

02-07-18 Wednesday Musings

After another brush with bad weather on Sunday morning, we were able to carry on as usual with a cold rain and temperatures in the high 30's. And even though our numbers were down, it was a good and productive day.

It started with Lynn Huber's first class on Paul's letters to the church in Corinth. This is Lynn's third year with us and she was wonderful. This coming Sunday, her topic is, "The Contours of the Correspondence" in which she will consider the occasion for Paul's writing 1 and 2 Corinthians, including a discussion of whether 2 Corinthians may be a composite letter. The class starts promptly at 9:30 am in the Bray Fellowship Hall.

Following worship on Sunday we held our Annual Meeting. A quorum was declared and our business was transacted. Merle Sharpe and Helen Little were instilled as chair and vice-chair of the Official Board. We also recognized six dear members who passed away last year.

There are also some significant events coming up. This Saturday, Matthew Knight, Iris Workman's great grandson, will have his Eagle Scout court in our sanctuary. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 pm and Matthew wanted me to extend a special invitation to all of you.

Then, on Sunday, as I mentioned last week, during worship we are going to try something different. During the time for the sermon, there will be an opportunity for those present to share mystical, life-changing spiritual experiences they may have had. No need to come up front. The microphone will be passed. One person has already said that he is planning to share. Would you be willing to add your voice as well? It should be a fascinating service.

Finally, a week from today is not only Valentine's Day, it is also Ash Wednesday which marks the start of the liturgical season of Lent. We will begin this season with a three-church service of contrition and healing beginning at noon at Life's Journey UCC (2121 Edgewood Ave.). The service will be short enough for people to slip away from work during lunch hour.

On the prayer concern front, Dotti Davis' husband, Ronnie, had hip surgery yesterday afternoon. Things went well and he hopes to return home tomorrow or Friday. Ted Wheeler was also released from the hospital and is back at work this week. Connie Collins' mother is having an MRI today to try and determine the cause of her on-going back troubles.

Parkie King sends his love and thanks you for all your prayers and cards. Harvey Sharpe continues to recover well at home. Louise Walters continues to have significant back pain. Then, please keep in your on-going prayers, Vera Reeder, Nancy Thomas and Donna Freeman.

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This Sunday in worship we will be looking at 2 Kings 2:1,6-12 and Mark 9: 2-9.
Hope to see you then.

Mark

P.S. If you notice any corrections to the church directory, please contact the church office.