



January 28, 2018
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

SERMON SERIES: **WOMEN OF FAITH**

For the next four weeks, we are going to look at stories of women in the Bible. There are actually hundreds of such stories. Sometimes women are unnamed because they are seen to be of lesser prominence than the men with whom they are associated. Some women are valued simply for their beauty or their ability to bear children. Unmarried women and widows are often portrayed as being dependent on men and women who speak out are chastised for challenging authority.

Yet stories abound of women who break through the restrictions and expectations of society to accomplish extraordinary things. They risk their lives to save their people, facilitate justice in the community, serve as models of faith and proclaim words of praise to God.

✠ *We invite you to stand as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00a)

Welcome

Praise Set (8:30a)

Build Your Kingdom Here

Multiplied

God Of Wonders

ALIVE Praise Band
Rend Collective
Rinehart and Rinehart
Byrd and Hindalong

Opening Voluntary (11:00a)

Praise to the Lord

Young

Choral Introit (11:00a)

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Wolfe

✠ **Hymn of Praise No. 580 (11:00a)**

Lead On, O King Eternal

Smart

Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

I Will Extol Thee

Warren Angell

Chancel Choir

I will extol Thee, my God and King. Bless Thy name forever.

Every day I will praise Thy name and give thanks to Thee.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger.

The Lord is good to all and abounding in love.

All give thanks to Thee my God and King.

They shall speak of Thy glory and Thy power,
the Lord is near to them who call on Him in truth.

I will extol Thee my God and King. Bless Thy name forever.

Every day I will praise They name and give thanks to Thee.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Lord, I Need You (8:30a)

Maher

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (11:00a)

Kerr

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

We Worship with the Children

(Kid Kits in the bright green bags, provided for K-5th graders, are located at the back of the sanctuary. Following *We Worship with the Children*, K-3rd graders are invited to attend Children's Worship on the ground floor Children's Ministry area...*just follow the Worship Leader.*)

Scripture

1 Kings 17:1-24

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Sermon

The Widow of Sidon-Simple Gestures

Rev. Jamie Armstrong

We live in an age where women have before them options that didn't exist in my parents and grandparents generations. And, the truth is we've had to overcome long ingrained ideas about what women could and could not do and their standing in society.

Down through centuries, even the church often took a narrow view of the roles of women, and I would argue that more often than not, it was a misreading or misinterpretation of scripture. So over the next four weeks, we'll look at some of these texts, as well as stories of some women who challenged conventional wisdom.

We begin today with the story of the widow of Sidon. Widows in the Old Testament are often portrayed needing special attention and care. It was, after all, a society controlled by men, and women had no real social standing apart from their relationship to a man. But the teaching about the special care for widows dated back to the days just before the children of Israel crossed over into the Promised Land, as part of the final teachings of Moses.

✠ **Anthem** (8:30a)

Just as I Am

ALIVE Praise Band
arr. Cottrell

✠ **Hymn of Response No. 130 vs. 1**(11:00a)

God Will Take Care of You

Martin

✠ **Traveling Music** (8:30a)

Hold Us Together

ALIVE Praise Band
Maher

✠ **Benediction and Blessing**

✠ **Postlude** (11:00a)

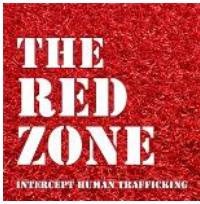
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Neumark

✠ **Chiming of the Trinity** (11:00a)

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with our church calendar, ministries, activities and events.



United Methodist Women Stand In The Red Zone

We put pressure on the human traffickers by raising our voices: United Methodist Women have educated and reached out to over 43,000 people all across America, and has shared its message all over the world. We've helped pass anti-trafficking legislation at the Federal level and Safe Harbor laws in states, and we have supported global partners working to end trafficking. Human trafficking impacts over 20 million people, with 70 percent of all detected trafficking incidents involving women and children. We are making offensive plays to Intercept the Traffickers. Our efforts have put us in a Red Zone, where we are applying our skills of advocacy to weaken those who prey on the vulnerable.

United Methodist Women Stand in the Red Zone:

- to protect those who are vulnerable and to prosecute those who commit the crime of human trafficking.
- to celebrate the potential, courage and heart of trafficking survivors.
- so that all who have been victimized by trafficking see the United Methodist Women's Red Zone—for we will be with them from trauma to victory.

First UMC United Methodist Women meet at the front of the sanctuary for a photo following the 11:00a worship service today.

THE JOY CLUB

Saturday, February 3, 2018 (5:00p) First UMC Fellowship Hall

Program: Music by Neal Wilkinson

Menu: Baked Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Beverage, and Homemade Dessert

Cost: \$7.00 per person—Tickets are available through the church office during normal office hours or contact Judy Deal (336) 956-6150.

More about Neal Wilkinson...He lives with his wife, Sandra in Salisbury, NC. His musical experience includes: First Baptist Salisbury Choir (1987-Present), First Baptist Salisbury (Interim Music Director 2001-2003), Salisbury Concert Choir, and St. John's Men's Choir. He has sung the National Anthem for the New York Mets, Baltimore Orioles, Arizona Diamondbacks, Cincinnati Reds, Boston Red Sox, NASCAR (Lowe's Motor Speedway) and the National Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association (1994-2015). He has released two recordings: Gospel Music Project—*Pure Praise* and Gospel Music Project—*On the Rock I Stand*.

Teens of Life Youth Ministry One Day Ski Trip

Saturday, February 3, 2018 - Leave the church at 7:00a and travel to Appalachian Ski Mountain - Cost: \$67.00 (includes ski rental & lift ticket) - Arrive back at church: (Approximately) 8:30 p.m. - *Bring money for lunch and dinner*

SCOUTING FOR FOOD with Pack, Troop and Crew 200

Sunday, **February 4 & February 11** Please drop off non-perishable food items (*canned tuna/salmon, Ramen Noodles, canned vegetables*) in the collection area just outside of the workroom. If you prefer to make a cash contribution, we will have Scouts available at the back of the church to receive your monetary gifts. All food items and cash contributions will be delivered to Pastor's Pantry. *Thank you for your support of Pack, Troop, and Crew 200—Mickey McCrary*

Housekeeping Note from the Trustees Please use the bulletin boards to inform the congregation of events. Due to increased damage to the walls in the all hallways, the use of **any tape** for displaying publicity items (flyers, posters, etc.) will no longer be allowed.



CREED

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
AND WHY



Church-Wide Lenten Small Group Study and Sermon Series

Do you have questions about foundational Christian truths such as the purpose of life? Believing that powerful answers are embedded in the Apostles' Creed, Adam Hamilton examines it to explore **what** Christians believe and **why** it matters. Topics include: *God, Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, The Church and the Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of Sins, and The Resurrection of the Body.*

Join us for this church-wide journey **Creed: What Christians Believe and Why** by Adam Hamilton as the basis for a Lenten study and sermon series exploring the Apostle's Creed as a framework to talk about what we believe and why.

You are encouraged to purchase and read the book in preparation for the study and sermon series. Books are available from the church office for **\$12 each** and at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) for your Kindle device.

Book Scholarship: If you need help with the cost of your book, please contact the church office (336) 248-2886. A number of books have been donated to help those who may find it difficult to purchase a copy.

You are invited to join a small group for discussion & fellowship. **SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE & SIGN-UP — COMING SOON!**

Our Stewardship for God's Work This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Each Sunday, please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for Sunday, January 21, 2018:
Early Worship: 24 Morning Worship: 135 Total: 159
Weekly Offerings: \$3,532.00
Weekly Needed: \$10,632.90
Total Received to Date: \$13,304.00
Needed to Date: \$31,898.70



Online Giving For mobile device users, the QR (Quick Response) code will take you to a secure mobile site for Online Giving from your smartphone or tablet. **On your first visit**, you will need to create a profile.



SALUTE TO SOUP Wednesday, January 31 **(6:00p) Fellowship Hall**

Bid farewell to winter's coldest month!

Join us for Mid-Week Family Fellowship's Salute to Soup. Homemade or from a Can—BRING a pot of your favorite

soup—enough for your family and plenty to share. With the **BIG GAME** coming up, wear something to let us know your favorite NFL team. If there's a story behind how that team became your favorite—we would like to hear it!

NO CHARGE FOR THE EVENT.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Dancing (& More) with the Potential Stars, Edward C. Smith Civic Center
5:00 p.m. Teens of Life Youth Ministry, First Baptist Church
7:00 p.m. Finance, Parlor

Monday, January 29

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts and Venturers, Youth/Scout House
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, 2nd Floor Classrooms

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 p.m. Theology Pub, High Rock Outfitters

Wednesday, January 31

- 7:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast, Cagney's
6:00 p.m. Mid-Week Family Fellowship, Fellowship Hall—SALUTE TO SOUP—Bring a pot of soup to share
6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry, Children's Ministry Area, Ground Floor
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, February 1

- 7:45 a.m. Men's Devotion & Fellowship, Biscuit King on S. Main Street

Friday, February 2

Saturday, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. Teens of Life Youth Ministry One Day Ski Trip, Appalachian Ski Mountain—return (approx.) at 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 4

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Teens of Life Youth Ministry, Youth/Scout House

FUMC Inclement Weather Policy

For **events during the week**, if the Lexington City Schools are dismissed early or closed for winter weather, our events, day and evening, will be cancelled. If a decision is made to cancel **Sunday morning services and/or evening events**, the announcement will be posted as soon as possible.

Look for closing and/or cancellation announcements on **WFMY 2, FOX 8, WXII 12, Facebook** and **First UMC website** www.fumclex.org.

At the heart of this policy is a deep concern and care for the safety of our members, friends and staff. And as always, we encourage everyone to use their best judgment when making the decision to venture out.



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Sympathy

Sympathy of the ministers and members of the congregation is extended to the family of Margaret Beck upon her death on January 23, 2018.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Thomas by his children.

The flowers in the narthex today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Thomas by The Samuels family.

Today's Greeters:

Nancy and Frank Cagle
Liz and Phil Torchio

Chief Ushers: Jimmy Everhart and Richard Foust

Captain: B.A. Long **Co-Captain:** Mike Hall

Betty Frick, Bob Pearson, Tad Proctor, Larry Swing, Bren Varner and Dean Yemm. **Security:** Pete Murray

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Requests

Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Doug Clayton
June Craver
John & Judy Hench
Earl Hester
Miheepa Jones
Lib Samuels
John Scarff
Donna Smith
Paul Smith
Susan Terry

Shut-Ins

Dot Kinsey
Caroline McCree
Evelyn Sink

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods (Albemarle)

Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House (Salisbury)

Julee Smith

Lexington Health Care

Dare Wilson

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor (Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Piedmont Crossing

Health Care

Margaret McCrary Carver

Barbara Proctor

Margaret Ragan

Residents

Jo Doris Beck
Herman & Naoma Crabtree
Richard & Camille Lawrence
Madeline Palmer
Jim Ragan
Nancy Wilkinson

Extended Family & Friends

Sandy Balsler
Ruth Carlton
Mike Daniel
Patricia Addair
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Helen Hall
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Maretha Melton
Gary Leonard
Lillian Shearin
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner
David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
Kelly Michael
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling
Ann Schaefer
David Stafford
Cliff Lopp, Jr.

Cameron & Pete Dunlap

Linda & Tom Dunlap

Carol & Steve Harris

Peggy Sisk

Anna Smathers

Pat Wilson

Jack Smith

Gene Oldham

Nakajah Vaughan

Brenda Hipp

Jane King

Breanna Wilson

Ethan Reavis

Jason & Stacy Heitman

Jenny Rains

Jimmy Davis

Bentley Leonard

John Bruce Davis

Eric Leonard

Robert, Doris, & Keith Hunt

Martha Daniel

Debra Ann Leonard

Betty Jean Whitaker

Len & Dottie Harris

Jack & Susan Phillips

Jordan Beswick

Susan Fritts

Regina Chrest

Bruce Thornton

Serving in the Armed

Forces

SGT John Hall

Capt. Jarrad Thorley

SMS Jason Brownworth

SGT Alan Ingram