

One Last Morsel of Food for Thought from J

June 12, 2022

Today I am writing the final “Food for thought from J” that I will submit for this newsletter - just another item in a long line of emotional “final” activities and experiences that are accompanying this relocation from the home of my childhood to an area that is far enough away that returning to Columbus will be less frequent. I don’t mind telling you that this is a painful process. It is also one that has prompted me to ask many times over the last couple of months – “is this the right thing to do and is it God’s will?”

So, is it...and how do we ever know for sure? Well, those are just a couple of the timeless questions we all struggle with from time to time if we believe in God, and if we are trying to discern and follow God’s will, faithfully. For sure, the Bible is filled with examples of God speaking miraculously and clearly to God’s servants as they are set on the path toward fulfilling God’s plan through their lives. So, we also seek to see that burning bush in our lives telling us exactly what we are to do and how we are to do it. We pray, and we listen, and we wait for some kind of sign from God about the rightness of an action or decision, and it can often seem that the answers are either extremely slow in coming or even that they never come at all. How do we move forward?

Well, we need to remember that mixed in with the miracles and theophanies of the Bible are the stories of God’s servants who accomplished great things for God’s kingdom, not because they received daily, divine directions, but because they dedicated themselves to understanding God’s nature, learning about how they were called to live in harmony with that divine nature, and were guided in their day-to-day lives by this knowledge. If we really want to have greater confidence that we are living, daily, in harmony with God’s will, we should follow this example and seek this level of knowledge about God and God’s divine plan for the world and our lives. When we do this, we will learn quickly that if we are treasuring the “right” things and if we are serious, all the time, about producing good fruit for God’s kingdom, then the choices we are called on to make on a day by day and minute by minute basis will become clearer.

Certainly, there will be times when it is only in hindsight that we are able to see how God was walking beside us and leading us in our journey. But the closer we grow to God through our study of scripture, our worship, our prayer, our service to others, the more open we will become to recognizing God’s hand at work in our lives, guiding the way, opening and closing doors all around us, and ultimately, leading us toward that path that ends with that most precious of blessings,

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”

May God bless and keep the good and faithful servants of Wynnton United Methodist Church and may you enter fully into the joy of our Lord and master, Christ Jesus. Amen and amen.

The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Jake and Charlie Carpenter’s 15th birthday by their parents.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Jennifer Ramey
1320 Munro Ave.
Columbus, Ga 31906

Trinity House Update

Wynnton Neighborhood Housing has access to Trinity House and we’re working to repurpose the property as temporary housing for homeless families from 8:30 until 1:00. If you would like to volunteer contact Bill White (706) 527-3309.



Wynnton is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Food Truck Party VBS that will run from June 13th to 17th from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. If you are interested in volunteering or if you are interested in registering your child, please visit

<https://www.myvbs.org/WynntonUMC/> to fill out the registration form. If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

Please remember to bring snacks for the VBS volunteer snack room on the dates your Sunday School Class is assigned.

WELCOME NEW PASTORS

Will and Michaela Walley will be moving into their new home on Friday, June 10th. Staff Parish would like to present them with some gift cards upon their arrival. If you individually or as a Sunday School Class or Bible Study would like to contribute, please bring the cards to the church this week.

The Wades will arrive in town sometime the week of the 13th. We would also like to do the same for them. You can also bring those cards to the church office.

Please designate which cards go to the Wades and which goes to the Walleys.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of June. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, Trinity Sunday, our Chancel Choir will sing an anthem of Praise to God in three persons, our blessed Trinity! *Holy Is He*, by Grammy award winning composer David T. Clydesdale is a powerful anthem of praise and majesty which incorporates the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" on the last verse.

This familiar hymn, by Reginald Heber, reinforces the holiness of one God in three persons, equally divine yet one. Hymn composer Heber stresses the importance of the Holy Trinity in this hymn in his choice to repeat the word "Holy" three times to represent the Triune God. For music theory buffs, the use of the D major triad throughout the hymn is symbolic of the Holy Trinity.

"Holy Is He" arr. by David Clydesdale

Refrain

Holy Is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise. I stand in His presence amazed, and crown Him with worship and praise! Holy is He, Holy is He, Holy is He.

1 Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within? Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again? Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray? My Lord, My God, My Jesus, the One I praise today! (Refrain)

2 Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide? Who knocks outside my broken heart, til I let Him inside? Whose life deserves the honor laid before His throne? My Lord, My God, My Jesus, My Savior and my own! (Refrain)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Holy is He. Amen! Amen!

2 Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

NAME BADGE

With the new pastors coming soon we will start wearing our name badges. If you cannot locate yours, please call the church office for a new one.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday school is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

Youth Sunday School



Youth Sunday School meets in the Basement from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. Students in 6th through 12th grade are welcome to join us for coffee, donuts, and topical discussions of God's word.

We are doing a new series exploring where students can find God. We will explore the Old Testament stories of the building of the Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple. We're going to be "hands on", building dioramas of both! We'll explore the detail that scripture captures, how the Israelites interacted with God, and how the meta-narrative of the Bible continues today in how we meet and experience God.

If you'd like more information about Wynnton's youth program, please contact Rob Harbison, r.harbison@mchsi.com, (706) 289-3082.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Aubrey Walker	Joyce Hawkins
The Meacham Family	Denise Hill
Daro Miller	Patsy Blalock
Jake Wood	Linda Osborne
Kimberly Smith	Alexandria Ridley
David Woolbright	Denise Stephens
Laura Harris	Denton Spurlin

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Brad Trim
Family of Lenore Ash
Family of Larry Googe
Family of Barbara Stevenson
Family of Charles Ward
Family of Martha Ann Elizondo
Family of Glenn Killough
Family of Jimmy Kent
Family of Jean McGlamry

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for children, youth & adults
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
Streams Live on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building
12:15 p.m. Safe Sanctuaries Meeting

Monday, June 13

9:00-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 14

9:00-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 15

9:00-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
9:00-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 17

9:00-12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

June 12: Romans 16, 2 Samuel 1, Psalm 72
June 13: Mark 1:1-20, 2 Samuel 2:1-3:1, Daniel 1
June 14: Mark 1:21-41, 2 Samuel 3:2-39, Daniel 2:1-23
June 15: Mark 2, 2 Samuel 4-5, Daniel 2:24-49
June 16: Mark 3:1-19, 2 Samuel 6, Daniel 3
June 17: Mark 3:20-35, 2 Samuel 7-8, Daniel 4
June 18: Mark 4:1-20, 2 Samuel 9-10, Daniel 5

OUR STEWARDSHIP

6-5-22

General Fund.....	17,301.00
Mission Trip Alaska.....	50.00
VBS.....	95.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	500.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12	Carey Bray, Larry Campbell
13	Avery Bolin, Stacey Hammond, Richard Holmes
14	Erin Miley, Linda Stephens
15	Declan Bass, Sharon Berreth, Sabrina Hart
16	Freddie Richardson
17	Johnnny Daffin, Shannan Gatewood, Ashley Sowers
18	Cliff Livingston

Flower Delivery

Betty Woodruff/Shirley Wright

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 10-12
Rev. J Grantham 706-681-3258

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Plans are being made for our Packing Party this year! In October, we will fill our boxes for children around the world.

If you prefer to fill your own box, that is fine OR you can do both!

Different items will be requested each month to bring to the church. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Hall for these items. The goal is to pack 250 boxes this year!

June and July are our months to collect school supplies. There is no rush to get the supplies this week or too soon. If you wait for the Back to School sales, you can get more supplies for the money you spend. Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, sharpeners, erasers are all good choices. I like to make sure each child gets these items in their box. Thanks for all the supplies we have so far. We are still working toward 200 of each item. And be looking for your special WOW items to put in your box/boxes. You keep those until the big Packing Party!!

In a message from Samaritan's Purse: Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year. Thank you and all Glory to God!!

Items Collected so far:

150 Bars of Soap
61 Hair Brushes
114 Toothbrushes
96 Ball caps
108 Wash Cloths
74 Large Combs
45 Deodorant*
216 12 8oz. plastic cups
84 12 plastic bowls
*may be enough

Keep up the good work! Each one bring one of each. Please. Would love to pack 250 boxes!!

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Life is Messy -- Go with God
Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

Deb McCranie