

Wednesday Musing August 29, 2018

I'm back from a week away and we had a wonderful time at the beach. Many thanks to Beth Kennett for filling in for me. As we approach this Labor Day weekend, there are several upcoming events to keep in mind. As this is a communion Sunday, it is also the day we collect canned and dried good for Allied Churches. Last month we gather 125 pounds of supplies. Let's keep that much-needed ministry's shelves well stocked. Besides food goods, they also welcome devotional material, so bring in your old Upper Rooms and they'll be put to good use. Also, the Deacons are adding another item to their mission table collection site. Bring in your used prescription bottles – they can be recycled and used by local pharmacies. Be sure to peel off old labels, then place them in a special box near where Allied Churches food is collected.

Also, this Sunday is the deadline for Homecoming T-shirt orders. Shirts come in a variety of colors and two different fabrics. All will have our special Homecoming logo on them. And the best news is that Cindy Sharpe is doing them for us for only \$10 a shirt. If you want one (or more) and haven't yet ordered yours, look for Merle Sharpe in the library on Sunday. Fill out an order form and give your money to her. Shirts will be available for pick up the following Sunday, the 9th, and plan to wear them on the 16th for Homecoming!

In preparation for Homecoming, there will be a Work Day on Saturday, Sept. 8th beginning at 9 am. We will be working in the area behind the Education Building getting things ready outside, so bring your outside/garden tools and lend a hand. In case of rain, we'll meet on the 15th at 9.

The Supper Club is trying a new restaurant for it's next gathering on the 4th. Meet at "It's All Good," 2306 S. Church St. at 6 pm. This is already a favorite spot for many church members. Join us for this "pay your own way" event. And if you're planning to come, please call Eleanor Lovgren by tomorrow evening to make a reservation. On the 7th from 11 am till 7 pm, Sharon and Ted Wheeler are hosting a BBQ dinner at the Elon Community Church to help raise money for the Patricia Bynum and CR Byrd Funds to assist cancer patients with expenses and medications. Meals are \$10 a plate, and if you can't make it and would like to donate to a worthy cause, make your check out to ARMC Charitable Foundation (P.O. Box 202, Burlington, 27216) and write "Sharon Wheeler" on the memo line.

On the prayer concern front: Gayle Watson will be having cataract surgery tomorrow. Also, please continue to keep in prayer Gayle's brother Scott who is undergoing a new radiation therapy regiment in his ongoing battle with colon cancer. In addition to these, please remember Margaret Turner, Louise Walters, Parker King, Anna Gerow, Nancy Thomas and Donna Freeman.

This Sunday in worship we will be looking at James 1.19-27 and Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Hope to see you then.

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