

01-29-19 Wednesday Musing

I need to begin today by saying that this is my final Musings. As you know, Sunday was my last service with you, and quite a time it was. The music was wonderful, Eddie Weathers from the Conference was able to be with us to lead a special litany of parting. Then, there was the wonderful party that followed, sponsored the Deacons planned. Ted Wheeler provided a feast, and your gifts were wonderful. From the framed, signed pictures of the church, to the Memory Box, to your remarkable gift, the entire day was a blessing. There were mixed emotions for all of us. It was a great celebration of shared ministry together, but times of parting are also sad. Many have said how much they'll miss Margot and me, and that feeling is mutual. There will be so many warm and vibrant memories that we'll take with us. Thank you for all that you have meant to us over the years. Yet, I leave with confidence that God's hand will continue to be on you, guiding you to whatever comes next.

For us, Margot is even now starting to do some painting at our house. Together we hope to do those things necessary to sell a house that you've lived in nearly a quarter century. Then, we'll put it on the market, hope for a speedy sale, and look for a new home in Longmont, CO. If you are ever out that way, please let us know and come by!

In the meantime, this Sunday will be our Annual Meeting which will immediately follow worship. As this is a first Sunday, I remind you to bring dried or canned food for the food pantry collection. Until an interim minister has been hired, Jamie Fonville has graciously offered to fill the void. He will lead worship, be available to deal with pastoral care concerns as they arise, and he plans to be in the office one day a week. Let me also remind you that next Tuesday the Supper Club will meet at Kimber's Restaurant in Gibsonville. Remember, in order to get their "early bird" prices, you need to be seated by 5:45. To make your reservation, please call Eleanor Lovgren no later than Thursday at 8. And sticking with the topic of food, remember to sign up to help with receptions following worship. There is no reception this Sunday, but there are plenty of open slots that need to be filled.

On the prayer concern front, the wife of one of Hubert Bolick's sons has been hospitalized for several days. She had been in a critical care unit at Duke for over a week. She recently was moved to a regular room and there are hopes that she might be released soon. In addition, Troy Johnson's sister was taken to the hospital in serious condition. Please keep both of these families in your prayers along with our ongoing prayers for Margaret Turner, Nancy Thomas, Louise Walters, Donna Freeman and Anna Gerow.

It has been wonderful being a part of your lives for all these years, and as I said on Sunday, you have been a blessing to me, and I know that you will continue being a blessing. And know that God will be with you always!

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