



HOLIDAY HILLS UMC

JULY 2019

Pastor's message:



Once again, over the past few weeks, some of you have asked me about my own faith journey and how that I always stay so positive. For those of you that remember everything that I've ever said or written, please accept my apologies. These are the practices in my life that help me.

As most of you know, I really like to think of the future, rather than the past. God has demonstrated so many times in the scripture and in my personal life that he forgives/forgets the past and looks to the future. BUT, as I sat here thinking about the future, my mind wandered back just a few years to consider what had really made a difference in my life. I think there were six things that had a significant impact. These were first prompted by my "Calling by God", the Methodist Ministerial Candidacy, and reinforced by Disciple Bible Study & the participation in the Walk to Emmaus and the Kairos Prison Ministry. I try very hard to keep my Spiritual Formation going forward. Perhaps these practices may help in your personal faith journey:

1. Devotional Bible Study—Praying the scripture means you sit before the text and listen for what God is saying to you, individually or corporately, through the text. Let your imagination bring you into the scene and fill your senses.
2. Journaling—I like to journal only the positive, blessings that God has provided. When I review, it is so re-warding to see how God has been working in my life. Journaling is similar to a diary, but a diary is like a map of know territory, while a journal moves you beyond the known to encounter the less explored terrain in your spirit.
3. Private Prayer—Prayer is the essence of all the activities of spiritual formation, because prayer is the act of being in touch with God. Sometimes prayer is simply being with God, without and beyond words, just being present to each other. When you listen to scripture or journal, you pray. When you speak to a friend about your spirit or theirs, you pray. When you are silent and alone before God, you pray. When you have become awake to God's presence to you, bask in it. Be still and listen to see if God has any word or direction for you at this time.
4. Spiritual Reading—Spiritual reading puts you in touch with God and is another way to pray. This is one of the reasons; I recommend each month books for your reading consideration. Many of the UMW read from a suggested UMW list. Reading is a way to make yourself available to the spirit to put you in touch with God.

5. Spiritual Accountability partner—Another way God can guide you along your spirits way is through a spiritual friend. A spiritual partner is a person that you select and who covenants with you to listen to you speak about your relationship with God n Jesus Christ. The role of your spiritual friend is to listen to the Holy Spirit and to you, to speak as led by God, to accept you where you are, to encourage you to look ever more closely for God’s presence in everyday life, and at times, to suggest steps that might help you grow.

6. Meditation---This has probably been the most difficult for me personally---taking the time to be in silent retreat from this world. One of the best ways to look for silence is to take a personal retreat for a period of silence longer than your daily prayer time. Twenty-four hours may be a useful length of time. Radios, T.V. and books are not needed. Your Bible, a prayer guide, and a journal are sufficient. Silence is stopping all the voices in your mind so you hear the still, small voice of God with greater clarity and depth. I say “small voice of God”, but oftentimes, I hear God “shout loud and clear”! If you don’t have an opportunity to do this at home, try our nearby Christian retreat center at Mount Eagle.

Overall, these spiritual disciplines have become a way of life, but they are only a start to the spiritual formation that God calls us to be. “Think like a servant, be like a servant” and then and only then will you be Christ-like. Amen!

In this season after Pentecost (Ordinary time or Kingdomtide) we will emphasize Jesus’ teachings concerning the kingdom of God starting with the Cost of Discipleship!

Ruth Anne and I are excited to continue here at Holiday Hills UMC and look forward to see what God has in store for each of our lives as we travel this road of faithful disciples together.

Amen! Amen! & Amen!

God be with each of you in your faith journey!

Pastor Dan

July 12th 5:30 pm If you can bring cookies or ice cream call
Shirley Woods 501-825-7796 or Pat Smith 501-825-6522





- 7/02 Stella Brogdon
- 7/07 Lee Ann Wallen
- 7/08 Jim Steele
- 7/19 Mitch Mitchell
- 7/21 Mark Mathis
- 7/26 Robert Bradley
- 7/26 Shirley Woods
- 7/29 Cindy Kimbro
- 7/31 Dale Vaughn
- 7/31 Keat Yeager



- 7/04 Kathleen & Mark Johnson
- 7/21 Linda & Joe Lorenz

Mason Millner Graduation



VBS 2019



United Methodist Women

What a blessing UMW is to our church. We are blessed to be a blessing. UMW is vibrant and active here in Greens Ferry.

Mission U will be in Clarksville at College of the Ozarks on July 17th thru 20th. This year Jean Peterson, Shirley Johnson, Triston and Stephenie Beene will be attending. Don't miss our UMW meeting on July 3 for a "Flight to Heaven"

10:30 am.

Stephenie Beene

UMW President



HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

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◀ June	July 2019					▶ August
Su n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10-11 CLASS	3 8 am Prayer Group 10:30 UMW 3:30 Choir practice 5 pm Prayer group	4  Greers Ferry City Park, all day events 9 pm Fireworks	5 UMM Smoked Ribs Pick-up Time 1 pm & 3 pm  9 pm Fireworks Fairfield Bay Marina	6  9 pm Fireworks Heber Springs Dam Site
7 9:30am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Communion	8 6 pm G.A.L..S	9 10-11 CLASS	10 8 am Prayer Group 9 -11 Storehouse 10-4 pm Quilters 3:30 Choir practice 5 pm Prayer group	11	12 5:30 pm Ice Cream Social 	13 9-11 Storehouse
14 9:30am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Pot Luck	15 4 pm Yacht Club	16 10-11 CLASS	17 8 am UMM Breakfast Bentleys 11am Prep- Call 3:30 Choir practice 5 pm Prayer group	Mission U at Clarksville, College of the Ozarks		18
21 9:30am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship	22	23 10-11 CLASS	24 8 am Prayer Group 10-4 pm Quilters 3:30 Choir practice 5 pm Prayer group	25	26	27
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