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Lenten Journey

Through the Seven Churches of the Book of Revelation

by Russell Sullivan, Pastor

Why bother learning about ancient Greco-Roman cities or the letters written to Christian communities there? What could they possibly have to do with modern America and Christians today? Much more than you would think, actually.

On five Wednesdays in Lent (February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21) at 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Dr. Meg Ramey will teach us about these fascinating communities. Formerly a professor of biblical studies at Messiah College, Meg received her Ph.D. in New Testament from St. Andrews University in Great Britain. She is now the Director of Education Abroad at Tutku Tours, which specializes in biblical and educational tours around the Mediterranean. Meg has led multiple tours to biblical sites in Turkey and Greece. One of her favorite parts of these trips is visiting the seven cities of Revelation, all of which are located in Turkey, and studying those letters.

Join us this Lenten season as we delve into the ancient past and find relevant lessons for the church today. Using the tools of archaeology, geography, and historical criticism, just to name a few, we will excavate the seven ancient cities of Asia Minor and interpret the letters written to them in Revelation 2-3. Meg promises that it will be a truly apocalyptic event!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

February 11	Transfiguration Jonathan Hays Recital, 3:00 p.m.
February 14	Ash Wednesday Worship at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m.
February 18	Lenten Breakfast
February 19	Offices Closed
February 20	PC King Trumpet Recital, 12:15 p.m. Trustees Session
February 21	Dr. Meg Ramey Series
February 27	Trombone Quartet
February 28	Dr. Meg Ramey Series

*For a complete calendar, please visit
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Music at Pine Street

February Offerings



Bravo, Bravissimo! featuring Jonathan Hays

Sunday, February 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Baritone Jonathan Hays presents a captivating recital with the beautiful singing we have all come to know and love. The theme of the recital is centered around songs of love and death, examining varying aspects of both through the lens of music and poetry. The New York Times said of Jonathan: "the nobility of his voice matched the nobility of his bearing and his singing was consistently strong, lucid, direct and bang on the note. His was a magnificent performance," and Opera Magazine stated "he has a lovely baritone, nicely placed and warmly resonant but capable of taut edginess." There will be free parking in the South Street Garage. The concert is free and no tickets are required, but donations are appreciated.

Lenten Recital Series

Tuesdays in Lent at 12:15 p.m.

We also begin our series of Lenten recitals this month. Come for these free concerts at 12:15 p.m. and stay for a light lunch following the performance.

- February 20 PC King, trumpet
- February 27 First Four Trombone Quartet
- March 6 Ruth Hunter, harp
- March 13 The Wednesday Club
- March 20 Marcus Smolensky and Christopher Para, violin-viola duets

The Emergency Night Shelter at Downtown Daily Bread

A Safe-Haven for More Than 35 Men Each Night

by Anne Guenin, Director, Downtown Daily Bread

The Downtown Daily Bread Emergency Night Shelter has been open now for more than a month. Each night, more than 35 men ascend the steps of the Boyd Building at about 7:30 p.m. to sign in, choose a cot, check out a blanket, and settle in for the night. Four Night Managers, two each evening, keep the peace and stay up for the entire night to make sure everyone is safe and secure. The clients who have come to the shelter are very appreciative. In the coldest weather, other shelters in the city are also open on an emergency basis; however, when the temperature goes above 20°, these other shelters do not offer emergency shelter, so the numbers of guests tends to go up at the DDB shelter as the temperature rises. On a recent night after the cold spell, we sheltered 39 men.

Volunteers have begun to help out in the evenings. Representatives from Otis Elevator, Hershey Medical Center, Keystone Rotary, and Webpage FX have each agreed to come to the Emergency Night Shelter one evening a week. This is a remarkable commitment, and we are thankful for the care and compassion offered by these folks.

Because of the heavy use of our facility and supplies, we have had to order replacement cots. Because of the recent extremely cold weather, the DDB Day Shelter opened for the first time on a weekend. The Downtown Daily Bread staff has taken on many additional responsibilities. Please keep Downtown Daily Bread in your thoughts and prayers for the remainder of the winter. The Emergency Night Shelter will be open through March 31, 2018.

Downtown Daily Bread is always in need of donations. Please consider a cash donation. If you would like to volunteer, contact Linda at 717-238-9304 ext. 105. Visit www.downtowndailybread.org for more information. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry Offers New Resource

Support for Those Facing Cancer

All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor --- or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, or client --- receives the news of a cancer diagnosis. During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how?

Stephen Ministry is making available a simple, powerful new book *Cancer—Now What?* This book is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. Some topics addressed include:

- Asking the right questions at the right time
- Finding reliable information
- Finding ways to express difficult feelings
- Not letting cancer define you
- Getting the support you need
- Updating others without wearing yourself out
- Finding spiritual support
- Asking hard questions without feeling guilty

Copies of *Cancer --- Now What?* can be borrowed from the Stephen Ministry library by contacting one of our Stephen Ministers or Rev. Heather Sigler, all of whom may be contacted through the church office at 717-238-9304 or at office@pinestreet.org.

Youth Confirmation Class to Begin

The 2018 Youth Confirmation Class is open to youth in grades 7 through 12. This class will prepare students for the lifelong responsibilities of Christian discipleship and church membership. Some youth are ready to assume these responsibilities as young as 12 or 13 years old, while others may not be ready until they are high school seniors. Youth and their families have the opportunity to determine their own readiness.

This year's class will begin Sunday, February 11 during the 8:45 a.m. church school hour and continue for the following five weeks. Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday, March 25, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please talk with the youth in your family and determine their interest and willingness to take this important step in their faith journey.

If you have any questions about the confirmation process or wish to register a youth for the class please contact Rev. Heather Sigler or the church office.

Christmas Giving Tree 2017

Final Report and a Story of Hope

by Laura Messner

The 2017 Christmas Giving Tree had a goal to “shine the light on those in need.” Thanks to the generosity of Pine Street members – and Pine Street attendees, this mission was a success. How can you measure such an outpouring?

You could use the numbers.

- Multiple gifts for 27 Delta children, including a stroller, twin bed frames, bedding, clothing, and toys
- Five picture dictionaries and six notebooks for the Adult Learning Center
- Over 150 children's books to the Community Check-Up Center
- Hundreds of diapers, as well as coats and boots for Jasmine's family-in-need
- Hundreds of items for Downtown Daily Bread, such as gloves, T-shirts, string-bags, snacks, personal care gifts, and kitchen supplies
- Monetary donations to HELP for heating vouchers and to DDB
- Over 10 Pine Streeters who gave their time to prepare the Gathering Place display, assist with sign ups and check in gifts, then deliver those gifts
- Fifty families, as well as individual donors, including the Children's Sunday School Class, participated

But numbers are only one measure. Behind the giving, there are stories that best reflect the light that gives hope to the world. To quote Rev. Heather Sigler's recent sermon, “stories are what

make our lives worth living.” During the Advent breakfast, I shared two stories. Now I will highlight one more.

It is the week before Christmas. I walk into Jasmine’s dimly-lit Hall Manor apartment. A real Christmas tree sits in the corner, adorned by candy canes and two strands of lights, red and white. On the wall, four red Dollar Store Christmas stockings are tacked up, with the names of Jasmine’s children hand-painted with glitter glue. Under the tree, there are presents from Pine Street and the Salvation Army. We talk about the importance of reading to her children, her concerns for the safety of her neighborhood, and her appreciation for the supply of diapers she received. On my way out, she hands me a note from Sam, the father of her two youngest children. Awaiting release from prison, Sam writes that he is “so thankful for what you are doing for my family.” He uses some Bible verses to describe his message. From Matthew 6: 3-4... “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” Reading this, I thought of the many people who gave generously to this family, without expecting personal thanks or accolades. All stories do not have a Hallmark ending. Jasmine’s challenges are ongoing. Through the Giving Tree, Pine Street has sent a lifeline of support to a family struggling to find stability.

So, to all those who participated in this year’s Giving Tree, may your generosity be a blessing to you as we move into a new year.

Condolences

We continue to keep the family of Jack Leisure in prayer. The memorial service was held on January 12.

Baptisms

November 26, 2017

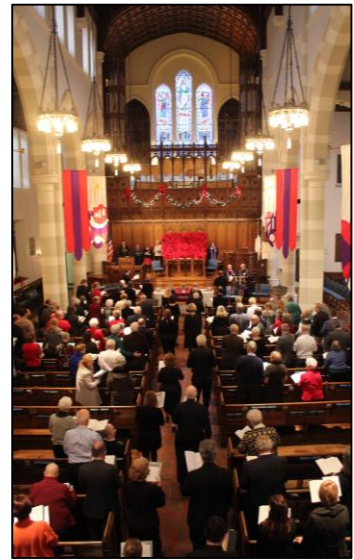
Theodora Jane Vaughn, born March 16, 2017, daughter of Thomas and Kaitlin Vaughn

December 25, 2017

Elizabeth Marie Stone, born August 5, 2017, daughter of Samuel and Shamira Stone

Memories of Christmas and Advent 2017





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Thursday, February 1
 Psalms 116; 147:12-20
 Gen. 23:1-20
 Heb. 11:32-12:2
 John 6:60-71

Friday, February 2
 Psalms 84; 148
 Gen. 24:1-27
 Heb. 12:3-11
 John 7:1-13

Saturday, February 3
 Psalms 63; 149
 Gen. 24:28-38, 49-51
 Heb. 12:12-29
 John 7:14-36

Sunday, February 4
5th Sunday after Epiphany
 Psalms 103; 150
 Gen. 24:50-67
 2 Tim. 2:14-21
 Mark 10:13-22

Monday, February 5
 Psalms 5; 145
 Gen. 25:19-34
 Heb. 13:1-16
 John 7:37-52

Tuesday, February 6
 Psalms 42; 146
 Gen. 26:1-6, 12-33
 Heb. 13:17-25
 John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday, February 7
 Psalms 89:1-18; 147:1-11
 Gen. 27:1-29
 Rom. 12:1-8
 John 8:12-20

Thursday, February 8
 Psalms 97; 147:12-20
 Gen. 27:30-45
 Rom. 12:9-21
 John 8:21-32

Friday, February 9
 Psalms 51; 148
 Gen. 27:46-28:4, 10-22
 Rom. 13:1-14
 John 8:33-47

Saturday, February 10
 Psalms 104; 149
 Gen. 29:1-20
 Rom. 14:1-23
 John 8:47-59

Sunday, February 11
Transfiguration of the Lord
 Psalms 103, 150
 Mal. 4:1-6
 2 Cor. 3:7-18
 Luke 9:18-27

Monday, February 12
 Psalms 5, 145
 Prov. 27:1-6, 10-12
 Phil. 2:1-13
 John 18:15-18, 25-27

Tuesday, February 13
 Psalms 42, 146
 Prov. 30:1-4, 24-33
 Phil. 3:1-11
 John 18:28-38

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
 Psalms 5, 147:1-11
 Amos 5:6-15
 Heb. 12:1-14
 Luke 18:9-14

Thursday, February 15
 Psalms 27, 147:12-20
 Hab. 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18
 Phil. 3:12-21
 John 17:1-8

Friday, February 16
 Psalms 22, 148
 Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32
 Phil. 4:1-9
 John 17:9-19

Saturday, February 17
 Psalms 43, 149
 Ezek. 39:21-29
 Phil. 4:10-20
 John 17:20-26

Sunday, February 18
1st Sunday in Lent
 Psalms 84, 150
 Dan. 9:3-10
 Heb. 2:10-18
 John 12:44-50

Monday, February 19
 Psalms 119:73-80, 145
 Gen. 37:1-11
 1 Cor. 1:1-19
 Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday, February 20
 Psalms 34, 146
 Gen. 37:12-24
 1 Cor. 1:20-31
 Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday, February 21
 Psalms 5, 147:1-11
 Gen. 37:25-36
 1 Cor. 2:1-13
 Mark 1:29-45

Thursday, February 22
 Psalms 27, 147:12-20
 Gen. 39:1-23
 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15
 Mark 2:1-12

Friday, February 23
 Psalms 22, 148
 Gen. 40:1-23
 1 Cor. 3:16-23
 Mark 2:13-22

Saturday, February 24
 Psalms 43, 149
 Gen. 41:1-13
 1 Cor. 4:1-7
 Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday, February 25
2nd Sunday in Lent
 Psalms 84, 150
 Gen. 41:14-45
 Rom. 6:3-14
 John 5:19-24

Monday, February 26
 Psalms 119:73-80, 145
 Gen. 41:46-57
 1 Cor. 4:8-20 (21)
 Mark 3:7-19a

Tuesday, February 27
 Psalms 34, 146
 Gen. 42:1-17
 1 Cor. 5:1-8
 Mark 3:19b-35

Wednesday, February 28
 Psalms 5, 147:1-11
 Gen. 42:18-28
 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11
 Mark 4:1-20