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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

The following is from today's email devotional I get from Rick Warren. Sometimes he writes something so in tune with how I think, it's as if I wrote it. The story he refers to with Moses and Miriam is in Numbers 12 btw. Steve

We tend to think of gossip as one of those "little" sins. But when God talks about gossip, he puts it on the list with things like sexual immorality and murder. Why? Because it is so destructive to relationships. Gossip can tear apart friendships, families, and churches.

Gossip is talking about a situation with somebody who is neither a part of the problem nor a part of the solution. If we're honest, what we're doing is making ourselves feel a little more important at somebody else's expense. We're talking about their hurts and their problems to make us feel like we're morally superior to them. That's the danger and the hurt of gossip.

There's a story in the Old Testament about a family that struggled with gossip. Moses had a sister named Miriam who one day got caught up in gossiping about Moses among the rest of the people. God called Moses and Miriam in and had a little talk. He spoke with Miriam and told her what she'd done wrong—and right there on the spot, God gave her leprosy. You may be thinking, "That sounds terrible, but I'd like that to happen to the person who gossiped about me. Maybe not leprosy—but a really bad stomach flu, so that person knows how much this hurt."

Do you know what God did next? He invited Moses to pray for Miriam's healing—the person who gossiped against him. Maybe you've been deeply hurt by gossip and things that have been said around the office or by the broken confidence of a friend or family member. Here's what God says to you: "Pray for the person who gossiped against you so that you can be released from the hurt in your life." Or maybe you've been the one gossiping. This story is in the Old Testament to remind us how serious gossip is and how hurtful it can be to people, whatever side of it you're on.

Keeping confidences enables you to connect to others in productive, healthy, and genuine ways. Proverbs 11:13 says, "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret" (NIV). Are you the kind of person that

keeps people's confidences so they can trust you?

The 872 United Methodist congregations of Holston Conference are raising more than \$100,000 to battle the opioid crisis that is tearing away at their communities in East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and North Georgia.

Churches will collect their mission offerings on Sundays in May 2019, then take their offerings to the Holston Annual Conference held June 9-12 at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. Later this year, the funds will be distributed through grants to churches that want to fight drug addiction in their communities.

Bookwalter UMC will collect this offering this **Sunday, May 26.**

Wednesday evening activities, 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

Our Wednesday night Adult Bible study will be completing the Gospel of Matthew in a few sessions. We plan on doing something a little differently for our next round. We are going to do a study called "A Disciple's Path" from Cokesbury. It is designed as a 6 week course, but we may be flexible and take a bit longer. There are video testimonies and a daily workbook involved. The church is picking up the cost of the Leader Kit, but we will ask participants to pay \$10 for their daily workbook. There is also an optional Companion Reader for \$10 that would be available.

At this time, we will plan on beginning this new study June 26, so **please let Rev. Doyal know if you are going to take part by May 29th** so we can order the workbooks. Thank you.

Below is a description from Cokesbury about this study:

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it's a big step. But A Disciple's Path helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups, but also works well in small groups of long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual

practices, discover your unique gifts, and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life and to the lives of others and the world.

Trip to Country Tonight – Keenagers are sponsoring the trip, but you do not have to belong to Keenager to go on the trip. **Date is June 20th** traveling by deluxe motor coach (Knoxville Tours). Leave Bookwalter Church at 11:00 a.m. and returning by 6:00 p.m. If 30 people go, the price will be \$56.00 per person. If 20 people go, the price will be \$70.00. If you would like to go, please call Nancy Webb at 688-4925. This would be a wonderful opportunity to travel for a day of fun!

Church Lawn Care – If you are interested in contributing to the payment of this expense, please designate your contribution as “Church Mowing.” Thank you, Don Henderlight, Finance Chairperson

Camp in the Community is quickly approaching. We are so excited for this ministry opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. Throughout the next month and a half we will be asking for more help.

REMEMBER - 2019 Holston Annual Conference Hands-on Mission Project for Zimbabwe – Ishe Anesu Project for Underprivileged Children - CHECK BULLETIN BOARD FOR LIST OF ITEMS. ITEMS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 2ND.

Our Service

May 26, 2019

Acolytes Rachel Byrd, Emily Laws
Nursery Shari Rose
Ushers A.J. Allen, Howard Darnell,
Mary Mahoney, Carolyn Peters

Come join us for worship this Sunday. Scripture will be Matthew 5:1-12: and the sermon will be **“BLESSED ARE”**

Our Presence and Our Gifts

May 19, 2019

Morning Worship	69
Sunday School	42
Budget Offering	\$4,593.00
Roof	\$20.00
Lawn Care	\$151.00
Camp in The Community	\$45.00
Food Buckets	\$60.00
Change for Children	\$1.00
Van Maintenance	\$41.00

Prayer List:

Betty Bays
Eddie Cox
Leroy Cox – cancer
Gay Lee DeShazor, Cheryl Mills’ Aunt
Jack Hays
Jo Ann Learn
Sharon Morris-Dagangon, friend of Pat Newman
Stephanie Melton
Reverend Ed Nelson
Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
Parker Pass, 7 yrs. old with leukemia
Marilyn Faith Plemons (requested by Carolyn & Sue Wilson)

Patricia Sutton
Billy and Wesley, Sharon Wilson’s sons

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Bill Ferguson, Sarah Hawkins, Joe Hurst, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Ann Turner, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.

Note: Please let the pastor or the office know if we need to add someone to the prayer list. Also, let us know if someone is doing better and needs to be removed.