

## President's Message

### March 2020

I have been pondering the current events of the last week or so, perhaps like many, scratching my head and wondering what it's all about and what can be done about it—the coronavirus and whether it will strike in our neck of the woods, a stock market in free-fall and what that means for the retirement account, and the outcome of the next Presidential election and how that will affect the direction of our country, to name a few. These issues surely can have significant impacts on our lives, but we are helpless as far as being able to have any real influence over the course or outcome of these and other such events.

Many years ago, as a teenager, I read a satirical comic book, Mad Magazine, who's fictitious, iconic, cover-boy mascot, Allred E. Neuman, was famous for the slogan, "What, me worry?" The comic book made light of social, political, and other issues of the day during the 1960's and 70's and the inference to be drawn from the slogan was that 'this too shall pass' and everything will eventually turn out alright, so why worry. In 1988 a popular song was released titled '*Don't Worry, Be Happy*' echoing a similar theme. Seemed like pretty good advice back in the day as a reasonable, common sense way to deal with things over which we have no control.

But Jesus said it best: "*Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?*" (*Luke 12:25-26*).

So, my friends—trust in the Lord—don't worry, be happy!

#### Upcoming Events:

Wed	Mar 4	7:30 pm	Exec Committee (after Lenten service)
Sun	Mar 8	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)
Wed	Mar 11	7:45 pm	Council Meeting (after 7:00 pm Service)
Wed	Mar 18	7:00 pm	Pulpit Exchange with Pastor Dennis DiMauro
Wed	Apr 1	7:45 pm	Executive Meeting (after 7:00 pm Service)