



# Advance Memorial United Methodist Church

## *THE MESSENGER*

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### From The Pastor

#### Guess Who Came to My House?

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Matthew 26:6-7 - <sup>6</sup>Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,<sup>7</sup> a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

In this crazy time of social distancing and being largely cooped up at home for the past year, it struck me how many of the stories we have about Jesus in Scripture took place in someone's house. The story above took place in Simon the leper's house. Jesus went to Peter's home and healed his mother-in-law. He went to Zaccheus' house. He went to Matthew the tax collector's house. He brought Jairus'

daughter back to life in their house. He went to the house of a Pharisee. The paralytic was lowered through the roof of someone's house to be healed. And we have a couple of important stories that took place in the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. And the list goes on.

Apparently, Jesus has always done some of his best work in the houses of people who have welcomed Him in. So, as we spend this time somewhat isolated from each other, let us remember that we are not at all isolated from Him. In fact, He may have some of His best work planned for just such a time as this. Pray regularly, have family devotions, blast your worship music and dance with your spouse and or children. Make a point of inviting Jesus

regularly into whatever you are doing at home. And let's invite Him in with expectant hearts.

Then, as He shows up in powerful ways over these days, weeks, etc., let's spread the word of what He is doing in us. We have these stories in Scripture because those who were there shared them. Two thousand years later, you and I are still learning and blessed by what happened in the front rooms of normal people who invited Jesus in and then shared the things that He did. Call someone, text someone, go Live on Facebook – let's worship God with our witness!

*Pastor Sean Shrall*

## Sunday Worship Services



*Sunday Worship Services* are **11:00 am** in the *Sanctuary* and **6:00 pm** in the *Family Life Center (Gym)*. We are asking people to: sit with members of your household, and practice the social distancing.

We also need *volunteers* to help us run the technology

equipment. If you are interested in learning to run any technology devices please contact the church office.

We could offer more morning services if we had more volunteers willing to be trained on technology.

In the event we need more seating in the Sanctuary, we do have seating available in the Laura Ward Sunday School Classroom, across the hallway from the Sanctuary.

*Pastor Sean Shrall*

## Upcoming Events

**Methodist Women** will meet **Tuesday, July 20th at 1:00 pm** in the Fellowship hall (basement). *Remember to fill out your lunch order form for the August meeting for The Jockey Club Restaurant!*

**Administrative Board** will meet **Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 pm**. (Zoom meeting)

**Adult Bible Study:** meets **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm** on the Church Website (advance church.net) & Facebook.

**Discipleship Group:** meets **Thursdays, at 7:00 pm** in the FLC (Gym).

**Children's Ministry:** packets for the children, ages 5-5th grade. You can pick up **packets every Friday**.

**Oakmont** Mondays at 3:15 pm. Singing at 2:45 pm.

**Youth Group:** meets **Wednesdays at 6:30 pm!**

**\*Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group

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## Psalms 2 (KJV)

1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak unto them

in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou

shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.



## Rummage Sale

We are having a church wide rummage sale **Friday, October 8th** and **Saturday, October 9th** from **8:00 am to 3:00 pm!** (Please notice that the date has changed!) The rummage sale will take place at the home of Martha Osborne on Napier Street.

**We need your help!!!** If you would like to donate items or volunteer to set up for the Rummage Sale, please contact Martha Osborne at 606-836-3712!

The money we raise from the rummage sale will go to the church building fund!

Thank you

*Martha Osborne*



## Upcoming Events

**Summer Lunch Program**  
We are serving lunch (takeout only) **Monday through Friday, until July 30th!** If you would like to Volunteer for the Summer Lunch Program, please contact: Bill Thompson, Jacob Atkins or the Church Office at 606-836-5634!



Fellowship Nurture & Outreach committee are planning a **Community Block Party!** Please pray for this event and sign up to help!

We need people to: Advertise, Overall Leader, Information Booth, Hospitality, Parking Attendants, First Aid, Set Up/Tear Down, Drama Team, Music, Games, Face Painting, Crafts for Children/Adults, Water, Food, etc...

The Trustees will sponsor a **Fish Fry, Car & Old Time Equipment Show** on **Friday, July 30th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

**Fish Fry Price:** Adults: \$8.00; Children 12 & Under: \$4.50

**Entry Fee (For Car Show)** \$5.00

**Menu:** Fish or Chicken, Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Rolls, Dessert, Drink



## The Power Of Choice

The Lord hath anointed me . . . to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. —Isaiah 61:1

Viktor Frankl in his book, "Man's Search for Meaning," describes the reactions of two brothers with the same heredity, the same environment, in the same concentration camp

under the Nazis. One became a saint and the other a swine. Frankl tells us the reason why. He said, "Each man has within him the power to choose how he will react to any given situation." God has given us the power of choice. Some people today do not wish to accept the responsibility for their actions. They blame society. They blame the

schools. They blame the circumstances. But Adam sinned in a perfect environment under perfect circumstances. We can't blame it all on somebody else. We must accept the blame ourselves for our part. Society is made up of individuals. If we have social injustice, we're the ones who are wrong; we're part of it. Let's

accept our responsibility to do something about it.

### Prayer for the day

With Your help, living Lord, I want to make the right decisions so that I may touch society with Your healing love.

*from the Billy Graham Evangelist Association Daily Devotion*

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## An Unspoken Bible

His name is Bill. He has wild hair, wears a T-shirt with holes in it, jeans and no shoes. This was literally his wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He is brilliant, kind of esoteric, but very, very bright. He had become a Christian recently while attending college.

Across the street from the campus was a well-dressed, very conservative church. One day, Bill decided to go there. He walked in with his hair wild, wearing no shoes, jeans and a T-shirt. The service had already begun, so Bill started down the aisle, looking for a seat.

The church was completely packed, and he could not find a seat. By this time, people were looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one said anything. Bill got closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realized there were no seats, he just squatted down and sat on the car-

pet. Although this was perfectly acceptable behavior at a college fellowship, trust me, this had never happened in this church before!

By now, people were really uptight and the tension in the air was thick. At about this time, the minister realized that, from way at the back of the church, an elder was slowly making his way toward Bill. Now, the elder was in his 80's, had silver-gray hair and was wearing a 3-piece suit. A Godly man – very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walked with a cane, and as he started walking toward this young man, everyone was saying to themselves that they could not blame him for what he was about to do. How could they expect a man of his age and background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It took a long time for the elder to reach Bill. The church was utterly

silent, except for the clicking of the elder's cane. All eyes were focused on him. You could not even hear anyone breathing. The minister could not preach the sermon until the elder had done what he had to do.

And then they saw this elderly man drop his cane to the floor. With great difficulty, he lowered himself and sat down next to Bill and worshiped with him so he would not be alone.

Everyone choked up with emotion. When the minister regained control, he said, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget. Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read."

*From: Christian Inspiring Stories, Stories with a Christian Message*

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