

Grace Notes

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Pastor's Newsletter to First and Trade United Methodist Churches



From the Pastor:

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Not in some metaphoric sense but Jesus the Christ rose IN DEED! That is the message of the resurrection. Paul says that the Gospel is this, Christ buried and resurrected. That is the good news. He overcame death and the grave. For hundreds of years, that is what the church celebrated every Sunday. Every Sunday was Easter.

Recently, I received a periodical from a Christian travel agent. The cover had the words in bold print, "JESUS, Live On Stage." I scoffed at it (and still do) because Jesus is not an entertainer, a destination, or an event. Jesus does not book theaters in Pigeon Forge. Jesus is the Son of God and the author of my salvation.

Too often, we relegate His place in our lives as our "co-pilot" or "my buddy, Jesus". But that denies His place in our lives. If He is our co-pilot, then we assume to be flying the plane. And He cannot be Lord and buddy. While we do have Him as our intercessor and enjoy a more personal relationship with Him, He is still God.

While the world works very hard to discredit Him, it is we who limit His power and place in our own lives by putting Him in a small box. He is "Jesus Christ Superstar" to some, but if we follow the Scriptures, then there is a credible statement by John that Jesus is not only The Redeemer, but Creator as well.

Now that I have finished my rant... I pray that you have a blessed Easter Season. Celebrate not just once a year, or Sunday morning, but every day as little Easters, remembering the supreme price paid for you. You are the pearl of great cost, purchased at a cost you could not afford. That proves God's love for you! AMEN.

Scott Wilks

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Opportunities and Blessings:

Giving Opportunities FUMC - First Sunday offerings and The Unique Boutique. Please give so others might not face needs for food, power, or medicine.

Trade UMC - We are still gathering blessings of food and clothing as an ongoing act of love for the least of these. A little goes a long way, and you have been so generous. Let's live out the Gospel command to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. Way to go, way to give!

The Unique Boutique is open Wednesdays from 10am until 2pm and the first Saturday of each month. Monies made benefit our mission and ministry within our surrounding community!

If you would like to add to the "Grace Notes" email or have corrections please make them in writing either written or email before the end of each month. a word shared in the hallway or during worship might get forgotten or misplaced!



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