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Handley

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Gifts & Presence Sunday, August 26, 2018

Total Worship.....33
Total Sunday School.....16
Budget\$1879



Greetings!!

Well, the rain has definitely made its exit, but the heat, apparently, wants to stick around for a while! So, I guess we will continue to make the best of it, getting out when necessary, and otherwise, staying in where it is cool. My prayer is that you will find it necessary to be in church on Sunday.

I realize Labor Day weekend is coming up, which means many of you may be out on the road visiting friends and family. Please drive safely and have a great time. But, be sure to return! We will miss you while you're gone!

The choir is beginning rehearsals on the Christmas Cantata. It is scheduled for presentation on Sunday, December 9th. The cantata has some very familiar Christmas carols in it as well as some not-so-familiar tunes. I feel certain it will be a terrific presentation, given the talent of the choir under the direction of Lynn and accompanied by Bruce!

Though we had an amazing number in worship a couple of weeks ago, we HAVE missed seeing quite a few of you. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and we hope to see you soon. We will continue worship in the Fellowship Hall through September, with the goal of returning to the Sanctuary at the beginning of October, unless Summer decides to hang on longer than normal.

Stay cool and comfortable as we continue to deal with the Summer heat, and enjoy your Labor Day weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Blessings,

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Bruce's Bible Study

This week we'll continue to talk about the development of Christian worship--including, of course, music! Last week we looked at the Medieval and Renaissance eras, in which worship had become almost a spectator sport, since the priest was "doing" most of the activities. There was some terrific music involved, but it always was with trained choirs ----the congregation joined in only on responses. Music had become the territory of the specialists, and this increased that worship-as-spectator-sport (and sometimes, entertainment) we still deal with. This week we will start dealing with the Big Bomb that got dropped into the midst---the Protestant Reformation, which not only reformed theology, but attitudes to worship!

Most of us are aware that Luther was the beginner of the Protestant Reformation, and that it grew out of his anguished struggle to find acceptance with God (he thought it was something he had to achieve, not something to receive *as a gift* by faith; when he got to that latter stage, everything straightened out!). He translated the Bible from the original languages into excellent, idiomatic German, such a good translation that it remained the standard German translation until the last century (and Luther died in 1546!). What we don't realize is that he also wrote hymns--about 38 of them, in fact. The most famous, of course, is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," but it's not the only one! Some people say, "The melody isn't very pretty." Well, that's because "pretty melodies" didn't really come into full focus until several generations later. Luther sometimes used the melodies of barroom ballads (not the bawdy ones; the words of those would insist on coming into the singers' minds); John and Charles Wesley, 200 years later, took the same idea, saying, "Why should the devil have all the good tunes?" Luther wanted substance in the hymns--sort of like the old lady in the Wendy's commercial back in the 1980's (I mentioned her last week) saying, "Where's the beef?????" He would be appalled at the shallowness of the words in some popular contemporary

Christian music. To him, the message was all-important, and I fully agree with him on that.

Luther was also largely responsible for the development of *congregational singing*, which is so much a part of our tradition, too. He wanted to see (and hear) the congregation *involved in the acts of worship*, not just being spectators. He definitely realized the power of music (both for trained groups and for everybody else) in worship; 139 years after his death, a musician was born who followed Luther's ideas in a way that has lasted; I'm referring to Johann Sebastian Bach, a devout Lutheran whose church music, following Luther's ideas, has been very important in bringing people to faith in Christ; he's been called "the fifth evangelist." Now, not everyone liked Luther's "reformation" in worship, but we'll have to talk about that next week!

God bless you!

Bruce



We haven't set the date, but please be thinking about bringing nice items or gift baskets for silent bidding. There will be a quilt, too!

Handley UMC Events for September 2018

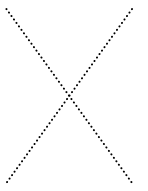
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Th.	Fri.	Sat
2 <u>Communion Set-up by Choirs</u> <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	3 <u>No Police Captain's meeting</u> <u>Office Closed for Labor Day</u>	4	5 <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	6	7	1 <hr/> 8
9 <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	10 <u>6:30 PM Handley Neighborhood Assn</u>	11 <u>12:00 PM Mail out News letter</u>	12 <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	13	14	15
16 <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	17 <u>6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting ✓</u> <u>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting (confirm)</u>	18	19 <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	20	21	22
23 <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u>	24 <u>6:30 PM Friendship Circle</u>	25 <u>10:00 AM Grace Circle</u> <u>12:00 PM Mail out News letter & Calendar</u>	26 <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	27	28	29
30 <u>9:30 AM Small Group Gatherings</u> <u>10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service</u> <u>12:00 PM 5th Sunday Lunch & Admin Council</u>	October 1	2	3 <u>9:00 AM Backpack Buddies</u> <u>12:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday Lunch</u> <u>6:15 PM Bell Choir</u> <u>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</u>	4	5	6

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Handley Happenings

August 27, 2018

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Meetings & Events Schedule



August 29
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch



September 2
Communion set-up by
Choirs

September 3
Office Closed for
Labor Day
No Police Captains' meeting

September 5
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

September 10
Handley Neighborhood Assoc.

September 11
Mail Out Newsletter

September 12
Backpack Buddies
Wonderful Wednesday Lunch

Usher Schedule

09/02—Mike Williams' Group
09/09—Bill Mann's Group

Sunday's Service:

"Every Good Gift"
James 1:17-27

