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## Holy Is Who You Are

### *A Missing Weapon in the War Against Sin*

If you are in Christ, the desire for holiness is woven into your spiritual DNA. You have learned to say with the old prayer, “Sin is my greatest evil, but thou art my greatest good.” Your soul has a new hunger: to be holy as Christ is holy (1 Peter 1:16). Patient as he is patient, bold as he is bold, zealous as he is zealous, pure as he is pure. So you “strive for . . . holiness” (Hebrews 12:14), and you know you are not yet as holy as you long to be.

In the midst of this godly pursuit, however, we can easily miss one startling and wonderful fact: in Christ, we are already holy. We wake up holy, brush our teeth holy, check our email holy, drive through traffic holy. Before we ever began to pursue holiness, holiness pursued us, found us, claimed us, filled us. Whether we feel like it right now or not, holy is who we are.

And unless we embrace the holiness that is already ours, our pursuit of holiness may leave us more harried and anxious than actually holy.

### Holier Than Thou Thinketh

Pause for a moment over the first verses of 1 Corinthians, perhaps the most surprising start of the apostle Paul’s letters. How might you address a church divided by cliques, blemished by sexual immorality, puffed up with spiritual pride? Likely not how Paul begins:

“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those *sanctified* in Christ Jesus, called to be *saints* . . .” (1 Corinthians 1:2)

Paul will call the Corinthians some other names before he’s through - “infants in Christ” and “foolish” (1 Corinthians 3:1; 15:36) - but not here at the beginning. To Paul, the Corinthians were not first and foremost immature disciples, but “sanctified . . . saints” - holy holy ones.

If we hear words like *sanctified* or *holy* and think of those Christians who are especially Christlike, Paul’s words will make no sense. Whatever the Corinthians were, they were not *that*, at least not yet. What then is Paul doing? Seeing the bright side? Boosting the Corinthians’ self-esteem? Indulging in a bit of apostolic flattery? No, he is putting his finger on the truest truth about the Corinthians: in Christ, they *are* holy. For, as John Murray writes, “It is a fact too frequently overlooked that in the New Testament the most characteristic terms that refer to sanctification are used, not of a process, but of a *once-for-all definitive act*.”

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## Who's Who at BUMC

### Pastor

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LeAnn Doub (1/1/21)

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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!

## Holy Is Who You Are

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Before *sanctification* is a process, it is an event — a once-for-all event that happens at our conversion. As Paul will tell the Corinthians later on, “You *were* sanctified” (1 Corinthians 6:11). And they “were sanctified” the moment they were united to Christ by faith alone, “who became to us” not only righteousness and redemption, but “sanctification” (1 Corinthians 1:30). In other words, holiness is not first and foremost a matter of *becoming Christ-like*, but of *being in Christ*. If we are in him, then we are holier than we think we are.

### Saint Normal

Sanctification, then, is both *definitive* and *progressive*; Christ becomes our holiness, and then we gradually grow to reflect

his holiness. If that distinction feels like splitting theological hairs, consider three implications of definitive sanctification, beginning here: our holiness in Christ gives us a new *identity*. And that identity is wrapped up in one of the all-time most misunderstood words in the Bible: *saint*.

Paul would have been disturbed, to say the least, to hear that many today reserve the word *saint* for those few Christians who have reached the highest echelons of holiness. For the apostle, *saint* was simply another word for *Christian* — the well-known and the normal, the Mother Teresas and the mothers in the next pew. No miracles needed; no heroic virtue required — just faith in Christ alone: a fact Paul impresses upon us immediately in six of his thirteen letters (Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 2 Corin-

thians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2).

We may not always *feel* like saints, of course. But that misses the point. Have we repented and believed? Has sin become hateful to us, and Christ precious? Then we are not what we feel at any given moment; we are what God calls us in Christ. We are light, not darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:5); clean, not dirty (John 15:3); saints, not sinners. And our duty as his people is not to say, “But I feel . . .” — rather, “Thank you.”

Charles Spurgeon observes that when God created day and night, he called the two of them together “day” (Genesis 1:5). Every Christian is likewise a mixture of night and day, of sin and holiness. Yet, Spurgeon

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**Western North Carolina Conference**  
The United Methodist Church  
**2021 APPORTIONMENT**

## Baltimore (East Bend)

GCFA Number: 303314

The Conference Apportionment Funds for 2021 have been calculated for each local church on the basis of the church's average "net expenses" for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 as reflected in the annual reports from the churches and pastors. Those numbers for your church are shown below. Each of the apportionments is calculated separately for each church and rounded to the nearest dollar; however, you can figure the total of the funds for your church, within a dollar or two, with the following formula: multiply your three-year average by the multiplier (which is the figure obtained by dividing the total 2021 funds by the average net expenditures of all the churches).

### District Funds

Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
401: District Missional Engagement	\$404.00	\$0.00	\$404.00
402: District Benevolence Fund	\$951.00	\$0.00	\$951.00
403: District Congregational Vitality	\$832.00	\$0.00	\$832.00
404: District Administery Fund	\$476.00	\$0.00	\$476.00
<b>District Funds Total</b>	<b>\$2,663.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,663.00</b>

### Conference Funds

Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
<a href="#">501: District Support Fund</a>	\$1,405.00	\$0.00	\$1,405.00
<a href="#">502: Conf. Supp. &amp; Admin. Fund</a>	\$3,072.00	\$0.00	\$3,072.00
<a href="#">503: Equitable Comp. Fund</a>	\$93.00	\$0.00	\$93.00
<a href="#">505: Mission and Ministry</a>	\$1,857.00	\$0.00	\$1,857.00
<b>Conference Funds Total</b>	<b>\$6,427.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,427.00</b>

### General Church

Fund	Apportioned	Paid	Balance
<a href="#">512: Episcopal Fund</a>	\$746.00	\$0.00	\$746.00
<a href="#">513: Africa University Fund</a>	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
<a href="#">514: Black College Fund</a>	\$269.00	\$0.00	\$269.00
<a href="#">515: General Admin. Fund</a>	\$229.00	\$0.00	\$229.00
<a href="#">516: Inter. Coop. Fund</a>	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
<a href="#">517: Jurisdictional Admin Fund</a>	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
<a href="#">519: Ministerial Education Fund</a>	\$582.00	\$0.00	\$582.00
<a href="#">520: World Service Fund</a>	\$1,858.00	\$0.00	\$1,858.00
<b>General Church Total</b>	<b>\$3,787.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,787.00</b>

### All Funds

<b>All Funds Total</b>	<b>\$12,877.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$12,877.00</b>
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## Job Networking Ministry:

Healing for Communities

October 22, 2020

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, our United Methodist churches and communities have experienced many losses: loss of the use of our buildings, loss of community celebrations, loss of in-person worship, and loss of offerings. Individuals have lost loved ones, businesses, homes, and jobs.

Join Ken Sloane, Director of Stewardship & Generosity at Discipleship Ministries, and his guest, Jay Litton, co-leader of the Job Networking ministry of the Roswell United Methodist Church in Georgia, as they discuss how one congregation met the challenge of helping people find employment.

To register, visit: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/calendar/event/job-networking-ministry-healing-for-communities>



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday (first Sunday of October) provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels.

According to the 1972 Book of Discipline paragraph 163.b there shall be a World Communion (formerly Fellowship of Suffering and Service) offering to support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

### Equipping Disciples Like Mary Grace to Serve in Jesus' Name

As a small child Mary Grace Galapon labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothing. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of The United Methodist Church, your giving on World Communion Sunday has allowed this deaconess, of the Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference, to pursue an education that is now changing her community as she works to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work, and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because you give.

### Will You Equip World-Changers?

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students, like Mary Grace? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

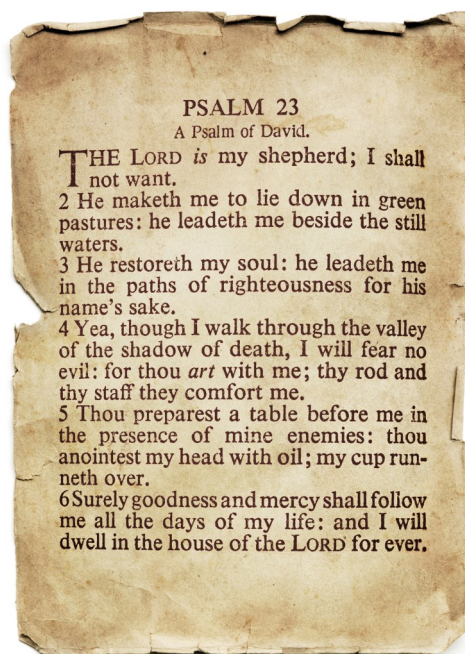
Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands.

For more information or to donate electronically, visit:

<http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>

### To give by mail:

Send checks to: GCFA  
P.O. Box 340029  
Nashville, TN 37203



#### PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

**THE LORD** is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## Sunday Lectionary Readings



### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-

23 Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2020

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99 (UMH 819)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

### Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

**Reformation Sunday** is an interesting event. In one sense, it has become an opportunity for all non-Catholic churches to celebrate their history that Luther and then others led in a break from the Roman influence in Europe. Some historians claim that it was on October 31 that Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door. So, this is the Sunday closest to that event.

It is important to note that The United Methodist Church is not a part of the Reform Church. Our origin is different, coming from the Church of England, which broke from the Roman Catholic Church for completely different reasons, having to do with a king who didn't like pesky rules of marriage that the popes laid down. Technically, The United Methodist Church isn't a Protestant Church. It is part of what is more properly called the Anglo-Catholic Tradition.

# CELEBRATING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Ashley Pardue	10/2	Tommy Hinson	10/18
Sarah Lynn St John	10/3	Carolyn Wall Douglas	10/21
Evelyn Hiatt	10/3	Cindy McMurray	10/21
Karen Ellis	10/4	Joe Kyle Young	10/23
Kathy Doub	10/15	Brandi Phillips	10/23
Kenny Ellis	10/16	Andrew Hyatt	10/25
Anna Grace Doub	10/18	Ashton Ellis	10/28
Jean Phillips	10/18	Charlie Ellis	10/30



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"Whatever you do for one of my family, you do for me."

## WALK FOR HUNGER 2020

*In Memory of Susan Steelman*

**Sunday, October 4th**  
**4:00 - 5:00pm**

This year we are asking you to walk at your church for an hour and send in names of walkers and donations to Yadkin Christian Ministries. If Phase 2 restrictions of the pandemic are lifted, we will walk at the park.

Any changes will be announced as soon as possible.  
Please wear a mask and social distance while you walk.

*Sponsored by: Deep Creek Friends*



### WHAT IS LAITY SUNDAY?



Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of *all* Christians to love God and all people. On Laity Sunday (this year, October 18, 2020), we lift up the vocation of *all* (lay and clergy) to follow Jesus Christ and lead others to him. As we welcome and offer the good news of Jesus' love for all, we know that the most engaging opportunities to grow deep and wide in our faith come from relationships with those beyond the comfort and security of our church walls. The stories and situations of those struggling with fear, loss, trauma, and injustice – as well as freedom, joy, and delight – become altar calls for the wholeness and holiness work of justice, mercy, and reconciliation. This is the ministry of the "all called," the laity. This is relational discipleship and participation in the mission

of God (*mission Dei*). Therefore, we will go (with hope) through **engagement!**



# CHURCH COUNCIL



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

LeAnn Doub has graciously volunteered to chair the Outreach and Witness committees. Her appointment will take effect on 1/1/2021. These positions have gone unfilled for quite awhile.

Evelyn Hiatt has graciously accepted the position of Lay Leader. Steve Gentry has filled this position for many years. Thank you Steve for your service! Evelyn will begin her new role starting 1/1/2021.

The council is looking into permanently allocating a sum of money that could be used by anyone needing fi-

nancial assistance to help with taking a "spiritual walk."

The repairs to the church van have not been completed yet but should be done soon.

The camera that we are looking to have permanently installed in the back of the church (so that we can continue videoing our services once indoor worship has resumed), is on back order and has not been installed yet.

The Charge Conference is scheduled for 11/9 and will be held virtually.

As the weather gets colder, the council is looking into alternatives for holding services. WNCC guidelines currently allow no more than 25 people for indoor worship. One option mentioned was changing the time of the outdoor service so that they're held later in the day after it has warmed up a bit.

We have a new copy machine.

\$20K has been allocated for cement work that needs to be done and for the replacement of two heat pumps.

The cleaning/sanitizing of the church was done. We need to develop procedures for cleaning after groups meet in the church.

The leak where the old building meets the new building has been fixed.



## CROP Hunger Walk *October 18, 2020*

Virtual Walk: 2:00 Physical Walk: 2:30

### Location of the Walk:

In order to practice social distancing, CROP Hunger Walkers are encouraged to walk in their neighborhoods, their greenways, their church parking lot, and even on their treadmills! The location doesn't matter, nor the length – we'd love to just see you out walking to end hunger one step at a time by taking pictures and tagging us on Facebook or Instagram so we can share photos of our walkers. You can walk with your family or in small groups (according to CDC guidelines), and you can even Facetime while you walk with members of your congregation!

### Distance of the Walk:

Traditionally, the walk distance is slightly over 2K (1.34 miles). With this year's Walk being virtual, you can walk whatever distance you are comfortable with. We just want to see you walking!

### Registration (Signing Up to Walk)

While we are highly encouraging walkers to register online, you may register your team at Crisis Control Ministry, 200 E. Tenth St. When you turn into the Crisis Control parking lot, turn left and go around to the back of the building to park in the upper level parking lot. Walk over the metal walkway to the second floor, ring the bell to the administrative office and someone will help you. Please wear a mask and come Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you need to come a little later, please call 336-703-8282 for assistance.

All of the money raised for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk is used to support hunger alleviation programs. Money raised is split between three organizations. 75% goes to Church World Service and 25% stays in Forsyth County and is used by Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to help our neighbors in need.

For more information and to register online, visit: <http://www.cropwalkforsyth.org/the-walk.html>

## Holy Is Who You Are

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writes, “You, like the day, take not your name from the evening, but from the morning; and you are spoken of in the word of God as if you were even now perfectly holy as you will be soon.”

The light in us may be small, and mixed with much darkness still. But in Christ, the sun is rising, not setting. So, God names us by the morning.

### Before the Race Begins

Along with a new identity comes a new security. For some, the pursuit of holiness is marked more by insecurity and anxiety than security and peace. We know that without holiness “no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14), and we can’t help but wonder if we’re becoming holy enough fast enough.

To be sure, our practical, lived-out holiness in this life confirms our calling as saints (2 Peter 1:10). But for the introspective and scrupulous among us, this one truth about holiness can slowly become the only truth about holiness. Many of these saints are filled with the Spirit’s fruit, yet they have eyes only for their remaining sin. Holiness is always above their heads and beyond their reach. Maybe in a decade they’ll feel holy enough for heaven.

If this is how we feel, we have turned the emphasis of the New Testament upon its head. For holiness is not primarily the prize at the finish line of the Christian race; it is the gift at the starting line (1 Corinthians 1:2). Before we run for more holiness, God wants us to rejoice in the holiness that is already ours in Christ. Our deepest confidence and highest boast before God lie not in our personal holiness, but in the Holy One to whom we are united by faith (1 Corinthians 1:30–31).

In his classic work on the pursuit of holiness, John Owen writes, “There is not anything that, in our communion with him, the Lord is more troubled

with us for, if I may so say, than our unbelieving fears, that keep us off from receiving that strong consolation which he is so willing to give to us.” (Of the Mortification of Sin in Believers, 77)

If we refuse the strong consolation that comes to us as saints in Christ, then our pursuit of holiness will likely become instead an insane pursuit of self-consolation, a way to purify ourselves so that we can finally feel confident without Christ. But if, morning by morning, we breathe in the consolation that comes from being called a saint, then we will run our race with security and joy.

### At Home with Holiness

Some, no doubt, hear of definitive sanctification and become only more comfortable in sin. “Already holy in Christ? No need to fight so hard, then.” To which we can only respond with Paul, “By no means!” (Romans 6:2). Our new identity, together with our new security, also gives us a new destiny. If the Spirit called Holy has claimed us as his own, then holy we must be, and we can never rest content until all our sin is gone.

“The more holy we become, the more at home we will feel. Because in Christ, Imagine yourself in the midst of temptation. Some crude joke is about to cross your lips, some fantasy has offered to entertain you, or some website has reminded you of its presence. Now imagine yourself transplanted in an instant to the temple of the living God. Incense rises before you; candles slowly burn. In the holy silence of that holy place, the presence of God settles upon your shoulders with a weight that brings you to your knees. Suddenly, the joke dies upon your lips; the fantasy vanishes; the very thought of the website makes you flush with shame.

Such is our situation, if only we have eyes to see. Later in 1 Corinthians, Paul asks men tempted toward sexual immorality, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?” (1 Corinthians 6:19). The question sobers us and challenges us.

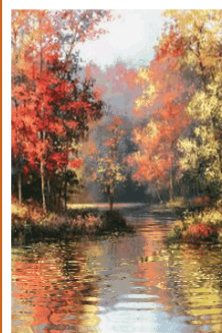
We are not as alone as we thought we were; the Holy One is with us wherever we go.

But the question also fills us with hope. For unlike the imagined scenario above, holiness not only surrounds us, but indwells us. If the Holy Spirit has made his home in our souls, then not only must we be holy — we can be. No matter how long we have struggled, or how many times we have fallen, the Spirit is able to make us stand (1 Corinthians 1:8–9; 10:12–13).

For now, of course, we are not yet as holy as we long to be. But holiness is our destiny: whole-souled contentment, expansive love, brilliant joy, perfect peace. And until then, the more holy we become, the more at home we will feel. Because in Christ, holy is who we are.

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The article can be found here: <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/holy-is-who-you-are#before-the-race-begins>



*Sunday Poem ~*

### *I Count My Blessings*

*by Harold F. Mohr*

*I count my blessings one by one  
Though great or small they be,  
And know without the help of God  
Not one would ever be.*

*I thank Him for these blessings  
Each morning of each day,  
And then again at close of night  
Before sleep comes my way.*

*He grants me all these blessings  
Though sinner that I be,  
And with the many faults of mine  
I know that He loves me.*



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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



Find us on:  
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*Baltimore UMC East Bend*

## 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