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Dan's Divinities

Last spring, several of us took a course on Resolving Everyday Conflict. I have been looking for an opportunity to present some of that material to you, and have chosen the current season of Lent to do so. By the time you read this I will be one or maybe two sermons deep into the series, but if you missed a sermon you can catch up by going to our website and watch it online, or I can email you a copy of my sermon. The series is as below:

Lenten Series - Healthy Relationships: *Resolving Everyday Conflict*

March 9 - “A Vision for Healthy Relationships”

March 16 - “A Christ-Center Response to Conflict”

March 23 - “The Log in My Eye”

March 30 - “Gently Restore”

April 6 - “Forgiveness and Love”

I have also developed the following acronym for the study which reflects the CHRIST center approach to dealing with conflict and restoring healthy relationships:

Conflict

Hope for Healing

Responses that are Christ Centered

I - Get the Log out it

Someone Else's Sin

Two Necessities: Forgiveness and Love

We covered the “C” and the “H” on March 9, and will spend a week each

on the rest of the letters.

That brings us to Holy Week,

- April 13 – Palm Sunday – Our children will lead the processional with the waving of Palm Branches as we celebrate the triumphal entry of the Son of David into Jerusalem. Dr. Darby's sermon will be “The Servant King” based on Philippians 2:1-11 and Matthew 21:1-11.
- April 17 - Holy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Our Chancel Choir will present the cantata, *Journey to the Cross*. Holy Communion will be a part of the service.
- April 18 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. We will have a Tenebrae Service consisting of the reading of the passion story interspersed with the extinguishing of candles as we descend into near total darkness. Paula and Rebecca Darby will be singing *Pie Jesu*.
- April 20 – Easter Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., Dr. Darby's Easter sermon will be “The Resurrection of Jesus,” based on Matthew 28:1-10.

Thank you for your support of our church. This is a great congregation of wonderful people. You are a blessing!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dan

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Wanted: Young men and women who are interested in helping to lead worship on Sunday mornings!

Active
Committed
Overseers Who Are
Luminescent,
Young,
Trained,
Eager
Servants

Acolytes have an important job to do! They carry flames that represent God's presence with us during Sunday morning worship as they lead our pastors in a processional down the aisle. They light the altar candles and joyfully lead the congregation in worship during our traditional service. When the service ends, they retrieve the flames from the altar and lead our pastors in a recessional. That represents the light of Christ moving out into the world, in and through His servants. It is an opportunity to learn and serve at the same time!

This is an office that has been reserved for young people who are currently in third grade and older. It is available until graduation from high school. Acolytes are trained and commissioned to serve for one year, then recommissioned yearly as long as they are willing to continue in the office. Training sessions are a short series of classes.

Parents, if you have a son or daughter who fits the age requirement, please consider this opportunity. Not only does it offer young people a chance to serve, but it strengthens character and commitment. Some service organizations give credit hours for voluntary church activities such as acolyting, choir participation, and helping with VBS. We can sing in the choir and help with VBS all our lives, but our years of eligibility to acolyte are limited. We're only young once!

Mrs. Dagma Murphy is prepared to teach the next group of acolytes during the second week of June. If your child is interested in acolyting, please call Dagma at 385-3615 or Paula Darby at 385-2467.

In Loving Memory

Gus Dunbar

Judy Jackson
 Patrick Richardson
 Jack & Mary C. Martin
 Juanita & Earl Stover III
 Allan & Dagma Murphy
 Marianne Deadmon
 Carol and Kathy McWhorter
 David and Karen Cobble
 Joyce and Rayford Birdwell
 Joyce McClung
 Cheryl A. Bevers
 Fay S. Williams
 Kristi and James Sellers
 Irene Redkey
 Nancy and Billy Erwin
 Jena, Lester, and Phyllis Landgraf

Frances Richardson

Allan and Dagma Murphy
 Patrick Richardson
 Barbara Hardy
 Marianne Deadmon
 Jack and Mary C. Martin
 Carol and Kathy McWhorter
 David and Karen Cobble
 Victory Class
 Joyce and Rayford Birdwell
 Joyce McClung
 Cecile Cobble Fritz
 Irene Redkey
 Martha and Dana Bradshaw

Anna Fuller

Allan and Dagma Murphy

Olliemay Ford

Caroline Hawkins

Gifts and Presence

Worship

02/02	156
02/09	133
02/16	141
02/23	158
03/02	135
03/09	110

Sunday School

02/02	107
02/09	83
02/16	76
02/23	99
03/02	77
03/09	67

Gifts

02/02	\$7,043.65
02/09	\$4,890.00
02/16	\$8,247.43
02/23	\$2,432.00
03/02	\$9,577.50
03/09	\$3,375.00

Communion Offering

The Communion Offering on April 6 will be to support our children and youth with scholarships to Summer Camp. Any amount of money you are able to give will be deeply appreciated. If you want to fully fund a scholarship to camp, the cost per camper this year is \$250. We were not able to fund scholarships to camp out of our budget this year so your second mile giving is greatly needed.

The Youth Report



On Sunday Evenings the United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) is having a time of worship led by Paula Darby followed by a bible study. In the worship time the youth are learning praise songs, and are working on learning to play them on guitars, keyboard and drums. The Bible study is currently a study of the book of Genesis, and is being led by Pastor Dan Darby.

Confirmation Classes are continuing on Wednesdays from 3:30 until 5:30 under the direction of Pastors Dan and Nancy. Nancy is holding a class on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 until 5:30 for youth unable to attend on Wednesdays.

New Member Class



A class for new and prospective members is currently being taught on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Cravens 207 by Dr. Darby. It is being attended by eight persons. New-comers are welcome.



A grief support group is currently meeting in Cravens Hall, room 200, on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. Anyone suffering from the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. Our guidebook is *Understanding Your Grief* by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt.

2014 Theme Verse

*The Spirit and the bride say,
'Come.'*

*And let everyone who hears
say, 'Come.'*

*And let everyone who is
thirsty come.*

*Let anyone who wishes take
the water of life as a gift.*

Revelation 22:17 (NRSV)

Come to the King in 2014!

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