

03-28-18 Wednesday Musings

As we are mid-way through Holy Week, the pace of things is beginning to pick up here at church, but it is appropriate today to start by briefly looking back and saying “thank you” to Matt and the choir. This past Sunday our service focused on the “Seven Last Words of Christ.” It was a very moving time of worship for many and that was in no small part to all the hard work that went into the music for that event. If you missed it, an audio recording of the service will be posted on the church’s web site in the near future.

Let me jump first to prayer concerns. Matt Rice is up in Ohio right now following emergency surgery there for his partner, Mark Garrison. Mark will be in the hospital for another day or so before being allowed to return home. Mark was traveling on business when his illness struck.

Also, later this morning, Benjie Terrell will be having arthroscopic knee surgery on an outpatient basis.

Anna Gerow has made a move to Alamance House, 2766 Grand Oaks Blvd. Anna’s cell phone number is 336-223-2573. Calls, cards and visits are always welcomed and you’ll regularly see Anna at church w well.

Donna Freeman spent a couple of days at Hospice Home to try and get her leg swelling under control. She is doing better and expects to return home in the near future.

Troy and Peggy Johnson are both doing better as well, although fatigue continues to be an issue for Troy. Harvey Sharpe will be having some more skin cancer surgery next Friday. Then, please keep in your on-going prayers: Louise Walters, Parkie King, Nancy Thomas, Shirley Perry, and Vera Reeder.

Tomorrow is Maundy Thursday and we will be joining with members of Life’s Journey UCC for a joint service at First Reformed UCC at 6:30 pm. The service will feature a joint choir and a celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

On Easter morning, April 1st, we will gather on the lawn outside the church office for our annual Sunrise Service beginning at 7:30 am. Please bring fresh flowers to decorate the cross at the end of the service. Following the service, the Deacons will host a breakfast in the Bray Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School this week, but at 10:30 am we will congregate in the sanctuary for our celebration of the Resurrection. In addition to a guest French Hornist, the service will include our monthly celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

On April 3rd plan to join us at 5:45 pm at Kimber’s Restaurant in Gibsonville for a great time of fun and fellowship. The Supper Club meets once a month (a pay-your-own-way event) at various local restaurants. If you can join us please call Eleanor Lovgren by Friday, March 30th by 8 pm to make your reservation. And note the 5:45 pm time so that we can take advantage of their “early bird” special.

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Looking a little further down the road... tickets will go on sale this week for our annual spaghetti supper on May 4th. See a deacon if you would like to purchase a ticket or two. They are \$9 a piece this year. Or if you would be willing to sell tickets, please speak with Mike Smith.

Our annual Hot Dog Lunch and Cake Auction will be held on April 22nd following worship. This is our fund raising effort for the American Cancer Society in support of Relay for Life. (You can see a picture of Mike in his Relay for Life tee-shirt following this article.) Plan to come with your checkbook that day for this fun event. Invite a friend as well. And if you can contribute a cake or other delectable treat, please do so. It is all for a very worthy cause.

This Sunday in worship we will be looking at 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 and Luke 24: 13-35. Hope to see you there.

Mark

