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"I Have Called You Friends" John 15:15

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A Message from your Pastor - April 15, 2022

AT THE CROSS

*"For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also."*

— Luke 12:34 (NIV)

A beautiful treasure is left in plain sight amid the darkness of Golgotha. Right there, where all the pain and sadness came together, is a heart of love that beats for you. It was strong enough to handle the mocking soldiers and their whips, and it was humble enough to be spit on and not spit back. Your Savior's heart was giving enough to make sure you had a way home, back to the loving arms of your Creator.

Good Friday, when we commemorate the day our Lord was made to carry His cross through crowds of onlookers, doesn't necessarily feel like a day of celebration. At first glance, it feels more like a somber moment when evil won and all that was good perished. But don't lose sight of the cross. It was there that the King of Kings said, "It is finished."

Where is your treasure? Is it something made by human hands? Jesus, your perfect and wonderful treasure, said your heart is where your treasure is. Let your heart be found in Him.

Lord, I can't imagine what You went through the day You gave Your all on the cross. Before the pain and anguish tore at Your heart and body, You prayed for me. Please help my heart stay connected to You.

I found this wonderful message in the devotional collection *Daily Wisdom for Men 2022*. This was a gift from my Prayer Partner Wyatt Wood. We always seem to say, "Your treasure is where your heart is." The converse is also true, "Your heart is where your treasure is." I read an article today that described the government of Russia as a *kleptocracy*. The writer said that everyone in the Russian government seeks not to serve the people, but to steal as much as possible from the Russian people. He calls them *kleptocrats*. Much (if not all) of the trouble in our world stems from misplaced hearts seeking after mistaken treasure.

Thank you, Wyatt, for the devotional book.

And thank you Miss Susan for all you have done to help us have our hearts in the right place including giving me Wyatt as my Prayer Partner this year.

COVID-19 Vaccine inoculations are available to everyone over age 5. Vaccine booster shots are also available. Go to: www.randolphcountync.gov/Departments/Public-Health/COVID-19 or call the COVID-19 Hotline at 336-318-6227.

Feeding Locals First USFW is collecting these items for the homeless:

- Ponchos
- Flashlights
- Mosquito coils & bracelets
- Unscented wipes
- Gold Bond foot powder (small)
- Ankle socks
- Citronella candles
- Lighters or matches
- Cases of bottled water

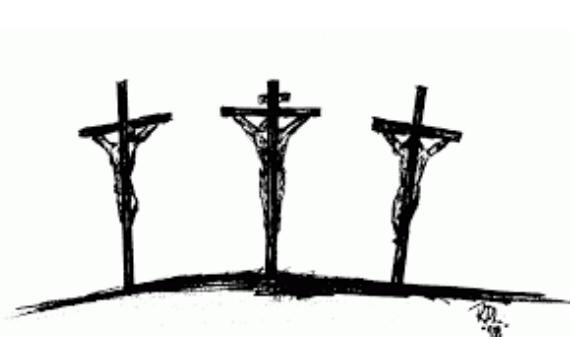
Birthdays & Anniversaries

B Jimmy Pell — April 23
B Carol Meiers — April 24
B Ernest Davis — April 26

CUOC for April:
Canned Potatoes

March Financial Report:

Income:	\$ 12,975.17
Expenses:	\$ 7,561.98
Gen Fund Balance:	\$ 7,282.32



"Creatures of Pain and Hurt"

"We are buffeted about by so rich a variety of circumstances that it is often very difficult for us to find our own ways. We are creatures of pain and hurt, of joy and ecstasy, of despair and hope. All around us we see great stretches of unrelieved human misery: hunger of body, with all the wasting away of the flesh that comes in its wake; upheaval of mind, with all of the inward torture with which the skill of man finds no way to deal. We are surrounded by so much that casts doubt and so often so little that uplifts and inspires. And when we think about our own selves, each within the tight circle of his little life, the same picture presents itself. We have found no satisfying answer for the pain of our lives.

"At such a time as this, our Father, enveloped by the great quietness instilled by Thy presence, we want to offer the part of us that is clear, unsullied, fresh, clean, untainted, and to hold back under the shadow of our own feelings the things that are tainted and painful and tragic.

"Teach us, our Father, how we may be so worthy of our living experience, that we may even now offer to Thee our pain, our suffering, our miseries—all the stains of our lives, even as we offer to Thee our best. What a relief it is, O God, to have somewhere to pour it all out. Our Father, our Father, accept us totally."

Excerpt from *The Centering Moment*, p. 59, by Howard Thurman — available to purchase on the FUM Bookstore.

"Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendor."

— Charles Spurgeon