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THE MESSENGER

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March 2021

Morning and Evening Praise

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord , to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
2. to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
3. to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
4. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Psalms 92:1-4 NRSV

Anyone who knows me well knows that I am not a morning person. If I see 4:00 am or 5:00 am it is much more likely that I haven't been to bed yet than that I am waking up to start the day (unless there is a fishing trip involved). So my initial thoughts on this psalm run like this… I am totally on board with praising God with the lute, harp, and the lyre while the sun is going down and deep into the night. But if you want me to jump out of bed and straight into praise I am probably going to need a few cups of coffee.

Then I took a moment to dig into what the psalmist is saying here. It is helpful to know that in the Jewish way of thinking, as I have been instructed, the new day begins at sunset, not sunrise

Pastor Sean Shroll

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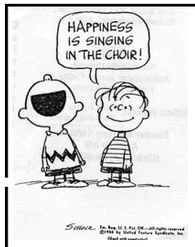
Musical Notes



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS
Lent and Easter meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Our journey during Lent takes us down the road to Calvary and the cross of Christ… but it is not the end of the story! Sunday's comin'! And we are hopefully moving toward some semblance of returning to a more traditional worship setting in meeting together as the body of Christ LIVE and in person!

In preparation, I have some ideas to get us gearing up and at least re-start the fellowship for our faithful worship choir ministry. I want to host some online rehearsal times to help get your voices and spirits in tune and ready to sing! I don't know how that will look but it's a work in progress! I will get books to you for the rehearsals so be ready to worship!

We are still masking and social distancing for now so it's not going to be singing in the choir loft as in the past, at least not yet! But we want to get prepared and keep our lamps trimmed and burning, so to speak! I hope all of you are staying safe and following the best guidances for yourself and your loved ones. It's our responsibility to lead the way on this to keep everyone, especially our most vulnerable! Many of our choir members qualify for that so let's keep the faith and be diligent!

Lastly, we are planning some music and drama pairings in coming weeks for our Lent and Easter Season, including our always special Holy Week services. If you would be willing to provide some musical support for these, either in the form of musical solos, duets or other ideas such as interpretive movement to a music piece, or some other unique format for a song selection, please let us know. We are happy to work with your suggestions or ideas and look forward to finding new ways to share our faith in song!

I Will Sing of My Redeemer! Grace and Peace!

Mary Beth Cordle

Handbells Notes

Our intentions were good, but circumstances created by ice and snow prevented us from observing our usual Handbell Sunday in February. So we look forward to March 21st and another opportunity to ring our praise. Every time we ring we are ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20, KJV). The Lord has given us the glorious sound of bells and we love sharing it with others.

Since the first of the year, I have been sharing some prayers for handbell ringers by Linda Stahelin. Below is a portion of her prayer, Lenten Journey. As we continue our journey to Easter, may we meditate on these words:

May our hands hold our bells with such skill and sensitivity that our
Ringing becomes a call to prayer and an invitation to the journey.

May our eyes read our music with such insight and understanding that our
Bells proclaim your glory to our traveling companions.

May our ears be so attuned to our harmonies and each other
That every bell resonates with Your summons to follow You.

We pray that your angels accompany us and remain with us throughout our Lenten journey,
Keeping us in courage and awareness of every sacred moment and holy place along the way.

May we be spiritually ready and musically prepared to welcome the Risen Lord.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Happy Ringing! *Diana Williams*

Attendance & Offerings

February	11:00 am	6:00 pm FLC Service	Offerings
7	21	15	$5,311.19
14	11	12	$2,875.00
21	32	11	$2,875.00
28	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average	***21***	***12***	***$3,687.06***

Building Fund Donations:

February $2,385.00

Morning And Evening Praise *continued....*

According to the scholars, each day was viewed in light of the creation account. In Genesis, the story begins in darkness with God already at work. Then He brings forth light and land and stars and animals and pretty much all of creation before He brings us on the scene. So when Adam and Eve were created, they received life and immediately joined in the dance of creation that God began in the dark before them.

When the psalmist speaks of praising God for His faithfulness at night, he is celebrating the fact that God is already at work preparing the day for us while we are asleep in our beds. While we are unconscious, He is busy. He has caringly watched over us to protect us. And He has been setting things in motion for us to experience when we wake up well-rested. So we praise Him for His faithfulness at night -continuing to keep the world revolving and even weaving together the part we will play in it all.

We also praise Him in the morning because He has seen fit to breathe into us the opportunity for another day of life. A day filled with promise and potential because He has been faithfully working through the watches of the night. A day that He did not have to bless us with and yet He has!

So break out the instruments (and the coffee) and praise God for the chance to live another day with all the wonder He has prepared in it. Praise Him because His works show love and creativity and faithfulness! Then at night, lay your head on your pillow knowing that while you sleep God is up to good things. He is preparing our world for what we will do with the next breath He gives us. Morning person or not, I can gladly celebrate and praise Him for all of that!

Pastor Sean Shroll

Methodist Women

The **Advance United Methodist Women** want to include our whole church in this project. We are collecting the items below to donate to ***Child Protective Services in Greenup***. We are doing this project with the United Methodist Churches in Greenup, Sunshine and Louisa as a pilot and hope to have it grow to the whole Kentucky East District. If you would like to donate to this just drop your items at the church office. We will continue this through the year but we would like to get some donated items to CPS soon.

- Toiletry size bag
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)
- Underwear (new-any size)
- Socks (new-any size)
- Juice Boxes/Capri Sun
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Hair Brushes/Combs
- Blankets
- Small Stuffed Animals
- Gift Cards to area Fast Food Restaurants

Thank you for your loving contributions.

Kay Smith
(for more information 606-836-4347)

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!

Health Ministries:

God's richest blessings on your Lenten journey! March is recognized as National Nutrition Month. *"Personalize Your Plate"* is the theme for 2021. Foods that we grow up eating are often influenced by our family's history and culture. Fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods and dairy come in all sizes, shapes and colors. Personalize your plate by including foods that you prefer from each food group. A healthful eating style can be a unique as you and including a variety of foods can help you get all of the nutrients that are needed for good health. Here are some tips to get you started:

- Fill half your plate with fruits and veggies. Get creative with produce by trying a variety of colors and textures.
- Experiment with different grains. Try substituting whole grains for refined grains in recipes.
- Choose lean protein foods. Vary your choices to include seafood, beans, peas and lentils, as well as eggs, lean cuts of meat and poultry that are prepared in a healthful way, such as baked or grilled instead of fried.
- Complete your meal with dairy. Include low-fat or fat-free options like mile, yogurt, cheese or calcium-fortified soymilk

God has graciously provided food to nourish our bodies, invites us to share our food with both fellow Christians and strangers, and offers Himself as the ultimate food. May the Lord bless our eating and strengthen our bodies, minds and spirits for His service and the good of others. Happy Eating!

Diana Williams

Community Block Party

The Fellowship Nurture and Outreach committee are planning a **Community Block Party** for this spring. As soon as the restrictions are released. We would like to have a spectacular event, with games, food, fun, and fellowship. This will be an event for not only church members, but the entire community. To do this, we need your help!

We need people to assists with:

- Overall Leader
- Communication/Advertising
- Information Booth
- Hospitality
- Parking Attendants
- First Aid
- Set Up
- Drama Team
- Music
- Games
- Face Painting
- Crafts for Child
- Crafts for Adults
- Water
- Food
- Tear Down

Please pray for this event and sign up to help!

Thank you,

Drama Ministry

DRAMA MINISTRY

Featured skits

Calling all drama folks who like to act UP in church! Advance Memorial UMC is blessed with thought-provoking drama presented by our ministry team in worship! Please contact Mary Beth Cordle for more information. During this season, we are working on some monologue and musical pairings for the days of Lent and special days of Holy Week! You can also contact the church office or Pastor Sean if you are willing to participate in one of these skits.

Drama Mama

Mary Beth Cordle

LENT AND EASTER DRAMA
I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

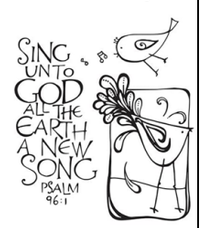
Drama and music go hand in hand during Lent and Holy Week and many churches go all out this time of year with Passion Plays and drama highlighting the events depicting the suffering of Christ and His glory! This year, with the challenges of COVID-19, we look to offer new means for an intensely worshipful and personal experience. We are currently planning a collection of monologues that recreate the history of Holy Week and also apply the truths of history to modern day and particularly today's circumstances. What makes this series unique and gives the flavor of a Passion Play, is incorporating musical elements in the forms of traditional and contemporary hymns and other specials that work "in duet" to complement each dramatic moment.

If you are interested in participating in either the drama or musical aspect or both, please contact Mary Beth Cordle, Pastor Sean or the church office. If you have a special music piece, we can likely adapt the materials to use your selection or perhaps even suggest something appropriate if you need an idea.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to your being a part of the story of Christ, our Redeemer!

Join the chorus!

Drama Mama,
Mary Beth Cordle



Schedules & Meetings

Van Drivers Schedule for February

March	Driver's Name	Home Phone
7	Bobby Crager	836-6069
14	Mickey Williams	836-2645
21	Bobby Crager	836-6069
28	Mickey Williams	836-2645

Trustees ***will meet Saturday, March 6th, 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 ***March!***
- **Methodist Men** will not meet in ***March!***
- **Methodist Women** will not meet in ***March!***

Administrative Board will meet ***Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. (This is a Zoom Meeting!)*** Members are: Sam Atkins, Nick Cloyes, Ron Andrews, Jane Thomas, Kathy Clayton, David Thomas, Anita Elliott, Kay Smith, Brittnany Hoback, Joyce Smith, Johanna Meyer, Carrie Fraley, Ruth Ann Highley, Allan & Melisa Thompson, Debby Atkins, James Lyon, Mary Beth Cordle, Diana Williams, John Mings, Brian Gross, Christy Lemaster, Kristin Adkins, Mike Carter, Carol Stevens, Don Young, Ron Zastwaniak, Marc Berry, Mike Dowling, Jenny Frazier, Patty Sennett, Peggy Carter, Bill Tindall and Pastor Sean Shroll.

Fellowship Nurture and Outreach will meet ***Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm. (This is 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.

March Birthdays

1 Nancy Floyd
3 Christy Atkins
3 Shirley Cloyes
4 Linda Clark
6 Alyssa Roark
11 Luke Thomas
13 Daniel Young
15 Matt Smith
16 Carrie Evans Flammia
17 Matthew Crawford
25 Pam Andrews
26 Thomas Frye
28 Nicole Abbott Key
31 Amy Waggener
31 Nathan May

March Anniversaries

10 Bill & Missy Young
10 Ron & Debbie Lemaster
17 Nick & Shirley Cloyes
21 Tony & Nancy Floyd
28 Joe & Marsha Dillow

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	4 Discipleship Group 7:00 pm	5	6 ***Trustees 10:00 am (Zoom meeting)***
7 Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	8	9 ***Fellowship, Nurture & Outreach Committee 7:00 pm (Zoom meeting)***	10 Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	11 Discipleship Group 7:00 pm	12	13
14 ***Building Fund*** Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	15	16 ***Administrative Board 7:00 pm (Zoom meeting)***	17 Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	18 Discipleship Group 7:00 pm	19	20
21 ***Faith Promise Handbell Sunday*** Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	22	23	24 Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	25 Discipleship Group 7:00 pm	26	27
28 Traditional Service 11:00 am Evening Service 6:00 pm	29	30	31 Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm			