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From The Pastor

Togetherness

Acts 2:44-47 - **44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

Togetherness –meeting with one another and doing life together – has been central to what it means to be a Christian since the very beginning. Christians are called to deep community. We eat together, we walk together, we work together, we grow together... Scripture even warns us not to give up meeting together.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - **24 And**

let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **25 not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

In this time of pandemic, it has been very hard for us to truly be together. It is going to continue to be difficult as winter comes and the number of cases has been rising leading the Governor as well as our Bishop to call for online only services until at least December 13th. The existence of a pandemic and the best-intentioned mandates from our civic and religious leaders do not change the importance of our need for togetherness as a church. So we must be creative and reach out to each other in new ways.

I had an idea for how we can all try and send each other a “face-to-face” Christmas message. I

would love for everyone over the next few weeks to try and record (using your phone if possible) a short 10-12 second Christmas message from you and/or your family to the church. I’m going to try and blend them all together so we can all enjoy a little togetherness and bless each other on our last Sunday before Christmas. In order for this to happen I need:

- 1) If you can video yourself using your phone –please do. If you keep your message 12 seconds or less, it should be small enough for you to email it to me.
- 2) Please send me your video by December 16 (earlier if you can because it will take me a while to edit and compile them

Pastor Sean Shrall

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Togetherness

- 3) Please speak up so the volume will be sufficient
- 4) If you cannot video yourself but want to participate, please call the church office and let Kristin or myself know. Someone will call you and come out to get a video of you outside on your porch or driveway where we can stay distant and you won't have to be masked.

We will be looking for other ways to help provide a sense of togetherness. The actions you can take yourselves to connect with one another via phone, texts, cards, Facebook chats, etc. will still be the most profitable avenues for us maintaining community over the next few months. So please reach out and "touch" people as frequently as you can in these ways.

In Christ we are family and we will continue to need each other and to have the ability to bless each other and grow together in the days to come.

Peace and Blessings!

Pastor Sean Shroll

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day, (November 26th & Friday 27th) the church office will be closed!



Trustees Zoom meeting Saturday, December 5th, at 10:00 am.

Fellowship Nurture and Outreach Zoom meeting Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm.

Administrative Board Zoom meeting Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 pm.

- **Susannah Circle** will not meet in **December!**
- **Methodist Men** will not meet in **December!**
- **Methodist Women** will not meet in **December!**



Little Pilgrims

Little Pilgrims must have been
Very, very good
On that first
Thanksgiving Day
In the deep, dark wood.
Though the winter had been hard,
Very, very long

Summer came to them at last
Filled with sweet birdsong.
Now Thanksgiving Day had dawned
Very, very bright
Summer came to them at last

Little Pilgrims bowed in prayer
What a thankful sight!

Dorothy Wills Jenks

Thanksgiving Program
Builder No. 2

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Mind The Gap

While we drove through South Carolina to visit my family for Thanksgiving, our Brooklynite friend was full of questions. He studied the passing landscape with a worried look. "How's the

economy down here? I see some areas built up, but there are these long gaps between them." My brother, a Southern gentleman, thought a moment then answered,

"Down here, we call those 'gaps' farms."

Submitted by Rose Gilbert of Maplewood, NJ

7 true stories about funny Thanksgiving mishaps



A Thanksgiving

Thank You, dear God,
For eyes to see
The beauty in
Both sky and tree.

Thank You, dear God,
For ears to hear
Tidings rich
With joy and cheer.

Thank You, dear God,

For tongue to praise
The wonders of
Thy loving ways

Thank You, dear God,
For hands to use
In doing all
The good I choose.

Thank You, dear God,
For feet to tread

The narrow path
So straight ahead

Lucille Clarke

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Thank You, LORD!

Children's Ministry

Tiki Shroll and Carrie Fraley are putting together packets for the children, ages 5-5th grade. For more information please contact Tiki, Carrie or the church office. *The packets are ready for pick up on Fridays.*

Thank you, Tiki & Carrie

Youth Ministry

Facebook: Advance SURGE Youth Group

Instagram account: SURGE Advance Youth Ministry (@surgeadvance)

We have a REMIND that we ask people to subscribe to. To join, **Text@advance you to 81010** (this is where most communications occur!)



Bible Study Classes

Adult Bible Study meets *Wednesdays at 7:00 pm* on the Church Website (advancechurch.net) and Facebook page (.Advance Memorial United Methodist Church).

Discipleship Group meets on *Thursdays at 7:00 pm*, in the Family Life Center (gym). Please remember to bring and wear a mask!

Drama News:

If you have been contacted or would like to be in upcoming skits, please contact Pastor Sean Shroll (606-831-1244 or advancerev@yahoo.com)

We will have a Drama Skit meeting on *Tuesday, November 24th at 7:00 pm*. This is a Zoom meeting. We need you to contact us by Monday!



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A Look Back

March 9, 2010

Psalms 78: 1 - 39 is included as one of the Lectionary readings for today. The Contemporary English version of the Bible shows the heading for this passage as "What God Has Done for His People".

Psalms 78: 3 - 4 "These are things we learned from our ancestors, and we will tell them to the next generation. We won't keep secret the glorious deeds and the mighty miracles of the Lord".

This Psalm is a teaching of the wondrous

ways God cared for his children. The Psalm also shows over and over, how God's children turned their backs on God and doubted his power. The Psalm reflects time and time again how God continued to provide for his children.

God does continually take care of us. Too often we fail to look back at the ways he provides for us or the prayers he has answered. Too often we may doubt the power of God. Too often we fail to share with other

the wondrous ways God has cared for us today.

In this season of Lent let us take time to reflect on answered prayers and the displays of God's power and provisions.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the greatest provision, your Son, Jesus Christ. From the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, you have provided the way for us to have eternal life. Please forgive us for the times we take your provisions for granted. In Jesus name, Amen.

Anita Elliott
