Parson to Person

Imagine…

The Psalmist uses imagery in his writing to describe life circumstances and challenges. In many of the psalms we read words that declare:

1. "...though the earth should change." (Psalm 46)
2. "...the waters have come up to my neck." (Psalm 69)
3. "...my distress grew worse, my heart became hot within me..." (Psalm 39)
4. "I am utterly spent and crushed." (Psalm 38)
5. "Fear and trembling come upon me and horror overwhelms me." (Psalm 55)

These sacred writings, often times used as hymns, speak to life matters and the challenges and troubles and difficulties faced while living. As we listen to such words we take them as symbolic of the troubles that come for everyone and we take great encouragement from the Psalms as the writer always points to God's help which comes in the midst of trouble.

Where do we point when trouble comes? Many people point to the origin of it and try to figure out why trouble has arrived. I believe trouble in life is a guaranteed item. Jesus even said that. "In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." There is no difficulty in which the Lord is not present to give strength and perspective and hope and help. The help might not take the shape and form we expect, but God is always present.

Today, preaching lessons instruct us to "consider" as much about God as we can. Knowing God is different than "knowing about" God. When I was a child I always felt greater comfort when my folks were present with me. Their presence was a comfort to me. I was less nervous in front of a crowd like the spelling bee I was in. The dark didn't hold the terror it could when my mom or dad were with me. The relationship I had with them taught me I could count on them to always be there for me and to help. That is, until I was in my late teens and knew "everything."

Sometimes people know "everything" and act as though they no longer need God. It is as if God is someone to call upon only in times of trouble. He has become the God of the gaps. Call you when I need you...otherwise., I got this. When it comes to God what do you pause to "consider?"

-Ken Timmerman

Sermons for September

September 16: "Zephaniah 33:11-20
"Bringing Justice"
September 23: Philippians 2:1-11
"Big Spirit"
September 30: Elizabeth Murray, preaching 8:30 and 11:00

A Stewardship Word:

There are things that our presence on Sunday morning communicates to others. The Sabbath is holy and we honor God by being present. That's why even with travel sports it is important to insist that the teams find a place to worship. Sunday cannot be like any other day because it was created to not be like other days. When we are present on Sunday we participate in study during Sunday School and praising God in worship. Both of these are becoming "lost" items in the world today. Many Christians today proclaim that they can have faith without church. Belief "yes"… faith "no." We gather to declare to the world how necessary Faith is and what it takes to grow in it. Belief is where we start. It is not a place to stay. Jesus told his followers to "make disciples." Making disciples is "teaching" what Jesus taught and living in the truth he proclaimed.

Ken Timmerman

Nametags

Thank you for wearing name tags on Sundays. On September 16, the nametag board will be in the hallway outside my office and we want you to claim your name tag and be responsible for it. Keep it in your car. Name tags are not just important to me. Visitors like to go "where everybody knows your name." Name tags reveal that we want to know everyone's name. Following September 16 we will not have the board on which they have been stored. Thank you.
-Ken Timmerman

Discussions

Rev. Ken Timmerman would like to invite the congregation to join in conversations that will facilitate creating a vision for our future journey together. In small group sessions of around 25, members will be asked to consider four questions:

1. What are we good at?
2. What are we not so good at?
3. What are we known for?
3. What are your hopes and dreams for the church?

Sessions will be held on select Monday and Thursday nights (Sept. 17, 20 & 27; Oct. 1, 8, 15, 18, 22 & 29; Nov. 5, 12, 15, 19 & 26) from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parlor. Please sign up for Monday or Thursday night sessions by contacting Heather Corley at 356-9766 or hsc84@sc.rr.com or online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aa9ae2aabff2-small
Rev. Ken is also available to meet with Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45am. If you'd like to schefule a session, please contact Heather Corley as well.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir will be beginning its fall rehearsals on Wednesday evening, September 12th from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. We are excited to welcome back all former participants and encourage new members to join us as well! For additional information, please contact director Lessie Polk at lespolk@aol.com or 730-7498.

Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:
-Chuck & Candy Brennan join LUMC today at the traditional service by transfer of membership from Bel Air UMC in Bel Air, Maryland.
-Hunter & Melissa Lawson with son Sawyer join LUMC today by profession of faith.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, Sept. 10th 2-7pm
To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or www.redcrossblood.org. (Code: lexingtonumc). You may walk-in.

Wednesday Night Supper

Join us Weds. night for supper at 5:30pm! This week's menu (Sept. 12): Oven Baked Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Salad Bar, Dessert, & Beverage; $6 Adult, $4 Child, $20 family max. No sign ups needed!

Disciple 1 Graduates

Congratulations to:
Vicki Boylston, Chuck & Candy Brennan, Jenny Bumgarner, and Daniel Osborne for completing Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.

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8:30am Trad. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30am Coffee Time (Asbury Hall)
9:45am Sunday School (Classrooms)
11:00am Anew Worship (Wesley Hall)
11:00am Trad. Worship (Sanctuary)
3:30pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Sanctuary)
5:15pm Refuge-Youth Meeting (Youth rooms)

Monday, September 10
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)
2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (Asbury Hall)
6:30pm Emmaus Reunion Grp. (Prayer Room)
6:30pm Holiday Market Mtg. (Parlor)

Tuesday, September 11
10:00am Staff Meeting (MC106)
5:30pm Al-Anon (Parlor)
6:30pm Boyscout Meetings (classrooms)
6:30pm Tuesday Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 2305 (209/210)

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6:15pm BreakOut (Room 209)
6:15pm High School Youth (MC015)
6:15pm KidsWay (Preschool Hall)
6:15pm Middle School Youth (Youth rooms)
6:15pm Seamless (MC005)
6:15pm Total Money Makeover (MC003)
6:15pm Why I Am a United Methodist (MC007)
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 13
9:00am Line Dancing (Wesley Hall)
2:30pm Prime Timers Cards (Asbury Hall)
6:00pm Nominations (Asbury Hall)
6:15pm Girl Scout Troop 1688 (154/155)
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