

Scholarship Sunday

A Message from Pastor Chip

SINGING THE FAITH

One of my most cherished books, a gift from her granddaughter, is Beulah Grady's Methodist Hymnal. The binding is frayed, some pages are loose and tattered. The wear and tear is not from age, though the hymnal is over a hundred years old. The tiny, pocket-sized book's condition has come from use!

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise"

The Hebrew Scriptures contain an entire Book of Psalms- hymns and poems, to be recited individually and in gatherings. Instructions for the reading or singing are imbedded in the text. Memorization aids are provided in the verses for the benefit of those who will have no text, and must memorize the verses.

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!"

One of my favorite advisors gently suggested Sunday that we pass out some hymnals and sing some of our favorites on Sunday mornings. Singing is praise, affirmation of faith, thanksgiving, confession and pardon. God delights in our singing, and singing meets our needs to respond to God in praise and thanksgiving.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

Singing "lustily" as Mr. Wesley encouraged, is one of the concessions that we have made to flatten the curve and stop the spread. The Center for Disease Control specifically targets "loud talkers" and "singing" as behaviors that may well be spreading the virus, and recommends no public singing. [Singing in the shower is highly recommended!] Our United Methodist leaders have cautioned our congregations against singing and passing the plate, while encouraging us to wear masks, socially distance, wash hands and hug no more. But we can hum, and sing quietly under our masks, and sing along in our hearts as our fine musicians play melodies that evoke familiar responses.

Carolyn Phillips, my first Sunday school teacher, taught me this lyric:

"Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight; Jesus loves the little children of the world!"

Over sixty years later, the words still strongly inform my faith and my practice. Occasionally, when I am bewildered, shaken or in the dark, I recall the verse, hum the tune or sing out loud. Singing reminds us of who we are, who God is, and God's love for the world.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see."



For I know the plans
I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "
plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope
and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

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The “pericope” for this week’s Pandemic Pause: PPPPPicnic@Pavilion is Philippians 2:1-11. The passage contains a hymn, amended a bit, and used by Paul to emphasize the “downward path” of the Gospel. The only indication that there is a hymn with verses and meter, underneath the English translation, is the editor’s choice to indent the lines of the hymn. There is no music accompanying the old, old words, but our spirits soar in the hearing!

“To the Glory of God the Father!”



Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the William Shelton Scholarship Fund here at Brookstown. We are happy to award three scholarships today and wish these students ~ Kendra Davis, Caroline Isasi, Lauren Snarski ~ a safe and happy school year! Brookstown Scholarship Committee

Announcements

Festival Committee Meeting: Today, August 9 at 5pm

Pandemic Pause: Praise, Petition, Prayer, Pericope Picnic Wednesday at 7pm

Brookstown is buying supper and inviting everyone to gather (at a respectable social distance) around the supper table. Bring your own bag meal (for which you’ll get reimbursed \$5 Dinner Church money!) and enjoy a picnic while hearing praises, prayer concerns, and praying for our community and world; then, an eight-minute Bible Study on a New Testament ‘pericope’, and out in one hour! Join us!

Calendar

Sundays	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship Services in the Pavilion with FM Transmission to Radio Station 87.9 & live on Brookstown’s Facebook Page
	10:00am	Online Sunday School (Zoom)
Mondays	5:30pm	Zumba Exercise Class
Wednesdays	7:00pm	Pandemic PAUSE Service – Picnic, Praises, Prayer, 8-minute Bible Study
Thursdays	5:30-6:00pm	Prayer Room (Zoom)
	5:30pm	Zumba Exercise Class

Stewardship for August 2, 2020
20th Sunday of Corona Compliance

Financial

Tithes & Offerings: \$9,190 ~ Other Gifts: \$3,170 ~ Total: \$12,360

Attendance

Physical: 8:30 Service: 11 ~ 11:00 Service: 29
Facebook Views: 8:30 Service: 236 ~ 11:00 Service: 129

Scripture Readings for the Week

*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 ~ Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b ~ Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23*

A Student’s Prayer

***Jesus, help me remember to pursue my calling as a student.
By doing my best in all my studies,
I can grow in holiness.
Give me obedience, studiousness,
and diligence in my assignments.
Help me love learning
because knowledge of the truth
leads me closer to You.
Amen.***

Crisis Control Gift of the Month

August: Cooking Oil

*There are bins at the entrances to the church for donations.
Please help fill them for those who are in need.*

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