

03-14-18 Wednesday Musings

Well, it may be the middle of March, but with the recent snow, in many ways it still feels like winter. But perhaps that is what our journey through Lent is all about, going through difficult and sometimes even bleak spiritual times before we reach our joyous celebration of Easter. And between now and then there stands the cross – which will be a focus of our worship before we proclaim, “Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed!”

Progress on my shoulder is slow, but it is progress and I plan to be back leading worship this Sunday. Our service will focus on John 3:16-21 and John 11:45-53 – especially the seeds that were laid that eventually led to Jesus’ crucifixion. Then, as I mentioned last week our service next Sunday will focus on the “Seven Last Words of Christ” and will include a feast of special music. That service will open the door to a Holy Week in special services – but more on that next week.

Many of you have asked about Anna Gerow. Anna is presently in a hospital in Hickory and when I spoke with her yesterday, she sounded better. She values all of your prayers and concerns. However, for the present calls, cards and visits are on hold until her situation is clarified. Hopefully I will be able to provide and update on Sunday. But do continue to keep Anna in regular prayer.

In addition to Anna, please continue to keep in prayer: Shirley Perry, Troy Johnson, Mark Garrison, Nancey Simmons, Louise Walters, Parkie King, Nancy Thomas, Donna Freeman and I appreciate your prayers as well!

Hope to see you soon!

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