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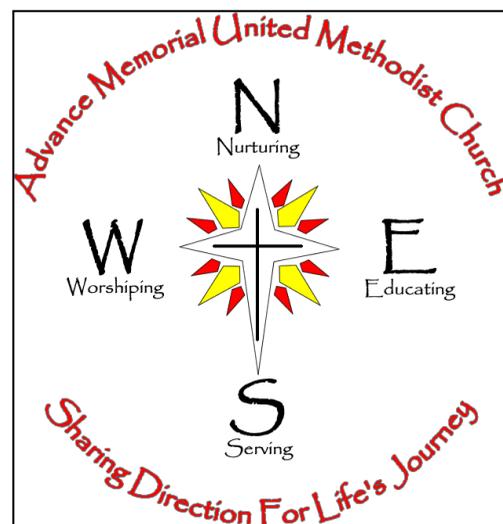
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THE MESSENGER

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August 2020

Hope, Common Sense and Civility

In one of the Lord of the Rings movies the heroes are tracking an enemy band that has taken hostage two of their friends. They come to the land of Rohan and bump into Eomer, a Captain of Rohan, who has watched his king fall under the delusion of a wicked counselor. Under the crafty lies of this advisor, the king has become a reclusive, depressed shell of a man, the royal family has been scattered or killed, the towns and villages of the land have been sacked and burned and faithful Eomer and his band of horse soldiers have been exiled. Eomer has lost faith for anything good in the future because of the unthinkable grief and chaos of his past and present. So, he gives the heroes the ability to go throughout the land searching for their friends who have probably been killed; but, he sends them out with this final phrase, "Do not trust to hope. It has forsaken these lands."

The utter resignation in those words is haunting. I hear slight variations of those

words come into my mind about a lot of things these days. A lot of people seem to have lost the ability to grasp simple common sense reasoning. So we have warning tags on hair dryers saying "Don't use under water." Even if you don't know anything about electricity it doesn't make much sense to try and dry your hair underwater. "Do not trust to common sense -It has forsaken these lands. I know, I know. I'm overstating things a bit, but...

Or, how about simple courtesy and common decency? People seem less able to express their views about anything without loading their remarks with rants, sarcasm, and attacking the character and value of others. Five minutes on social media and I find myself saying, "Do not trust to courtesy and civility -they have forsaken these lands." I'm sure if I shared the simple thoughts in this devotional on social media, someone would troll me or take pot shots at me for something.

Pastor Sean Shroll

Continued ...

Musical Notes



**10:45 Worship
Choir meets on
Thursdays
7:00 pm
(tentatively)**

I know many of you are stay-cationing and we hope you are enjoying the time but also pause a moment to reflect on the bounty of God's goodness and His many blessings bestowed on us as a people and a nation. We offer great opportunities at Advance for you to share your music via video performance, so sing out if you are willing to share some special music – both singing and instrumentals are welcome! We offer this reminder if you miss those stirring anthems at weekly worship!

I know many of you are missing our regular choir ministry offerings for Sunday worship services and we are exploring alternative options for special music ministry at Advance during this time! We are planning to put together music specials with duets, small groups and especially solo instrumentals for coming weeks. Choir

ministry may be more challenging at this time due to the real risks as we've all read and seen on the news where choirs have encountered serious and extensive outbreaks for the virus with devastating effects to the members of those ministries. Our choir members are precious to us and the increased risk for singing has made this a more challenging ministry to re-open in the usually form until we can work out how to observe social distancing guidelines and still make a joyful noise as a choir. It is a work in progress and we hope to make some opportunities for that moving forward for our dedicated choir members to share!

A thank you to all those who have contributed your talents. We have not lacked for beautiful music with instrumentals, solos, and great singing at every service, so no matter the circumstances, Advance music ministries are always prepared to share our faith through song.

Together, we continue to lift our voices to praise the Lord! See FaceBook or website links to join us in worship!

Mary Beth Cordle



Handbells Notes

Part of our "new normal" has been having the bells continue playing on their traditional third Sunday throughout the summer. Since we were unable to play at all in March and April, it has been a real blessing to be able to resume our 3rd Sunday tradition. It looks a little different with social distancing and masking and smaller groups, but the sound of the bells and the dedication of this group of ringers haven't changed a bit.

I especially enjoyed the patriotic selections the bell choir shared in July which were enhanced by Pastor Sean's call to prayer for the seven pillars of our community that include the church, government, family, education, business, the military and the media. May we continue to lift these pillars in prayer.

Blessings!

Diana Williams



Attendance & Offerings

July	S.S.	Oakmont 10:45	6:00 pm FLC Service	6:00 pm Traditional Service	Offerings
	5	27	12		\$3,583.00
	12	30	17		\$4,255.00
	19	28	9		\$3,645.00
	28				\$3,820.00
Average		29	13		\$3,825.75

Building Fund Donations: July \$2,240.00

If you would like to make a donation to the general fund or the building fund (FLC center) you can mail in a check, stop by the church office or use your pay pal.

Pastor Sean Shroll

But I never find myself saying, “Do not trust to hope. It has forsaken these lands.” Unlike Eomer, my hope has never been in an earthly king or a set of circumstances. And, unlike common sense or civility, my trust in hope is not dependent upon the actions and behaviors of the people and culture around us. “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” My hope is built upon the actions of a loving God who loved us and sacrificed for us while we were yet sinners. As the River Valley Worship song declares, “Hope has a name, His name is Jesus.” So in natural catastrophes and pandemics, in riots and protests, in cultural divides and political shenanigans, in social media rants and societal difficulties, I will still trust to HOPE. I will trust to Hope because He has not forsaken His followers and He never will.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 - ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Pastor Sean Shroll

Gift Certificates

We sell Gift Certificates:

Food Fair	Bob Evans
Cheddars	Chick-Fil-A
Giovanni's	Moe's
O'Charley's,	Penn Station
Texas Roadhouse	Subway

The Proceeds go to the Building Fund. To purchase gift certificates, please see Ninette Amis, Melisa Thompson, or Kristin Adkins. We have plenty of certificates on hand!

Kroger's Plus Card

Many of our church members are Kroger's Plus Card members. This service is free, and customer's receive discounts on fuel, as well as online coupons.

Our Church Organization is registered with Kroger's. Anytime a registered church member shops with Kroger's, our church can receive a portion of the sales, which goes to the church Building Fund.

If you have a Kroger's Plus Card you can go into the customer rewards on the Kroger's website and select Advance.

This service will not cost you a penny!

Children's Corner

Jacob Wrestles with God

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. Genesis 32:24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Genesis 32:22-31



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D J R R O S F O S M E L L O G
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E D H S Q K Y F E J X F D O N
A V I D S V A A I S O E G D F
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NIGHT	HIP	FACE	LIMPING	STREAM
WRESTLE	BLESS	JACOB	STRUGGLE	WIVES
SONS	LIFE	DAYBREAK	SERVANTS	NAME

Health Ministries:

Traditionally, August brings plans for back-to-school and fall schedules. But, 2020 has been a year like no other as we continue to battle COVID 19 and adjust to a new normal. Despite COVID 19, the first Sunday in August is celebrated as National Friendship Day. Originally founded by Hallmark in 1919, National Friendship Day encourages people across the country and world to connect with friends.

Friendships come in many forms, and we begin developing them when we're very young. Throughout our lives, friendships and their meanings evolve. Our classmates and neighborhood pals explored the world with us. Together we shared experiences and made plans for the future. Eventually, paths diverge and new friends find a place in our social experience. Our world expands and our culture changes. With each new friend, we expand our view of the world. Their experiences contribute to new meaning in our lives. Through friendships, we grow and broaden our horizons. Eventually, the world becomes smaller and more connected.

Even with the precautions imposed by COVID 19 such as social distancing, we can still celebrate National Friendship Day in the following ways:

- Get in contact with your friends for a chat or a virtual visit.
- Share a memory with old friends to spark a fun conversation.
- Tell your friends how much you appreciate them.
- Challenge your circle of friends to share an experience they think none of your other friends have had. You'll discover new things about your friends and find out just how unique each of them is.
- Mail a card to your friend. (It was the original goal of the day.)
- Post on social media using #NationalFriendshipDay to encourage others to connect with each other.

Finally, as we celebrate National Friendship Day, don't forget to get in touch with Jesus, our best friend. That will never change. In the words of the hymn writer, Joseph M. Scriven:

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged.
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Diana Williams

Scholarship

The **Scholarship Committee** are accepting applications for the Advance Memorial United Methodist Church Scholarship. We want all to know about this church initiative and support the scholarship with your prayers, gifts, and communicating this initiative to possible applicants. Scholarships will be offered to those students attending college, technical, or trade schools. The applicant, parents, must be members of the church or of the constituency of the church. The applications are due by **Monday, August 3rd.**

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the scholarship program, you can use pay pal, check, or stop by the church office for more information.

Thank you! Kay Smith



OH MY!!! what a day Wednesday was. It was my birthday again (39) and I went to church to help with the feeding program and everyone there had me a PARTY. So many smiling eyes behind their masks. We had cupcakes with little Happy Birthday rings on them & I wore mine all day, and cups of ice cream and a gift bag full of goodies. I just want to say THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH from the bottom of my heart and I thank God everyday for giving me such a loving and wonderful church family. Again I say Thank You and may GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS....

Martha Osborne

Upcoming Events

It's a Boy!



Baby Shower for Tyler & Ashley (Sennett) Parsley on **Saturday, October 3rd** from **1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**. Ashley is the daughter of Scott & Patty Sennett. They are registered at Target & Amazon.

Life Line Screening

Do you have high cholesterol, high blood pressure, members of your family suffered from these ailments, have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life-Line Screening. Life-Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. **Life Line Screening event Monday August 24th 2020 at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979**

Dear United Methodist Women,
Thank you all so much for my graduate gift!
Jared Goodman

Drama

Advance Drama Ministry Featured Skits

I have good news! Drama Ministry is alive and well during COVID-19 quarantine and safe distancing! Our Advance thespians continue to ACT UP in a socially responsible and safe mode of worship blessing us with offerings by several of our skilled Advance actors during this challenging time. A big thank you to all our actors and others who continue to contribute so much to our services through drama ministry.

June's featured skit was a great example of using our current restrictions to work out a really innovative presentation for "Salesman of the Year," an Advance puppet ministry skit via Zoom meeting to help us celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Say you want to "sell" someone on becoming a Christian... ask yourself why do most people buy a product? Read Acts 2:41 and ask that question again. If you ever wondered who was the greatest salesman of all time, Peter might have fulfilled that role on the Day of Pentecost. I hope you had as much fun as our puppeteers with this great sketch.

Drama Mama,
Mary Beth Cordle



Coming Attractions:

Be on the lookout early this month for a real treat! You do not want to miss this powerful offering!

DRAMA MINISTRY What's my motivation?

DRAMA MINISTRY – What's my motivation?

All you drama folks who like to act UP! We are calling your name! Drama Ministry is a perfect way to share your faith during this time of COVID-19 with featured small group skits, monologues and social distancing via video features from your home either solo as a family. If you are interested, please contact me, Pastor Sean or Brian Gross. We have great materials that you can use and we can help make arrangements to film and broadcast as part of our worship services or other events happening at Advance. We can prepare your offerings using both remote access and alternative arrangements but you may even have better ideas of ways to share your faith in this unique ministry! And here is a new twist: If you ever feared performing LIVE, now is your chance to share your faith one-on-one without even leaving your comfort zone! Advance Memorial UMC is blessed with thought-provoking drama presented by our ministry team in worship! Keep watching the website and newsletters for some special opportunities to ACT UP using drama during this time!

Don't be these people – they are clearly not social distancing! But they are ACTING UP!

Drama Mama,

Mary Beth Cordle



Schedules & Meetings

Van Drivers Schedule for August

August	Driver's Name	Home Phone
2	Bobby Crager	836-6069
9	Mickey Williams	836-2645
16	Bobby Crager	836-6069
23	Mickey Williams	836-2645
30	Bobby Crager	836-6069

Trustees will meet Saturday, August 1st at 10:00 am (this is a zoom meeting)! Members are: Terry Frazier, Thomas Frye, Dale Wyant, Nannette Stevens, John Hardy, Linda Wyant, Don Harvey, Mike Carter, Paul Underwood, Linda Thompson, Charlotte Dowling, Martha Osborne, Bill Tindall, & Pastor Sean Shroll.

- Susannah Circle will not meet in August.
- Methodist Men will not meet in August
- Methodist Women will not meet in August.

Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm (this will be a Zoom meeting). Members are: Sam Atkins, Nick Cloyes, Ron Andrews, Jane Thomas, Carol Highstone, Kathy Clayton, David Thomas, Anita Elliott, Kay Smith, Brittany Hoback, Joyce Smith, Johanna Meyer, Carrie Fraley, Ruth Ann Highley, Allan & Melisa Thompson, Debby Atkins, James Lyon, Kristin Adkins, Mike Carter, Carol Stevens, Don Young, Ron Zastwaniak, Mike Dowling and Pastor Sean Shroll.

Fellowship Nurture and Outreach will meet Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 pm (this will be a Zoom meeting). Members are: Sam & Christy Atkins, Peggy Carter, Kristin Adkins, Kathy Clayton, Shirley Cloyes, Betsy Douglas, Irene Fisher, Cora Frailie, Becky Harvey, Carol Highstone, Irwina Kiger, Bob & Annie Miller, Kay Miracle, Tom & Lorna Saylor, Scott & Patty Sennett, John & Edie Shroll, David Thomas, and Pastor Sean Shroll.



August 2020

Services can be viewed on [Facebook](#) or [advancechurch.net](#)
Church Meetings are on Zoom

August Birthdays

August Anniversaries

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

- 2 Faye Hudnall
- 2 Stevie Dale May
- 3 Austyn Thompson
- 3 Brian Gross
- 3 Margaret Pettrey
- 4 Anita Elliott
- 6 Mark Crawford
- 7 Margaret King
- 8 Kori Back Rivers
- 8 Lorna Saylor
- 9 Peggy Carter
- 9 Eric Conley
- 9 Tim Walton
- 11 Patty Sennett
- 15 Crystal Hudnall
- 19 Jane Thomas
- 21 James McConnell
- 22 Shirley George
- 25 Rocky Lane
- 26 Peter Frailie
- 30 Elizabeth Smith
- 31 Krisi Back Gipson
- 31 Donna Davis

- 7 Mike & Linda Thompson
- 11 Allan & Melisa Thompson
- 11 David & Donna Davis

							Trustees 10:00 am (Zoom meeting)	1
Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	2	3	4	Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	5	6	7	8
Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	9	10	11 <i>Fellowship, Nurture & Outreach Committee 7:00 pm (Zoom meeting)</i>	Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	12	13	14	15
Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	16	17	18 <i>Administrative Board 7:00 pm (Zoom meeting)</i>	Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	23	24	25	Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	26	27	28	29
Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	30	31						

