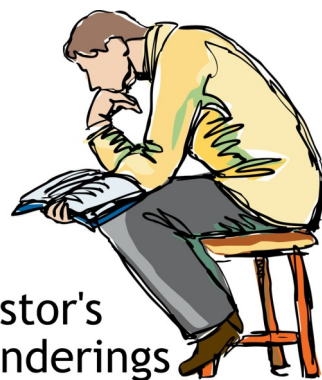


You Might Notice Something Different About the Bulletin

You have in your hands a completely re-designed bulletin. In the past you would have received two 8.5x14 sheets of paper. You now have a tri-folded 11x17 piece of paper. We lose some of the space that we had with the previous format, but I think it more than makes up for the loss of space with the new layout options available to us.

Pastor's Ponderings



You might also note that this bulletin contains color. The cost of the color printing is more than offset by the fact that this bulletin is sponsored. Please note the box at the bottom of this column. It will become a regular feature and for \$25, you can sponsor a full color bulletin. For \$15, you can sponsor color on just this side of the paper. The sponsor fee will go into our general fund and it is out of that fund that the cost for the bulletin is paid.

If you remember in years past there used to be a sign up sheet to put flowers on the altar. This will work the same way. You will call the office and see if the week you want to sponsor is available. You'll bring by a check and tell us what you want the dedication box to say. It could be an anniversary, a birthday, or remembering the day someone died. It could be a promotion at work or an achievement at school. The sponsorships will be available on a first come first sponsored basis. We'll give this a try for a while and see how it goes.

Even if no one sponsors a bulletin we are going to maintain this format and simply print in black and white. We are actually saving \$3.30 per week in paper and printing costs by switching to this new format. The color will be an occasional extra paid for by sponsorships.

Next Sunday We Will Celebrate World Communion Sunday

Technically, today is World Communion Sunday. However, I wanted to finish up the sermon series today. So I have postponed World Communion Sunday until next week. During the service, I will talk about Holy Communion and I will then open the floor to questions. In the past, these services have been well received. So, start thinking now about Holy Communion and questions that you might have. Write them down so that you don't forget them and bring them to the worship service next Sunday.

Have You Got Tickets Yet for the Pancake Breakfast Next Saturday?

If you still need tickets for the United Methodist Men's Pancake Breakfast on Saturday October 11th, then you need to see one of the men of the church. They should be able to sell you some or you can come by the office and purchase some. You can also just show up next Saturday between 7:00-10:00 am. The cost for adults is \$5 and the cost for children under 12 is \$3. We hope to see you next Saturday morning.

Romans 12 Newsletter

Growing Community

A few years ago, Highland United Methodist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina was contemplating using a portion of their precious green space to expand the parking for crowded Sunday mornings and highly attended special events. At certain times of the morning, a parking spot could not be found, and people were forced to park up and down the streets bordering the property. But was this really the best use for the land?

Highland UMC had hosted a weekday English as a Second Language (ESL) program for several years, and as some of the church leadership began connecting with the staff and students, a greater use for the proposed parking lot emerged—a community garden. Many of the students came from agricultural areas and not only missed farming the land, but could not afford to buy fresh, healthy produce at the grocery store. After gaining support from the congregation, including a member with a background in agriculture who agreed to head up the project, the Highland Victory Garden was born.

The results from the garden far exceeded expectations. Not only were church members and ESL students working side-by-side in the dirt, other residents in the community volunteered and joined in the effort. The garden also became a place of refuge. People driving by would stop to spend a moment on one of the benches interspersed between the beds, and family members of patients at the nearby hospital would come to the garden for some quiet time away from their loved one's bedside.

Within a year, the Highland Victory Garden produced enough food to not only feed those who regularly worked in the garden, but provided hundreds of pounds of fresh, healthy food for the local food bank. As churches and community groups were inspired by the garden, at least forty other gardens were also started in the area.

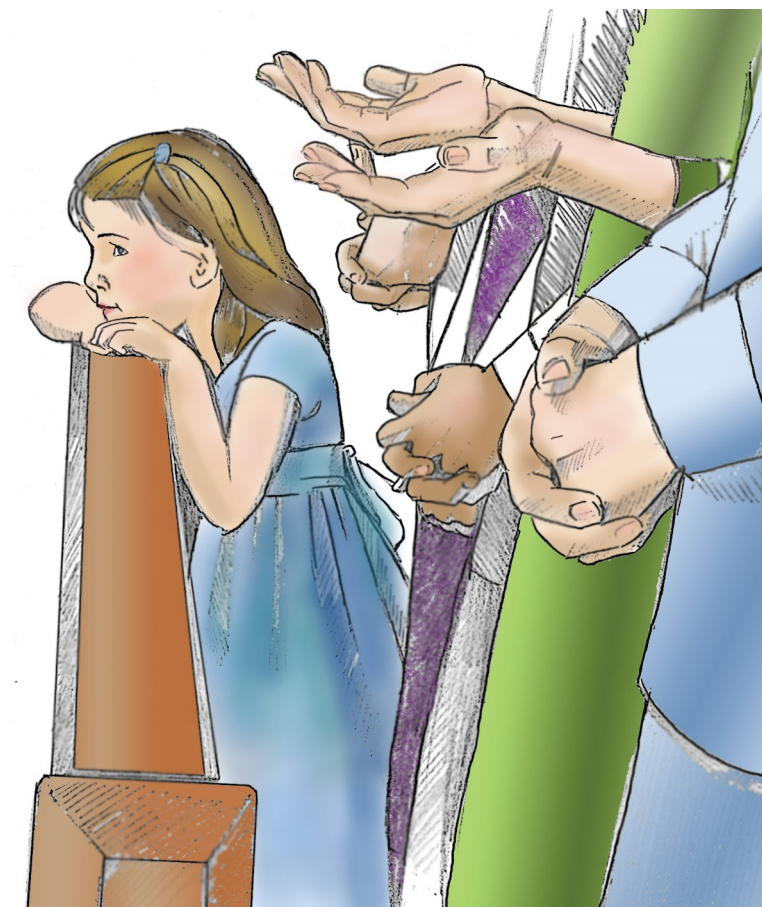
Questions for Discussion

- How are your church's resources utilized? Are you building bigger barns or seeking to use your resources to meet needs in the community?
- How is your congregation intentionally building relationships with its neighbors, particularly those who are the most vulnerable?
- Are you aware of the needs and hopes of your neighbors? What are you currently doing to be Christ's hands and feet to bring hope?

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The Trinity Companion Sunday October 5, 2014



"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20, NIV

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Welcome

Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

Announcements

Prelude:

Call to Worship: “O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord”

Opening Hymn: “Take Time to Be Holy” No. 395

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

(You will be given an opportunity to share joys and prayer concerns. Please raise your hand and wait for an usher to come to you with a microphone.)

Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Message

The Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings

* The Doxology No. 95

Musical Offering: “Light of a Million Mornings”

The Presentation of God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 18:20

Leader: The Word of the Lord for the people of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “Divine Acceptance”

Closing Hymn: “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” No. 462

Pastoral Benediction :

Postlude: “May the Road Rise Up to Meet You”

*** Please stand, as you are able**

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Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle will be meeting on Wednesday October 1st at 6:00 pm.

United Methodist Youth Meeting

The UMYF will be meeting on Sunday October 5th at 5:00 pm. A snack meal will be provided and the group will begin the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Church Yard Sale

The Church Yard Sale has been rescheduled for October 6-October 10. If you have any items you wish to donate or would like to purchase something, please come by the church.

Kids In Christ

Kids In Christ will be meeting on Sunday October 12th immediately after the Sunday Service.

Church Office Closing

The Church Office will be closed on Monday October 13th in observance of Columbus Day.

Circle Meetings

October 19th—5:00 pm-Asbury Circle

Finance Committee Meeting

The Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday October 7th at 6:30 pm.

United Methodist Women’s October Fest

The UMW will be meeting on Thursday October 16th at 6:30 pm for their October Fest. This meeting will be to raise money for Local Missions.

United Methodist Men’s Meeting

The UMM will be meeting on Monday October 13th at 6:30 pm.

Board of Trustees Meeting

There will be a Board of Trustees meet on Wednesday October 15th at 6:00 pm.

MECC Bottled Water Give Away

We will again be giving away bottled water at MECC Home Craft Days on Saturday October 18th.. We will need individuals to help set up on Friday October 17th.

Church Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday October 26th beginning at 2:00 pm. There will be fun, food and games for all.



Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

Total Received Maintenance:\$ 14,581

Maintenance Goal:\$ 18,000

Money Given to General Fund

Budgeted Need to Date\$ 125,196

Actual Amount Given to Date\$ 115,393



Be a Disciple

I want to brag on our church. Right now we are having some difficult financial times. We have money, but it’s use is restricted due to the

various “designated” funds that we have created through the years. Our church has been overly generous when specific causes came along. It is our generosity and the way we handled it that has led in part to our current situation.

I brag by saying that the Board and the Finance Committee are taking seriously where we are and how we got here. They are not brushing things aside but are earnestly trying to find the most viable solution to our current situation. They are taking their role seriously and I applaud them for their efforts and the difficult decisions that they might have to make.

I need you to pray for our leaders and ask God to give us all the wisdom that we need in order to make a the decisions that will put us on a sounder and more sustainable financial footing. You will be hearing more about this situation from some of the leaders in the coming weeks. Until then keep praying and keep giving.



For Those with Cancer:

James Horne, Mary L. Horne; Emma Large; Alex Hall; Marcia Quesenberry; Robin (Rita Nash’s Daughter); Marilyn Gates; Earl Covey; Barbara Polly; Johnny Cubine; Debbie Cooper; Wilma Nein

Facing or Recovering from Surgery or Hospital Stay

Beth Hagan; Becky Clark; Helen Cochran; Kimberly Clifton; Sandy Wright; Bill & Juanita Maiuri; Dean Bieber; Jewel Carter; Ruth Perry

Non-Specific Prayers for:

Brownie Polly; Dagni Spurlock; Virginia Sigmon; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Fred Vanbever; Claudia Lee; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Susan Curran; Ron & Autumn Taylor; Matt Carroll

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office. The names that appear on the Prayer List for more than two weeks will be deleted unless you request them to remain on the list

If you would like to send a card to Beth Hagan, you may send them in c/o Robin Hagan, 2 Early Ave, Round Hill, VA 20141. No flowers please.