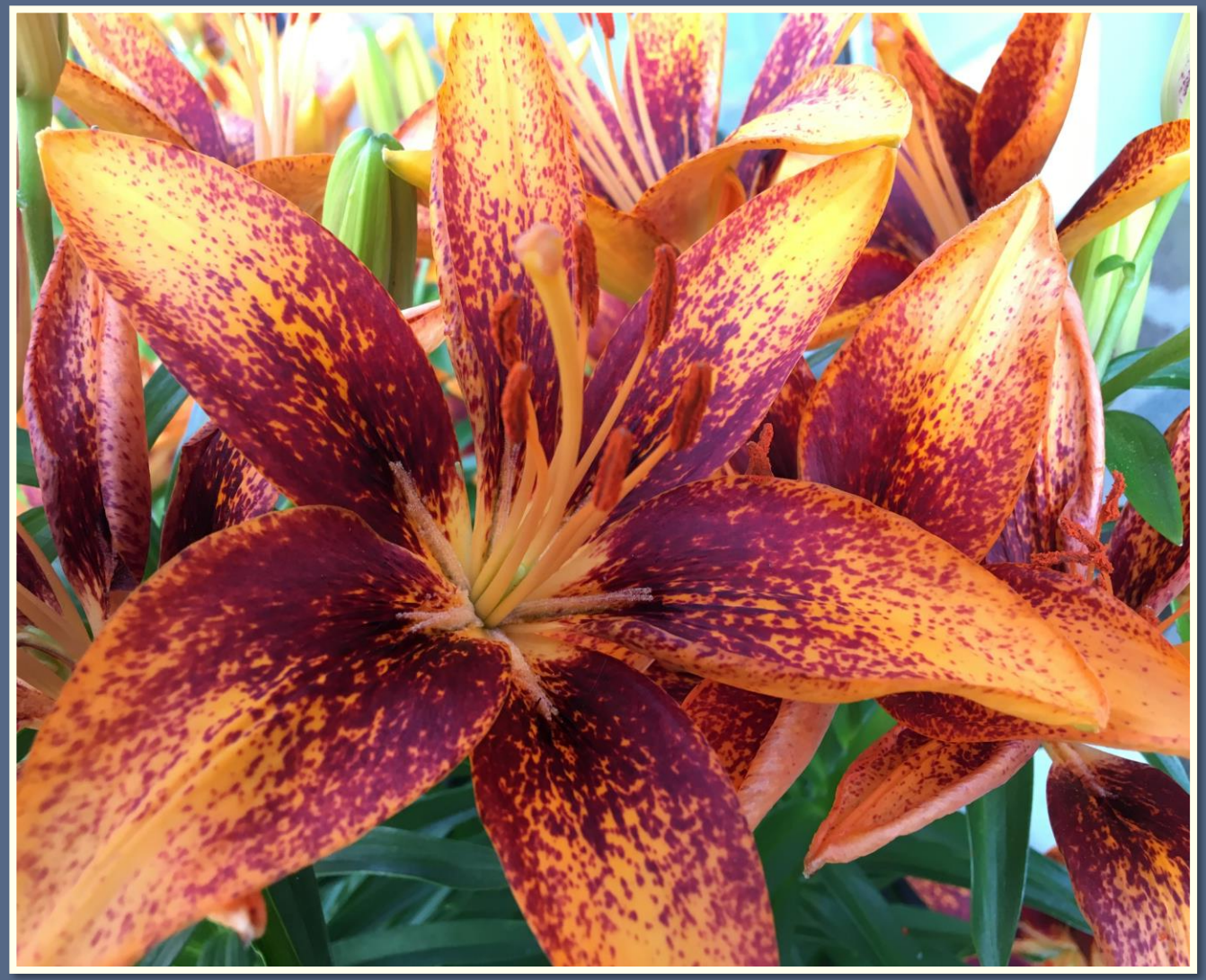

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Sunday, July 12, 2026

Culmore United Methodist Church

Welcome and Good Morning!

Welcome and Announcements

Art by Sue Carroll

Culmore Birthday Celebration

Saturday, July 18 at noon

We have several people celebrating birthdays this month, including Charity, Hope, Leticia, and Mirna.

Please join the choir in celebrating all our July birthday people at:

Golden Buffet & Grill
3490 South Jefferson St.
Bailey's Crossroads, VA

Happy 64th Anniversary,

Shirley & Stewart!

Happy Birthday, Hope!

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.

THE BOOK of
REVELATION

Sardis:

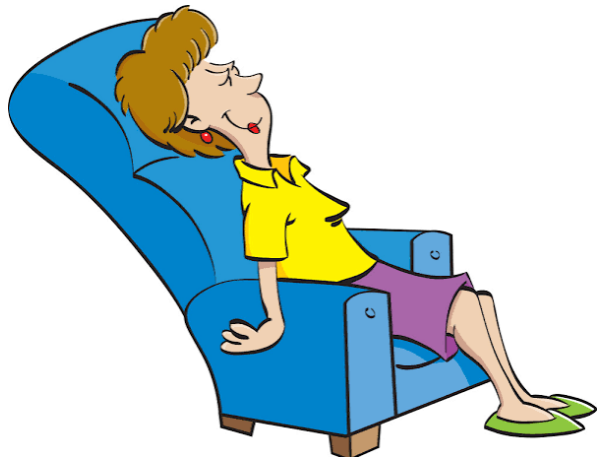
The Sleepy Church

WAKE UP!

Opening Prayer

Loving God,

Forgive us when we become complacent. When things are going well, it's easy to assume there's no action required on our parts. We can be tempted to relax, kick back, and put our faith on autopilot.



Wake us up, Lord! Nothing could be further from the truth.

Remind us to stay alert and be watchful, always focused on you.

Help us keep Your Holy Spirit front and center in our lives. ***Amen***

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.

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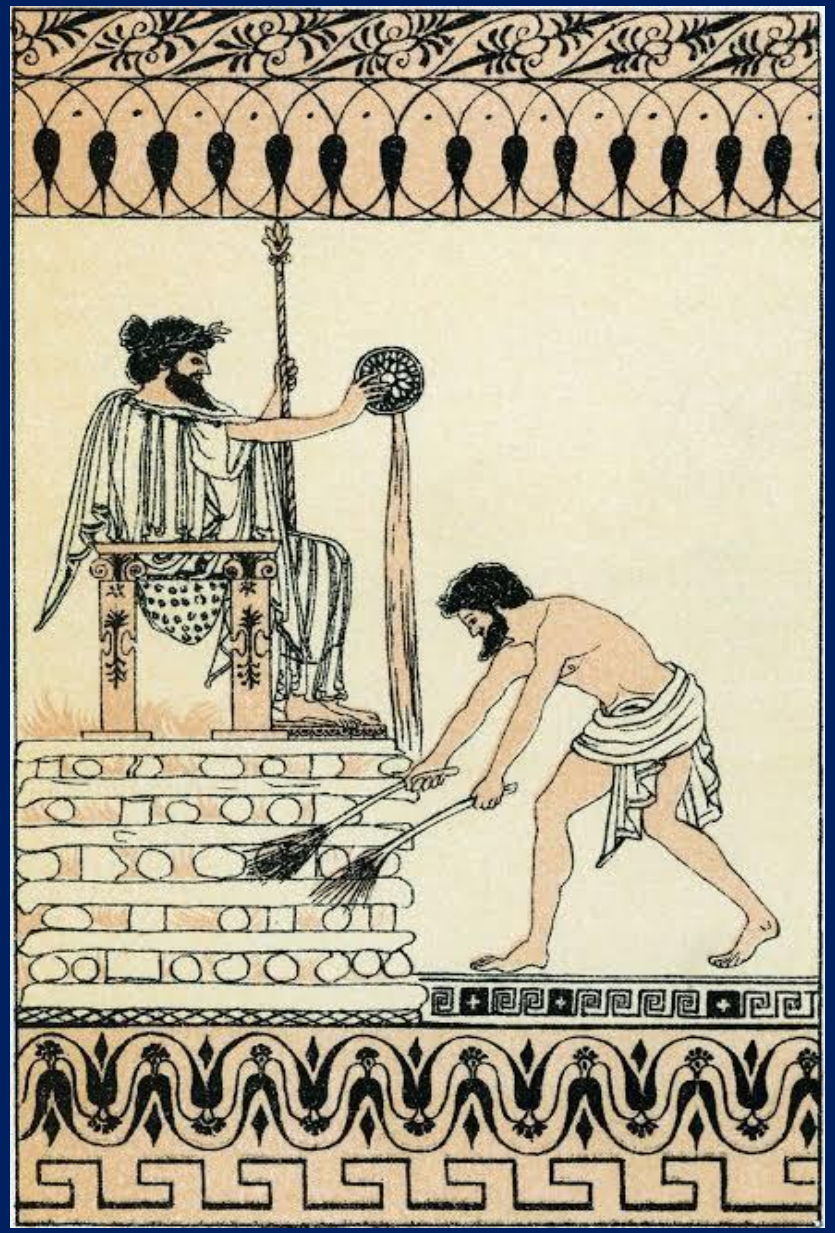
cheesepicklesonionsonasesameseedbun™

The McDonald's Big Mac went
from $0.50 to $8 and lost 40%
of its size from 1980
to 2025.



“Rich as Croesus”

Revelations 3: 1-6

To the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds. You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. **Wake up!**

Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.

Whoever has ears, let them hear
what the Spirit says to the churches.

I know you have a reputation for being alive,

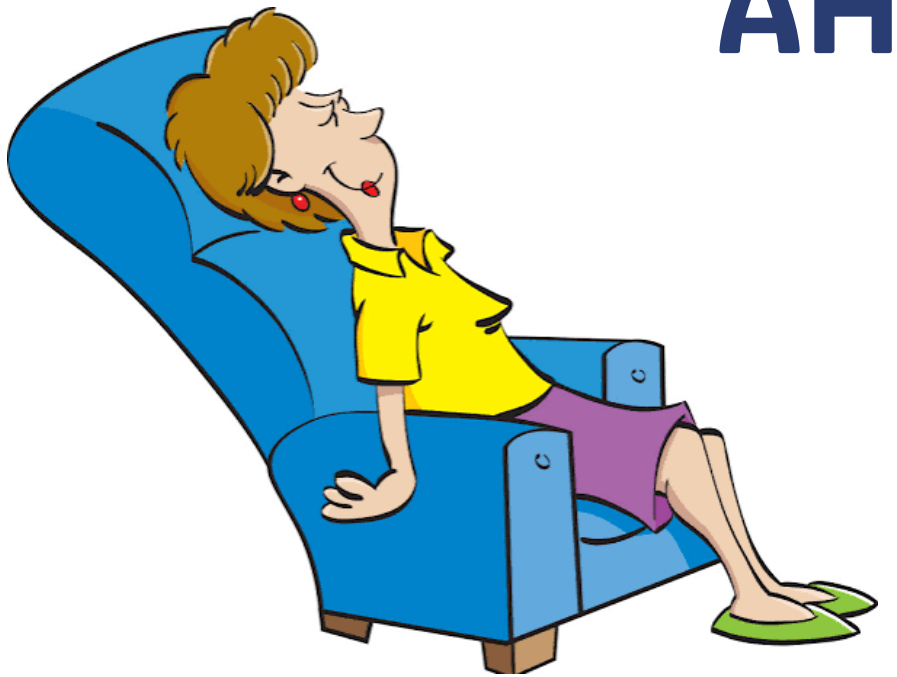
but I, your Lord, tell you that you are dead.

Wake up!

Luke 12:35

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.

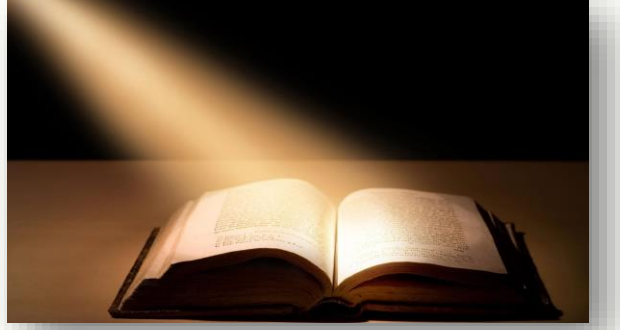
HOP TO IT!



AH! I'm done.

...NOT!

Thy Word Is a Lamp– UMH 601



When I feel afraid,
think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear
as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end.

Now I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
And hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.

John 15: 1-4

I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. …As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can **do nothing**. The word of God for the People of God.

RANGER
RANGER

… You’re all set to go!

Dead in the water!

"If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me he can do nothing."

"... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19)

Community Prayer

LORD Jesus,

It's really easy to slip into living comfortably and becoming complacent when we stop focusing on You. When we don't have pressing concerns, it becomes easy to forget about others who struggle to care for their families and themselves.

Forgive us when we lose our focus. We don't want to be lazy Christians who are doing little in your service. We want to remain awake to all that we see around us and to do something about it. ***Amen***

Grace Alone – TFWS - 2162

Every promise we can make
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
Is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
Is only by his grace.

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace
Is only by his grace.

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Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise,
Is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies. Strength unknown He will provide
Christ in us, our cornerstone We will go forth in grace alone.

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!

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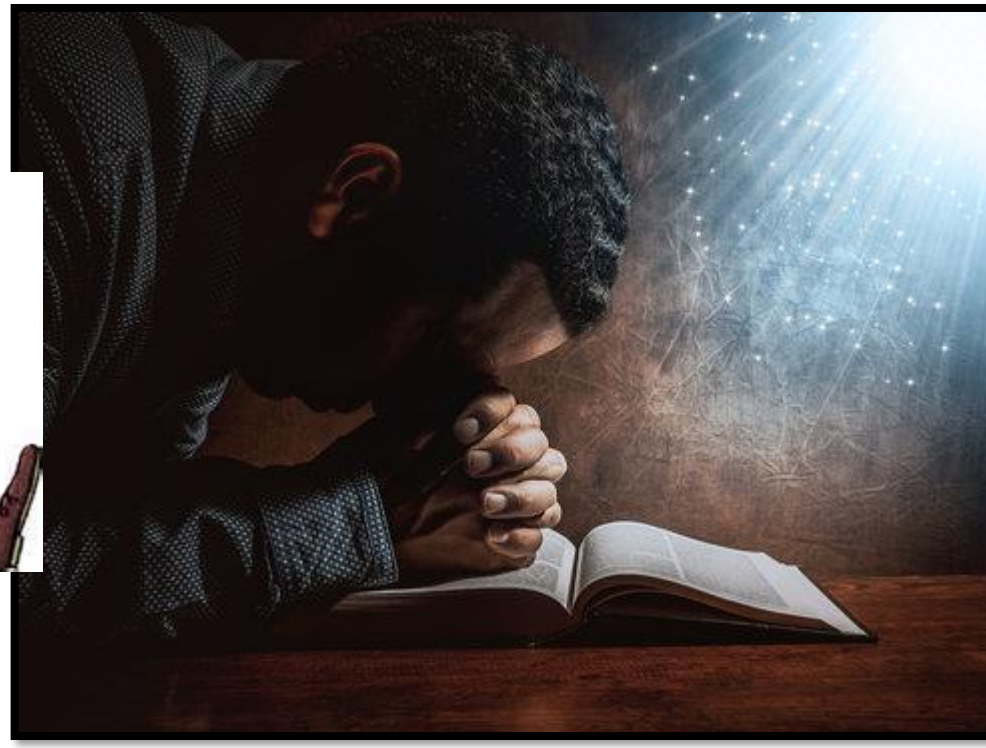
Benediction