

Pastor Peter's message notes from Feb. 13, 2022

A Scout is Kind (Scout Sunday)

The exciting news about faith is that we are offered a new life in Christ!

The letter to the Colossians describes for us the new life in Christ that we are invited to live. We are called to let the peace of Christ guide our hearts, to be united as one in the body of Christ. The author uses the image of choosing to change our clothes as a way of illustrating what it means to choose new life in Jesus. He says take off our old clothes of evil desire and greed and to put on new clothes. What are these new clothes? Compassion, humility, meekness, patience, and kindness.

On Scout Sunday several people got dressed and put on the Boy Scout uniform as a way of witnessing to yourself, your family, and the people you meet today the values you stand for.

The Scout Law lists 12 points that a Scout tries to live up to every day. It is not always easy to do, but a scout always tries their best. A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. The scout book tells us a scout is kind. A scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

No matter what stage of life we are in, we have challenges. I think we all remember some of the challenges we faced when we were 5 or 8 or 10 or 13. Sometimes approaching a challenging situation with kindness can bring forgiveness and friendship where there was once hurt and distrust. If we communicate as Jesus calls us to, God can make healing and new life occur.

It is tempting and natural to get angry and defensive when we face challenging situations. But anger isn't the quality a scout seeks to live up to. Anger isn't the attitude Jesus calls us to approach each with. We are called to a higher standard. When we call on Jesus's name in prayer, he gives us the strength to show kindness and forgiveness to others.

Colossians 3:13 tells us, **"Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."**

When we intentionally go through life seeking to be kind, we live out the scout law that has guided scouts for generations. When we intentionally go through life seeking to be kind, we live out Jesus's vision for our lives. When we intentionally go through life seeking to be kind, we build up the people around us in our community, country, and world.

Scouting is a wonderful ministry of this church. The conversations, the merit badges, the projects, the camp outs, are all opportunities for young scouts to learn about the kindness of Jesus from you, their adult leaders. They look to you to be models of how to live Godly lives.

Loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves as Jesus tells us in the greatest commandment.

Church worship services

Upcoming Messages

Feb. 20 Communicating Gently

Service times for in-person and online worship

9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Preparing for worship

Scriptures for the coming week:

Mon. Feb. 21	Luke 19:1-5
Tues. Feb. 22	Luke 5:30; 15:2
Wed. Feb. 23	Luke 19:6-10
Thurs. Feb. 24	Exodus 22:1; Numbers 5:7
Fri. Feb. 25	Luke 3:12-13
Sat. Feb. 26	1 Timothy 1:15

Prayers for our church family

Bob Garrow, Margie Simmons, June Mellinger's daughter-in-law Felicia Brown, Jana Miller, Christina Hart, Ken and Betty O'Neal's nephew Bill O'Neal, Doug Christie's uncle Ron Ijam, the family of Janet Ernest

Celebrating our church family

Birthdays for the coming week:

Sun. Feb. 20	Cathy Dixon, Regina Higgins
Mon. Feb. 21	Keaton Denney, Matt Chaney
Tues. Feb. 22	Nahvia Paige, Steve Mills
Wed. Feb. 23	Faith Jeruto
Thurs. Feb. 24	Pam Smith
Fri. Feb. 25	Larry Bryan, Lisa McTighe-Miller, Paulette Moore

Feb 6 The Five Friends
Luke 5:17-26

Feb 13 Healing the Man with the Withered Hand
Luke 6:6-11

Feb 20 A Servant Is Healed
Luke 7:1-10

Feb 27 Jairus's Daughter
Luke 5:8:40-42 Luke 5:8:49-56

Wonder

Luke 5:26

All the people were besides themselves with wonder. Filled with awe, they glorified God, saying, "We've seen unimaginable things today."

SHINE

Monthly Mission: Next Generation Ministries

Curriculum Reaches All Ages Of Youth

The Disciple Gift for February is the Next Generation ministries for our church. As we continue to grow the ministry in our church, the budget must grow to support that ministry.

To help understand the needs of the ministry, it helps to see where the money is used. With the current programming, we have three different sets of curriculum that are purchased to meet the needs of the young people:

- **Children's Church** uses the curriculum *Wonder*.
- **Confirmation Class** uses the curriculum *Confirm*.
- **Sunday Night Youth Group** uses the curriculum *Grow*.

Additionally, **Vacation Bible School** will feature **Food Truck Party: On a roll with God**. The materials became available just this month. Now the planning gets started, and materials to provide a positive VBS experience will be needed.

The church is blessed to see youth programming grow, and after two years of struggling to manage the pandemic, the youth ministry will continue to grow. The money from this church family's giving this month will assure the materials we use meet the needs of the program.

Giving To God's Work

Thank you, great grandmother!

Do you remember the first time you put money into the church donation plate? I can't remember what I did yesterday, but for some reason I can remember the pride I had in putting a nickel in the donation plate. I was about 6 years old and my great grandmother gave me and about a dozen of my cousins each a nickel to put in the plate. She gave us all a lecture on how and why we should do this and that we should save our money and share it with God.

All of my cousins went to church with her every Sunday. After she passed, we never sat together again; some of us went to other churches and some stopped going to church altogether. Looking back on this I feel sad, but I am also grateful for that feeling of pride in giving for my first time.

I am asking you to help me thank my great grandmother by talking to our next generation and perhaps give them a nickel to put in the plate and explain why we should do this. Who knows, maybe 65 years from now one of them will remember that day of their first offering.

Thanks for listening.

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Sign Up For Trip To Conception Abbey

It's time to sign up for the confirmation road trip to Conception Abbey near Maryville Saturday, March 26. All expenses for transportation and lunch are covered by the United Methodist Foundation grant.

The road trip is available to confirmands, youth, and others from our congregation. If you are interested, email Pastor Susan at susan@umcburg.org or call the church office. There is also a sign-up sheet on the table in the atrium. The last day to sign up is March 11.

The trip will include a tour of the abbey, attending mass, a lunch, and the Stations of the Cross.

The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return sometime after 6 p.m.



Conception Abbey: A Benedictine Monastery
"So that in all things God may be glorified."
– Rule of St. Benedict

Conception Abbey is a Benedictine monastery dedicated to the glory of God as St. Benedict instructs in his *Rule*. We exist to praise God in our daily cycle of prayer and work, welcome guests, educate future priests, and share the Gospel.

Visit <https://www.conceptionabbey.org/> to learn more about Conception Abbey.

Church Directory Photo Session Start Monday

It's time for a new church directory! We will be working with Universal Church Directories to create a new church family album. Photo sessions will be at the church.

Mon. Feb. 21 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 22 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fri. March 4 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sat. March 5 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Flyers are in the atrium with instructions on how to sign up online. Volunteers will be available to help you sign up on Sundays in the atrium before and between services. Watch for more information on Facebook and the church website on how to sign up.

United Methodist Men Meeting Feb. 28

The United Methodist Men's February meeting has been moved to Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. at The Rock.

Scott Reed will present on the Helping Hands ministry.

Larry Bryan will provide dinner, which is \$10. You are invited to bring a friend.

The church office will be closed Monday, Feb. 21, in observance of President's Day. However, the church will be open Monday afternoon for church directory photo sessions.