

### John Wesley's 3 General Rules for Christian Discipleship

***8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8***

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, had three simple rules that he lived by. Do no harm, Do good, stay in love with God. All three are based on Micah 6:8 quoted above. Following these rules can strengthen your own discipleship and walk as a United Methodist Christian. The last of the three rules asks us to....

**3. Stay in Love with God:** Living in the presence of and in harmony with the living God who is made known in Jesus Christ and companions us in the Holy Spirit is to live life from the inside out. It is to find our moral direction, our wisdom, our courage, our strength to live faithfully from the One who authored us, called us, sustains us, and sends us into the world as witnesses who daily practice the way of living with Jesus. Spiritual disciplines keep us in that healing, redeeming presence and power of God that forms and transforms each of us more and more into the image of the One we seek to follow.

This simple rule will be constructed differently for each of us because each of us is unique. But there are some common essentials for all of us, such as a daily time of prayer; reflection upon and study of Scripture; regular participation in the life of a Christian community, including weekly worship and regular participation in the Lord's Supper. It is through these practices that we find the courage, strength, and direction to walk faithfully and with integrity in the way of Jesus.

**Three Simple Rules: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.**

These three rules promise a way of living to change your world. Three simple rules that can be easily understood and practiced by everyone every day of their lives are the focus of this way of living. It's a way of living that can guard your life from doing evil and enable you to do good. A way of living that provides a way to stay in love with God in

#### **March Food Items for Green County Food Pantry**

Rice or Instant Potatoes - Bring to Church by March 17. Thanks!

#### **Called General Conference Live Stream and Information**

[www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2019-live-video-stream-english](http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2019-live-video-stream-english)

The Live stream begins with the Day of Prayer on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the close of the General Conference.

North Georgia Conference will send a Daily e-Newsletter and update the Conference web-page daily. **Subscribe at [ngumc.org/GC2019](http://ngumc.org/GC2019)**



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February 24, 2019

Epiphany 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**The Service for the Lord's Day**

Welcome, Celebrations and Concerns

Opening Prayer

Hymn Sing

+Chosen by Organist and Song Director

\*Apostles' Creed No. 881

Scriptures and Prayers

Swords: Ginger Gardner; Fork Chapel: Zandy Cook

Scripture: Luke 6:27-38 - Behaving as God's Children

Pew Bible pages: Swords p. 786; Fork Chapel, NT p. 64

**Congregational Prayer for United Methodist Churches**

Gracious and loving God, who leads, teaches and guides, You who offer compassion, grace and mercy, be with us now.

We passionately seek Your presence during challenging times and circumstances and we trust that you are moving in and around our lives. **Lord, give us more trust.**

We, as one part of your Body, the Church, go into the days and weeks ahead seeking to discern Your deep desire for us as The United Methodist Church. Give us courage as we continue to live and respond to Your invitation to be Your hands, feet and voice. **Lord, give us more courage.**

We ask for a fresh wind of Your Spirit and guidance for each of us as individuals, for the faithful congregations, and for this global community of United Methodists. **Come Holy Spirit, Come.**

We ask for Your wisdom and presence for those among us who have been called to serve as delegates as the Special Session of General Conference gathers today. Grant them clarity and a discerning spirit as they seek to listen for You in their midst. Reveal to them Your deep desire for our future as a church. **Lord of the Church, be their guide.**

Give them and us the faith to lay aside our personal wants and needs so that we can be truly present to You, sit with You in reverence and awe, and listen deeply for the still small voice that woos us, comforts us, and invites us to that place where we can live fully and wholly into the Kingdom life that You desire for us.

We lay all this before You as the deep desire of our hearts and minds in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Pastor's Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The Peace

The Offering with the Doxology

Special Music:

Swords: "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Fork Chapel: Zandy Cook

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 ("The Message" translation)

Sermon

*"Really Jesus! You Want Radical Compassion?"*

+Dr. Gavalas

\*Hymn 549: "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

\*Charge and Blessing

Dismissal Chorus

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide up hold you, with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again."

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**Welcome to All Who Worship with Us Today**

*We welcome you to worship today. No matter who you are, or what your lifestyle may be, whether you are high on the "hog" or low down in the pits, we welcome you with open hands, open hearts, and open minds. We invite you to join with us in church membership. If you desire to join with us, please meet the pastor at the altar during the last hymn.*

**Unshakeable Hope - Small Group Study - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.**

Have you ever wondered what Jesus is doing in heaven, especially when you may be going through one of the many storms of life? Come this Wednesday night and learn what we mean when we affirm in the Apostles' Creed that Jesus "is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. Hint: At the right hand of God the greatest prayer meeting in heaven and earth is taking place just for you!

**Prayer Leaders Next Sunday, March 3**

**Swords: Ben Sheppard Fork Chapel: Billy Duvall**