



# The Gazette

May 2022

## Message from Dan



They say patience is a virtue. Aristotle understood virtue to be without extremes. Applied to patience, the virtue is falling short of being anxious about the future, and yet living with a hope for future fulfillment.

The first century Christian community believed strongly that Christ would return in their lifetime. Jesus did promise that he would 'go to prepare a place for us', but the time frame is not specified. More than two thousand years later, we continue to proclaim that 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.' I do, though, believe that our patience is being challenged. We Christians may proclaim that 'Christ will come again,' but as chronos, sequential time, advances, skepticism may be creeping into our faith stance.

The Greeks distinguished chronos, or sequential time, from kairos, or a more qualitative understanding of time. In our hearts we know that God's time is different than chronos. While our creation stories may be couched in time fragments that we understand, God's creative activity cannot be reduced to chronos. Neither can our understanding of what Jesus meant when he said he was going to prepare a place for us and that he would return and take us to him.

Our faith says that Christ will return. We believe that God is working for good in this world and that God calls us to be faithful, and patient. We need not be anxious about the condition of the world because we know that God is working for good. We need not be anxious about our own future because we know that what Jesus said is true.....he is going before us to prepare a place for us.

We have again celebrated the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life. That promise will be fulfilled in God's time. But it will be fulfilled. We hold that hope as Christians.

If we are people of faith, patience is part of our character, living with the eschatological hope offered by Christ, without becoming overly anxious about the future. In other words, living a virtuous life in patience.

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Dan Flanagan

## May Gathering

Monday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Games on the Concourse
  - 9:30 a.m. Senior Adult Council  
BFLC 1 D/E
  - 11:00 a.m. Program: Ladies Liberty Singing Group
  - 12 noon Lunch will be trio salad-chicken salad,  
pasta salad, fruit salad.  
Cake for dessert
- Games after The Gathering beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Please register by placing your  
**mouse over this line and click!**

You may also call the main church number -  
972-235-8385

Remember to bring \$5 cash or check for lunch.

To join The Gathering by Zoom place your  
**mouse over this line and click!**  
(ID; 8160548508954 code 537529)

## Movies

May	3	The Red Tent (*11:00 a.m.)
	10	The Help
	17	Westside Story (2021)
June	21	POMS
	28	The Blind Side
July	19	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?
	26	CODA
August	16	Fried Green Tomatoes
	30	Terms of Endearment

All movies are in the Worship and Arts Center,  
at 1:30 p.m. (\*) with Free popcorn and water

Join us for senior adult games every 4th  
Monday at 12:30 in BFLC 1D

## Worship at FUMCR

Traditional Worship in the sanctuary: 8:45, 9:45 and 11 a.m.  
9:45 Online and 11:00 Live Stream (Youtube on demand)  
Modern worship in the Worship and Arts Center: 11 a.m

Sermon Series:  
*Lead With Love*

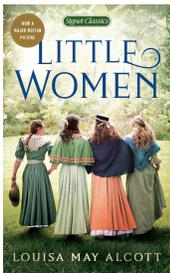


## March Gathering BINGO Winners

Maxine Bentley, Don Brubaker, Lan Farkas, Audrey Plummer,  
Diana Ramsower, and Nita Ulaszek  
**CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!**

## “Somewhere in Time” Placards

If you received one of the placards (with Christopher Reeves on it) during the movie,  
“Somewhere in Time”, would you return it to Dan Flanagan. Thank you!



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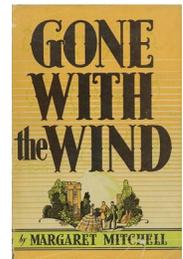
## FUMCR Book Club

May 26 at 2 p.m.

Ogden Fellowship Hall

Speaker Mary Booty topic will be *Little Women*,  
*Book, Margaret Mitchell and Gone with the Wind.*

Cost is \$5 each.



## Upcoming Trips

**Sign up at the Gathering or Call Mary Ann Whitmire at 214-823-1777**

Ham's Peach Orchard	Thursday, May 19	7:30 am - 2:00 pm
<b>42nd Street</b> at The Garland Musicals Eating at the Chinese Buffet before	Sunday, June 26	12:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Legally Blonde</b> at The Garland Musicals Eating at Vito's Italian before	Sunday, July 24	12:00 - 5:00 pm
Lunch at Dinner Bell at FUMC Sulpur Spirngs, then visit Shadow Ranch	Wednesday, September 21	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Interested in serving?

Go to [www.fumcr.com/serve](http://www.fumcr.com/serve) to find a place for your skills