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ACTS 2:42-47

This week we will be looking at rules, written and unwritten. I am one who generally follows the rules as long as they don't conflict with what I want to do. I obey the law...except I sometimes (often) drive a bit

over the speed limit. I do what I am supposed to do. If the Bishop or someone in authority says to do something, I do it. However, if no one specifically orders me to do something, I will do what I think best.

In our scripture lesson for this week, the earliest Christians didn't have a bishop to tell them how to be Christians. They didn't have a Book of Discipline to follow. They didn't have a District Superintendent or even an appointed pastor to tell them what to do.

The Apostle Peter had just preached an amazing sermon explaining how Jesus was the fulfillment of the Jewish scriptures that we call the Old Testament. 3,000 persons came to believe in Jesus and were baptized. Yet, it was not the power of Peter's words but the power of the Holy Spirit that transformed them.

The scriptures say that from that day forward they devoted themselves to "the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." These were not rules or laws they were required to follow. These were simply the desire of their hearts. Their lives had been transformed.

Our vision for Palm Harbor United Methodist Church is "Transforming Lives through Faith in Jesus Christ." There are no laws or rules that require us to be transformed, or to be offering the transforming power of faith in Jesus Christ. Yet, when we accept Jesus as our Savior, the desires of our hearts are changed. Like the early Christians, we want to learn more about Jesus; we want to fellowship with other Christians, and we want to have coffee and donuts, dinners and picnics so we can just enjoy breaking bread together.

While we are still unable to have coffee and donuts, and dinners and picnics, we can still fellowship with one another at a distance and we can still study God's word and learn more about what it means to be a Christian. There's no rule or law

or even CDC recommendation that prevents us from continuing to grow in our faith.

So, come Sunday and learn more about the rules, written and unwritten, that we, as Christians, follow.

With love and gratitude,

Rev. Sharon

For the latest information and Sunday Service, tune in to phumc.net or the Palm Harbor United Methodist Church [Facebook](#) page.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party

**Friday, Oct. 9
6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, Oct. 10
10 a.m.**



We will be packing shoeboxes that will be sent to hard to reach countries.

Space is limited so please sign up online at www.phumc.net today!



**Sunday, October 18, 2020
7:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

Palm Harbor United Methodist Church

All donors will receive a OneBlood Halloween T-shirt & a \$10 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including COVID-19 antibody test, blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Appointments are encouraged, please visit www.oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #12440

Do not present to donate if you have a fever. You must wait at least 14 days before donating if you have been exposed to someone who has or may have COVID-19, have recently been tested and are pending test results for COVID-19 or if you have a confirmed active case of COVID-19.

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please wait at least 14 days before donating again. Donor must have successful donation to obtain results. If donor does not have account created in donor portal already they must provide email address to phlebotomist at the time of registration so account can be created. Donor will receive email post donation with instructions. The same email provided at registration is used to activate donor portal account.

oneblood.org 1-888-9-DONATE

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Meals To Go

PHUMC is now offering meals for a family of two and a family of four



Chef Susan and her team have created some delicious meals for you this upcoming week. Don't forget, you will now pay when you pick up your order and online. Cash, check and credit card will still be taken. Prices: Meal for two: \$18, Meals for 4: \$36

To order, click here on the [MEALS TO GO](#). It will provide you with information and a link to order.

Please check the PHUMC website for a list of meals.

If you have any questions, or are in need of assistance, please contact Susan Grandy Cell: 727-470-1912 or the Church Kitchen: 727-683-2580

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