

The Pastor's Post

In These Uncertain Times

I woke up this morning, showered and dressed for the office, fixed Annette's and my coffee, and read the newspaper. North Korea is testing a missile that could reach the entire United States; Ukraine is being obliterated by Russian bombs, missiles, and artillery; Spring Break at Miami Beach was marred by a shooting that sent several young people to the hospital, and violence thrives in Central Ohio.

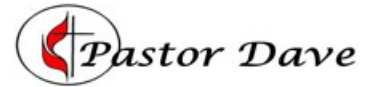
Terrible! Then I read this—**HOPE Resource Center expands its services**. Jacob Melanson, 36, a drug addict, has hope! He found a resource for food, clothing, and shelter. HOPE went from serving a few dozen women to over 1500 individuals.

HOPE—do you have hope? I do; I have HOPE in Jesus Christ, even when missiles fly, bombs fall, and bullets are fired. I have HOPE because Jesus Christ is my Lord and my God. Jesus loves me and has always loved me.

Psalm 33:20-22 says: We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You.

We can hope on all sorts of things in this world, but they're hollow. Let's hope in the Lord. The bad news of that Passover spoke of a crucifixion, but three days later the buzz all around Jerusalem was of an empty tomb. That's why we have hope today. I have an idea—LET'S BE THE HOPE RESOURCE CENTER for everyone we meet. Let's offer them the reason we have hope—JESUS!

Pastor Dave



Bible verse to remember ...

Psalm 52:9 I will praise You forever for what You have done; in Your name I will hope, for Your name is good.

What's your favorite Scripture Verse? Tell me.

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May is Mental Health Awareness



I've been wondering how we can stay optimistic today. It's a choice we all have, it really is. Everyone has the same number of minutes in the day and we get to choose how to use them. We meet people in our comings and goings, and we get to decide whether to be a friend to them, or not.

On the days I choose to be a friend, my outlook on life is better than days I'm feeling inhospitable. We're probably not all that different. Let's make a concerted effort to smile more, take an optimistic outlook on life, and be a friend. It could improve our mental health.

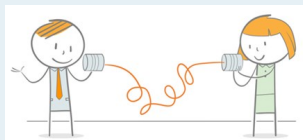


Streaming Message

Christian Endeavor is enjoying that through the wonders of technology we can worship together and share faith with others in our community, across our country, and around the world.

Hopefully, on-line worshippers will join us as we work through tough questions and issues of the day and studies of Daniel and Hebrews later this year. We're also going to look at faith through country music, and have a few laughs

Contact Clif Smith at tech@cenewark.org



Proverbs 13:12 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.* NIV

THIS SPOT SAVED FOR YOUR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Here's a question: if you couldn't fail, what ministry do you have a passion and longing to try? What's stopping you. Let's try it together.

If you think it, let's talk about it.

There's a mission that God has given you a passion for and a mission that He has enabled you to accomplish for His glory. There are people waiting for your response, not alone, but with all of us serving with our own particular talent.

None of us has to do it all. We serve best, when we serve together. I'm all EARS!



Think about this,

If you don't try something new, you can't learn.

If you don't create, you can't contribute.

If you don't hope, you can't make progress.

Maxime Legace



Mariupol, Ukraine; Evacuation of millions

UMCOR The United Methodist Committee on Relief

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>;

By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174;

By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, mailed to UMCOR, GPO; P.O. Box 9068; New York, NY 10087-9068

100% of all Advance contributions goes to the designated cause.

Maybe you feel you can't make a difference, but WE CAN!

God has blessed us to be a blessing to others

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Robert 'Bob' Smith	April 1
Debbie Palm	April 7
Todd/Robin Martin	April 21
Walt/Marge Gemmell	April 25
Ann Perry	April 27

Ludy Cassady	May 12
Dave/Annette Pagura	May 16
Robert Williams	May 18
Bob/Dorinda Smith	May 23
Marge Gemmell	May 24

Michelle Williams	June 8
Clif Smith	June 10
Mike Johnston	June 12
Mike/RaeJeanne McKee	June 30

The Book of Resolutions

3284, Faithfulness in Response to Critical Needs

We express our utmost concern for the passage of anti-immigration laws, which adversely affect the well-being of citizens and residents of this country as they engage in providing humanitarian aid to undocumented persons in several States. The United Methodist Church is an open-door church, where every person is invited to come in, get closer to God, and become part of a community of faith. That community is totally committed to attaining the good for all people through social and spiritual transformation. Any policies and laws attempting to limit or restrain the church's work of responding to the needs of others, is contrary to its most fundamental beliefs as stated in the Gospel: For God so loved the world, that He have His only Son, that everyone who believes on Him will have eternal life. John 3:16

**Christian Endeavor UMC Pastor's
Deeper Dive Bible Study**

A Prayer for Spring

With each unfolding seed, with every Spring, He breathes the rumor of His resurrection, as birdsong calls your hidden heart to sing. May this season be His benediction, to lift your love, and bid your prayer take wing, to thaw your frozen hope, to warm your mind, for Spring has come! Can Heaven be far behind?

Malcolm Guite

Isaiah 35:1

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. NIV



The studies usually last about an hour or so. We dive deeper into the subject from the previous Sunday's Scripture reading and message.

Monday evenings at 6:00 PM , online. Contact Clif Smith at **TECH@CENEWARK.ORG** for connection details.

Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the church sanctuary.

If there are other questions you have about Scripture or a current topic, don't hesitate to contact me. I may not have all the answers, but I'm sure we can have fun trying to figure it all out. **dapagura@insight.rr.com** or **614-204-3349**

Scripture that Speaks: The Word of God for the People of God

1 Peter 3:15

In your hearts, set Christ apart as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. Do this with gentleness and respect. NIV

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR April through June 2022

April 3	John 15:9-17	}	Certainties In Uncertain Times
April 10	Matthew 21:6-9, 27:22, 31-33		
April 14	John 13:1-17		
April 15	Luke 22:39-44		
April 17	John 20:1-18		
April 24	Luke 23:42-46	}	Do-Re-Mi
May 1	John 14:15-21		
May 8	Ephesians 4:11-16		
May 15	2 Timothy 3:16-17		Hard Questions
May 22	Galatians 5:22-26	}	F—A— I— T— H
May 29	Luke 4:1-13		
June 5	Ephesians 3:14-20		
June 12	Romans 15:5-11		
June 19	Philippians 2:1-11		
June 26	Psalms 19:1-6		Hard Questions

Thanks to All Who Lift Us in Prayer



"Our mission is to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to glorify God, grow disciples and change the world one person at a time."

COLOR ME AND WIN A PRIZE Give your finished drawing to Pastor Dave

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Joseph said, "My brothers, don't forget to turn your clocks forward on March 12."

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Are You Looking for Answers?

SO ARE WE! Let's search for them together.

There's so much we don't know or understand about the Bible, ourselves, society. Have you ever thought, "I believe God really is good, I just don't why He allows evil." Ever ask yourself, "I want to be better; so, why do I keep stumbling over the same stuff all the time?"

We're just everyday people, just like you. Why don't you join us at Christian Endeavor UMC, 11:00 AM this Sunday. You can offer up a prayer concern or check us out online first if you'd like: **CENEWARK.ORG**.

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