



ALTA WOODS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



March 2020

1 *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he [a] is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3: 1-3)*



God's love for us is unfailing! I feel that we can never over speak about this magnificent fact! This month Eric Celerier offers us these words:

I've had the pleasure of celebrating several weddings. I love these moments of joy. In the sacrament of marriage, there is a vow spoken that's designed to seal a couple's love forever: *"for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part..."*

Unfortunately, some covenants don't last...But there is one that will never fail: the Lord's covenant with you.

God's love is indestructible. It is a divine promise, a sacred commitment, an eternal covenant. Just as the apostle Paul confirms here: *"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (the Bible, Romans 8:38-39, NKJV)

I find Paul's absolute certainty when he talks about the love of God to be remarkable! We could translate *"I am persuaded"* as *"I am absolutely certain and sure," "I am convinced,"* or *"I have no doubt."* This means that **even in difficult times, the believer remains firm in his/her faith in God's love.**

I encourage you today to be as assured as the apostle Paul. When everything topples and collapses around you, **this love is the anchor** that keeps you from being capsized. No matter what you may endure, **God holds you tightly in His ropes of love** to prevent you from going under. Even when it feels like you've lost your way, if you don't let go of His hand, **God promises to lead you safely into harbor.** (Read Psalm 107:23-32, NLT)

Sunday Worship Times

9:00am - Gravy & Grace Worship Service (Breakfast begins at 8:30)

9:45am - Sunday School

10:55am - Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Bible Study

10:00am - Tuesday Bible Study

OUR STEWARDSHIP

February Statistics as of 2/27/20

Sunday School - 20

Gravy & Grace - 99

Sunday Worship - 29

Feb. Reg. Giving: \$12,324.00

Feb. Reg. Expenses: \$21,313.25

YTD Giving: \$25,535.00

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I invite you now to let the Holy Spirit deposit this unshakeable conviction inside you that nothing can ever separate you from His love:

- No circumstance, no matter how terrible it is,
- No principality or power, no spiritual authority,
- No present or future event,
- No human being.

I invite you, too, to declare this: *"Nothing will separate me from the love of God. I know that He loves me."*

That's right...nothing will be able to separate you from His love!

MONTHLY MISSION UPDATE
as of 2/27/20

- 129 households were assisted from our food pantry
- 234 snack bags were given out to the homeless
- Thrift Shoppe made \$264.55 to be distributed owards various missions of the church
- 40 Mary & Martha meals prepared this month

Prayer Request

Lila Altman, Ima Jean Hudson, Katherine Mabry, Tiffany Simmons, Cory Simmons, James Janis, Jim Lovelace, Teri Dawn Neely, Terry & Mary Parker Parrish, Shirley Michaels, Lloyd Williams, Jean Maddox, Jim Bowers, Edith Drummond's sister Betty, Kenny Posey, Jennifer Smith Kaczor, Katherine Adams, Milton & Barbara Parrish, Liz Swales, Tommy Tolleson, Jan West, Norma Ainsworth, Jeff Ainsworth, Nida Lewis, Earnest Bibbs, Meg Kilgore, Steve Drummonds, Margie Greenough, Dee McKittrick, Owen & Brenda Miller, Lavelle Sullivan, Charles Turner, James Hodgins, Todd Cargile, Dale Smith. Bob Ainsworth

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Alta Woods UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Eph. 3:8-20 Liturgist: Leola Meyer	2  Kathy King	3	4	5  Lisa Henegar	6	7  Deborah Ainsworth
8  Eph. 4:1-16 Liturgist: George Cain	9  Suzanne Simmons	10  Chris Meyer	11 	12	13	14 
15 Eph. 4:17-32 Liturgist: Bob Ainsworth	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 	21
22 Eph. 5:1-14 Liturgist: Layton Smith	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29 Eph. 6:10-18 Liturgist: Terry Parrish	30	31  Pat Cargile				
8:30am Gravy & Grace 9:45am Sunday Worship 10:55am Worship Service	7pm Bible Study at the Callahan's	11am Bible Study		Thrift Shoppe 10am - 3pm Food Pantry 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm	6pm - 8pm AA Meeting	

