

# Wednesday Musings October 10, 2018

This day starts with concern for our neighbors in Florida. Even now, Hurricane Michael is bearing down upon them with winds that may push the category 5 range. Florence was a very different storm here in the Carolinas. Not nearly those levels of winds, but there was rain that seemingly stayed forever. Please keep all those in the path of this storm in your prayers, including folks in eastern North Carolina that do not need more heavy rains at this point in time. And along with those prayers, let me remind you that, following worship on Sunday, we will be putting together 15 "Clean-Up Kit" buckets to help with storm relief. Jamie and Carol Fonville will be coordinating those assembly efforts. Everything will be set up in the Bray Fellowship Hall, so after you grab something to eat at the reception, come downstairs and lend a hand if you're able with this mission project.

Also, following worship, there will be another fun activity. There may be time for you to participate in both activities actually! You'll recall last week, Matt Rice shared with us his flags from around the world for World Communion Sunday. They will still be up this Sunday, but after the service, Matt is presenting a challenge. See how many countries you can identify from their flag. The winner gets a freshly made pound cake from Matt's own kitchen! See Matt after the service for details.

We are still in the middle of our stewardship campaign. If you didn't drop your 2019 pledge card in the offering plate last week, it's not too late. You can place it in the plate this Sunday, or mail it into the church office if that's more convenient. And, if for any reason you have misplaced yours, extras are available both in the sanctuary and in the office.

Next Sunday will also be a big day. The 21<sup>st</sup> will be our Laity Sunday service. If you have a favorite hymn or scripture passage and would be willing to say a word about why it has become meaningful to you during the service, please let me know no later than this Sunday. Then, following our service on the 21<sup>st</sup> the Deacons will be hosting a hot dog lunch and cake and pie auction to raise funds for repair of the spotlights in the sanctuary. As you know, this is always a fun event. And if you can bake a cake or pie, please wrap it in plastic wrap for freezing. The thinking is that many folks may want to get their Thanksgiving or Christmas cake now so as to be prepared for the later feasts to come. Bring a friend and your checkbook next Sunday and enjoy all the sweet treats!

Let me also mention the Alamance ElderCare annual breakfast that will be taking place on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Vailtree Event Center in Graham. ElderCare is one of the local service program that we have long supported. The breakfast begins at 7:30 with a program to follow at 8. RSVPs are required by the 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call 336-538-8080.

On the prayer concern front, as was mention in our service on Sunday, Mark Garrison had surgery for a detached retina earlier this week. The surgery went well and Mark is resting at home. Benjie Terrell's hand surgery went well last Wednesday. He was even serving as our head usher for the service on Sunday. Bob Horne has been having

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trouble with numbness in his legs recently. He is seeing a back doctor to determine if it is nerve related. Finally, Peggy Johnson's mother is doing better, but Peggy's back is not. Please keep her in prayer along with Nancy Thomas, Anna Gerow, Louise Walters, Margaret Turner, Donna Freeman and Parkie King.

Hope to see you Sunday.

Mark