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THE MESSENGER

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Titus 3:1-2

1. Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,
2. to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

Paul has left Titus in Crete to organize the growing churches there and provide for their leadership. Here toward the end of his letter he is laying out several nuggets of advice for Titus to keep reminding the people about. And toward the end of the list is a call to remind them to “always be gentle toward everyone.” Ours is not a particularly gentle society is it? Watch virtually any news show or comment board on social media and things turn snarky quickly. We seem to value sarcasm and cutting wit; but not gentleness.

Gentleness is not being weak. Gentleness, in Scripture seems to be a fruitful combination of proper humility and unconditional love. In the verses that

follow this advice in the let, Paul reminds Titus that whatever value we as followers of Christ have, we have received freely from God. We were rebellious. We were sinful. We deserved harsh judgment. But God, in His great mercy and love, was gentle toward us in Christ Jesus. We, who are completely unworthy, have been cleaned up, fixed up, and raised up in Him.

When we understand what our lives would be like had God chosen to give us the wrath we deserved instead of the mercy He kindly offered us—then we see the strength of being gentle. There is a day coming when God will come as judge and consequences for those who have continue to deny Him will not be gentle. But as long as He is greatly offering grace and mercy we should do our best to follow His lead. We love and value others because God loves and values them. And we treat them gently regardless of their behavior toward us because we have been treated gently when we didn't deserve it.

Musical Notes



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS Easter to Pentecost

As we continue to observe mandated guidelines for masking and social distancing for now, we are not yet singing in the choir loft but things are looking UP as we move toward re-opening more of the traditional ministries at Advance Memorial UMC with the return to our sanctuary services and transitioning to a more familiar setting for traditional worship. I don't know about you but whatever the format, even online worship at Advance has been a real blessing for me. There was something intimate and special about the solitude, quietness and time for introspection while still experiencing and feeling the love of my church family and friends through Facebook, Zoom meetings or masked and "socially" distant... maybe a more intentional and less casual time to commune with each other and the Holy Spirit. For me personally, it also opened UP being able to connect with some members and friends I seldom see or who exit prior to the postlude.

We continue to be diligent to staying safe and following the best guidance for yourself and your loved ones. We as Christians need to lead the way to protect everyone, especially our most vulnerable! Many of our choir members qualify for that so let's keep UP the good work doing the best we can!

It's PENTECOST! This part of our journey began on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost Sunday on May 23, 2021. Also known as White Sunday or Whitsunday (mostly English), the term Pentecost refers to both the day and the season and comes from the Greek word meaning "fiftieth". It refers to the fifty days after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast. as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31), traditionally a feast of first fruits. Some common symbols of Pentecost include "a mighty rushing wind" and "tongues of fire" referring to the Holy Spirit. In Christian tradition, the event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

The main visible sign of Pentecost used in the sanctuary is the color red, symbolizing joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols frequently used in the sanctuary to depict the Holy Spirit include the dove or flames, and singing Pentecost hymns such as Charles Wesley's "Spirit of Faith, Come Down." Here at Advance, we often sing the favorite choruses "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" and "Surely the Presence." The first Sunday after the season of Pentecost is also known as Trinity Sunday celebrating the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Mary Beth Cordle

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Handbells Notes

What a blessing it was to have our tables side by side again and be back in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday! Even with about half of our choir away for spring break, those of us that were here rang our praise and celebrated our Risen Savior. My grandfather used to say if you can make it through the month of February, you've got it made. Well, we made it through February, March, and this past challenging year and emerged victorious on Easter Sunday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of Circle 5 at Mead United Methodist Church for their faithful support of our handbell choir. Even though they have had to forego in-person meetings this past year, they have remained faithful to the ministries they support and that includes our handbell ministry. I pray we will be able to go play for them at their church before this year is over.

Handbell Sunday is May 16th and we look forward to participating in morning worship on that Sunday. As we see all of the flowers of spring bursting into bloom and the earth greening before our very eyes, I am reminded of these words of King Solomon in his Song of Songs:

*For now the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time for singing (or, in our case
"ringing") has come.*

Song of Songs 2:11-12

Diana Williams



April	Sunday School	9:30 am Easter Sunday	11:00 am	6:00 pm FLC Service	Offerings	Attendance & Offerings
4		53	76	**	\$7,979.00	
11			65	15	\$5,552.00	Building Fund Donations:
18			60	16	\$2,442.00	
25	20		76	15	\$5,705.00	April \$4,780.00
Average	20	53	69	15	\$5,419.50	

Upcoming Events

Church Wide Rummage Sale

Martha Osborne is having the annual church wide rummage sale **Friday, May 7th** and **Saturday, May 8th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm!** The rummage sale will take place at her home **1412 Napier Street.**

If you would like to help on the day of the Rummage Sale, please call Martha! The money we raise from the rummage sale will go to the church building fund!

Thank you,

Martha Osborne



Fish Fry

Friday, May 14th 2021

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

The Trustees will have a Fish Fry on **Friday, May 14th** from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** Adults are \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$4.50! Please watch your newsletters for further information!



On Mother's Day, May 9th, the United Methodist Women are recognizing babies born in the past year to families of our church. These babies are children or grandchildren of people at Advance.

Please turn in the following information to Kristin in the church office by **Wednesday, May 5th:**

- Name of Baby
- Birth-date of Baby
- Names of Parents
- Name of Grand-parents.
- Please include a photo of your Baby



Thank you,

Kay Smith



High School & College Graduation Recognition:

On Sunday, May 23rd the United Methodist Women are recognizing High School Graduates and College Graduates. If you have a student graduating from high school or college please contact the church office with the following information to Kristin in the church office by **Wednesday, May 19th:** name of student; name of school: Names of parents, grandparents,

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 assist 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,

Pastor Sean Shrall

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:

Last weekend one of my teacher friends commented there are only 24 more days left in this school year (even less now)! In addition to the end of an especially challenging school year, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, we also celebrate National Stroke Awareness Month in May. Stroke is the 5th leading cause of death in the United States and the leading cause of serious long-term disability. The good news is that about 80% of strokes are preventable.

A stroke, sometimes called a "brain attack" happens in one of two ways:

- **Ischemic Stroke:** when the blood supply to the brain is blocked
- **Hemorrhagic Stroke:** when a blood vessel in the brain bursts

Anyone, including children, can have a stroke at any time. Every year about 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke and about one in four of those strokes are recurrent strokes. Having one stroke means you have a greater risk of having another (or recurrent) stroke.

An easy way to remember the most common signs of stroke and how to respond is the acronym F.A.S.T.:

- **F = Face drooping:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side droop?
- **A = Arm weakness:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **S = Speech difficulty:** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred?

- **T = Time to call 9-1-1: If the person shows any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.** Stroke treatment can begin in the ambulance.

Other common signs of stroke are:

- Sudden dizziness, trouble walking, or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause
- Sudden numbness of the face, arm, or leg
- Sudden confusion or trouble understanding others

If you think that you or someone you know is having a stroke, call 9-1-1 immediately. Stroke is a medical emergency and stroke treatment and outcomes depend on how fast you get to the hospital and the type of stroke the person had.

Source: CDC, 2021

Proverbs 2:6 tells us *"the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."* In verse 10, the writer of Proverbs continues: *"For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you and understanding will guard you,"* (NIV). May that understanding help you to act "FAST" if you or your loved ones are experiencing symptoms of stroke.

Diana Williams

Musical Notes *continued...*

As we contemplate and consider God's plans and direction for Advance Memorial UMC in coming weeks, we pray for openness to change and new ideas that can take us in new directions to places we never even dreamed before. Let the Holy Spirit fill and lead us!

Pentecost

Jesus said, "When the Counselor comes Sent to you from the Father The Spirit of truth He will testify about Me And you also must testify For you have been with Me From the beginning"

Today is Pentecost

A day set aside

To remember that we are not alone

God sent the Holy Spirit

The Holy Comforter

To be with us, to strengthen us

To empower us

A gift better than any other

That has been bequeathed to us

It is a day to testify

To our experience

Of God in our life

What the Holy Spirit

Has done

No painted eggs, no candy

No turkey, no cantatas

It's all about testifying

Bearing witness

Telling the world you're a Christian

Sharing Jesus with someone

Who doesn't know Him

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Grace and Peace!

Mary Beth Cordle

The Story of Jesus, The Story of Christ

Born into poverty

Son of a carpenter

That's the start of the story

The story of Jesus

Born of a virgin

Son of the Father

That's where it all began

The story of Christ

A boy raised in Nazareth

Once lost in Jerusalem

A life of no consequence

The story of Jesus

He taught at the temple courts

Was baptized for ministry

Changed water into wine

The story of Christ

A fanatic and rebel

He attracted renown

Branded a criminal

That's the story of Jesus

A preacher and healer

He walked from town to town

Bringing hope to all of us

That's the story of Christ

Hung between two thieves

A shameful death and end

Friends and family left grieving that day

That's the story of Jesus

Crucified, His body was laid

In a tomb His friend Joseph gave

In three days, He rose from the grave

That's the story of Christ

He was the Son of Man

He was the Son of God

Brother, son and friend

Perfect and Holy

He was like you and me

He was like His Father in Heaven

An ordinary yet extraordinary life

That's the story of Jesus, that's the story of Christ

Upcoming Events

**Bridges Christian Church (parking lot)
May 6, 2021 6:30 pm**

Please join us for a special time of prayer coinciding with the **70th Annual National Day of Prayer**.

Instead of walking the prayer route, this year we will stand outside of Bridges Church and pray. Let's come together and petition the LORD to pour out His LOVE, LIFE, and

LIBERTY on our families, churches, workplaces, education, military, government and media. Prayer guides will be available.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." **2 Cor. 3:17**

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 Wednesday May 26th 2021 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

Drama Ministry

DRAMA MINISTRY

Easter to Pentecost What's UP?

Advance Memorial UMC is blessed with thought-provoking, Spirit-filled drama presented by our spirited ministry team in worship! During this season of Easter to Pentecost, also known as the Great Fifty Days, we continue to ACT UP under COVID-19 guidelines with our drama ministry team preparing for special services ahead and opportunities coming UP! There are so many things to celebrate as we start to OPEN UP: National Day of Prayer, Ascension and Pentecost Sundays, Memorial Day, Mother's Day and more. Drama in worship offers an UP-lifting and thought-provoking ministry format and we look forward to new opportunities! As always, many thanks especially to the church office (Kristin) and Pastor Sean for all their extra efforts this year to help organize, prepare and film skits and other drama choices.

Keep ACTING and LOOKING UP!!!

Drama Mama,

Mary Beth Cordle



Schedules & Meetings

Anchor Sunday School Class will meet **Saturday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall (basement).

Youth News: The Youth Group meets on **Wednesday evenings** at church in the youth area from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**. We do have to continue wearing masks for now. We are planning some fun events in the next few weeks!

***Facebook:** Advance SURGE Youth Group
***Instagram account:** SURGE Advance Youth Ministry @surgeadvance) *We have a "REMIND" To join, **Text@advance you to 81010**

Administrative Board will meet **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm**. (This will be a Zoom meeting!) Members are: Sam Atkins, Nick Cloyes, Ron Andrews, Jane Thomas, Kathy Clayton, David Thomas, Anita Elliott, Kay Smith, Brittanny 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.

Trustees will meet Saturday May 1st, at 10:00 am. 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.

Council on Ministries will meet **Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 pm**. (This will be a Zoom meeting!) Members are: Sam Atkins, Jane Thomas, Carol Highstone, Melisa Thompson, John Shroll, Mary Beth Cordle, Diana Williams, John Mings, Brian Gross, Christy Lemaster, Kay Smith, Betsy Douglas, Tom Saylor, Sue Zastawniak, Nick Cloyes, Shirley Cloyes, and Pastor Sean Shroll.

Fellowship Nurture and Outreach will meet **Tuesday, May 13th 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.

- **Susannah Circle** will not meet in **May!**
- **Methodist Men** will not meet in **May!**
- **Methodist Women** will meet **May 18th at 1:00 pm!**

Please watch your weekly newsletters for changes!



May 2021

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Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 2 Ashley Sennett Parsley
- 3 Donna Luke
- 4 Nick Cloyes
- 6 Robert Luke
- 13 Nancy Davis-Crum
- 13 Lowell Ogden
- 17 Angie Dillow
- 21 Pency Young
- 24 Wesley Nunley
- 25 Garin Fraley
- 26 Ron Johnson
- 26 Nancy Phelps
- 29 Mark Wilson
- 30 Cindy Wilson
- 31 Courtney Sennett Lewis

- 27 Howard & Dee Reynolds
- 27 Sam & Christy Atkins

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						1 <i>Trustees</i> 10:00 AM
2 <i>Holy Communion</i> Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM	3 Boy Scouts 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM	4 <i>Council on Ministries</i> 7:00 PM (Zoom meeting)	5 Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	6 Discipleship Group 7:00 PM	7 <i>Church Wide Rummage Sale</i> 8:00 AM to	8 <i>Church Wide Rummage Sale</i> 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
9 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <i>Baby Recognition Sunday</i> <i>Building Fund Sunday</i> Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM	10 Boy Scouts 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM	11 <i>Fellowship, Nurture & Outreach Committee</i> 7:00 PM (Zoom meeting)	12 Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	13 Discipleship Group 7:00 PM	14 <i>Fish Fry</i> 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM 	15
16 <i>Faith Promise Handbell Sunday</i> Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM	17 Boy Scouts 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM	18 <i>Methodist Women Administrative Board</i> 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	19 Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	20 Discipleship Group 7:00 PM	21	22 <i>Anchor Class</i> 6:00 PM <i>Fellowship Hall (basement)</i>
23 Morning Worship 11:00 AM <i>Graduation Recognition</i> Evening Worship 6:00 PM	24 Boy Scouts 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 6:00 PM	25	26 Life Line Screening 9:00 am 4:00 pm Youth Group 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM	27 Discipleship Group 7:00 PM	28	29
30 Morning Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00 PM						

