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Taking Time to Rest

Hello everyone,

"35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons" (Mark 1:35-39 NRSV). In this story in the opening chapters of Mark, Jesus begins his first preaching tour. Notice something important. Before Jesus begins this tour across Galilee, no doubt, a challenging, arduous journey, he begins by praying in solitude. Jesus realizes something important about himself; He cannot heal others unless he is as rested as possible.

Over the past couple months, it has been an entire whirlwind for me. Everything seemed to be going well following the holiday of Thanksgiving when all of the sudden my family began dealing with mental health issues, they all contracted Covid, I got sick, I was gone, we had guest preachers, holiday stress, Christmas Eve...you get the picture! I have felt like I have been running around reacting to every little thing in our world since the new year began. But what lesson can I glean from this chaotic chapter that closed in 2021 and continued to be reopened in the new year of 2022? Take time to rest.

I could quote pretty much every verse, but a hymn that has been on my mind lately is, "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395. The final verse says this, "Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul. Each thought and each motive beneath God's control. Thus led by God's spirit to fountains of love,

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thou soon shalt be fitted for service above" (©United Methodist Publishing House). Take time to be with God doing the things that lift you up, heal you, and allow you to rest. Let us be reminded of this simple but profound lesson throughout the remainder of this year. Take time to be holy by taking time to rest with God. Amen.

Wednesday Lent Services

Lent is almost here! It is difficult to believe we are about to be in the month of February. Didn't this year just begin?

We will be holding joint services on Wednesday evenings at the UCC church (Congregational Church whichever name you use). Pastor Brenda, Brother Guy, and myself are all meeting next week to discuss more details of who, when, and what will take place. I will keep everyone posted on Sundays and through Facebook about times, location, and soup & scripture.

Let us be reminded as Easter people that we are also called to be a part of our larger, universal church. It is wonderful to be able to gather and mourn and celebrate the story of Christ together!



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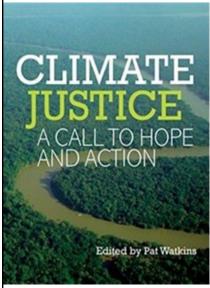


United Methodist Women will meet February 16 at 5:30 pm. Bring whatever you would like to eat for supper—dessert and coffee/tea will be provided. Come join us!

Mission u Virtual Study on

Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

Men AND women welcome!



Consecutive Sundays:

February 6, 13, 20, 27 from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

Join the Rev. Waveland King for a Mission u virtual study that uses <u>Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action</u> to deepen your understanding and awareness of climate change and its impact on God's creation. The study highlights justice, peace, and integrity of creation as important dimensions of partnering in God's mission today. It offers participants biblical, theological, and ethical insights as the basis of their advocacy on climate justice in churches and in the public sphere.

To participate REGISTER at:

https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com2022MissionUClimateJustice Books may be requested when you register.

The e-book is available on Kindle. For hard copies google the title (very expensive on Amazon—not elsewhere). We also will have 5 copies available for loan. If you cannot zoom, please consider reading the book. To borrow contact Millie: 989-0742 mandmrob@midrivers.com



Our Christmas Program By Marlene

























Pastor Sione Fungalei and his wife, Anna

We enjoyed your pastoral message and singing during the January 23rd service.

February

Happy Birthdays

Feb. 5th	George Skerritt	Feb.14th	Ruth Powell

Feb. 11th Kim Vashus Feb.17th Heather Haas

Feb. 12th Charles Powell Feb. 18th Anne Friestone

Melissa Kwasney Feb. 22nd Cole Neard

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 7th Gerald & Janine Huschka

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 *George Skerritt
6	7 # Gerald and Janine Huschka	8	9	10	11 *Kim Vashus	*Charles Powell *Melissa Kwasney
13	14 *Ruth Powell Valentine's	15	16 UMW at 5:30pm	17 *Heather Haas	18 * Anne Friestone	19
20	21 Ad. Board Meeting at 7:00pm	22 *Cole Neard	23	24	25	26
27	28					* - birthday # - anniversary







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