



# The Connection

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**Millington United Methodist Church**

*Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to Make Him Known*

## May Scripture Readings

1. Joshua 1:9
2. 2 Timothy 1:7
3. Isaiah 12:2
4. Psalm 29: 11
5. John 16:33
6. 2 Thessalonians 3:16
7. Galatians 6:9
8. Galatians 6:9
9. Psalm 30:5
10. Phillipians 4:6-7
11. 1 Peter 5:6-7
12. John 16: 32-33
13. Psalm 55:22
14. Romans 8:18-19
15. Psalm 62: 1-8
16. Isaiah 35: 3-4
17. Joshua 1:5-9
18. Luke 12: 22-26
19. Luke 12: 27-31
20. Zephaniah 3: 16-17
21. Psalm 91:1-6
22. Psalm 91: 7-12
23. Psalm 91:13-16
24. Isaiah 41:10
25. Matthew 6:25-34
26. Matthew 11:28
27. Psalm 46:1-3
28. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18
29. Proverbs 17:22
30. 1 Peter 5:10
31. Psalm 62: 1-2

**~Pastor~**

**John Britt**

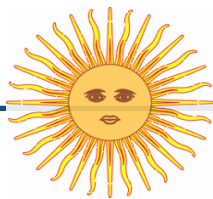
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*One day this is going to  
be over - can you imagine  
that day? How we'll  
come out into the sun  
and laugh and hug  
and sing and dance  
and hold hands? I'm  
living for that day. It'll  
be like nothing we've  
experienced before.*

**-Glennon Doyle**



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27	Sarah Cline
	Aurora Smith
30	Trisha Love
	Bruce Hemingway
31	Marshall Fabbro



## Do Celebrities Still Matter in a Crisis?

I read the headline recently: "Do Celebrities still Matter in a Crisis?" My first thought was a sarcastic: "Did they EVER?" But as I thought about it, they actually DO matter, even if ONLY because we say they do; something that is true for most people and situations.

HOW they matter is a different question.

The Bible has a way of helping us assess the manner in which things/people matter.

### Isaiah 36:6 (Good News Translation)

You are expecting Egypt to help you, but that would be like using a reed as a walking stick—it would break and would jab your hand. That is what the king of Egypt is like when anyone relies on him."

Did Egypt – or the King of Egypt – matter? Of course it/he/they did. But in what way?

I read a recent devotional from [www.josh.org](http://www.josh.org) that included this story:

AN OLD BOY Scout manual told the story of two brothers who were fighting side by side in France. The brothers struggled to rejoin their unit, but only one made it back safely. He approached his commanding officer and asked permission to find his brother.

The officer shook his head. "It's too dangerous," he said, not without pity. "Your brother is probably dead, and there's no use risking your life just to find him dead."

The brother persisted, however, and finally the officer agreed, and the soldier dashed back to hunt for his brother. He finally returned, carrying his brother on his shoulders – but just as he reached safety, his brother gasped and died in his arms.

"You see," said the officer. He clapped a hand on the soldier's shoulder and shook his head. "I let you risk your life for nothing."

"Oh no, sir," the brother answered respectfully. Tears welled in his eyes. "No, sir," he repeated emphatically. "You see, when I crawled up beside him where he lay, hurt and dying, and I took him in my arms, he said, '*I knew you'd come, Tom. I knew you'd come.*'"

"I knew you'd come." SO many things in the world people and corporations and governments and the like all say: "I'll be there for you." But . . . will they really?

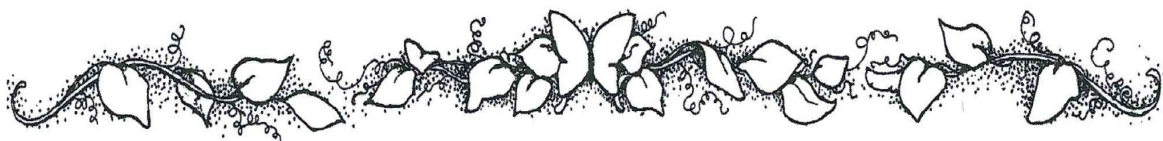
Margaret Mead, a pillar of modern anthropology, has declared that the first indication of civilization is skeleton with a fractured femur that is healed. Why? Because it meant someone else cared for an individual who otherwise would have died – but instead, lived. In other words, someone was there for the injured person. Someone was faithful.

Human nature often falls short of that. We can all think of a time when someone, or something, did not "come for" us. But God did. In Jesus Christ. God is the definition of faithfulness, and Jesus the incarnation of "I'll come for you."

When someone "comes for me," that's what I celebrate. That's a celebrity for me, whom I find shaping my life in so many ways to be like His.

May the Grace of the Risen, Faithful One find our heart doors open to Him this, and every day of eternity.

- Pastor John





We are all aware of who Peter and Kate Walugembe are as missionaries in Uganda. We have met them several times, they and their three lovely children. We have the privilege of helping to support their ministry in Uganda and at times they reach into the refugee camps in South Sudan, a neighboring country to Uganda.

They visited us here in February and had planned to return home (to Uganda) in late March but they are caught here due to the COVID-19 situation which has led Uganda to close its' borders to any one coming into their country.

Uganda so far have had 54 cases there and all of these have been people who had been out of the country and had returned.

We feel hemmed in but the restrictions there are much tighter than ours. If interested, read their letter on the "Mission News" bulletin board to see their restrictions. The question is, are we blessed with less tight restrictions or are we cursed by these same restrictions?

Next, I would like to refer to a poem that was introduced to us by the Pastor of the Manchester UMC in his talk on "Extraordinary connection" entitled "The Summer Day: by Marry Oliver. The final two lines of this poem are:

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?"

This is an interesting, thought provoking question. Our busy, action filled lives, to a large extent has slowed quite a lot. How are we using this time, fretting about our slower pace, or relishing this time?

***Maury Chapin***

Mission Chair



**MILLINGTON U.M.C.**  
**4TH THRU 8TH GRADE YOUTH**  
**SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 31ST- 4:00—6:00 PM HIKE AND PICNIC—TENTATIVE**



## Finance



## Moment

**Thank you to everyone who has continued to make their offering by mail or by dropping it off at the church office.**

### **Stewardship Defined**

**The responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving.**

We need to manage God's resources in a way that glorifies God. It's not our money, it's God's. Therefore, we are all stewards of the wealth that God has entrusted to us. Don't assume every steward is a good steward. Some stewards look after their own interests, not the interests of their master. A lot of how we view stewardship has to do with how we view money. Is money evil? Is money good? Consider bricks. They can be used to build a beautiful building, or they can be used to break windows in an attempt to steal valuable items. Like bricks, money can be used for good or evil. Remember, money is a tool – it's not inherently good or evil. It's what we do with money that matters. Stewardship extends beyond just tithes and offerings. Having the stewardship mindset will not only improve your giving, but it'll affect your spending and day-to-day activities. The stewardship mindset is one that recognizes that you don't really own anything, you're simply managing it for a certain period of time.

Many Christians struggle between stewardship and building wealth, thinking that they mix like oil and water (not that well). To the contrary, you can pursue wealth while keeping the proper perspective and using it for the glory of God. But be careful, wealth can be deceitful. Don't make money your idol. Seek after the Lord.

Resource: Michael Gauthier

**We ask that you prayerfully consider helping your church meet its monetary obligations through the coming weeks. You can mail your contribution to:**

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## ***United Methodist Women***

The ladies have not met during the  
Pandemic, so there is nothing to report.

God willing, they will be meeting

June 8th, 2020

-Jennie Brown, UMW President



## *Upcoming Events and Information...*



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### **Trustee Committee**

#### **This Month's Meeting:**

Monday, May 11th - 7:30 pm

### **Church Council**

#### **This Month's Meeting:**

Tuesday, May 19th - 7:00pm

### **June Newsletter**

#### **Folding will be**

**Thursday, May 25th at 10 a.m.**

**Don't Forget** to check out Page #7 for extra earnings on Scrip .

This is good for **May 7th, 2020 ONLY!**

Thank you to all those who help raise money for our Children's program by recycling your ink cartridges. There has been a change effective March 1, 2020, the only thing that Planet Green will accept after that date is ink cartridges. Please bring your items to the church office to be collected. Thank you!

#### **What we recycle: Ink Cartridges**

We will **NO LONGER ACCEPT** cell phone & accessories, GPS & radar detectors, calculators, eBook Readers, iPods/MP3 Players, Digital/Video Cameras, PDAs, iPads/Tablets, Video Game Consoles & Accessories.



*Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness.*

-Seneca





1 DAY OF HUGE BONUS EARNINGS



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MAY 7, 2020

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*Becca L., earns for tuition*

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# Sunday Service Volunteers for May

DATE	Communion	Greeters	Reader	Media	Sound	Children's Gathering 4 yrs.-5th Gr.	Coffee Hour
3		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound-</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Diana Slough	
10	1-Sharon Trato 2-Darla Gasper	Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound-</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Sharon Trato	
17		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Pat Burns	Destany LeVan	
24		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough	<b>Media-</b> 1-Lois Bushaw 2-Tom Sabgash	<b>Sound</b> 1-Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Darla Gasper	Darla Gasper Diana Slough
31		Lois Boyd	1-Diana Slough	1-Lois Bushaw2-Tom Sabgash	1- Don Jensen 2-Charles Tanner	Janine Britt	



## SCRIP Gift Card Program

Birthdays and Anniversaries, or just to say Thank You...don't forget you can purchase or order your SCRIP Gift Cards from Barb in the church office. Proceeds from this program go to help support our Children's programs.

There are several cards available in the office and 100's you can order.

See Barb in the church office if you would like to purchase or order cards.



◀ April	May 2020					June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	4 5:30—7:00pm Girl Scouts Rotary	5 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	6 8am Men's Bible Study 6:15pm Choir 7-10pm Ping Pong 7:15pm PoP Band	7 National Day of Prayer 	8	9 6:30—9:30 pm 2nd Saturday Game Night
10 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day 	11	12 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	13 8am Men's Bible Study 6:15pm Choir 7-10pm Ping Pong 7:15pm PoP Band Quilt Club Bus Trip—Cars will park in lot to the back.	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	18	19 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study 7pm Church Council Mtg.	20 8am Men's Bible Study 6:15pm Choir 7-10pm Ping Pong 7:15pm PoP Band	21 Ascension Day	22	23
24 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day	25  <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 8:30 am Women's 4th Day 10am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	27 8am Men's Bible Study 10am— 3pm Quilt Club 6:15pm Choir 7-10pm Ping Pong 7:15pm PoP Band	28	29	30
31 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Worship 6pm Men's 4th Day 4-6pm Youth Hike & Picnic Pentecost						

## A Note from Barb...

Because of the Covid-19 virus and all the closings surrounding it, I am doing the calendar as it would be in a “normal” world. The quarantine has been extended to May 15th and we don’t know after that what will be allowed.

Please be aware that as of the print date, none of the bible studies and church services are scheduled to happen. But if there are changes to that, you will have the correct dates and times.

The Annual Conference has been cancelled, and the Blood Drive for this month will be held July 17th.

Thanks you to all who continue to send in their tithes/offerings to help offset the church expenses. We appreciate your faithfulness to God and your Church.

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**Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Him known**

### **OUR SUNDAY SCHEDULE.**

Check out our Sunday services online on our Facebook page.

**\*9:00 a.m. Worship \*10:00 a.m. Sunday School \*11:00 a.m. Worship**