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FROM THE PASTOR: *Soothed and Strengthened by the Psalms*

Do you have a favorite Psalm? Many would select Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd" is a powerful reminder of God's presence at weddings, funerals, and other critical moments of life. My Mother's favorite was Psalm 34, and she especially liked "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivers him out of them all." Psalm 37:25 is also carefully marked in many of her old Bibles: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I never hear or read these verses without thinking of her and being reminded of the providence and grace of God. I have always loved Psalm 1 ("Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly") and Psalm 100 ("Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"). And who could forget "The heavens are declaring the glory of God" (Psalm 8)?

We recently bought Sarah Grace an illustrated book of Psalms for young children . . . only to discover that we like them, too. Here are a few you might appreciate:

"God, when I'm in my bed at night, I think about you. And then I'm not scared of anything. I can fall asleep quietly and in peace." (Psalm 4)

"Sometimes, when I'm very sad, I worry that you will forget about me, God. But then I remember that you love me always. So I will sing and be happy!" (Psalm 13)

"When I do something wrong, I tell you about it, God. And when you forgive me, I feel calm again." (Psalm 32)

"A thirsty deer looks for water, a river to drink from. I need God that way. I'm thirsty inside. God, send me the light, show me the way to your house, high on your mountain." (Psalm 42)

"All people everywhere, all who love God, let's sing for him today, tomorrow, and every day! First thing in the morning, and just before bed, praise God!" (Psalm 113)

"Everyone, everywhere, in every country of the world, sing a song to God! Let's praise God together, for his great love and strength will last forever." (Psalm 117)

The Psalms are songs. The Psalms are poetry. The Psalms are prayers. The Psalms are promises. Jesus knew and loved and quoted from the Psalms. When my daughter, Jessica, was little we gave her a recording of songs by Steve Green called *Hide 'em in Your Heart*. What better to "hide in our hearts" than the Psalms which call us to faith and devotion? Do you have a favorite Psalm? Aw, come on . . . nobody can choose just ONE!

Call me when you need me. I will come.

~Kenny






LENT / HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Service / Lunch – March 9, Noon

Baptism for Nora Elizabeth Snodderly – April 3, 10:45 A.M.

Palm Sunday (Rev. Dr. Adam McKee, DS, Preaching) – April 17, 10:45 A.M.

Maundy Thursday Service – April 21, 7 P.M.

Easter Sunrise Service / Breakfast – April 24, 6:30/7:00 A.M.

Easter Cantata – April 24, 10:45 A.M.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tommy Robards	3/2
Marg Ellis	3/4
Darla Bullock Ward	3/4
Jackson Sharp	3/7
Andrew Troutman, Jr.	3/9
RL Woodson, III	3/9
Johnnie Hickman	3/10
Mary Grace Myers	3/15
Mark Troutman	3/15
Jewell Powers	3/16
Warren Hoops	3/17
Edward Hatfield	3/18
Scotti Claiborne	3/20
Bill Grieve	3/22
Reid Troutman	3/22
Judy Keller	3/23
Jerry Broyles	3/24
John Snodderly	3/25
Tiffany Broyles	3/30

IN MEMORY OF

Maxine Prater

GIVEN BY:

Steve and Scotti Claiborne




MISSIONS LUNCHEON

Sunday ~ March 6, Noon

STAFF/PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 10, 5:30 P.M.

Conference Room




IN MEMORY OF



James Lynch, Sr.

Leon Pierce

Bill Foust

GIVEN BY:

Steve and June Lynch

WOMEN OF FAITH WEDNESDAY

APRIL 6,

Speaker:

Brandon Elkins

Boy Scout Troop 622 wishes to thank the church for their generosity this year. The troop turned in 42 bags of food to Food Life Services on Sunday, February 13, 2011



THE CHURCH E-MAIL HAS BEEN CHANGED. THE NEW E-MAIL IS

lafolletteumc@yahoo.com



PLEASE NOTE:

On-line giving to LUMC is now available.

Go to our home page (www.lafolletteumc.org) and click on the "E-Giving Icon."



MUSIC NOTES

Eighty percent of the time I love living amongst the beautiful mountains and as a result I love sitting at my breakfast table and looking out the windows. But I have to be honest and say that during the winter I find the mountains a little hard to take. To me they look so barren and desolate. The air feels heavy and there is no color anywhere and everything seems gray. Granted, I do think that it is quite wonderful to sit and look at everything covered in a blanket of snow sparkling like jewels from the sun glistening on it or even better - walking home from my neighbor's with everything covered in snow and the way being lit for me by a full moon. But then that all melts and we're back to *yuck!*

As I was reading a darling devotional book given to me recently by my wonderful longtime friend and mentor, Nancy Leach (She's a Cawood Methodist), I realized that I need to change my attitude about winter. Karla Dornacher, the author of Down a Garden Path to Places of Love and Joy writes that "winter is a necessary season of rest and regeneration." She also states that "Winter always gives way to spring." Now to me spring is a true gift from God. I love looking out and seeing new plants peeping through the ground: crocuses, daffodils, tulips; dogwoods, azaleas, and rhododendrons blooming; grass starting to become green - all those things that will take away the dreariness of winter. Spring is also a time for me to remember two of our wonderful neighbors, Mr. Mills and Mr. Coble, who always began their planting for their bountiful gardens at this time of year (What great memories I have of seeing them standing by the fence with garden tools in hand.)

Spring also brings us the season of Lent and Easter. And with that comes so many great opportunities for worship at our church: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday service, Palm Sunday service, an Easter sunrise service, and the Easter cantata. I hope that you will take advantage of these wonderful worship activities and like all those signs of spring, you will have had a time of "rest and regeneration" and you find yourself in the midst of a "joyful celebration of new life!"

Happy Spring!
Karen

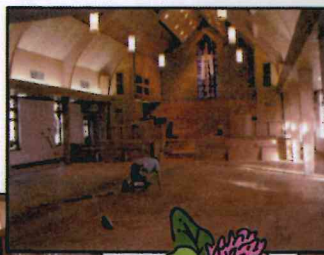
COMING SOON



We are in the process of expanding the **PARENTS' MORNING OUT (PMO) PROGRAM** to a five-day childcare for infants through age-four. We have visited other facilities in Knoxville, Powell, and Oak Ridge to observe their operations. The Education Committee has met to plan a handbook, schedule, and pricing, and will have additional meetings to address final details.

The largest obstacle has been the installation of a fire alarm system to meet the State Fire Marshall's specifications. The State Health Department has visited and with the addition of some new locks on doors we are near approval. This program will be supervised by the Department of Human Services. We plan to open in the Spring, with rooms ready, staff hired, and advertising in place. An Open House will help familiarize the church and interested parents with the Child Center.

To start any new program there are some one time needs. If you can help with any of these (new, used, or on loan) we would be appreciative: baby cribs, microwave ovens, under-counter refrigerators, copiers, age appropriate toys, or shelving/storage. Money for mats, sheets, medicine lockboxes, paper, and supplies is also needed. (Make checks payable to "LUMC Child Care".) Please contact Billie Sue Hunter at 562-4817 if you can help. We are very excited to offer this outreach program for our community and feel it will enrich our church as a result.



MORE RENOVATION PICTURES

