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An encouraging word

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

"Oh, I must find rest in God only, because my hope comes from him! Only God is my rock and my salvation—my stronghold!—I will not be shaken. My deliverance and my glory depend on God. God is my strong rock. My refuge is in God. All you people: Trust in him at all times! Pour out your hearts before him! God is our refuge!"—Psalm 62:5-8 (CEB)

Anticipation abounds in uncertain times. We want to know what to expect, what the prognosis will be—and we want to know now. In the face of the unknown, we can find ourselves overcome with fear and helplessness.

But what if the waiting provides an opportunity for us to learn and grow? What if we choose to live like we truly believe God is certain of our future even when we are not?

Theologian Oswald Chambers names the tension between certainty and uncertainty succinctly, writing, "To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. As soon as we abandon ourselves to God and do the task He has placed closest to us, He begins to fill our lives with surprises."

To remain focused on following God's plan for our lives rather than simply our own plans requires discipline, dedication and a commitment to prayer. This shift in focus requires a deep well of faith. God promises to direct our steps, not to provide us a detailed map in advance. And so we move forward in faith, finding strength and refuge in God's grace, hope, mercy and love.

In May, delegates and church leaders from around the world will convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the 2020 General Conference. Much has gone into the preparations for this global gathering, and significant work is before this body when they meet May 5-15.

As we journey through Lent toward the cross and the promise of resurrection, let us remember those who serve in leadership throughout The United Methodist Church.

I invite you to join me in a season of focused prayer between now and General Conference.

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This Week's Activities

Sunday 3/8

8:30a Traditional Worship
9:45a Sunday School
9:45a Confirmation
11:00a Contemporary Worship Service
11:00a KidLink AM
Noon Trustees
Noon Children's Council
4:00p Ladies Bible Study
5:30p Youth Fellowship

Monday 3/9

10:00a Women's Class Meeting Group 1
6:00p Joyful Hands of Praise
6:30p Scouts BSA Pack 413
6:30p SPRC
7:00p Brothers in Christ Men's Group 1
7:00p Couples Class Meeting Group

Tuesday 3/10

10:00a Staff Meeting
6:30p Scouts BSA Troup 413

Wednesday 3/11

10:30p Seniors in Action Lunch Bunch
5:30p Women's Class Meeting Group 4

6:00p Praise Band Practice
6:30p Servant Stitchers Prayer Shawl Group
7:00p Brothers in Christ Men's Group 2
7:00p Brothers in Christ Men's Group 3
7:00p Choir Practice

Thursday 3/12

8:00a Morning Prayer Group
9:30a Ladies Bible Study
5:30p Dance Fitness Class

Friday 3/13

Church Office is closed
Scouts Pine Wood Derby Set-up

Saturday 3/14

8:00a UMM Trash Pick-up
Noon Safety Medical Team lunch/meeting
Scouts Pinewood Derby

When we join together in prayer each day, we remember who we are and whose we are as disciples of Jesus Christ. Each day we have the opportunity to be for someone the Gospel that they may never otherwise hear. As United Methodist sisters and brothers, we will continue our kingdom work to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, sustained by hope and our faith in God's promises. We cannot avoid uncertainty, but we can respond with faith rather than fear.

Together each day, let us join one another in prayer, trusting that God hears every word:

- Sunday: Eternal God, we give thanks for the sacrifice you made for us. Help us rise up to the challenge of living as your disciples. Focus our minds on divine things rather than human things. We willingly pick up our cross, ready to follow you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.
- Monday: Loving God, open our eyes that we may see you. Open our hearts, abide with us. Use our lives to share your good news with a world in desperate need of you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
- Tuesday: God of glory, your love and grace are sufficient. Use our times of suffering to build endurance, character and hope. For what more could we ask? Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Wednesday: Almighty God, we know that nothing can separate us from your love. Focus our hearts on your will and your purpose so that our lives can be a testimony to the love and grace that you freely give. Through your Son, Amen.

- Thursday: Living God, turn our focus toward heaven. Show us how to walk in your way—by faith, not by sight. Increase our confidence as we strive to serve you faithfully. Amen.
- Friday: God of hope, you shine light out of the darkness. All power and glory belong to you. We are yours. Use us so the life of Jesus will be made visible through our words and actions. Amen.
- Saturday: Covenantal God, we hang on to your promise of hope, and it carries us toward the future without fear. Guide us so that we might endure patiently to overcome adversity while pursuing truth. Use us to make a difference in this world. Amen.

Friends, prayer is powerful. When our hearts and minds are engaged in a prayerful focus, we begin to see situations from the perspective of hope. There is not magic that erases our uncertainty, but in the midst of it all, a life of prayer shifts our perspective from a spirit of despair toward a spirit of hope. We truly trust in God's promises.

May our focus turn away from anxiety in the face of uncertainty and turn toward trusting God—our rock, our hope and our refuge.

My prayer for you is that this season of focused prayer will instill in your hearts a spirit of hope.

Sunday evening study added!

Ladies Lenten Bible Study

Choose Thursday March 5th 9:30am Room 3
Sunday, March 8th 4:00pm Room 3

All ladies are invited to join us on a 40 day prayer challenge with **Draw the Circle** by Mark Batterson. Workbook is \$7 and Devotion book is \$8. To register, contact Amanda Eplee at 864-612-2620 or amandaeplee@gmail.com.

Confirmation Class starts Sunday

Sunday, March 8th 9:45am Sr. High Youth Room
For students 6th grade and up. This class will meet during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Building. Confirmation Sunday is May 31st. Contact Pastor Ross Chellis at ross.chellis@newbeginningsumc.org.

United Methodist Men's

Trash Pick-Up

Saturday, March 14th 8:00am

Meet at church at 8:00. Bring gloves and picker (if you have). After our route, you are invited to a BBQ lunch with the Safety/medical team. Rain date is March 21st. Contact Brian Cannon at 864-431-5165 or Mark Phillips at 864-266-3195.

This Saturday!



Safety/Medical Team

Lunch/Meeting

Saturday, March 14th at Noon Room 6
BBQ lunch will be provided. Side dishes to share are welcome too. We will have our meeting after lunch. For more information, contact Mark Phillips at 864-266-3195 or volpapw@charter.net.



Don't Forget to set your
clocks 1 hour ahead
Saturday night.

KidLink

3K- 4th Grade



NB YOUTH

5-12th Grade

Time Change Sunday Breakfast

This Sunday, March 8th 9:30am KidLink

The time change can make it challenging to get to church on time! To make things a little easier, we are providing breakfast for KidLink/Youth and their families this Sunday. Stop by before heading to Sunday school. At "to-go" station will be available at 10:45 for families joining us for 11:00 worship.

Girls Day in KidLink Girls Night In

Saturday, March 21st at 6:00pm KidLink Building

All girls K3-12th grade along with their mom or special woman are invited to join us for dinner, devotion and a fun time decorating cupcakes. Registration required by March 17th. Contact Sarah Pruitt at childrens@newbeginningsumc.org.

New KidLink Instagram Page

KidLink has a **NEW** Instagram page! You can follow them at [@nbumcsckidlink](https://www.instagram.com/nbumcsckidlink). Starting on February 26th they will be posting a 40 Days of Prayer Challenge for Lent, to challenge the habit of daily family prayer.



[@nbumcsckidlink](https://www.instagram.com/nbumcsckidlink)

*For more information on any Children's Events,
Contact Sarah Pruitt at
childrens@newbeginningsumc.org*

SENIORS IN ACTION

Seniors in Action Lunch Bunch

Wed. March 11th from 10:30-1:00pm Rm 6/7

Join us for a time of games, lunch and fellowship. Bring a dish to share for lunch.

Seniors in Action St. Patrick's Celebration

Sunday, March 15th at 5:30pm Room 6/7

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us! Bring your favorite dish to share for supper and then join Jeannie Smith for a time of favorite hymn singing. RSVP to Brian Cannon at 864-431-5165 or cannon.brian32@gmail.com.

Youth Fellowship Grades 5-12

March 8 5:30-7:00pm KidLink Building

March 15 5:30-7:00pm

March 22 5:30-7:00pm Game Night

March 29 No meeting—Spring Break

Meet in the KidLink Building for dinner, devotion and fellowship. The fourth Sunday of the month will be game night.

Remind App for Texting

Remind is an app you can download on your phone to text me or receive youth reminder messages.

Access Codes:

Junior High: @nbumcj

Senior High: @akb4b7

All Youth: @nbumcyo



[@nbumcyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/nbumcyouthministry)

*For more information on any Youth events,
Contact Pastor Ross
at pastor@newbeginningsumc.org*

Post Card Ministry

Do you know of someone that could use a word of encouragement. We have several small groups in our congregation that would like to send a postcard to that person. It could be anyone—just email their name and address to loveofjesuspostcard@gmail.com.

Men's Summer Golf

Starts Tuesday, April 7th 5:00pm

Any interested men are invited to play golf every Tuesday at the Village Green Golf Course in Inman. Arrive by 4:45pm tee off is at 5:00pm. This is a nine hole church league for fun and fellowship. Scores will be kept from April through the end of June with a tournament in August. Women are welcome to play as well, but Village Greens reserves the tourney just for men. Contact John Mitchell 864-680-8613 or scetiredhmc@gmail.com.

KidLink Water Bottle Collect

KidLink is currently collecting reusable water be used in an upcoming mission project. Any size reusable water bottle with a wide mouth opening/lid are needed. Bottles can be dropped off in the orange tub in the church office hallway, and collection will continue through 3/29. We thank you for donations.

Scheduled Meetings

Trustees

Sunday, March 8th at Noon Room 4
Contact Melissa Lawson at 864-542-3433.

Children's Council

Sunday, March 8th at Noon Room 3
Contact Sarah Pruitt at 864-599-1303.

SPRC

Monday, March 9th at 6:30pm Room 3
Contact Ken Walter at 864-590-1310.

Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm Room 4
Contact Cathy Blair at 864-431-9611 or Sandra Shaw at 864-497-9918.

Congregational Care

Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm Room 3
Contact Sue Miller at 864-590-2651.

Church Council

Monday, March 23rd at 6:30pm Room 7
Contact Lauren Chivers at 864-812-1249.

If childcare is needed, please register at least 48 hours in advance on the bulletin communication card or on the church website: www.newbeginningsumc.org.

Ushers/Greeters 3/8/20

8:30

Head: Mike Russell
Welcome: Rosemary Byerly
Usher: Denny Bowers
Usher: Peggy Bowers
Usher: Larry Campsen
Usher: Donna Campsen
Usher: Phyllis McMakin
Usher: Marie Hollifield

11:00

Head: Jeanne Mitchell
Welcome: John Mitchell
Usher: Alan Sands
Usher: Lysa Sands
Usher: David Rice
Usher: Sarah Rice
Usher: Susan Powell
Usher: Wayland Powell

Offering Steward

8:30 Carolyn Weisbecker **11:00** Brian Cannon

Security/Medical Team

8:00-Noon

Melissa Lawson Rusty Daniels Jerry Ellis

March 1, 2020

Our Presence

Traditional	Not available
Contemporary	Not available
Sunday Total	

Our Gifts

YTD Actual

Income	\$92,352.79
Expense	\$77,724.28
Last week's giving	\$11,311.00



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Write a check and put it in the offering plate, designate **DHMC** on the "For/ Note" line on your envelope along with "Orphan Sponsorship".

Donate through the church online giving page, at www.newbeginningsumc.org and designate **DHM**

See Nita or Mike Russell at the back table in the sanctuary on **March 15th & 22nd.**

Start making a difference today!

One can CAN make a difference.

As you are grocery shopping this week, pick up an extra can of food for the food pantry and drop it off in the cart in the back of the sanctuary. Your donation will make a difference!

**All donations for March go to
[Greater Spartanburg Ministries](http://www.greater-spartanburgministries.org)**

Did You Miss a Sermon?

We are posting the sermons online in video and podcast format.

Video: Visit our website: www.newbeginningsumc.org

Click on the "Resource" tab and then "Sermons".

Podcast: Visit [Buzzsprout.com](http://www.buzzsprout.com)

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/194909>

Sunday School 9:45am

Fellowship Class

Grace More Than We Deserve by Max Lucado
Leaders: Cathy Blair & Sandra Shaw
Room 4, M & M Center

Foundation Class

Study of the book of Hebrews
Leader: Brian Cannon
Lecture and Bible Study Room 6, M & M Center

Living by Grace Class

The Daniel Dilemma by Chris Hodges
Leader: Sonya Floyd Room 7, M & M Center

Live It Class

Study of the Book of Genesis
Leader: Wes Craven
Room 1, M & M Center

G.I.F.T. Class - Growing in Faith Together

Everybody Always by Bob Goff
Leader: Phil Griswold
Room 3 M & M Center

Tired Parents Class

The Gospel Project
Leader: Ginny Chellis Room 8, M & M Center

Weathering the Storm - Young Adults

Unafraid by Adam Hamilton
Leader: Frank Adams
Room 5, M & M Center

Youth Sunday School

Junior High Class - Grades 7 - 8 Youth Building
Senior High Class - Grades 9 - 12 Youth Building

Children's Sunday School

Children's Classes - Grades K3 - 6 KidLink Building

Prayer Requests

To submit a prayer request:

- Email to prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com
- Write them on the Sunday Bulletin Communication Card.
- Visit the Prayer tab on our website.

If want to pray for concerns please send an e-mail to: prayerlist.nbumc@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Congregational Care

- **Congregational Care Information:**
Sue Miller jimmysue81@hotmail.com 864-590-2651
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- **For cards or mail:**
Nancy Hallgren nhall39@bellsouth.net 864-578-9761
For congratulatory, illness or death.
- **For Meals:** due to illness, surgery or accident or funeral services.
Sue Miller jimmysue81@hotmail.com 864-590-2651
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Prayer shawls for anyone who is seriously ill or going through a serious life challenge.
Jane Wofford woffordjane@gmail.com 864-494-1176
- **Stephen Ministry:** Christian care for those experiencing a life challenge or crisis.
Rev. Ross Chellis pastor@newbeginningsumc.org
864-599-1303

Registration for Child Care

Child care is available free of charge for all church ministry meetings and church -sponsored events (unless indicated). No reservations are needed for worship services.

Reservations required 48 hours in advance.

- Complete the Child Care request on the Sunday Bulletin Communication Card.
- Visit the Nursery tab and register on the church website.

Church Calendar

The official church event calendar is on our website.

Contact Lisa Diestler at communications@newbeginningsumc.org.

Text to Give

Simply send a text to **864-952-0918** with the amount you wish to contribute. Once you register, future giving is easy. Just send a text with the amount you wish to give and it will process automatically. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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