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# The Pastor's Post

## Had Your Shots?

I got the flu shot and I thought of the other vaccinations we take to avoid tetanus, mumps, measles, chicken pox, tuberculosis, and the like. I'd like to be vaccinated against the dumb things I do or say. I could add a SMART Pill to my multi-vitamin, vitamin C, heart & cholesterol pills.

It would be awesome to be inoculated against sin. Hmmmmm! Maybe I could get a booster of the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control from the Bishop.

The Good News is that we can be inoculated from sin. The bad news is that it is not always easy—and, face it—we like easy. Here are two things we can do:

With daily devotions, just five minutes every morning and evening, we can assure that we start and end our days with the love of Christ in our hearts and on our minds.

Regular weekly worship tells the world that Jesus has primary position in our lives, not just the convenient spot. According to Pew Research, the average person in today's churches attends only once every three weeks.

Small group Bible study. Our youth have textbooks for school; we have manuals for home and car repair, and self-help books for every condition and circumstance.

Keep up on your healthy spiritual habits and if you see me doing something dumb—just ask me if I remembered to take my pill.

Blessed to be your pastor, Pastor Dave



### IMPORTANT NOTE!!!!!!

Daylight Saving Time  
Returns Sunday March 15,  
2 AM. **Before you go to  
bed, set your clocks  
AHEAD one hour.**

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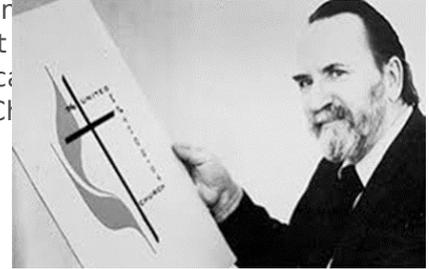


## The Cross and Flame, by Edward J. Mikula

Our symbol was adopted in 1968. Prior to that, the Evangelical United Brethren Church name encircled clasped hands in front of a cross.

Methodist hospitals depicted a gold cross; Abingdon Press of Methodism used as its symbol a circuit rider on a horse. In some places a gold cross imposed upon a globe was adopted in 1957. There was no officially endorsed logo until the 1968 merger.

Edward Mikula, Edwin Maynard, and I have become known as the current custodians of the two denominations: Evangelical United Brethren Church and Methodist united in the Cross of Christ.



**Ephesians 4:3-6 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

### New Streaming Message

Christian Endeavor has started streaming the Sunday service on Facebook and the messages are captured and available for future viewing.

Invite friends, neighbors, and family to check us out. It's a non-stressful way for them to visit and consider joining us for corporate worship.

Contact Clif Smith through the church office for more details:

740-334-9188.

### This spot saved for your ministry announcement

God is NOT a liar. He can be trusted; He said He would never leave us or forsake us.

God is omniscient, all-knowing. He gets that we are easily misled and will stumble periodically, even prone to quitting just before we are likely to succeed. That's why He said His yoke is easy and His burden light.

He wants us to come alongside of him.

Here's the 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.

#### **BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

The choir invites any member of the congregation who are interested in sinning to join them.

Our recent song fest was hell.

Remember in prayer, all who are sick of our church and community.



A home in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, lies in ruins following a series of earthquakes. Hundreds of homes along the island's southern coast were destroyed or severely damaged, leaving many people afraid to sleep indoors. Photo courtesy of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico.

A series of earthquakes in recent weeks has left the people of Puerto Rico in a constant state of unease and distress.

The Methodist Church of Puerto Rico has shared in that unease, but also is responding to the situation through its own disaster response organization and through partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Experience gained from the Hurricane Maria recovery has been an asset in this response, said Glorymar Rivera-Báez, program director for disaster recovery with Rebuilding Communities With Hope (REHACE). Rivera-Báez was in touch with UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response team immediately after the earthquakes began.

"Although this is a time of great hardship, one positive aspect is that we already had a strong disaster response system in place because of our Hurricane Maria work, plus we have an ongoing relationship with UMCOR," she explained.

"The advice, trainings and financial support they have provided to the people of Puerto Rico will most certainly help us respond to this current situation."

You can donate through the following URL:  
<https://advance.umcor.org/>

## Anniversaries & Birthdays at Alexandria

01/01	Jim Geiger
01/07	Michael Miller
01/10	Abby Miller
01/11	Christine Anders
01/12	Laurie Tarrier
01/15	Danica Miller
01/16	Courtney Blevins
01/29	Evelyn Stought
02/04	Rhoda Hreha
02/05	Martin Ruder
02/08	Dick Carter
02/09	Mason Royer
02/10	Blake Cottrell
02/12	Elliott Coffman
02/12	Neva LeValley
02/14	Brittany Miller
02/16	Jeanne Holbrook
02/21	David Klawitter
02/24	George Hreha
02/25	Wendy Hickman
02/26	Layne Whitehead
02/28	Kathy Turner
03/01	Bonie Ruder
03/01	Richard Parmer
03/02	Kendra Schmoll
03/09	Curtis Boren
03/09	Curtis Choberka
03/15	Carol Nichols
03/19	Ina Rae Kean
03/20	Betty Lehnert
03/20	David Lees
03/21	Annette Pagura
03/23	Kira Berona
03/30	Ava Clum
03/30	Dave Pagura
03/31	Jeff & Julie

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## Anniversaries/ Birthdays

### at Christian Endeavor

01/28 Mitchell McKee  
02/06 Simon Shaw  
02/27 Mary Wiard  
03/08 David McKee  
03/21 Annette Pagura  
03/27 Bonnie Polinko  
03/29 Ruth Spence  
03/30 Dave Pagura

Questions that make you think:

“How long is NOW?”

“In the word “SCENT,” is the “S” or “C” silent?”

“Why does our nose run but our feet smell?”

“Why is there a “D” in FRIDGE, but not in refrigerator?”

“Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?”

“When atheists go to court, do they have to swear on the Bible?”

“If glass blowers inhale, do they get a pane in the stomach?”

“Why does caregiver and caretaker mean the same thing?”

“Why when “skate on

“Are eyebrows facial hair?”

## Alexandria & Christian Endeavor UMC's Pastor's Bible Study

The Alexandria Bible Study is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, EXCEPT for evenings when the Alexandria Women's Group is meeting.

The Christian Endeavor Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

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

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.

## The Word of God for the People of God

### Matthew 4:1-4

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. The tempter came to Him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" NIV

## Sermon Schedule for Lent 2020

February 26	Ash Wednesday	Where Do We Begin—the End
March 1	1st Sunday	What Could Happen If ...
March 8	2nd Sunday	A Most Surprising Paradox
March 15	3rd Sunday	“Course He Isn't Safe ...”
March 22	4th Sunday	Looking to the Cross
March 29	5th Sunday	Border between Now & Then
April 5	Palm Sunday	The Humble Servant
April 9	Maundy Thursday	The Ever-Lasting Supper
April 10	Good Friday	The Refrain Never
April 12	Easter Sunday	Mourning becomes JOY

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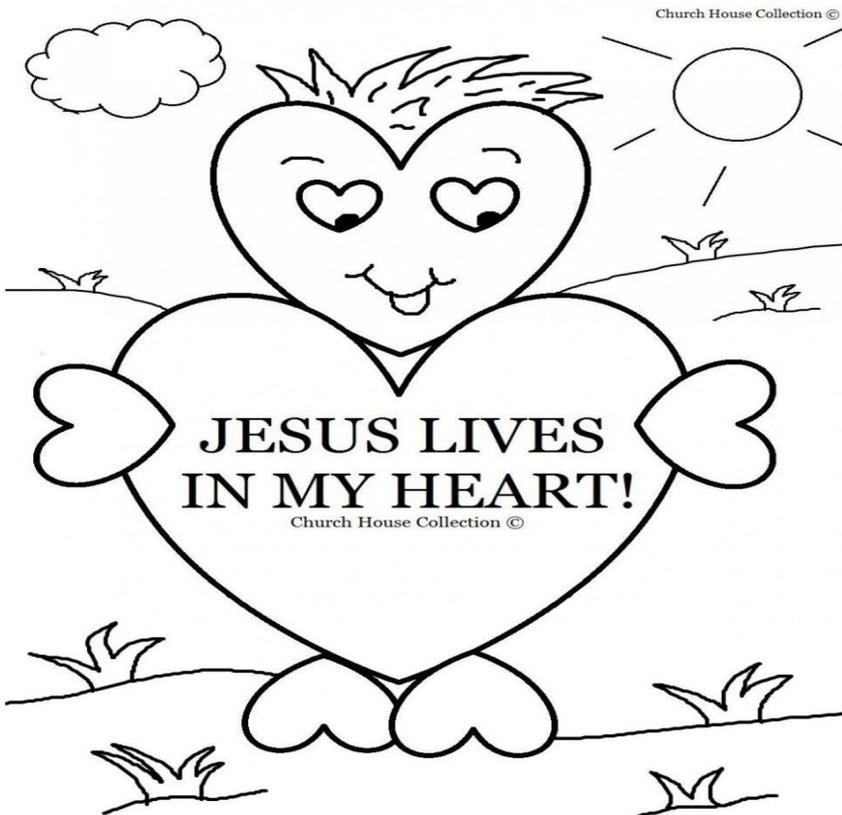


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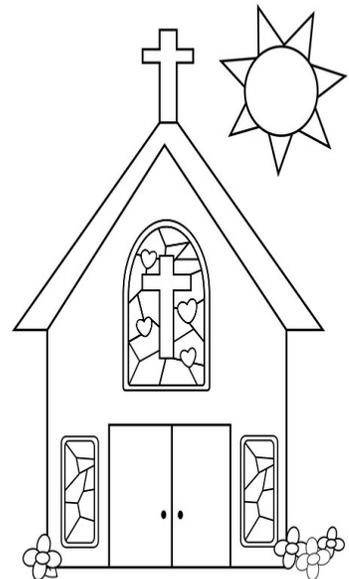
*"Our mission is to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to glorify God, grow disciples and change the world one person at a time."*

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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 Alexandria UMC, 9:30 AM, or Christian Endeavor UMC, 11:00 AM this Sunday.

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