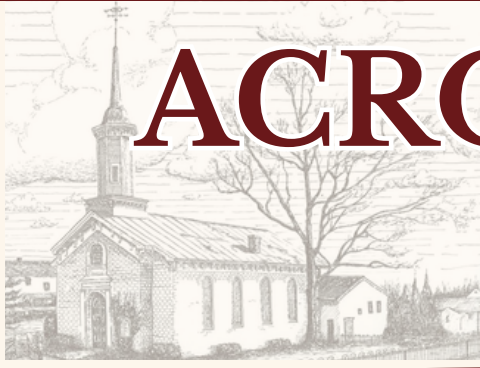




ACROSS *the* PEWS



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*"If you have faith
 the size of a
 mustard seed..."*

*Matthew 17:20
 NRSVUE*



THE POWER OF MICRO-FAITH

- Pastor Eduardo Carillo -

Life rarely slows down for a three-hour retreat. We live in a fast-paced environment, just look at the food selections that dominate the landscape... fast food places. Besides the inherent fast pace, there is a conglomeration of things that will take our time in a quick or slow pace. Think of the rush hour traffic, endless emails, or the pile of never-ending dishes. Faith, in these kinds of environments, can become a fast inconvenience. Faith can become a sort of a box we check for the week, or maybe the month, and maybe even the once-a-year commitment to make grandma happy.

THE POWER OF MICRO-FAITH

But what if faith isn't meant to sit outside our daily routines, waiting for a calm moment that never comes? What if God meets us right in the middle of the noise?

This is the practice of micro-faith, the deliberate choice to turn small, everyday moments into simple pauses of prayer and gratitude. You don't need a perfectly quiet room or an hour of uninterrupted time to connect with God.

You only need a single moment of awareness:



In the Morning Coffee
On the Commute
At the Kitchen Sink



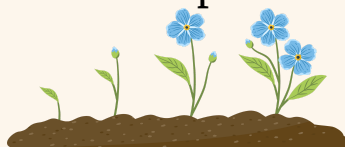
When we shift our perspective, the mundane becomes holy ground. God is just as present in your daily errands as He is during Sunday morning worship. Small moments of faith, repeated daily, build a resilient life anchored in God's presence.

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin..." Zechariah 4:10

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This Week's Micro-Faith Challenge

Pick one routine moment from your daily schedule and dedicate it to God for the next seven days. Whether it's taking a deep, prayerful breath every time you sit down at your desk or offering a quick blessing over your family as you lock the front door, let that simple action anchor your week.



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE



A monthslong detour on Route 710/Rectortown Road in Fauquier County will begin **July 31**, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The detour will come as the result of a bridge deck replacement over Goose Creek, according to a department news release.

During the work, a segment of Rectortown Road will be closed between approximately 1.4 miles west of Route 713/Maidstone Road and 2.2 miles east of Route 712/Delaplane Grade Road.

An approximately 10-mile detour will be in place for through traffic during the closure and uses the following routes:

Delaplane Grade Road
Route 17 (Winchester Road)
Maidstone Road

The detour is expected to be lifted by Dec. 7.

During construction, access to all private entrances within the project vicinity will be maintained for local traffic.

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SCHOOL YEAR PREPARED FOR SUCCESS.**

ASK THE PASTOR



Ask The Pastor



Do you ever find yourself wondering, *“What does the Bible say about this?”* or *“How should we think about that as people of faith?”*

Each month, Pastor Eduardo will respond to questions from our church family and community—big or small—offering answers that are biblically grounded, pastorally inspired, and theologically sound. It’s a way for us to grow in faith together, ask the things that are on our hearts, and engage in open conversation.

Have a question you’d like to see answered? Drop it in the question box at church, email it to the office, or hand it directly to Pastor Eduardo. No question is too simple, and chances are, if you’ve been wondering about something, others have too! See the answer to your questions in the next newsletter!

Have a Question for Pastor Eduardo?

We’d love to hear from you! Use this space to write your question. Drop it in the basket at church, hand it to Pastor, or return it to the office.

My Question: _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MEETINGS

MUMC BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Wright - 4th
Beth Eichberger - 4th
Ed Wright - 6th
Hunt Lyman - 10th

Aimee Chase - 20th
Ryan Antler - 27th
Garrett Basinger - 29th
Sarah Brissing - 29th

MUMC ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Sarah Brissing - 13th

MUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council
September 17th at 10:30am

Partners in Mission
Every 2nd Thursday at 2pm
Previously United Methodist Women

RUMC BIRTHDAYS

Emma Symanski - 2nd
Jim Harrington - 30th

RUMC ANNIVERSARIES

None

RUMC MEETINGS

Admin Council
September 3rd at 7pm

Trustees
September 8th at 6pm

Worship