

# The Lantern

JULY / AUGUST 2015

MOUNT LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Summer Bible and Small Group Studies

Why not use the summer as a time to nurture and grow your faith garden by joining one of these short-term small groups? You will be warmly welcomed and may be surprised by how much you discover!

*Sunday morn. at 9am in Fellowship Hall* – Join with this small group as we focus on “Hot Topics” in the headlines and immerse ourselves in a provocative video presentation series called NOOMA by Rob Bell, examining issues of faith in our modern world:

- July 5 – Alternatives to anger
- July 12 – Made in God’s image
- July 19 – Blessed to be a blessing
- July 26 – Our identity in Christ

Potential Aug. classes include: Peace with Justice in Baltimore; The Religious Freedom Restoration Act; E-cigarettes; Payday Lending; Minimum Wage and Faith...

*Wednesday morn. 10am-noon* – Join in reading “Out of the Saltshaker and into the World” by Rebecca Manley Pippert, a penetrating study on sharing our faith naturally and effectively as we learn to trust the God of our faith and our own care and compassion for others.

*Thursday eve. 6:30-8:30pm* – Our summer study is “Regroup,” a training course on how to help lead and support effective and meaningful faith-based small groups. All are welcome! Materials are provided each week in this video-based course.

*Rev. Jennifer Kerby*

## Wilm. Manor Fire Co. Comes to the Rescue!

It was recently determined that our beloved church bell was no longer ringing and thanks to the thoughtful efforts of Mt. Lebanon member Ken Lindsay, a Wilmington Manor Fire Company hook and ladder truck showed up in our parking lot on Wednesday, June 17. Within a very short time, the truck was thoroughly stabilized, the ladder carefully extended and Trustees President Doug Hanby had clambered up to the bell tower, discovering and fixing the guilty loose bolt on the bell mechanism. Once again, thank you to our dedicated church members who keep our beautiful church in the best of conditions.

## Welcoming Habitat for Humanity Crew

The Missions Team is proud to announce a group of eleven from St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Parish in Rhode Island. This group of high school students will be working in the Wilmington area July 13-18.

We invite the entire congregation to a barbecue on Tuesday, July 14 at 5:30pm to welcome the youth and share in fellowship. We will be having hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, corn-on-the-cob, chips, desserts, etc. If you have any questions please see or call Bob Lathem at 798-3170.

*Bob Lathem, Missions Team Co-Chair*

## Back-to-School Rally | August 15

The Missions Team invites you to help Sunday Breakfast Mission with their 12th Annual Back-to-School Rally on August 15. Children aged five through 14 will be provided with back packs filled with all of the supplies needed to get them started in their studies. The event is so much more than the gift of school supplies, however; it is a time of coming together to hear how God unconditionally loves each of His children and is with us through the challenges and temptations of each day.

If you are available to help at the rally between 9am and noon, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. The collection of school supplies will start on July 12 and continue through August 9. The following supplies are needed:

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| Backpacks (children and youth)                    | Pocket folders           |
| Glue sticks and washable glue                     | Pencil sharpeners        |
| Scissors (blunt and sharp)                        | Three-ring binders       |
| Washable markers                                  | Colored pencils          |
| Notebook paper (wide and college-ruled)           |                          |
| Wide-ruled spiral notebooks and composition books |                          |
| Index cards and tab dividers                      | Tissue packs             |
| Pens, pencils and erasers                         | Rulers                   |
| Mechanical pencils                                | Pencil cases and pouches |
| Crayons (24 pack)                                 | Highlighters             |

Your generosity in the past has resulted in a trunk full of school supplies. How about two this year?!

# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## Sunday, July 5

*Holy Communion*

“Freedom is as freedom does”

1 Samuel 8:1-18; Psalm 27

Galatians 5:1-18, 22-26

John 8:31-36

## Sunday, July 12

“God’s antidote to world-weariness”

2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 37

Hebrews 12:1-15

Matthew 23:1-39

## Sunday, July 19

“God’s antidote to anxiety”

Joshua 1:9; Psalm 42

1 John 4:16a-21

Matthew 6:25-34

## Sunday, July 26

New Members Received

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

*Guest Preacher: Tim Page*

## Sunday, August 2

*Holy Communion*

“Recreated by God”

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 3:1-8

## Sunday, August 9

2 Samuel 18:5-33; Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35-51

*Guest Preacher: Denise Hudson*

## Sunday, August 16

“Recreating with God”

Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:8-11

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 111; Mark 2:23-28

## Sunday, August 23

1 Kings 8:1-43; Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

*Guest Preacher: Jeff Shoemaker*

## Sunday, August 30

Healing Service: Broken Relationships

Song of Songs 2:8-13; Psalm 45

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-23

## Sunday, September 6

*Holy Communion*

“Resting in God”

Jonah 1:11-2:10, 4:1-10

Psalm 131; 1 Peter 3:8-18

Matthew 11:28-30

### Prayers for the Broader Community

Dear Heavenly Father, we would ask that you be with the family and friends of the community in Charleston, S.C. Surround them with the power of the Holy Spirit as they mourn their loved ones. We also need to pray for forgiveness for the shooter. We would also like to pray for all the violence around the world, and especially in our own backyard.

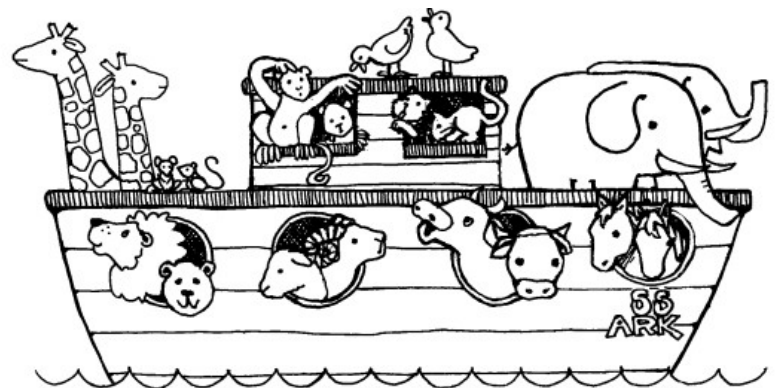
*Sheri Videtto*

## A special word of smiles and encouragement from Jo Brittingham

I found this is one of my preaching books recently and it reminded me so much of our sister Jo, that I decided we had to share it in the newsletter. Enjoy, and just imagine Jo’s reaction reading and hearing it! ~ *Rev. Jennifer Kerby*

“Everything I ever needed to know I learned from Noah”

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. We’re all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you’re six hundred years old, someone may ask you to do something big.
5. Don’t listen to critics; just do the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety’s sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you’re stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God there’s always a rainbow waiting.



## 2015 Pen-Del Annual Conference Report

The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference was held this year from June 4-6 at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, and I went as your representative. Our theme was "Equipping a New Generation".

We worshiped together, fellowshiped together, saw many presentations, and commemorated ordinations and anniversaries of service. Speaking of which, our own Pastor Jennifer is celebrating 10 yrs. as a pastor in the United Methodist Church! Please take time to congratulate her and thank her for her service!

Some of the highlights of this year's conference were presentations from youth from the CCYAM (Conference Committee on Youth Action Ministries), one of whom was Madeline Porter who gave a spoken word performance of her poem, "Because I Am Gray". She received a standing ovation for her moving poem and excellent performance. Another one of the youth gave a powerful presentation including a call for us to truly live up to our calling as Christians to love ALL people including the Boston bomber, Caitlyn Jenner, Miley Cyrus, and ISIS to name a few. She, too, received a standing ovation.

We were informed that the "Imagine No Malaria" campaign has cut malaria deaths in half and.

On a sad note, were reminded that Bishop Peggy Johnson will be leaving our conference in Sept 2016. There has been no word yet on her replacement.

We had teaching sessions conducted by Rev. Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg Church in Ginghamburg, Ohio. When he began there he had 90 members in his congregation, and today he has over 5,000! So he knows a little about leading a vital church!

In Rev. Slaughter's focus on our theme of "Equipping a New Generation", he said, "To equip the next generation we must convert the old", and also, "If our traditions keep us from doing God's will they need to go". He talked about the church needing to "die" to its strict adherence to how things are done just because we've always done it that way. This from a man who grew his congregation from 90 members to 5,000 members strong!

Rev. Slaughter detailed for us 5 markers of vitality:

1. seeing new disciples
2. disciples engaged in worship
3. disciples in small group - people stay with a church through relationship and responsibility
4. disciples in mission
5. disciples giving faithfully

Rev. Slaughter provided a graph showing how, in his experience, as the numbers of small groups available declines, so does membership. He showed us a model for growing our ministries showing the pastor communicating ideas for ministry to "teams" (not committees) and the teams, in turn, leading the congregation to implement and grow ministries. He said that teams dream, organize, finance, and deploy a mission in the world. He also said that, without committees, people look for meaning, not meetings.

Annual Conference is always a learning experience, and this year was no exception. Please consider attending next year. It is open to all, although only clergy and designated lay members to conference may vote. You will surely be blessed!

*Ann Brechtel, Voting Lay Member of Annual Conference*

## New Historical Record of Our Cemetery Has Been Compiled

Thanks to the concern and care of Bob Lathem and Donna Peterson — and to the awesome and amazing historical research completed by Donna — Mt. Lebanon now has three huge binders of background information on many of those buried in our historic cemetery.

- Did you know that the earliest birth date of our cemetery residents is 1776?!
- Did you know that we have Civil War veterans buried in our cemetery?
- Did you know that we would love to have more folks concerned and active in caring for our cemetery and cemetery records?

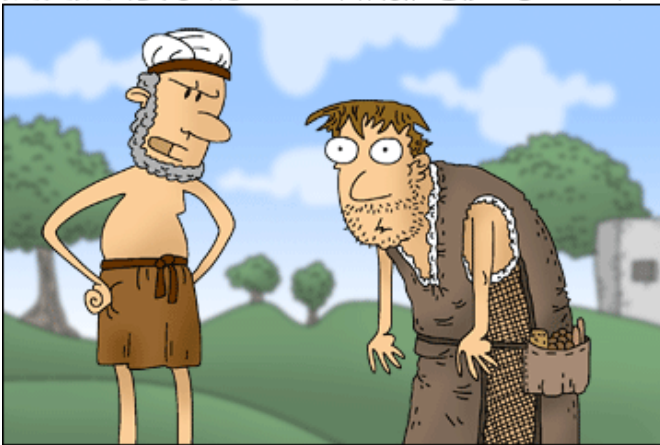
Please contact Donna Peterson if you have any additional historical information regarding our cemetery. Please contact Pastor Jennifer if you are interested in helping with maintaining and upgrading our beautiful cemetery.

## Cemetery Cremation Plots Available

It may be that you have not yet considered options for your final resting place, but please be advised that thanks to the work of dedicated church members we have available plenty of cremation plots in our beautiful historic cemetery. Plots measure 30" across by 24" long and are suitable for the placement of up to two cremation urns. The cost is \$500 for the plot with additional fees at the time of burial. If you are interested, please speak with our Administrative Assistant, Phoebe Chan at 652-8411 or by email at [office.mtlebanonumc@verizon.net](mailto:office.mtlebanonumc@verizon.net).



Thanks to Stacy Jackson (See Exodus 16) 04-06-2015  
**DUDE, THAT'S NOT MANNA**



01-02-2015  
**IT'S NOT MOURNING WHEN YOUR SACKCLOTH HAS A FLUFFY COTTON LINER, MESH SIDES FOR BREATHABILITY, AND A SNACK POUCH**

**July / August Servants**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	July 5	Harry West
	July 12	Tracy Hopkins
	July 19	Julia Tulloch
	July 26	Marilyn Hetrick
	Aug 2	Iva Boardman
	Aug 9	Laurence Birkett
	Aug 16	Harry West
	Aug 23	Tracy Hopkins
	Aug 30	Julia Tulloch

<b>Ushers</b>	July 5	Helen Brown, Kay Frick
	July 12	Helen Brown, Kay Frick
	July 19	Barbara Ewing, Kathy Neilson
	July 26	Barbara Ewing, Kathy Neilson
	Aug 2	Iva Boardman, Marilyn Hetrick
	Aug 9	Iva Boardman, Marilyn Hetrick
	Aug. 16	Helen Brown, Kay Frick
	Aug. 23	Helen Brown, Kay Frick

**Fellowship** July 5 Tracy Hopkins

<b>Reader</b>	July 5	Tim Page
	July 12	Chris Portante
	July 19	Tracy Hopkins
	July 26	Iva Boardman

**Spam, spam, spam, spam...**

Dear Church Members: Please don't forget to check your spam and junk email folders periodically. We had reports from church members that some emails we sent were in their spam mail instead. Thanks!



**CONAM CORNER**

*Excerpted from an article from Colonial Williamsburg, Winter 2015, shared by Kay Shoemaker*

You might be surprised at the number of English words that actually originate from the Algonquian language family. Listed below are some of the current contemporary American English derivatives. ~ Rev. Jennifer Kerby

<b>Algonquian word</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>English word</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Aphophmins	parched maize	Hominy	dried and softened corn kernels
Aposoum	white dog like animal	Opossum	whitish-gray mammal with furless tail
Arthkone	racoon	Raccoon	brownish-black mammal w/ringed tail
Chimay	canoe paddling partner	Chum	friend
Mawcauns	shoes	Moccasins	soft but sturdy leather footwear
Muscascus	Marten	Muskrat	water-dwelling mammal
Paukan	nuts	Pecan	nut species
Pichamnis	plum	Persimmon	edible fruit
Tamahaac	hatchet	Tomahawk	axe,hatchet
Towrupewk	sea turtles/loggerheads	Terrapin	turtle
Uaugh	word of wonder	Wow	word of wonder, amazement

## Congratulations and Blessings on All Our Graduates!

Please keep each of these individuals and their families in your prayers this summer as they celebrate and enter into significant life transitions (not to mention frequently significant student debt!)

- Kevin Chan, son of Phoebe & Joe Chan. Bachelor's of Music with a major in Music Technology from NYU.
- **McKendree Cortileso**, daughter of Jennifer & Rob Murphy. High school diploma from St. Mark's High School. Planning to attend Delaware Technical & Community College / University of Delaware.
- Matthew Dorman, nephew of Claudia & Bob Lathem. Bachelor's of Arts in English from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.
- **Ian Furman**, son of Amy & Steve Furman. High school diploma from Friends School. Planning to attend Elon University in North Carolina.
- McKenzie Howell, great-granddaughter of Flo Pinder and great-niece of Sue Reynolds. High school diploma from Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security. Will attend Delaware Technical & Community College this fall to study Criminal Justice. She hopes to become a law enforcement officer after she graduates.
- Alice Kerby, niece of Rev. Jennifer Kerby and Brent Apotheker. PhD in Physical Therapy from Marymount University in Arlington, Va. She is the first in the Kerby family to accomplish this level of higher education!
- **Chris Owen**, son of Wendy and Jon Owen. High school diploma from Tatnall School. Planning to attend West Chester University.
- **Wendy Owen**, Master's of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary. Planning to serve full-time as Pastoral Assistant at Avenue UMC in Milford, Del.
- Caroline W. West, granddaughter of Harry West and daughter of David and Carol West. High school diploma from Mt. Sophia Academy. Planning to attend the University of Delaware.

Those names listed in **bold print** are members of Mt. Lebanon UMC. We are so very proud of all our graduates and celebrate with them and their families!

## Pastor Jennifer's summer schedule

Away on Spiritual Retreat: Tues., July 21 – Fri., July 24

Away on Family Vacation: Mon., Aug. 3 – Thurs., Aug. 13

Away at Continuing Education: Fri., Aug. 21 – Sun., Aug. 23

If you have any pastoral emergencies during those times, please call Rev. Mary Browne at Chester Bethel UMC, (302) 475-3549, or her mobile phone (302) 229-9746. Many thanks to our lay speakers, Tim Page, Denise Hudson and Jeff Shoemaker, who will be filling the pulpit in my absence. May God bless and keep you all!

## Graduates of the 2015 Disciple Bible Study

We honor and lift up each of the 22 adults who completed the 34-week intensive study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation! Congratulations and thank God for how this time of learning will be shared with the entire congregation in the years to come.

### *Wednesday morning class:*

Iva Boardman  
Jo & Jim Brittingham  
Gloria Brong  
Ron Foust  
Maxcy Hanby  
Marilyn Hetrick  
Bob & Claudia Lathem  
Peter & Jane Prately  
Harry West  
Donna Winans  
Karen Yasik

### *Thursday evening class:*

Barbara Ewing  
\* Robbie Horner  
Denise Hudson  
Linda Mikelj  
Kathy Neilson  
Chris Portante  
Krista Liss Stoume  
Tim Page

\* Special recognition goes to Robbie Horner for her perfect attendance throughout the year!

## Drug Drop-Off Sites for New Castle County

If you discover your medicine closet or cabinets are getting cluttered with old prescriptions or over-the-counter medicines you no longer use (or are expired), you can now dispose of them safely. Drop-off sites have been permanently established at two locations:

### **New Castle County Police**

3601 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle -- ph. 573-2800

### **Newark Police**

220 S. Main Street, Newark -- ph. 366-7111

Please make every effort to help preserve our environment and keep everyone safe!

## **Loving Alike with One Heart — A Message from Bishop Peggy Johnson**

John Wesley the founder of the Methodist movement once said "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without a doubt, we may!" That is my prayer as we hear today's ruling of the United States Supreme Court that struck down state laws barring same-gender couples from enjoying marriage on the same terms given to couples of the opposite sex. Included in the statement from the Supreme Court were these words: "Many who deem same-sex marriage to be wrong reach that conclusion based on decent and honorable religious or philosophical premises, and neither they nor their beliefs are disparaged here."

### **Book of Discipline has not changed**

The justices also stated, "It must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned. The First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered."

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church has not changed with this ruling from the Supreme Court. Only the General Conference of the UMC can change our rules and policies; and General Conference will not meet again until May of 2016 in Portland, Oregon. At that time there will likely be many petitions appealing for same-gender marriages to be permitted for churches and pastors who feel called to engage in this kind of ministry.

### **Unity of the church is in question**

The denomination's coordinating body, The Connectional Table, has voted to put forth a petition for consideration known as "A Third Way." This measure would allow UM Clergy to perform ceremonies that celebrate same-gender unions if they wish, and clergy who do not wish to perform such ceremonies would not be required to do so. This proposal also removes being a practicing homosexual or performing same-gender wedding ceremonies from the list of chargeable offenses for United Methodist clergy.

There are others who wish to keep the Discipline as it is written and who call for stronger accountability for those who break the current church rules about homosexuality and same-gender weddings. One such petition came my way just this week from the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Ministry with people in the LGBTQ community is affirmed in our current Book of Discipline, and for some today's Supreme Court ruling favoring equality in marriage is a cause for great rejoicing. Other parts of the Discipline do not condone homosexuality and same-gender marriages, and for these people this a cause for concern and disappointment. The unity of the church is in question around this issue. It strikes at the heart of many things that we value as United Methodists: primacy of Scripture, tradition, holiness, diversity, social justice, and human rights.

### **'Both holiness and hospitality are excellent values'**

In his sermon at the 2008 General Conference Bishop Hee-Soo Jung spoke of this tension in our church today: "One could argue that those who espouse greater openness are holding fast to biblical principles of hospitality. Those who desire clarity in matters of boundaries, however are adhering to biblical principles of holiness.

Both holiness and hospitality are excellent values. Both are biblical and both are right. Of course, they can also both be wrong. The problem is this: When we concern ourselves only with holiness, we become rigid and inward looking. We make an idol of our purity. When we concern ourselves only with hospitality, however, we lose our sense of who we are. We become so open to others that we lose the language of our own faith." (Celebrating God's Love: Living into Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships, edited by Donald E. Messer, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015, p. 39) It is my prayer that we as a United Methodist Church will stay unified in the one heart of Christ that is our core mission and mandate. The mission of the church we can agree on, as Wesley suggests, even if we are not of the same opinion around other issues.

### **Look seriously at the "Third Way"**

It is also my prayer that the 2016 General Conference can look seriously at the "Third Way" proposed by the Connectional Table as a means of continuing our main mission with added flexibility so that more people can receive the ministry of the church and more people can be empowered for ministry. To do this would mean that, even while thinking differently, we strive greatly to "love alike," uniting our hearts in prayer and conversation, and humbly listening to one another.

I believe we can become stronger and stay unified in the midst of this crucial time in the life of the church. Please pray with me and remain tender-hearted toward one another. Wesley says we can do this "without a doubt."

All God's Critters  
by Rev. Constance Hastings, MSCC, NCC  
Daybreak Counseling Services

*ALL GOD'S CRITTERS*  
(Bill Staines)

*All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now.*

Though we share a common Creator, our God was pretty creative in making the human race. In brief, people are different and that difference extends to our personality traits, and thus, behavior. One of those is the continuum of extroversion and introversion, first theorized by Carl Jung. Whereas everyone has a degree of both, each person tends to have a preference for one or another.

People who are introverted tend to be reserved, quiet, inward turning, or focused more on internal thoughts, feelings and moods rather than seeking out external stimulation. They have to expend energy in social situations. After attending a party or spending time in a large group of people, introverts often feel a need to "recharge" by spending a period of time alone. Some of the traits frequently found among introverts are thoughtfulness, understanding details, self-understanding, emotionally private, and prefers learning through observation. They tend to have a smaller group of carefully chosen friends. Their closest relationships tend to be profound and significant. They also prefer to interact with people on a one-on-one basis rather than in a large group setting.

It is important to note that introversion does not necessarily equate with shyness. Shyness indicates a fear of people or social situations. Introverts, on the other hand, simply do not like to spend lots of time interacting with other people. However, they do appreciate being around people to whom they are close. They find engaging in "small talk" tedious, but do enjoy having deep, meaningful conversations. Introverts often find that other people try to change them or even suggest that there is something "wrong" with them. Nothing could be further from the truth. While introverts make up a smaller portion of the population, there is no right or wrong personality type. Instead, both introverts and extroverts should strive to understand each other's differences and similarities.

Extroversion is characterized by sociability, talkativeness, assertiveness and excitability. Extroverts tend to seek out social stimulation and opportunities to engage with others. They are often described as being full of life, energy and positivity. In group situations, extroverts are likely to talk often and assert themselves. Extroverts are often unfairly pegged as overly-talkative or attention-seeking. In reality, they simply gain energy from engaging in social interaction. They gain inspiration and excitement from talking and discussing ideas with other people. They are known for their warmth and cheerfulness, love of novelty and excitement, assertiveness, and enjoy being the center of attention.

Such personality traits impact relationships, especially marriages. When spouses differ in extroversion and introversion, each must be fully aware of their own and the other's needs, seeking a balance between having one's own "space" and allowing for social plans that are fulfilling but not overly draining. While the introvert may need periods of separation, the extrovert must understand it is not withdrawal or rejection. Likewise, introverts can understand the other's need and appreciate that person's love of people.

As the song says, "All God's critters got a place in the choir..." It is by the Creator's design that as we love as Christ loves, we learn about ourselves and others for a world that has a beautiful variety of persons for God's glory.

*"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."  
Psalm 139:14 (NRS)*

*Daybreak Counseling Services is a nonprofit clinical pastoral counseling agency that not only addresses the presenting issue or problem but also allows for the inclusion of spirituality within sessions. It is supported through payments determined on a sliding scale basis, private grants, and individual donations. Rev. Constance Hastings, a nationally certified counselor and United Methodist deacon, sees clients at St. Paul's and Atonement United Methodist Churches with both day and evening hours.  
Call 302-745-1042 for information or to make an appointment.*

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# *Reflections...*

Once again, our Administrative Council has approved continuing with the theme of BeLoveX3 for the upcoming ministry year. We adopted this focus last year as a way of helping us keep ourselves and all our church's ministry centered and grounded in the great commandment to Love God, Love our Neighbor and Love Ourselves. One of the realities of this motto is that it helps us stay aware that all of our life is about our relationships; our connectedness with God, our service and compassion with others both near and far, as well as our need to care for ourselves in Christ-centered, life-giving ways.

One intriguing aspect of the motto BeLoveX3 is that it encompasses the idea of multiplication. The more love we receive and share, the more love there is to go around. God's love doesn't work in the realms of addition or subtraction, but rather it has exponential impact. Another piece to consider in the phrase is the declarative to "be" love, suggesting the work of God's transforming grace to shape and mold us into loving beings (which require relationships) instead of pursuing life as self-centered or self-sufficient individuals.

I hope and pray that you might discover more meaning and power for your walk with Christ in this year ahead in this theme BeLoveX3 and that as you do, you will be sure to share it with others! May God bless each of us and all of us as we seek to be Christ's faithful witness in the world.

*-Pastor Jennifer Kerby*

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