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THE VINE

Journeying On....

We have been on a journey to hope through the Lenten Season. We talked about roadblocks and how we should not block others as they journey. Specifically, we have to be careful of money and possessions because they so easily build false hope. We were reminded that we are created in God's image, which Christ restores in us. We then receive gifts that we are to use to join in what God is doing, for the benefit of all. We talked about how we journey together, we do not travel alone. On the last Sunday of March, we shared how temptations on the journey can seem like easy answers, and how important a strong prayer life is to not giving in to temptation.

We are able to journey to hope because of Easter. The good news of the Holy Week events and Easter resurrection is that hope, joy, and new life are available to us all through our faith in Christ! That is great news, in fact, too good to keep to ourselves! The Easter season is a perfect time to invite someone to one of our worship services and special ministries like the cantata or Easter egg hunt. Think of someone who needs to know the good news of Christ or someone who attended regularly but you haven't seen for awhile and invite them to join you on the journey to hope. Offer to pick them up so they can come with you.

Another opportunity we will have to share hope with someone is on our summer mission trip. We are returning to central Virginia again this year the week of August 12-18. We will be working again on the farm, as well as some other projects. If you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as you can. Space is limited.

Thanks be to God who calls us to a living hope in Christ!

Pastor Doug

Be Mantua's Biggest Weight Loser!

Join the Weight Loss Challenge so YOU can
Lose Weight - Gain Money - Get Healthy!

**12 week class for
\$39.00***

**United Methodist
Church of Mantua
Starts 4/11 at 7pm**

•FREE Personal Coach

•FREE Body Analysis

•Group Support and lots of
FUN!

*Registration money is paid out in cash
and prizes to the winners. With \$10
contribution to United Methodist
Church of Mantua.
Specific rules will be in place to keep
everyone consistent.



916 Pounds Lost!

CLASS SIZE LIMITED!

For More Info or to Pre-Register Call: (856) 464-0537

Financial Update

After the first two months of the year, we have received \$39,872.50, about \$6,000.00 less than last year. Our year to date expenditure is \$40,064.57. This means that in the first two months we have a deficit of \$192.07. We still need to pay our ministry shares for the two months as well. While we are living in difficult economic times, we would ask everyone to please prayerfully consider the above information. Please remember, if you are not present in worship, our ministry continues. If you would like to sign up for the electronic giving, please contact the office.



Family Promise

Our next week to host Family Promise is April 1-8. If you are able to help by providing food, hosting, transportation, etc., please see Janet Fuhrer. This is an important ministry, especially as we provide for these families through the Easter season.

Have you Noticed.....

The closet in the Board Room is now completed? All of the Family Promise supplies are now neatly stored. Thank you to Justin Baitinger and the Scouts of Troop 45 in Mantua, as they completed Justin's Eagle Scout project.

The new carpet in the sanctuary? It looks great!! Also, the Pastoral Assistant Office and the Jr. High Sunday School room have been completely redone and also looks wonderful! Good game out of the flood from the broken pipe in the Sanctuary heater. Thank you to the Trustees for overseeing these projects.

April 2012 Vine

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director
2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."

This exciting, unending series provides a learning journey by researching the familiar and not so familiar Gospel passages. Biblical references are KJV unless otherwise noted.

What Really Matters?



The Pine Tree Cross

Fiction

The common Christmas pine tree is an adopted pagan custom. Does the tree bloom to atone?

Fact

Easter is the same date in all parts of the world; spring is not. The North American natural phenomenon is about two (2) weeks before Easter. In north Africa the new growth appears several weeks before those in Norway. In the southern hemisphere, Easter is in autumn, not spring. This results in various blooming dates. Popular beliefs do not always follow the calendar.

Tree or Cross: Does it Matter?

Acts 5:30, "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree."

Gal 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us...Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

The Crux Simplex, no crossbar, was a simple tree dedicated to the god of the netherworld. It was non-fruited, un-productive wood therefore making it totally valueless. Is this a real salvation issue?

A Refreshing Hint Telling Why Is Easter So Important!

Remember the very basic most important verse, **John 3:16**, we learned in Sunday School!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In Jesus Name We Give Everlasting Thanks. Amen.

We're Having a "Bunny Hop!"

Any Bunny under six years old can hop!
SPONSOR YOUR FAVORITE HOPPER!

WHEN: EASTER MORNING
BETWEEN SERVICES
WHERE: MCCONNELL HALL



A service project to benefit VBS for:

NURSERY too!

a Sunday School class for four and five year olds



Just for Fun

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sponsored by Eve Circle
Saturday, April 7th
At 11:00 am

...AFTER the Eve Circle Easter Egg Hunt...



Family Fun Easter Party

Saturday, April 7th
12:30 - 2:00 in McConnell Hall
Contests, Crafts, Desserts & More!

We are asking for donations of Easter Candy and small toys, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, etc.
Please have these items discretely bagged. These items are being collected for the
Family Promise children who will be staying at our church Easter Week! Thank you!



Family Fun Easter Party- Volunteers are Needed
This Easter Party will be set up in a "Calendar Party-style"
We will need 4 Teams (2-3 adults please)
Set Up will be at 9:30am on Saturday, April 7th

- 1) Pick a Team Theme & Name (peeps, chicks, bunnies, easter-themed, etc.)
- 2) Decorate the table (Easter theme)

Supplies Needed:

2 rectangle plastic tablecloth (will be arranged in a square)
Easter theme- Centerpiece Decor, Plates & Napkins for 8
8- Team Pride Items (see Kim for details)
Easter-inspired Dessert or Snack

- 3) You will then be asked to take your team around to each of the four activities/contests.

Please contact Kimberly Wagner for details 415.0610

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Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to make you aware of life saving screenings in our community.

Where: Mantua - United Methodist Church of Mantua

When: Wednesday, May 02, 2012

Pre-registration is required. In conjunction with the Helping Hands program, Life Line Screening is proud to offer United Methodist Church of Mantua \$10 back for every member who signs up and attends this screening. To help us, while bettering your own health (and receiving your own \$10 discount), please sign up on the sign up sheet in the church office

Life Line Screening is the leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings in the US. Currently, in neighborhoods like ours, Life Line Screening serves approximately 1 million people each year, adding to the 6 million previously screened since their beginning in 1993. Cardiovascular disease is the #1 cause of death in the United States of both men and women—and a leading cause of permanent disability.

Consider the facts*:

- 4 out of 5 stroke victims had no apparent warning signs
- 80% of strokes can be prevented

You may think that your physician would order these screenings if they were necessary. However, insurance companies typically will not pay for screenings unless a person has suffered symptoms. Unfortunately, for so many people, the first sign of a stroke is a stroke. That is why having a Life Line screening is so important to keep you and your loved ones healthy and independent.

We encourage you to talk to your physician about Life Line Screening. We are confident that he or she will agree with hundreds of hospitals that have partnered with Life Line Screening and suggest that you participate in this health event.

Please take a minute to read this information about these quick and painless tests. Life Line Screening is coming to our neighborhood for one day only and appointments are limited, so please call 1-800-679-5192.

Wishing you the best,

Friends in Health

P.S. Life Line Screening has preventive screenings available coast-to-coast. Tell your friends, neighbors and loved ones about these life saving screenings and encourage them to call 1-800-679-5192 today. You may just save a life.

* Source: National Stroke Association

We Can Help You Avoid a Stroke

Trusted by Hospitals Nationwide

Life Line Screening has screened over 6 million participants and has partnered with hospitals across the country. Why? Because the ultrasound screenings that we offer can help save your life.

1 Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening

Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque – the leading cause of strokes.

2 Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)

A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence or absence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of the screening.

3 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

4 Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

5 Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

An ultrasound measurement of the heel bone to determine abnormal bone mass density. Osteoporosis is painless and silent in its early stages.



**Get ALL 5 screenings for only \$149,
a savings of \$126**

Life Line Screening uses only advanced, state-of-the-art technology and experienced, highly skilled technicians. Screening results are provided to you within 21 days after procedure completion. Life Line Screening is dedicated to providing the highest quality imaging technology at an affordable rate. Our mission is to make people aware of an undetected health condition and encourage them to seek medical care with their physician. Life Line Screening does not provide, directly or indirectly, any coverage, warranty, or contract to monitor their health. If a significant finding is noted through the screening process, you will also be referred to your physician who can then make further testing and give recommendations for treatment.

Screenings in New Hampshire, New Jersey and New York are performed by Life Line Medical Screening, LLC, 10000 Highway 100, Suite 100, New York, NY 10021. Life Line Screening does not engage in the practice of medicine in those states. This information is not intended to constitute an offer by Life Line Screening to Life Line Medical Screening, LLC for any professional medical services.

These individuals' physician authorization is required. A Life Line Screening affiliated physician will provide authorization for you if you qualify. If a participant's life-threatening condition is discovered you will, promptly, receive your results after procedure completion.

Correlation Dates: A full report is issued if you call to contact us at least 2 days prior to your appointment. If you don't call 2 days prior to your appointment, we will issue a Call Card for the full report to be sent to you, usually one week, to purchase information regarding services.

Check and credit card accepted where you participate in these screenings.

Additional fees may apply without prior consent. www.LifeLineScreening.com/community-practice



Happy Birthday



- 1 Lisa Austin
- 2 Sean Gorman
Justin Kruithof
Craig D. Rudisill
- 4 Joe Gelormini
Lorraine Litle
Debbie Sullivan
- 5 Robert Austin
- 6 Carter Ingram
Jordan Legg
George Shute III
- 7 David Heiss
Savanna Schaekel
Christopher Skalit
- 8 Joshua Yannerella
- 10 John Fuchs
Wayne Histan
Emily Langer
Shelby Smith
Peggy Steckclair
Dave Steckclair II
- 11 Evan Niewoehner
Ashlee Sullivan
Melissa Tagye
Stephen Tumminia

- 14 Kitty Gardner
David Pennell
- 16 Ed Farrell
- 17 Leah Carelli
- 18 Howard Aaronson
Evan Godsey
Tyler Kreh
- 20 Jenn Kraft
- 21 Jake Armstrong
- 22 Elizabeth Bobzin
Michael Gorman
Elise Jennings
- 23 Beverly Covert
Christine Foster
Jim McManamy
Ed Reyher
Walter Rouh
- 24 Brynn Cusano
Mabel Sherman
- 26 Dan Gooch
Nick Kreh
- 28 Jacob Shutman
- 29 Tricia Eckert
- 30 Emma Kohl
James Kruithof

Happy Anniversary



- 12 Paul & Lori Brooks
- 17 Chris & Tracie Schaekel
- 19 Heather & Joe Vincent
- 20 Ed & Beverly Covert
- 24 John & Corrine Brickner
- 26 Neil & Heather Riggs
- 27 George & Nancy Wescott



4th Annual

ROCK the BLOCK!

June 2nd, 1pm
Community Party
Norris Street, Mantua

Hosted by
The Mantua United Methodist Church

FREE FOOD throughout the day.
FREE PIG ROAST at 5:00 pm.
LIVE MUSIC outside, all day.

Moon Bounce • Activities for Kids of All Ages
 Skateboard Park (helmets and pads must be worn),
 Please bring a canned good to donate to the Corinthian Cupboard.
Air Conditioned Sanctuary and McConnell Hall Open.

Live Music All Day!

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday April 1: 9:15 and 11:10 AM Worship
 7 PM Choir Easter Cantata
- Holy Thursday April 5: 7 PM Holy Thursday Communion Service
- Good Friday April 6: Noon Ecumenical Service at Wenonah UMC
- Saturday April 7: 11 AM Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Easter Party
- Sunday April 8: 6:30 AM Sunrise Service
 9:15 and 11:10 AM Worship (No Sunday School)
 Between the services: Kindergarten Sunday School Bunny Hop

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