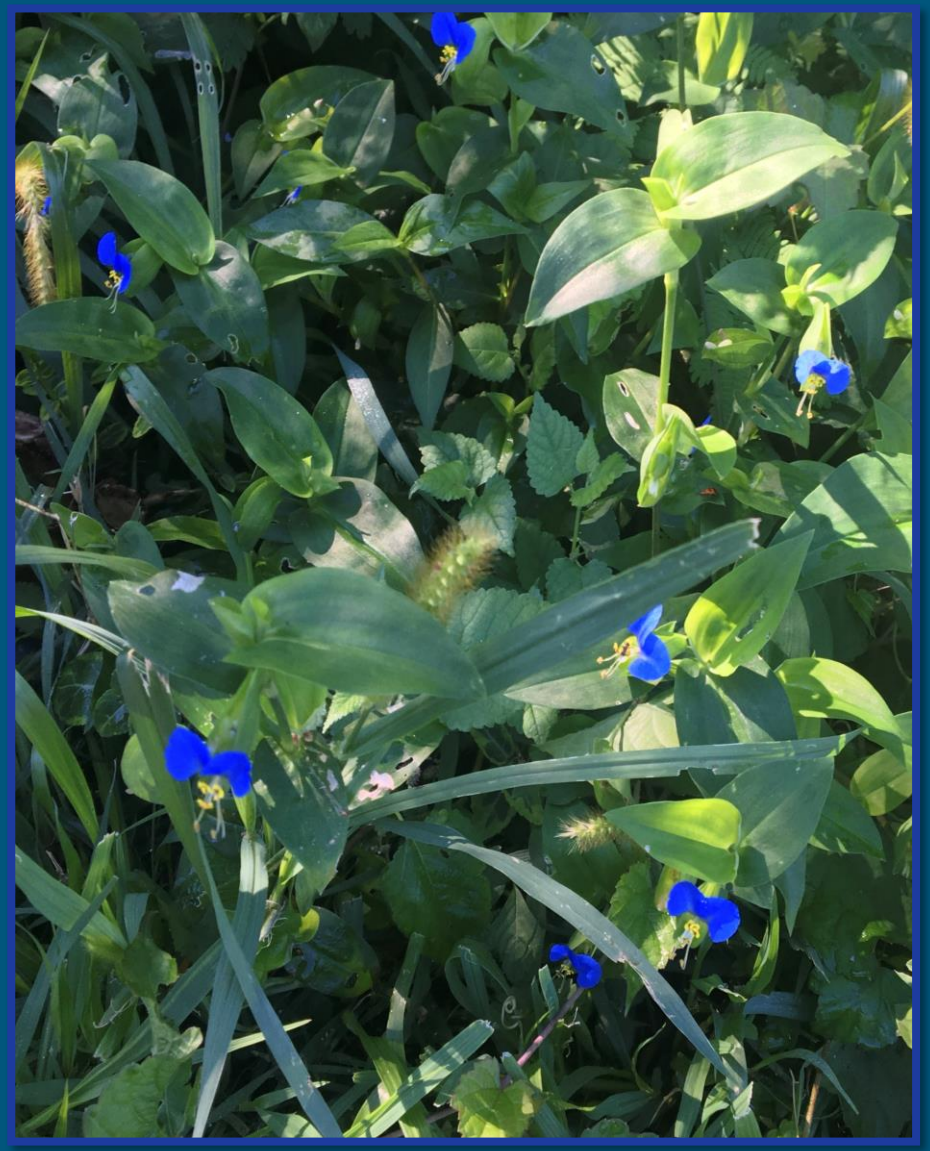

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Sunday, April 12, 2026

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.

He Is Exalted - TFWS 2070

He is exalted the King is exalted on High

I will praise Him

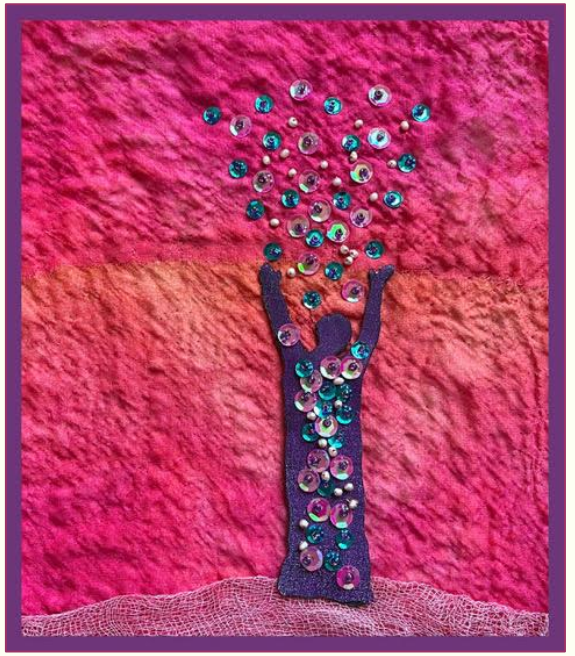
He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

He is the Lord, Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and Earth rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted the King is exalted on high



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The Root of
ALL EVIL

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For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Opening Prayer

Lord, when it comes to living out our faith, how we long to get it right. After all, who wants to make a mistake?
So we sometimes shy away from taking action for fear we will let You down.

Will You get angry with us, Father, if we fall short? Maybe it would be better for us not to try at all.

Remind us, Jesus, how often Peter let You down, and yet you called him the Rock upon which You would build your church. Remind us that You always stand by to lift us up when we stumble, just as You did for Peter. Give us courage to take the risk and TRY. ***Amen.***

The Parable
of the Talents
THE BIBLE

Matthew 25: 14-30 Parable of the Talents

The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey,
who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.
To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents,
and to another one talent, each according to his ability.
Then he went on his journey.

The man who had received five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with two talents gained two more.

But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. "Master, you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more."

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

The man with two talents also came. “Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more.”

His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.
Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Then the man who had received one talent came. "Master, I knew that you are a hard man…. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant….You should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.”

"Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given…but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

The word of God for the People of God

We're here for a good time
Not a long time (not a long time)
So have a good time
The sun can't shine every day

"Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand?

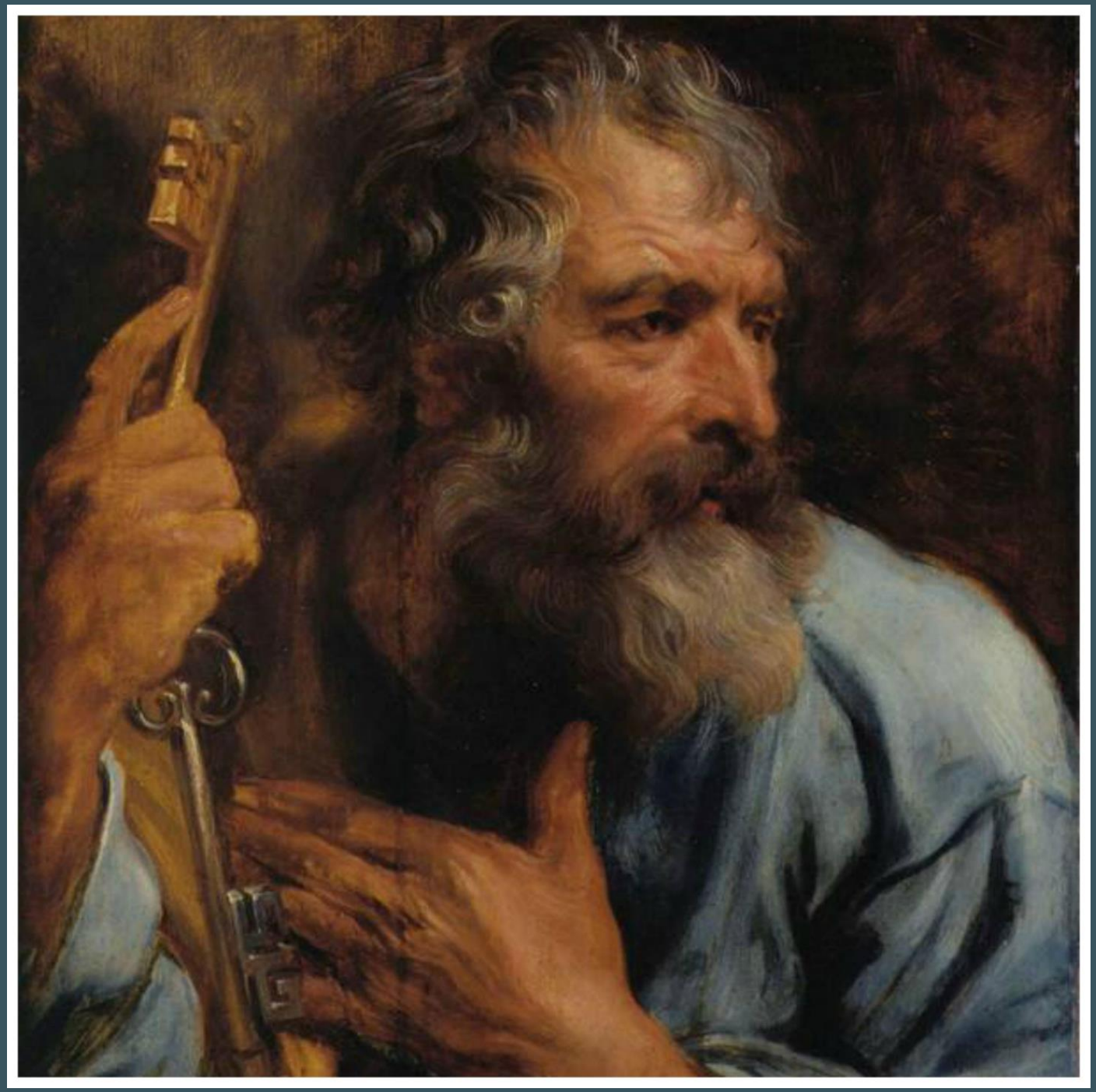
For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

Jesus tells us that there can be no religion without adventure.

—William Barclay

TALENT

It is not the extent to which we are talented that counts. It's our willingness to engage in the adventure of offering our talents in the service of God.



Matthew 14: 27-31

Jesus immediately said to his disciples: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

“Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

“You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Who wants to risk it?

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock

I will build my church, and the gates of

Hades will not prevail against it!

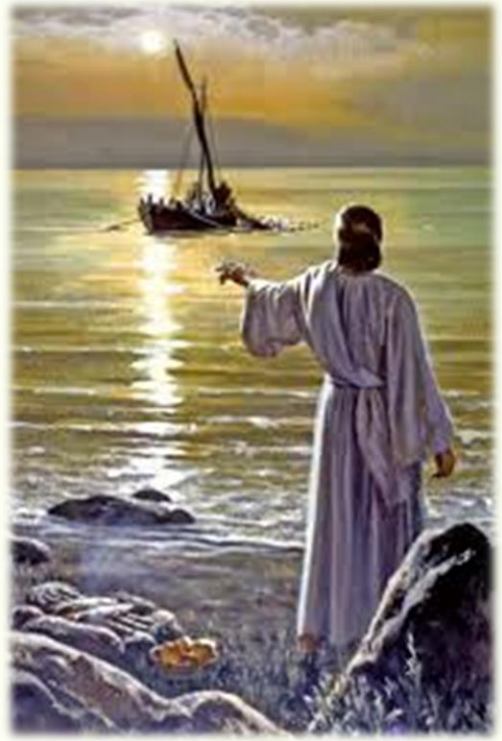
Matthew 16: 18

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore – UMH 344

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones,
You only asked me to follow humbly.

You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons.
You will find there my nets and labor.

O, Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.



Community Prayer

Loving Lord,

You have entrusted us with different abilities, different skills. We don't want to waste what you have given us, but sometimes we need Your encouragement to take a risk and put these talents to use. Don't let fear of stumbling stop us from trying.

Remind us, that just as You were with Peter, You are there with us, ready to lift us up when we falter, ready to give us encouragement when we stumble. ***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

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