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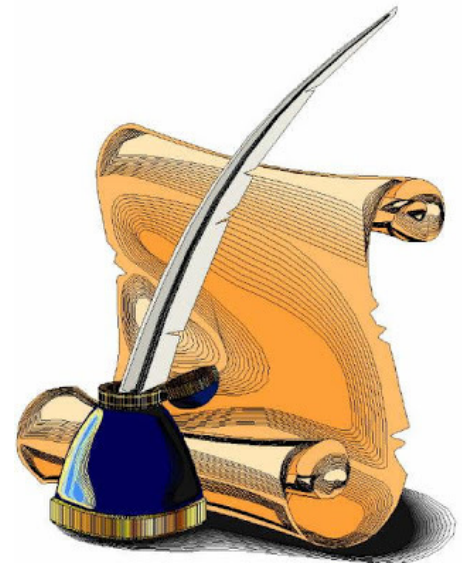
Once in a while on my journey as interim pastor, I come across a thought written by someone else that fits the moments I find myself in. Such is the case this morning that guide my prayers for myself, Weaverville church, and the greater church as a whole.

In short, we have to develop some practice where we're not flying solo. We're called to participate. If we try to get away to some place where it's just us and Jesus, or us and God, we're headed for trouble.

Participation is the essence of true spirituality: in particular: participation that is (1) not to our specifications, and (2) with people we did not handpick.

That means we're called to open our hearts to everybody, to welcome everybody, to be available to everybody—if and when they want us.

That is part of our vocation of love—and it is not for the faint of heart.



—Excerpted from Holy Desperation by Heather King

May these thoughts guide your prayers and walk with Jesus.

Blessings,

Roger



Vacation Bible School

June 12—16

Thank You!

I want to thank our Chancel and Handbell Choirs for giving their time and talents to our church's music ministry! We could not do it without you! Our ringers and singers will be taking time off these next couple of months and will resume in August. Perhaps some of you are thinking about singing in the choir this fall, and if so, please join us for fun, fellowship and music!



The praise (Well) band has informed us

that they feel called into the mission field. We are in the process of designing a service of sending forth which will take place on June 11th, 2017, at both the 9am and 11am services.



Youth/Confirmation Sunday

June 4th—One Service Only at 11am

Come and enjoy our youth leading all aspects of the service and also to celebration members of our confirmation class!



Please consider signing up to welcome our members and guests July through December of this year. All you need is a smile and a handshake! It's easy, just contact Kim at klmorelock@yahoo.com or sign-upgenius.com.



June Birthdays

6/1 Bob Scott	6/10 Asher Tinkel	6/20 Kevin Lance
6/3 Robin Ingle	6/12 Jacob Stowe	6/20 Kaye McKinney
6/3 Marge Johnson	6/12 Diane VanReenen	6/21 Nathaniel Litz
6/4 Addie Elliott	6/13 Bob Evans	6/22 Claire Jennings
6/4 Wayne Ingle	6/14 Parker Ingle	6/23 Ann McFarland
6/5 Dale Pennell	6/15 Judith Harris	6/23 Sandy Petrucha
6/6 Lydia Dillingham	6/15 Beth Justice	6/23 Greg Spencer
6/6 Holly Leavitt	6/15 Les Love	6/27 Elizabeth Hamrick
6/6 Dick Wilfong	6/16 John Meadows	6/27 Zeb Penland
6/7 Patty Keeran	6/16 Bill Fieffer	6/27 Liz Simpson
6/8 Stan Strohm	6/17 Keith Snyder	6/27 Marilyn Williams
6/9 Katie Ybarra	6/18 Mary Beth Lovelace	6/28 Jennie Pressley
	6/20 Warren Alcorn	6/29 John Hamrick



Koinonia is the Greek work for fellowship. Its meaning evokes imagery associated with community, fellowship, participation and belonging. It is a word used in Acts 2:42 to signify the early Christian community and one that came to mind as me and my wife attended a presentation given at a local running store. Indeed, I experienced *Koinonia* as I was welcomed as an honorary “Trail Sister” for the evening. Trail Sisters is an organization whose mission is “Building a community of women inspiring others to lead healthy lifestyles while adventuring outdoors and protecting Earth’s playgrounds.”

The topics being discussed that evening were Encouragement, Empowerment, Safety, and Motivation. It became clear these were four tenants essential to building a health community. If we are not surrounded by others who share these values, then we may not be in a healthy environment to grow and reach our full potential. The women there were living testaments to the power *Koinonia* can have in our lives. Among this community were ladies who have accomplished amazing things, from winning the prestigious Leadville 100 Mile Endurance Run (yes, a 100 mile RUN!), to deciding to take the first step in a journey towards wholeness; both of these giant accomplishments in their own right.



I left this gathering reminded what *Koinonia* looks like and reflecting on how I am fostering this type of community in my life, in the lives of our students, and in our church family. Am I encouraging myself and those around me? Am I seeking to empower myself and others? Am I working to ensure others are part of a safe and healthy environment? Am I motivated to get better, to grow, and to better the lives of those around me?

As Pentecost approaches and will lead into Kingdomtide, we are reminded of the promise of the Holy Spirit to comfort, strengthen, empower, and unite us in *Koinonia* with Christ and with one another. May we use this new season to prepare our hearts and our minds once again for the holy work of building - not with brick and mortar, but with the transformative power of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

Jeremy Morris

WUMC Finances—May, 2017

	<u>May Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offerings	\$23,144.70	\$141,376.78
Expenses	<u>\$37,478.37</u>	<u>\$176,372.36</u>
Difference	\$-14,333.67	\$-34,995.58

The Minevia Brittain Circle will meet at Stoney Knob Restaurant on Wednesday, June 14th, at 6pm. Let Dedi Dillingham know if you plan to attend!



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Rev. Wendell Brittain and Elle Spainhour

Friday, June 16, 2017, 7pm

First Baptist Church, Weaverville



A free will offering will be received to benefit music programs.

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For additional information, contact Harriet Burnette at 645-5798.