

Mid-Week Reflections

April 3, 2018

Thoughts About Us

Sunrise Service at Patterson's on Easter Morning was wonderful, especially if you like a bitter cold north wind. At least that early in the day there was no precipitation. Thirty-ish brave souls worshiped together under the leadership of Beth Robinett. Others helping with the music, the dramatic reading and the organizing for the day were: Mason Claassen, Eian Lewis, Lauren Fleischer, Drew Boyles, Dave Boyles, Kelsey Robinett, Halley Robinett, Abby Fleischer, Max Claassen and Douglas Fisher. Thank you so much for your good and faithful work. I am especially grateful to Cathy and Bill for their hospitality which included hot cocoa and coffee and goodies in their toasty warm home on such a beautiful site before we braved the cold to claim once again, "He is Risen." It was a wonderful worship service.

I also want to again thank the Worship Team, chaired by Mina Haywood for the awesome breakfast: casseroles and fruit and baked goods and juice and milk and hot coffee. It was another opportunity to visit with folks connected to SHUMC. They served right at 40 adults and children.

If you were unable to join us for 10:00 worship the sermon is now on our website: www.shawneeheightsumc.org. What you likely will not hear is the two wonderful pieces the choir shared. What an outstanding group they are. Thank you, Sandy Warren for serving as our Music Director. And thank you Bill, Don, Josh, Hap, Ben, Bob, Brenda, LaDonna, Cindy, Carolee, Marlene, Brenda, Kelly, Merta and Marlys. (I pray I did not forget anyone.)

Additionally, thank you Doug Bennett and Linda Boleski for managing our technology. And finally, thank you Kris Denton and Abby Pipkin and a bunch of youth who had a fun time with the many children that left the sanctuary after Children's Time.

Easter was a special day here at SHUMC. I am pleased that we had 167 joining us for worship. What should be obvious, if you read my thank-you list above is it takes many folks all willing to share their particular gifts to make worship possible and to create an opportunity for God's Spirit to capture our attention once again. The reality is we all need to do our part. Our mistake, to paraphrase a colleague of mine, is we too often act as if we are on a cruise ship when we actually are on a fishing boat. Indeed we all have work to do and some of it is pretty messy or at least inconvenient.

So, what is God calling you to do? How 'bout watching our young friends in our nursery on a regular basis? What would it mean if you learned to help with Sunday Morning technology? Could you add you voice to our choir or provide special music on a Sunday when they do not sing? Let me know what you need to feel more connected, more engaged, more actively growing in your commitment to serve God and others.

Coming Up:

Tonight: Wednesday, April 4th Worship Team Meets at 5:30.

Everyone is welcome as we plan for summer.

Choir meets at 6:30

Thursday, April 5th "Good Grief" meets at Brenda Price's. 6:00

Contact Brenda or the office if you'd like more info.

Saturday, April 7th "First Breakfast" from 7:30-10.

Sunday, April 8th Don Stewart will be leading worship for me.

The scripture is James 2: 14-26. The sermon is "Faith And/Or Deeds"

Monday, April 9th Board of Trustees meet at 6:15

On-Going: UMW I-Care collection for April and May is toothpaste, personal "wipes," new or gently used towels.

Celebrating a graduation in your family? Let us know.

We will be listing names of high school and beyond graduates in our May 6th worship bulletin. We will offer a blessing to any grads and family that day during worship.

Send your information to the church office no later than April 30th.

I will be out of the office from April 5th-April 11th.

There will NOT be a "Mid-week" next week.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if a need arises. 785-766-4789

Be the love...this day and always.

Barb