

Musings January 11, 2018

I trust that you all had wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Our trip out west to see our daughter and her family was wonderful - with one exception. As Joan graciously let you know last week, I had an untimely encounter with the side of a ski sloop mid-week during our visit. It was the first run of the day and when I fell, I came down at the "perfect" angle that caused a partial shoulder separation. Fortunately, it popped back in before I was sledded off the mountain, but I have been dealing with shoulder issues since. I saw an orthopedic doctor yesterday and will have an MRI tomorrow. In all likelihood, I have a torn rotator cuff. We'll know more after tomorrow. In the meantime, my shoulder is getting better. It is just slow going and I need to be cautious. Thank you all for your prayers and I will keep you posted. Besides the injury, the grandkids are doing well and it really was a wonderful trip.

Let me stay with prayer concerns for a moment. I learned today that Iris Workman was in the hospital for a couple of days. She expects to be home this afternoon sometime and is doing much better. Also, Glenna Lewis spent a day at AMRC. She too is home, confined to her room with a rather bad cold. Last week Mary Newsome emailed that Spanky has been diagnosed with some serious health concerns. He appreciates your prayers. On Sunday Kevin May mentioned that his young grandson had a high fever with the flu, and Matt Rice asked for prayers for four members of his high school's faculty that had suffered the loss of close family members over the holidays. We should also remember those in southern California who are dealing with terrible mudslides in the wake of the devastating fires this fall. Finally, please continue to keep Vera Reeder, Nancy Thomas and Donna Freeman in your prayer.

This Sunday the Official Board will meet at 8:30 am and the Board of Christian Education will meet immediately following worship. Then, next Thursday morning, we will be assembling the church's annual report beginning at 10 am. Meet in the Conference Room if you can lend a hand. And mark your calendars for February 4th. That is the date of our Annual Congregational Meeting.

This Sunday in worship we will be looking at Ps. 139.1-6 and 1 Sam. 3. 1-10. Hope to see you then.

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