

## **Mother's Day, May 9, 2010**

**Sermon Topic:** "Mother's Try To Give Their Very Best!"

### **Ideas for the Sermon:**

- Develop a theme around the fact that Mothers do have our best interest at heart like Ruth with her daughters-in-law.
- Talk about the difficulties of today's mother as she juggles everything to make things move smoothly.
- Share with the mothers that they are not alone and that they can turn to Jesus anytime.

**Scripture:** Ruth 1:6-17

### **Hymn Suggestion:**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (133)

*I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go* (Cokesbury)

*This Is The Day Of New Beginnings* (383)

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

*Sometimes making the decision to do something is more important than thinking about it. Take this as a personal invitation to go to your nearest VUMH Retirement community and make a friend with one who has been a mother and a grandmother in most cases.*

**May 16, 2010**

**Sermon Topic:** “Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!”

**Ideas for the Sermon:**

- What does fear do to a person
  1. The story of Daniel being placed in a pit of lions.
  2. The story of Dorothy on the way to Oz.
- Lift up the fact that Jesus has promised that he will never leave us or forsake us.
- Share the truth of what it means to give everything over to God in faith and how transforming that can be.

**Scripture:** Daniel 6:9-11 and 16-24

**Hymn Suggestions:**

<i>Sing Them Over Again To Me</i>	(600)
<i>My Faith Looks Up To Thee</i>	(452)
<i>Nearer My God To Thee</i>	(528)

**Bulletin Announcement:**

*Outside the comfort of our church are many grandparents who need to know you care. When you have generously given to the Samaritan Fund, take some friends with you to visit our VUMH residents.*

**May 23, 2010**

**Sermon Topic:** “Here am I, Send Me!”

**Ideas for the Sermon:**

- Talk about the fact that sometimes we hear God calling, but we don't respond.
- Talk about how Eli recognized that God was calling Samuel as others sometimes recognize that God is calling us.
- That a call of any kind from God will take you out of your comfort zone, but that he will supply what is needed fulfill it.

**Scripture:** I Samuel 3:1-7

**Hymn Suggestions:**

*Stand Up and Bless The Lord* (662)

*Standing on the Promises* (374)

*Here I am, Lord* (593)

**Bulletin Announcement:**

*You have been called to be a priesthood of all believers. Take your God-Given gifts and use them to nurture and show compassion upon those who are residents in the VUMH community nearest you. By holding a hand, smiling, or reading letters for one who no longer sees, God's blessings are used.*

## **Memorial Day, May 30, 2010**

**Sermon Topic:** “Such a Cloud of Witnesses!”

### **Ideas for the Sermon:**

- When you are hunkered down in a fox hole, it is hard to think of being surrounded by anything but the enemy, but we are.
- Whose memory comes to your mind when you think of one who has laid down his life for yours?
  1. A person from your past?
  2. Jesus
- What pain and hurt can we leave behind this day because we give it to the Lord?

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1-3

### **Hymn Suggestion:**

<i>Marching To Zion</i>	<i>(733)</i>
<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i>	<i>(474)</i>
<i>I Have Decided To Follow Jesus</i>	<i>(The Faith We Sing)</i>

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

*As men and women who have been on the front lines of battle in their own lives, don't you think we ought to say thanks in a real way by taking time to go and listen to the stories of some of the VUMH residents today? The only thing it will cost you is time. They are willing to give their lives for you. "Greater love has no man but that he lays down his life for his brother (John 15:13)*

## **June 6, 2010 – Holy Communion Sunday**

**Sermon Topic:** “Our Sorrows Will Be Turned to Joy!”

### **Ideas for the Sermon:**

- When we are going through something that is painful, we cannot see any joy at all.
- When we look back, we understand why we had to go through the pain in the first place and may even grow to appreciate it.
- Discuss what Jesus meant when he told his disciples they would cry but then be filled with joy.

**Scripture:** John 16: 16 – 20

### **Hymn Suggestions:**

*Christ For The World We Sing* (568)

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (224)

*He Touched Me* (367)

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

***Bring joy today into the lives of the VUMH residents who are in places where they feel alone and isolated. Things that were very familiar aren't anymore. As we participate in Holy Communion, may we remember them by sharing with them the joy that is Christ. We need to give sacrificially as Christ has given to us.***

## *June 13, 2010*

**Sermon Topic:** “Don’t throw me in the Briar Patch!”

### **Ideas for the Sermon:**

- Talk about how in life we, like the seeds are faced with many things that would pull us from our relationship with Christ.
  1. What are our thorns, weeds, rocky ground?
  2. Do we take the time to discern and grown spiritually like we should?
- Talk about motivation and inspiration in our faith that keeps us focused on our relationship with Jesus.
- Talk about what it might feel like to be cut off from the source of our being.

**Scripture:** Mark 4:1 - 8

### **Hymn Suggestions:**

<i>I Stand Amazed In The Presence</i>	<i>(371)</i>
<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>(577)</i>
<i>When We All Get To Heaven</i>	<i>(701)</i>

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

*In the briar patch of life there are those dear souls who are looking for hope and perhaps in giving some of it back to any who would come and visit with them. Take this time today and write a note to the VUMH residents that you have not forgotten them and want to walk with them in this spiritual journey.*

## **Father's Day, June 20, 2010**

**Sermon Topic:** “How Does Any Man Become A Christian Father?”

### **Ideas for the Sermon:**

- Look at the kind of Father the Prodigal Son Had. What differences are there between him and the fathers of today?
- Look at what sacrificial giving is all about. “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **(John 3:16)**
- What kind obstacles stand in a Father's way to being a good Christian Father today?

**Scripture:** Luke 15:11—24

### **Hymn Suggestion:**

<i><b>This Is My Father's World</b></i>	<i><b>(144)</b></i>
<i><b>Father, I Adore You</b></i>	<i><b>(The Faith We Sing)</b></i>
<i><b>Help Us Accept Each Other</b></i>	<i><b>(560)</b></i>

### **Bulletin Announcement:**

In light of our heavenly Father's love for us, we take time out of our time to draw those close to us that are our children. There are many fathers and grandfathers who need a simple touch from those who care most about them. It could be you. Take the time.