

SPRING 2021

Honey Brook United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30 AM

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

WORSHIP: 10:45 AM

**NO FELLOWSHIP TIME FOLLOWING THE SERVICE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

FROM THE PASTOR

This season of Lent has been interesting for me. Our messages have focused on repentance. We have talked about a number of individuals who are talked about but not named in the Bible. We have made some educated guesses about them and how their lives changed after they met Jesus. In other words, they repented...they made a change in their way of living after they became followers of Jesus.

And I have said that our lives should change too. Whether we are new believers or have been Christians for many years, there are always aspects of our lives that need to be turned over to Him.

At the same time, our Wednesday night Bible studies have been following the study series entitled Why Easter Matters by Paul Stanley. One emphasis of this study is that we do not earn our salvation. Simply put, there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more than He does. And there is nothing we could do to cause God to love us any less than He does. He loves us because of who He is and we are saved simply by His grace...a free gift that we quite frankly do not deserve.

It almost sounds like our Sunday mornings and our Wednesday evenings were at odds with each other. The truth though is that it is more like they were two sides of a coin. Both lessons are true.

We are not saved because we are good. God's grace is not only sufficient, it is our only hope. When we become followers of Jesus, it does not mean that we are better than anyone else. It does not mean that God loves us more than He loves someone else...or more than He used to love us. It just means that we accepted the wonderful the incredible gift that He offers...like the lost sheep, we have been found. (that is the Wednesday Bible study side of the coin)

However, when we recognize how much He loves us and when we begin to understand how much pain our sin causes and when we have an idea of how much our salvation cost Him, it is certainly right to

change our way of living (that is the side of the coin we have talked about on Sunday mornings!)

May we all continue by the power of the Holy Spirit within us to repentant lives of holiness.

And may this Easter be an extra special time of celebration and thanksgiving to the one who died to take away our sins and then rose to conquer death and grant us everlasting life.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Ray

FYI....some general church announcements

1. **On Monday, March 1st, the conference held a webinar discussing the rescheduled General Conference (which will now be held in Aug/Sept 2022)** as well as the upcoming Annual Conference and Jurisdictional Conference. The recording of this webinar is available for viewing at the conference website (www.epaumc.org).
2. **Our annual conference** will be held mostly online May 20-21.
3. **Northeastern Jurisdictional conference** will be held online in July. Bishop Morrison has decided to retire following this conference so we will have a new bishop in September.
4. **Thank you all** for your continued support of the church finances. Our church family's faithful giving throughout the past year has been a great source of blessing to many!
6. We will return to our sermon series on the Gospel of Mark after Easter
5. Feel free to contact Pastor Ray with any questions about these items or anything else for that matter.

Don't forget our joint Lenten Bible study:

March 17 at Evangelical United Methodist Church

March 24 at Honey Brook UMC

April 1... Maundy Thursday service at New Holland UMC

These all begin at 7 PM.



CHOIR NOTES

Thank you very much to everyone who has led singing and shared in the worship services by providing the solos and duets for special music. We continue to sing our praise to the Lord!!

Community Outreach



Just a reminder that we continue to collect items for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. Place these donations on the table in Fellowship Hall (the quilter's corner) and thank you for allowing us to get a head start on 2021 Christmas

And we will be collecting the donations for Society of St Andrews on Palm Sunday which is March 28, 2021. Please give generously to this wonderful ministry that takes food that would likely wind up in landfills and brings it to those who will appreciate it.

AND we continue to collect food items for Steeple to People. Our church family has been very diligent in filling this shopping cart!! Thank you all very much!

CONFIRMATION!

Good News Everybody! We will be welcoming our confirmands on Easter Morning, April 4, 2021

Emily and Trent (along with Savannah and Jack from New Holland UMC) have been meeting and preparing for several months as we all learn more about Our Lord and about what it means to follow Him. It is exciting to see us all grow into who He wants us to be.

Thank you for keeping all of the participants and families in your prayers

PRAYER MEETING

We will continue to hold weekly prayer meetings thru zoom and encourage those who are able to participate. Weekly emails will be sent with all of the information you will need to be part of the group. . Please continue to send prayer requests to the church office or to Pastor Ray so that they can be added to the prayer chain. While we are separated physically, we continue to be joined together spiritually as the body of Christ!

SOCIAL DISTANCING DOES NOT APPLY TO GOD. DRAW NEAR TO HIM!

Committee on Nominations Report for 2021

Thanks to everyone who has agreed to serve this year. **You may take note of several vacancies, biggest need is for someone to take charge of the Finance Committee (Walter has agreed to provide training and help along the way but it is time for him to step down!). We also have an opening for our Lay Member to Annual Conference.**

Contact Pastor Ray or the church office with questions or if you are interested in these or any positions.

SLATE FOR 2021

Key: **New in the position**

_____ vacancy

Lay Leader: **Jean Refford**

Lay Member of Annual Conference:

Representatives to Morgantown Area Connexion:

Connecting Team (aka Administrative Board)

Chairperson: _____

Vice Chairperson: _____

Secretary: Pat Henry

Membership: Committee Chairpersons, Lay Leader,

Committee on Nurture:

Chairperson: Jean Refford

Members: Chairpersons or representatives from Worship, Christian Education, & Pastoral Care Committees

Worship Committee:

Nursery Coordinator: Ruth Romig

Usher Representative: Jeff Heagy

Altar Guild: Shirley Woolwine, **Ryli Rutt**, **Sarah Majcher**

Musicians: Ashley Rutt, Teresa DiPietro

Worship Coordinator: Shirley Sweigart

Church Secretary: Pat Henry

Media Team Representative: Dave Fellenbaum, Cathy Heagy, **Emily Majcher**

Fellowship Committee Representative: Ruth Romig

Choir Representative: 5 Choir members are already on this committee.

Pastoral Care Committee: Jean Refford, Joyce Rock, Shirley Sweigart,
Ethel Wingenfield

Christian Education:

Chairperson: Cathy Heagy

Adult Department: Ethel Wingenfield

Sunday School Treasurer: Cathy Heagy

Music: Ashley Rutt

Sunday School Teachers, Assistants & Substitutes: Cathy Heagy,
Allison Majcher, Bre Jackson

Nursery Coordinator: Ruth Romig

Committee on Outreach (Missions)

Chairperson: Cathy Heagy

Members at Large: Linda Leisey, Kristin Thomas,

Committee on Witness:

Chairperson: Karen Fellenbaum

Members at Large: Jean Refford, Ethel Wingenfield,

Members of the Media Team: Dave Fellenbaum, Cathy Heagy,

Emily Majcher

Membership Secretaries: Doris Houck & Pat Painter

Historians: Kathryn Conrad, Linda Leisey, Pat Henry, Teresa DiPietro, Jill Daly

Committee on Finance:

Chairpersons: _____ (Walter Labs has been filling this role)

Chairperson of Stewardship: Walter Labs

Lay Member, Annual Conference: _____

Connecting Team Chairperson _____

Chairperson of Nurture: Jean Refford

Chairperson of Witness: Karen Fellenbaum

Chairperson of Christian Education: Cathy Heagy

Representative, SPRC: Linda Leisey

Representative, Trustees _____

Trustee Treasurer: Jack Martin

Lay Leader: Jean Refford

Financial Secretary: Pat Henry

Treasurer: Faye Max

Lead Counter: Alfreda Labs,

Counters: Byrnie Ford, Lew Gable, Faye Max

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

Chairperson: Linda Leisey

Lay Leader: Jean Refford

Class of 2021

Linda Leisey (2)
Karen Fellenbaum
Sandi Souden

Class of 2022

Lori Hartz
Byrnie Ford
Eileen Seldombridge

Class of 2023

Bre Jackson
Doris Houck
Dee Fagan

Trustees

Chairperson: As Elected by the Trustees

Trustee Emeritus:

Class of 2021

Jim Woolwine
Diane Vosburgh
Jim Seldomridge

Class of 2022

Don Refford
Dave Fellenbaum

Class of 2023

Brandon Rutt
Lew Gable
Jack Martin

Cemetery Committee

3 members appointed by Trustees

Memorial Committee:

Trustee Representative

Finance Committee Representative

SPRC Representative

Leisey Scholarship Committee

Linda Leisey
Jill Daly
Jim Woolwine

Committee on Nominations

Class of 2021

Alison Majcher
Pat Henry

Class of 2022

Linda Leisey

Class of 2023

Beverly Jackson
Barb Stoltzfus

Again...thanks to everyone for your gifts and service!!

Shine On Spotighting our youth: Ashley Rutt will be sharing some information about our great young people...please check out the recent emails with articles telling us about Trent and Ryli who are both accomplishing a lot this year!!

If you did not receive an email from the church office, please contact our secretary, Pat Henry to forward the articles to you.



"Ed moves that we buy new choir slickers and adjourn for pizza. Do I hear a second?"