied by times of prayer at the altar rail, or in the pews, that give space for and invitation to new commitments.

Cut along the dotted lines and save as a bookmark for reference

Leadership Teams & Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups should meet online as much as possible. Indoor meetings should be 25 or less and must follow Safe Sanctuaries policies and all CDC Guidelines for physical distancing. Only prepackaged food should be served or shared during these gatherings.
Funerals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use same guidelines as for WORSHIP Discourage reception or greeting line. No bulletins. No congregational singing. Online streaming of service for others to participate virtually is encouraged.
Weddings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use same guidelines as for WORSHIP Consider an outdoor reception or greeting of guests of no more than 50 persons. <u>Seated</u> indoor receptions should be limited to the lesser of 100 people or 30% of the stated fire capacity. (No standing indoor receptions or buffet lines.) No bulletins. No congregational singing. Online streaming of service for others to participate virtually is encouraged.

Today's Truth

(A Daily Devotional Submitted
by Sharon Gentry)

"Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Philippians 4:8 NIV).

Friend to Friend

Have you ever been to a rodeo and watched a lassoing contest? The little calf bursts from the stall, and then the cowboy and his steed follow in close pursuit. With his lasso in hand, the cowboy swings the rope in the air and attempts to catch the little heifer before she escapes out the corral door at the opposite side of the arena. That is a vivid picture of what we need do with the words that attempt to escape the gate (the mouth). We need to lasso them with the word of truth and rein them in. Throw them down in the dirt and tie them up if necessary.

The Bible teaches us to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Once we lasso a thought (take it captive), we can decide which

words leave the gate and which words need to be tied up and secured.

Various studies show that we speak at about 120 to 160 words a minute. That's a lot of little heifers to rope in, but I believe we can do it! Let's take a look at how to reign in our words. First, a thought bursts from the stall called the brain. It runs across the mind headed for the door called the mouth. In a split second we must determine if that thought is **true, helpful, inspiring, necessary** and **kind**. You can remember that with the acronym T.H.I.N.K.

If we determine that the words don't fit that description, then we lasso them with the rope of kindness and never let them out of the gate. If they do line up **true, helpful, inspiring, necessary** and **kind**, we let them go free.

Toxic thoughts produce toxic talk. Think about what you're thinking about. If you're stewing on toxic thoughts in your head, then you'll be spewing toxic words from your mouth.

Paul gives us a way to detoxify our thoughts by filtering them through the sieve of the truth that is very similar to T.H.I.N.K. He

wrote:

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you," (Philippians 4:8,9)

Much like the acronym T.H.I.N.K., we should consider this about our words:

Are they **true**? Are these words reliable, certain, in accordance with fact, exact, and accurate? Do they line up with God's truth? For example, when we speak negatively about someone, we should consider: Do these words fit with God's view of this person as His image bearer?

Are they **noble**? Because I am a child of the King, my words should reflect nobility. Is what I am about to say demonstrating high moral character or ideals? Is it language that exhibits excellent qualities or a person with royal rank?

Are they **right**? Are these words

virtuous, in accordance with fact and not assumption? Are they appropriate, suitable, and reputable? Right words at the wrong time become wrong words. Is this the right time, or do I need to wait for a more appropriate time?

Are they **pure**? Are these words free from anything that taints, or infects the reputation of another? Are these words tainted by my own sin, or do they reflect the righteousness of Christ that has been given to me?

Are they **lovely**? Do these words inspire love, affection, or admiration? Are they morally or spiritually attractive or gracious? Do these words conjure up a picture of beauty or loveliness?

Are they **admirable**? Do these

words inspire others to see excellent qualities in another person? Do the words paint a picture of praise or excellence?

Are they **excellent**? Do these words reflect goodness, exceptional merit, or virtue? Are they of a high moral nature? Would God rank them as "excellent" if they were spoken?

Are they **praiseworthy**? Do these words stir a sense of praise or condemnation?

Now that is a lot to think about, considering that the mind thinks about 130-160 words per minute. It is unlikely that we will have the time or the wherewithal to filter every word through this eight-layer sieve. However, Paul doesn't just leave us with the qualifying

list; he gives us the means by which to implement it. "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—*put it into practice*." It takes practice! Practice! Practice! Practice! But look at the result: "And the God of peace will be with you."

Let's Pray

Lord, sometimes I can't believe what comes out of my mouth! Help me to think before I speak. I pray that my words will speak life to those around me and not death. Give me the wisdom and self-control to speak words that are only true, helpful, inspiring, necessary, and kind.

*In Jesus' Name.
Amen.*

HOW TO RAISE KIDS...Continued from page 3

"Now, this is wrong. This is hurtful. This dishonors God." You want to show them, "How do you love your enemy at that moment?" You might pause at that very moment, turn off the news, and pray. Pray for the person whom you just criticized because of how destructive their view was. The kids will learn: you can be a sharp, careful, incisive critic of the culture, and yet you might love it and care for it and pray for it as you ought.

Exude joy.

The last thing I would say is this: Don't be joyless; be full of joy. I look back on my parents' effort to give me strong convictions in the midst of worldliness that they thought was encroaching on every side, even back in the fifties and sixties. I think the key that won me over so that I embrace their faith today — the key was that they were both not only Bible-

saturated, with high moral standards, but they were the happiest people I think I've ever known.

I took it for granted growing up. Now I look back on some of the things they went through in their marriage, and in finances, and in culture, and in disputes, and I marvel that they were as happy as they were. Joy in the Lord in the midst of hardship is a great evidence to the children that Christ is real. It doesn't guarantee that they will embrace the truth and the beauty of Christ, but it is a powerful attraction.

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The **Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program** is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low-and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The new program will help prevent evictions and utility disconnections in order to promote housing stability during the ongoing pandemic. HOPE is an initiative of the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The HOPE Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program – Coronavirus and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds. If you are concerned about being evicted, visit: <https://nc211.org/hope/> to learn how the temporary eviction moratorium may be able to help you.



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Want to Get Involved at BUMC?

At BUMC, we encourage everyone to get involved. There are many ways to join in:



Provide Flowers for a Sunday Service
Join the United Methodist Women
Volunteer as a Nursery Attendant
Join the United Methodist Men
Join the Table Talk Group
Become an usher
Join the Choir



Office Hours

The Church Office is open Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to add birthdays and anniversaries to our monthly calendar.

BUMC Phone Tree

Get your phone number added to our phone tree list to get the latest announcements.

Schedule of Services

Baltimore United Methodist Church worship services start at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Worship is followed by Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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Or Current Resident