

Wednesday Musings January 24, 2018

I hope that everyone survived the snow without too much disruption. As quickly as it came, so it went and by Sunday we were back to our usual schedule. Many thanks to the team that came out last Friday despite the lingering snow in order to assemble our Annual Reports. They were ready for distribution this past Sunday and are available in the sanctuary and in the church office. Our Annual Meeting will be held following worship in the 4th. Many thanks also to our church secretary, Joan Paschal, for coming in on Friday to run off our bulletins for Sunday's service.

Coming up this Sunday, we will be ordaining our newest deacon, Julie Miller. Then, the following Sunday on the 4th, please remember the start of our four-week series on Paul's Corinthian correspondence led by Prof. Lynn Huber. "Corinthians in Context" is the title of the series which will meet in the Bray Hall starting promptly at 9:30 am each week.

Also, right around the corner is our next Supper Club gathering on Feb. 6th at 6 pm. This month, join us at Valerio's, 120 E. Front St. And remember to call Eleanor Lovgren to make your reservation by 8 pm on the 1st.

On the prayer concern front, it was wonderful to have Iris Workman back among us for worship on Sunday. Louise Walters is doing a little better, but has been diagnosed with a compression fracture in her vertebrae. Peggy Johnson was hoping to have a spinal shot to help alleviate significant back and leg pain. Unfortunately, because of the snow, that appointment was postponed till Feb. 7th.

On Sunday, Mike Smith mentioned that his granddaughter, Rebecca, was diagnosed with MS at the age of 21. In addition, please keep Spanky Newsome in your prayers as he'll be seeing a specialist at Duke next week. Benjie Terrell mentioned that his friend and neighbor, Steve Deaton, will be returning home this Saturday after more than 3 months in the hospital and rehab. Then, please continue to keep in your prayers Parkie King, Nancy Thomas, Vera Reeder and Donna Freeman.

Finally, let me update you on my shoulder. Yesterday I saw an orthopedic specialist who went through my MRI with me. The damage to my rotator cuff was more significant than I had hoped. Surgery has been recommended and is scheduled for March 21st. I'll keep you posted. And thank you for your prayers and support.

This Sunday in worship we will be looking at Ps. 111 and Mk. 1.21-28. Hope to see you then.

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