

04-25-18 Wednesday Musings

Sunday was amazing. Not only did we have a time of good food and fellowship following worship, but we broke an all-time church record in raising funds for cancer research through the cake auction. In all we collected just under \$5300 on Sunday. This broke our old record by some \$2000! Many thanks to the Deacons who organized this event as well as everyone who contributed treats to be auctioned. But most of all, thank you for your amazing generosity. In addition, Nancy Thomas and Donna Freeman were able to join us for the auction.

This coming Sunday is a fifth Sunday and Board of Christian Education has planned a special program. Matt Rice will have a multi-media presentation about his trips to South Africa. Matt's programs have always been a joy. Join us promptly at 9:30 am, Sunday in the Bray Hall.

The Supper Club's next destination for a meal together will be Harbor Inn Seafood (2408 South Church Street) on May 1st. Please be in touch with Eleanor Lovgren to make your reservation. All are welcomed. Pay as you go.

Another food event is quickly approaching with our Spaghetti Supper on May 4th. At a Deacons meeting last night it was mentioned that we will need desserts for that meal as we anticipate a large crowd. If you could make a cake, pie, brownies or some other appropriate treat, please drop it off at the church kitchen any time that day. And if you are going to be out of town, you can always drop it off early. Tickets for the dinner are \$9 and still available from a Deacon or at the door from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm.

May 6th will be Allied Church Sunday. Bring dried or canned food with you when you come to worship that day. Allied Churches just picked up our last load of food today, so the barrels inside the door to the Bray Hall are empty and waiting. All foods go to restock the food pantry shelves of that ministry.

The deacons are planning something new for our church parlor beginning in May. In celebration of Mother's Day this year, we will be honoring our church women all during the month of May. The deacons request that church members bring framed photographs of mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, or friends to be displayed in our church parlor. Plans are to honor our men during the month of June. The pictures should be identified and given to Helen Little, Nell Allred, or Merle Sharpe.

On the prayer concern front: Mark Garrison had another round of surgery this past Sunday morning (his third in 45 days). While the surgery was fairly extensive, it was successful, and Mark is beginning to feel better. He remains in the hospital but is looking forward to returning home.

Mollie Blum had an emergency trip to the hospital this past weekend. They think it may have been a kidney stone, but Mollie expects to hear back from her doctor today with the results of some tests that were run. She has been experiencing some significant pain.

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At the deacons meeting last night, Julie Miller asked for prayers for a woman who works in her office. We've prayed for Tina in the past in her battle with cancer. After a period of remission, unfortunately the disease has returned.

On the good news front, June Sellars is feeling much better after a protracted battle with the flu. Also, I am out of my arm sling (at least most of the time). I still need to be careful with that shoulder, but after two months in the sling, it feels really good to shed it!

In addition to all these concerns, please continue to keep in prayer: Faye Strickland, Louise Walters, Parkie King, Donna Freeman, Nancy Thomas, and Vera Reeder.

This Sunday in worship we will be looking at Acts 8:26-38 and John 15:1-8. Hope to see you then.

Mark