



Mountain Herald

The Church of The Transfiguration

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Message from the Rector

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Even as Memorial Day weekend approached, and our attention turned to parades and backyard picnics and visits to cemeteries to honor the fallen, we were confronted by another terrorist attack, this one occurring in Manchester, England, taking twenty-two lives and injuring scores more. We were faced once again with the heinous result of perverted ideology, of acts planned and carried out by persons whose souls have lost all human feeling, whose minds are set solely on destruction and death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of the victims, and to those who are fighting for their lives in hospital, and to the brave people of Manchester. And we renew our efforts at fighting and conquering this world-wide scourge of terror, and at bringing security and peace to the community of nations.

Yet a second compelling story also captured our attention this past weekend, occurring almost at the same time as the events in England. It was of another terrorist attack, this one taking place on a train near Portland, Oregon, involving a thwarted assault on two female passengers by a man who had threatened them because of their religion. Three other passengers, overhearing the man's shouted epithets directed toward these Muslim women, intervened and were themselves stabbed. Two of them were killed and one critically injured. "I just couldn't stand by and do nothing," the surviving passenger later told the police. "I had to try to stop him." Their intervention, their courage, very likely saved those women's lives, although it meant the sacrifice of their own. It was an heroic act exercised by ordinary citizens who embodied in that moment the deepest ideals of our nation and the loving commandments of God. It was a sacrifice also to be honored on that weekend of remembrance.

Those men knew instinctively that the greatest danger to a free society in a time of conflict, such as the one we're now facing, is not the terror alone, but the threat posed to our moral and spiritual lives, the danger to our character. For our enemies want to turn our souls as dark as theirs. They want us to hate each other, and to dry up our courage, to surrender to fear and cling only to safety and self-preservation.

The American heroes on that train did not allow that to happen in and for themselves, and nor should we. "Greater love than this has no one," Jesus says in John, "than to lay down one's life for one's friends." Let us hold passionately and bravely to that injunction and that call. Let us be ready to lay down our lives and put aside our fears for the truths we hold. In a time that may seem bereft of hope, let us put our complete hope--by placing our bodies, minds, and wills--in the service of God and for the people God loves.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Gordon +

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in a special way - The June 4th service will feature a guest preacher, Rev. Jay Croft, who will conduct the 9:00 a.m. service in American Sign Language.</p> <p align="center">Re-Dedication of the Renovated Memorial Hall will take place immediately following the service on June 4 *More details in the Weekly Announcements*</p>				1	2	3
				9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 8:30p AA	
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<p>Memorial Hall Re-Dedication <i>Single Service</i> 9:00 a.m. Parish Pot Luck Picnic follows</p>	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 7:30p Outreach	9:00a Morning Prayer 7:00p B&F	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 7:00p Vespers/ Rite of Healing	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 8:30p AA	
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Healing - both services 8:00a H.E. II 9:00a Christian Ed 10:15a H.E. II/hymns 11:15a Hospitality 11:45a Vestry	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA	9:00a Morning Prayer	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 7:00p Vespers/ Rite of Healing	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA	9:00a Morning Prayer 12:00p AA 8:30p AA	
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Parish Picnic & Memorial Hall Re-Dedication
Sunday, June 4

- 6/2 Freddy Roberts
- 6/2 Tony Bollino
- 6/4 Josie Watkins
- 6/5 Beth Wisecup
- 6/5 Linda Galloway
- 6/6 Matt & Carolyn Holcomb
- 6/11 Marsha Burrell
- 6/16 George Ward
- 6/17 Hamp & Donna Tisdale
- 6/19 Joanna Lohr
- 6/21 Hamp Tisdale
- 6/25 Robin Rolph
- 6/27 George & Eileen Ward

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
Morning Prayer: 9:00 a.m. Monday - Friday
Vespers with Rite of Healing: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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