

# Wednesday Musings September 27, 2017

I hope you are doing well. This Sunday we will have a few important events. First, this will be World Communion Sunday and our service will include not only hymns from around the world, but breads of the world as well. World Communion Sunday is the day when Christians worldwide gather in worship to celebrate our oneness in Christ. Despite differences in language, culture, nationality or race, we come together to assert, "We all have more in common than those things that set us apart and, at a spiritual level, all of us are people created and loved by God." In addition, this will be the last weekend before Mark and Kathy Andes move to Matthews, NC to be closer to their daughter, Kristin. During the service we will honor them for all their years of faithful ministry. And even though it's a communion Sunday, there will be a reception following worship in their honor so that all of us will have the opportunity to say our farewells.

Next Tuesday will be the next gathering of the church's Supper Club. We will meet at Kimber's Restaurant, 230 W. Main St., in Gibsonville.

Please note, in order to take advantage of their "early bird" suppers, we need to be seated by 5:45. If you're planning to come, please call the church office tomorrow, or speak to Phil Bray on Sunday.

Stewardship Sunday will be on Oct. 8th. Please prayerfully consider your level of support for the church's ministry in the year to come, then fill out your pledge card and drop it in an offering plate on the 8th. If for any reason you didn't receive a card, extras are available in the sanctuary and Bray Hall. Or give us a call and we'll put one in the mail. Then, the following Sunday, Oct. 15th, we will be receiving a special offering in support of hurricane and flood victims. This hurricane season has been brutal, to say the least. And unfortunately, it's not yet over. But the level of destruction and chaos that September's storms have left in their wake is massive. Many of you may already have contributed to relief efforts, but if you haven't, the 15th is the day. Make checks payable to the church, then write "Flood relief" on the memo line. And thank you for your help.

Let me also ask if anyone knows where the reception sign-up sheets have gone. They were missing this past Sunday and so far haven't turned up.

If you can help with this dilemma, call the church office. New sheets will be out this coming Sunday. If you already signed up for a Sunday in October, please sign up again - and sorry for the inconvenience.

Finally, Joan asked me to make mention of an event at her home church that a number of our members have attended in the past, their annual fall festival at Bethel United Methodist Church, 6364 Snow Camp Road in Graham. The event will be held Saturday the 28th and will run 10 am till 6:30 pm. Food, crafts and a bake sale are on the agenda.

On the prayer concern front, we learned this week that Mark Garrison, Matt Rice's partner, suffer a detached retina. He had emergency surgery that went well. He is currently resting at home while his eye heals.

Lola Pipes is still experiencing pain after her surgery. She had a follow up appointment with her surgeon today. Hopefully we'll have more news on Sunday. Today was a big day for Eleanor Lovgren, after major surgery and rehab at Edgewood, she was allowed to come home today.

Please continue to keep Jo Horne in your prayers. Nancy Thomas had good news from a doctor's exam this week and is grateful for all your prayers. Finally, on Sunday I mentioned that

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Eula Wellons has moved to a new room down the hall from her old one. You can now find her in room 252 and she welcomes visitors.

This Sunday in worship we will consider Phil. 2.1-13 and Mtt. 21.23-32.  
Hope to see you there.

Mark