

The Good News

May 2023

A Word From the Pastor...

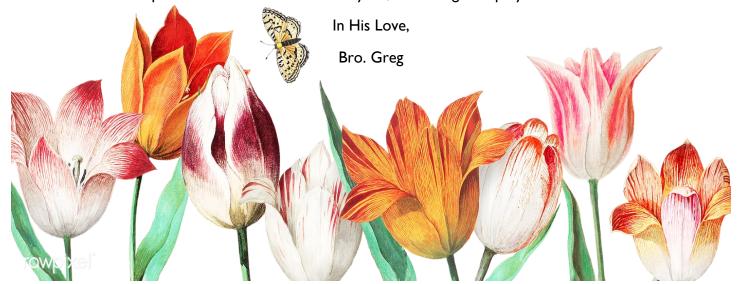
Over the last several months or maybe even years, I feel like we all have been carrying a heavy burden. First was the pandemic, and the all the disaffiliation talks added to an already heavy load. In Matthew II:28 NLT Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Something I am curious to know is exactly how many people we cross paths with a day who are burdened? I would almost say we cross paths with someone every day who is hurting in one way or another. In other words, we pass someone on the street or in a store who is carrying a burden. How can we help bear one another's burdens?

Briefly I want to share with you a few suggestions of how we can bear one another's burdens:

- I. **Be there**. Just be present with them.
- 2. Listen. Don't try to supply answers just listen.
- 3. **Share**. Your times of struggle and how God helped you overcome.
- 4. **Pray**. Let the person know you will be praying for them and pray with them.
 - 5. Give. Give a handshake, pat on the back, hug, financial gift.

Remember that there are hurting people everywhere, take the time to reach out in kindness to help ease the pain of someone's burden. Oh yeah, don't forget to pray for them too.



Word of the Month: Burden

Burden - A load of any kind, a severe task, or a difficult duty, requiring effort.

Galatians 6:2 NLT

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Movie Night: Jesus Revolution
Saturday, May 13th at 6PM in
Memorial Hall
Light refreshments will be served

No Grief Support Group meeting in May

Crafting Group

Meeting May 17th, 18th

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9:30AM - ?

Mother's Day Service Sunday, May 14th



Soapy Second Sunday

May 14th

Ministry Action Team

April 2nd & 16th

4:30PM in the Heart & Soul Room



The Blessing Team

Every Monday at 9:30AM in the Heart & Soul Room

Everyone is Welcome!

May Outreach Ministry

A Blessing Box is a standalone miniature pantry where a person in need can come discretely anytime of the day or night for just a bit of food, a toiletry item or maybe just a pair of socks. Blessing Boxes are being erected all over the country, by churches, businesses and even individuals. We are grateful to Larry Welch for crafting a beautiful and unique Blessing Box using reclaimed wood from our former main entrance. For protection from the weather, the HUMC Blessing Box is located under the porch of Memorial Hall facing the street. The idea is to offer a small bit of help when nothing else is open or there just isn't enough money in the cookie jar for those last couple of days before major assistance is available. Anyone in the community can participate, and in fact we hope they do. The Blessing Box is never locked. "Take what you need, leave what you can, little becomes much in the Master's hand."

Items should be non-perishable and withstand uncontrolled temperatures. Items that come several to a box like instant oatmeal should be taken out of the box. A list of some examples of items is located on top of the cubby cabinet in the Welcome Center.



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