

05-16-18 Wednesday Musing

Let me start with a bit of information that some of you heard on Sunday. Lola Pipes had a fall at home last week and broke her hip. She had surgery Friday morning and, after a few days in the hospital, was transferred to Liberty Commons. She is in room 407. I saw her yesterday afternoon and she was in good spirits and had even walked down the hall using a walker. She expects to be at Liberty Commons while she recovers.

This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and Jamie Fonville will be our guest preacher as I will be away. This weekend, Margot is performing a wedding for her niece in Indianapolis – then we are off to Washington, D.C. for this year's Festival of Homiletics. I will be back for our service on the 27th. Also, this Sunday we will collect our national "Strengthen the Church" offering which supports leadership and new church development throughout the denomination. However, 25% of our offering will remain right here for work in our own Southern Conference.

Our new updated directories will be available this Sunday. Look for them beside the pulpit printed on pink paper. Also, last Sunday, as a Mother's Day gift, all women in attendance were given a three-pack of note cards with pictures of our sanctuary and stained glass windows on them. A complete set containing seven individual cards may be ordered during the reception following worship. Look for the clipboard with a picture of all seven cards on it. Boxes will be sold for \$10 a piece. Order as many as you like!

Tomorrow is the deadline for our summer newsletter. If you have any items that need to be included please be in touch with Joan.

Looking down the road, the Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday the 29th. And Bingo Night will be on June 6th beginning at 7pm. Because I'll be away next week, there won't be a Musing published next Wednesday.

On the prayer concern front, in addition to prayers for Lola and Ken, Troy and Peggy Johnson's daughter is making very good progress following her eye surgery. Ken Little reported that his sister-in-law in Texas is gravely ill. Mark Garrison continues to strengthen following his surgery but full recovery continues to be a struggle. Isaac Aning graduated from Wingate University this past weekend. He received the A.F./Hendricks Award given to the graduate who most represents the ideal of scholarship, leadership and service.

Finally, please continue to keep in prayer Anna Gerow, Vera Reeder, Nancy Thomas, Donna Freeman, Louise Walters, Parkie King, and Faye Strickland.

In worship on this Pentecost Sunday, Jamie will be considering the Holy Spirit and will be looking at Acts 2:1-8, Matthew 3:16-17, John 14:15-17, 26, and Romans 8:26-27 in our service.

Blessings on you!

Mark