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Sunday, April 19, 2026

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Happy Birthday!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.

Does it make sense to pray for guidance about the future if we are not obeying in the thing that lies before us today?

Rest assured: Do what God tells you to do now, and depend upon it, you will be shown what to do next.

—*Elisabeth Elliot*

Opening Prayer

Dear Compassionate Father,

How often we hold back from using the gifts You have given us. Sometimes we don't think what we have is good enough to offer. Sometimes we fear that it will cost us too much to use them. Sometimes we just don't want to do it.

Lord, help us be *all in* when it comes to serving You.
Give us the will, the energy and the confidence
to follow You, wherever that road takes us. **AMEN.**

How Shall I Come Before the Lord - W&S 3124

VALUE

Luke 21: 1-4

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

The Word of God for the people of God.

…she, out of her poverty put in all she had…”

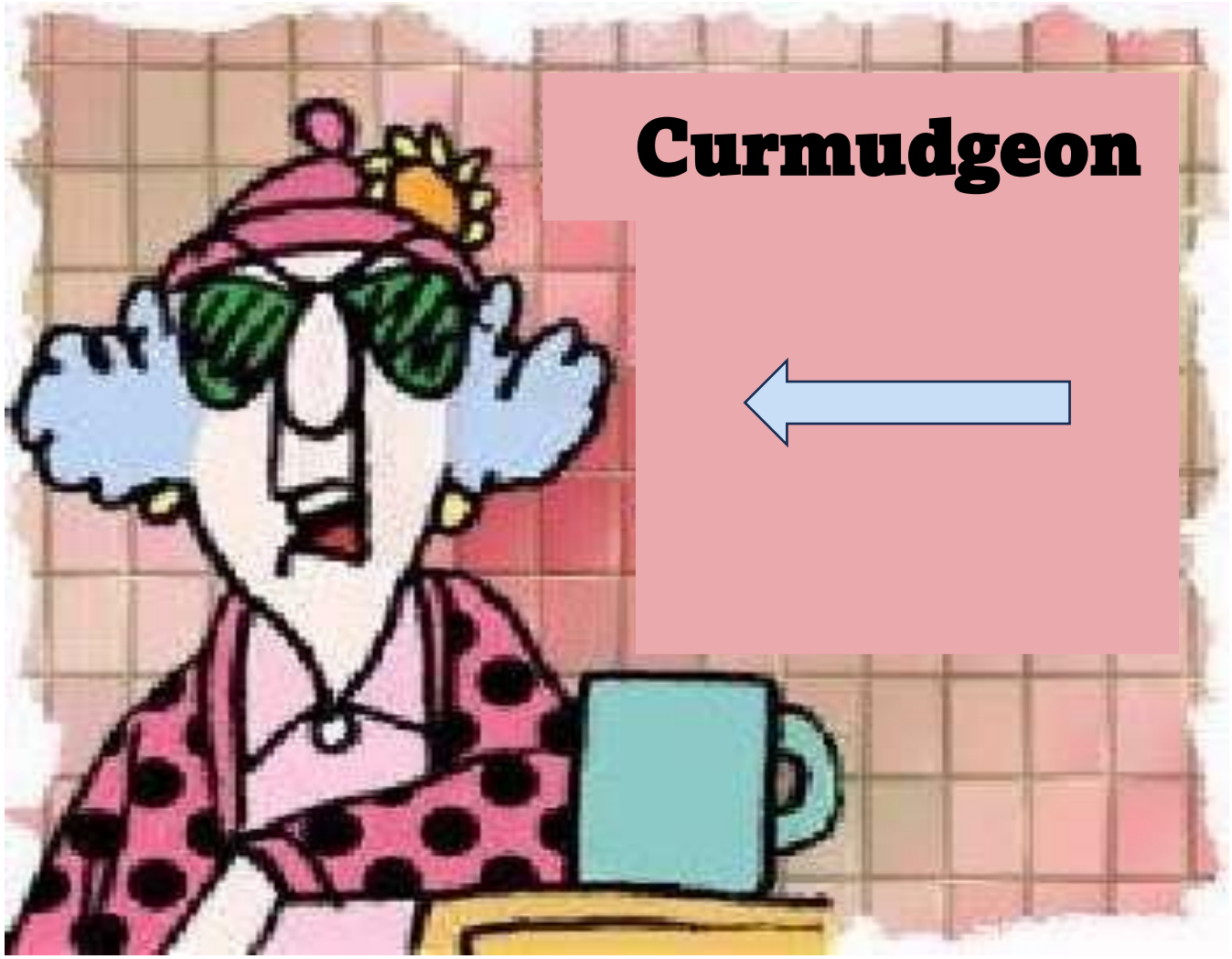
Reflecting on Our Gifts

My Gifts

1. What are my gifts?

2. How am I using them?

3. Where does God want me to use them?


Curmudgeon

BAREFOOT
SALTY

Mark 6: 31-34

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them…

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place

and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

So he began teaching them many things.

Rev. Dr. William (Bobby) McClain

Professor (Emeritus) Mary E. Joyce Chair in Preaching and Worship, Wesley Theological Seminary

Take This Moment – Worship and Song #3118

Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in Christ's own mold.

Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

Take the tiredness of my days, take my past regret,

Letting your forgiveness touch all I can't forget.

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus, it is a privilege to serve You and Your kingdom. We know many blessings come our way when we do this, and yet, we don't always do this. Instead of doing the good we want to do, we find ourselves doing the things we DON'T want to do--just like the apostle Paul.

Help us recognize when we allow our feelings of insecurity, fear, or even helplessness to get in the way of our willingness to use the gifts You have given us for the kingdom. Help us set aside the many distractions that occur daily, that lead us to choose the less important activities. We desire to offer You our very best, and we so need Your help to make that happen! ***AMEN***

Offering and Doxology
UM Hymnal 95

We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Doxology - UM Hymnal 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction