

The Pastor's Post

There are two stories in the Bible of Jesus riding an animal.

The first was in Mary's womb as the family traveled to Jerusalem/Bethlehem. Mary rode a donkey on that journey. The other story of Jesus riding a donkey was on Palm Sunday. The first time was probably due to the fact that Jesus was being born into a poor family and a donkey was the only animal they owned.

The second, could be as a symbol of Jesus' humility and down-to-earth attitude. However, I believe He could have requested a horse. After all, He was a well-known rabbi, highly favored by the people. And He didn't own the donkey, but merely borrowed it. Surely, He could have borrowed a horse just as easily.

As usual, there's more to the story for us to unwrap. When a new king or ruler marched into a city, a horse, a warhorse, was always ridden. It was a sign of defeat for the residents. The Roman ruler rode a warhorse. Judgment had come. A donkey, on the other-hand, was a sign of peace. Jesus came, not to conquer, but to forgive. Forgiveness not judgment had come.

One day, Jesus will come again to take us to Him on the clouds (Revelation 1:7). Then, He will come in judgment riding on a horse (Revelation 19:11). That day has not arrived. Jesus offers us His peace. He came lowly, riding on a donkey.

Romans 5:1 reminds us we are no longer God's enemies, we have been justified through Christ; and Romans 5:10, we are constantly being reconciled to God, we shall be saved. Jesus is our Savior; and we are His children.

Pastor Dave



Bible verse to remember ...

Romans 5:10 For, if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

What's your favorite Scripture Verse? Tell me.

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Korean War: June 25, 1950 to ????

I've been thinking a lot about reconciliation lately. Would it surprise you that in actuality, the Korean War has never ended. There is a truce, an uneasy armistice that ended hostilities, but the war has never officially ended.

South Korea never signed the armistice and for a treaty to be effective today, to go beyond the truce, China and North Korea and all other combatant countries would need to sign the treaty.

That describes many of our relationships. We cease active hostilities, but bear long-lasting grudges. Why? Let's reconcile with one another as God has reconciled with us.



Romans 5:6 *Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.* 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,

The first to apologize is the bravest;
The first to forgive is the strongest;
The first to forget is the happiest!

Be brave, be strong, be happy!

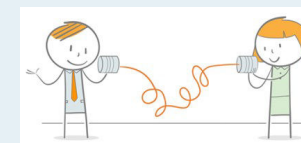
Streaming Message

Christian Endeavor is enjoying modest growth of "follows" and "likes" on Facebook. Our viewing average is about 1.4 hours per day.

Youtube numbers are steady and growing as is in-person worship attendance.

Hopefully, online worshippers will appreciate our deeper Philipians and James studies as well as the upcoming Free-for-All and the Fables series coming soon.

Contact Clif Smith at tech@cenewark.org for more details.





Mayfield, Kentucky tornado damage, December 15, 2020

UMCOR The United Methodist Committee on Relief

Is active in helping deal with the devastation from a series of tornadoes that literally destroyed the town. Though the funerals are over, the grief is long-lasting. The survivors are homeless, workplaces, schools, and homes were destroyed and lives shattered. More than 60 tornadoes roared across Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

UMCOR is the United Methodist Church serving as Jesus’ hands and feet in our behalf. There is a great need for clothing, shelter, food, safe-drinking water, and countless other life-sustaining essentials. Please contribute today.

UMCOR is not only serving our region, but across the country, and around the world in places like Tanzania, Thailand, Costa Rica, and the Czech Republic.

UMCOR provides education, help building and training to build. UMCOR assists in religious teaching of pastors and deacons and missionaries, drills for water, and flies medical teams and supplies to countries that have no other resources.

UMCOR is a lifeline that we have an opportunity to be involved with and support. I’ve served on approximately 20 teams.

Maybe you feel you can’t, but WE CAN!

Let’s get involved.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Freda Russell	January 9
Mitchell McKee	January 28
Simon Shaw	February 6
Mary Wiard	February 27
Davis McKee	March 8
Craig/Phyllis Hindman	March 11
Annette Pagura	March 21
Ruth Spence	March 29
Dave Pagura	March 30
Robert Smith	April 1
Debbie Palm	April 7
Todd/Robin Martin	April 21
Walt/Marge Gemmell	April 25
Nick/Renee Shaw	April 25
Ann Perry	April 27

The Book of Resolutions

is rooted in Scripture. Isaiah 32:16-18 Then justice will reside in wild lands, / and righteousness will abide in farmlands. / The fruit of righteousness will be peace, / and the outcome of righteousness, / calm and security forever. / Then my people will live in a peaceful dwelling, / in secure homes, in carefree resting places.

The Book of Resolutions has guides for disarmament, world trade, space and sea exploration, farming, and countless other principles to life and caring for Earth and all of God’s Creation.

The Book of Resolutions is our aiming point for sharing all of God’s wealth with others that ALL might enjoy the life He offers us on this planet, Earth. Much of what UMCOR does is an attempt to offer a better life to those who have inadequate resources on their own.

My Prayer for You:

Lord, guide us to be reconciled to others as You have reconciled us to You. You command us to to be forgivers of others as You have so mercifully forgiven us. Before You gave us the command, You showed us by Your living example. May we be holy as You are holy. Amen!

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. NIV

The only way that we can live and love as Christ demonstrates is to be fully attuned, as best we can, to Him. It isn’t easy even in the best of times, but Jesus knew we would face difficult situations, that’s why He came to live among us. His example is our aiming point.

Be the best, strive for excellence!

Christian Endeavor UMC Pastor’s Deeper Dive Bible Study

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 Cliff 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 Matthew 5:23-24

If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift. NIV

SERMON SCHEDULE FOR January through April 2022

January 9	Genesis 37 & 45	Rejection to Reconciliation
January 16	John 4:7-42	Prejudice to Validation
January 23	Luke 5:1-8	Doubt to Faith
January 30	Philemon 8-18	Captivity to Liberty
February 6	Matthew 14:6-21	Hunger to Nourishment

February 13
February 20
Guest Preacher: Courtney Hilbert
Scripture and Message TBD

February 27

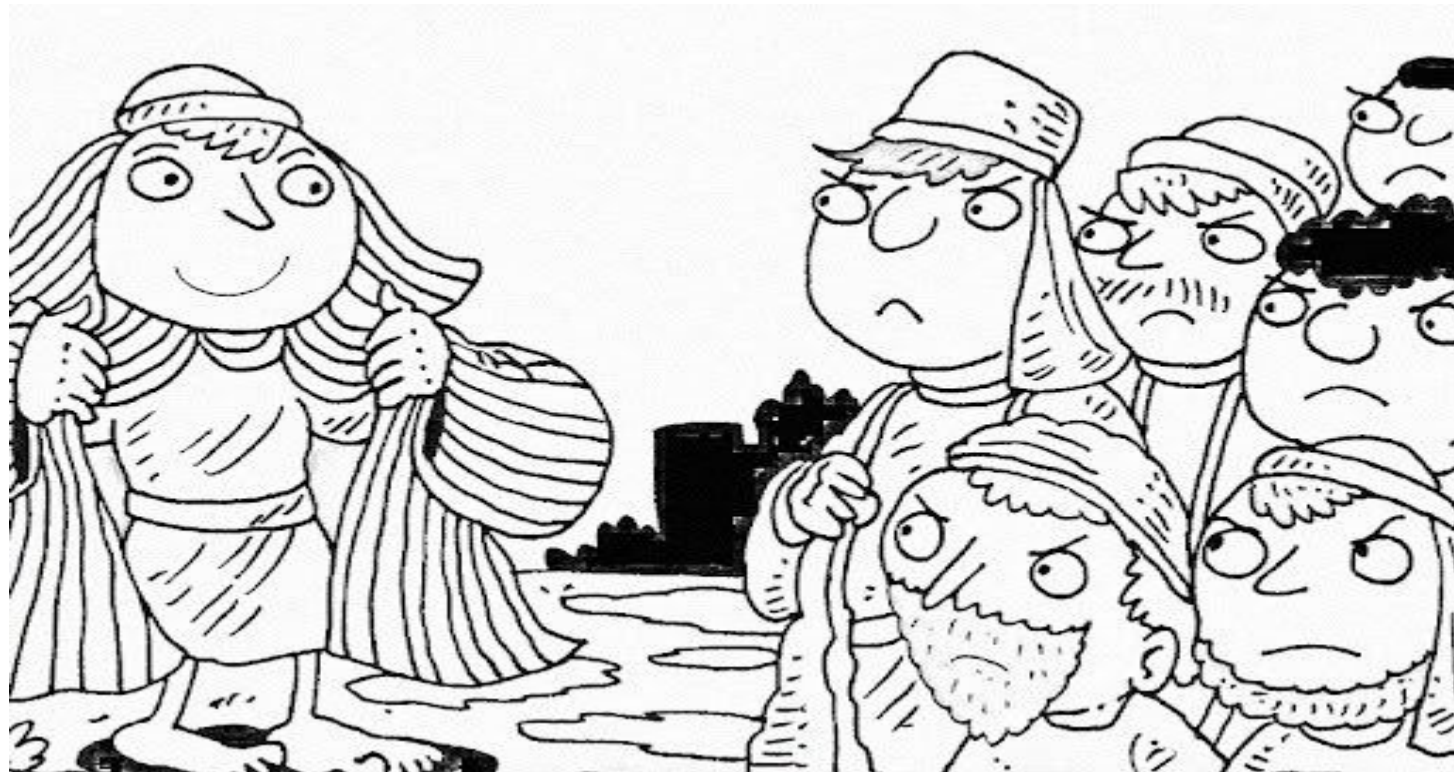
March 2	John 12:17-28	Uncertainty of Call
March 6	Mark 9:14-29	Uncertainty of Faith
March 13	Matthew 18:21-22	Uncertainty of Forgiveness
March 20	Luke 12:1-34	Uncertainty of Worry
March 27	John 11:1-44	Uncertainty of Mortality
April 3	Luke 19:1-10	Uncertainty of Surrender
April 10	Matthew 26:36-46	Uncertainty of Obedience
April 14	John 13:1-17	Uncertainty of Serving Others
April 15	John 14:1-8	Uncertainty of Trust and Truth
April 17	Matthew 28:1-10	There Is No Reason for Uncertainty

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



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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