

Wednesday Musings November 21, 2018

Let me begin by wishing you a happy Thanksgiving. I hope that you have a wonderful celebration as we all count our many blessings! Also, because it is Thanksgiving, the church office will be closed. Looking down the road a bit, let me remind you that we'll be decorating the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas on Saturday December 1st. Work will begin at 9 am. Then, the following day, we will be celebrating a Moravian style Lovefeast on the first Sunday of Advent. It should be a fun as well as meaningful service. I hope you'll be able to join us.

On the prayer concern front, Sherry Massey is going into surgery even as I'm writing this. Sherry's back has given her significant trouble for some time. She had an operation to correct problems in her lower back on Monday and that procedure went very well. She is going back for another round of surgery, this time to correct issues with her upper back. She is in a hospital in Eden where she will remain until she transfers to a rehab center. A hospital is not where Sherry wanted to spend Thanksgiving, but still, she is thankful for this procedure that will finally bring her some relief. On that same note, Peggy Johnson has also been enduring significant back pain for a long time now. She will be having surgery this coming Monday at Duke. Benjie Terrell had another round of surgery on Monday. It went well and he is home, but is experiencing a fair amount of discomfort. Jamie Fonville's cousin recently passed away due to complications from COPD. Not only was he a close to Jamie and Carol but he also lived across the street from them. His funeral was yesterday afternoon. Finally, I mention in last week's Musings that Margot had traveled to Indiana to see her brother whose health had taken a serious turn for the worse. After being there Tuesday through Saturday, Margot returned home on Sunday and learned that Scott had passed away while she was driving. There was a sadness at his loss, but Scott had been in such bad health for so long, there is also a sense of comfort that he is now at peace. And as Margot observed, this past summer, Scott was able to "dance" at his daughter's wedding. It was a truly precious moment to remember. There will be a celebration of his life this coming January 19th. In addition to all of these concerns, please continue to keep in prayer the victims of the California wildfires as well as Nancy Thomas, Anna Gerow, Margaret Turner, Louise Walters and Donna Freeman.

This coming Sunday in worship we will be considering Jer. 33.14-16 and Luke 21.25-36. Hope to see you there.

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