

Handley Happenings

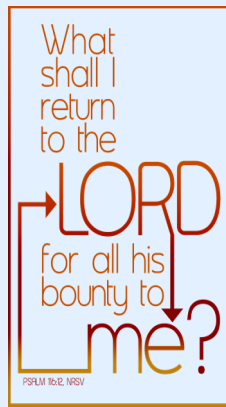
April 16, 2018

OPEN HEARTS OPEN MINDS OPEN DOORS
The People of the United Methodist Church

Bruce's Bible Study

We've been looking at the Resurrection of Jesus during this wonderful Easter season. I've mentioned in previous articles that we sometimes talk about the Resurrection on Easter and then pack it away until next year; no good! The early apostles talked about it everywhere they went. This week, I want to write about **why** it's so important, and not just then, but also for us. This is particularly appropriate for this week, when Handley has lost two of its finest members, Wanda Spracklen and Paul Johnston---both totally amazing people.

One thing we need to realize at the outset: **the resurrection of Jesus is not meant to be an isolated phenomenon!** Do you remember the Latin phrase on the back of our dollar bills? *E pluribus unum*, which means "one out of many." Well, that's exactly what the New Testament says about the resurrection of Jesus; He's the first, and **He's God's down-payment on our resurrection at the Last Day**, whenever that arrives. I think that most of us have made down-payments on things (usually automobiles) during the past few years, and we know that a down-payment is our pledge that we're going to follow through on the rest of the payments. That's what Jesus' resurrection is---God's down-payment/pledge that **death is not going to have the last word! And that applies to our physical world, too!** God



Our Gifts & Presence Sunday, April 15, 2018

Total Worship.....	38
Total Sunday School.....	14
Budget	\$2455

has no intention of letting His creations go down the drain! Yes, we've damaged things (just look at the pollution mess), but **God can fix that, and the resurrection of Jesus is His down-payment on that!** A great book on this topic is *Surprised by Hope*, by the great English New Testament scholar, N. T. Wright. God's new world isn't going to be just pink clouds and harps! It's going to be **overwhelmingly physical**, as guaranteed by the resurrection of Christ!

That certainly applies to us, as well; we were *made to be physical creatures, and God's plan is for that to be realized*. Don't get me wrong; I think our loved ones who died in Christ are already in Heaven, but at Resurrection Day, it's going to be even heavenlier! The current "split" between body and spirit was not part of God's original plan for us, nor is it His final plan! Our bodies will be transformed--no more asthma, arthritis, cancer, etc., etc.--and remade! When I was pastoring in Vermont, I used to tell my church members, "Take good care of your body; you'll be stuck with it for all Eternity!" The great 17th-century English poet John Donne said it well in one of his finest poems: "Death, thou shalt die!" For the classical scriptural underpinning of this teaching, read *I Corinthians 15*. God's going to change things in a **BIG WAY!** Remember, we have His down-payment!

Bruce



Save the Date
Friday, April 20, 2018, 8am

Our Garage sale is this Friday!!!
 Set-up is on Thursday, 9am.
 Please bring your best unneeded items now
 to help us with this Springtime fundraiser!!!



In Memory Of

Pat McMahan
 Glenn & Kay Estes

Paul Johnston
 LaRue Hulsey
 Ann Burge
 Glenn & Kay Estes
 Bob & Carolyn Whitt
 Patsy Clifford
 Jim & Pam Garrett

Wanda Spracklen
 Bob & Carolyn Whitt
 Patsy Clifford
 Jim & Pam Garrett
 Glenn & Kay Estes
 Ken & Kathy Sprinkle

Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

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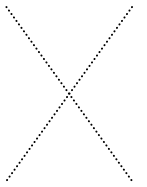
"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
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 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

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Ft. Worth, Texas 76112



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Please continue to bring pantry, diapers, and hygiene items for Eastside Ministries. Thank YOU!

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Meetings & Events Schedule



April 18
Backpack Buddies
Funeral for Wanda Spracklen

April 19
Set up Garage Sale
Oakridge visit

April 20
Garage Sale!!!

April 23
Friendship Circle

April 24
Grace Circle
Mail Out Newsletter
& Calendar

April 25
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday

April 29
UMW Sunday
5th Sunday Lunch
& Admin Council
Shannon Workshop

May Highlights:

May 5
Elections

May 6
Communion set-up by
New Horizons Class

May 9
Oakridge Rehearsal

May 16
Oakridge Baccalaureate

Usher Schedule

04/15—Mike Williams' Group
04/22—Bill Mann's Group

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Sunday's Service:

"Love With Action and Truth"
I John 3:16-24



Love ...
in truth
and action.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV