Notes from the Road

Last Sunday’s gospel reading (in which we hear Jesus’ stern warning that “unless you repent, you will all perish”) made the sermon a little heavy. I considered sharing a story that would have lightened it a bit, but it didn’t make the final cut. However, there’s an old tradition of easing the Lenten fast in its middle ... so, hear the word of my barber, Mr. Billy Sisco:

There was a painter, and lo, the deacons of his church asked him to paint the church building, making an offering of his labor, of course ... and oh, by the way, the paint too. The painter agreed, but then began to think about how much it would cost. “This is what I shall do,” he said, “I shall thin the paint to make it go further, and no one need know.” So he covered the church with one coat of thin paint, and behold, it shone like a vision in the sun. But then the rains came, and the paint ran down, and terrible was the look of it.

The painter came to his pastor, and cried out, “What must I do? For my misdeed is discovered, and I am sore ashamed.” The pastor thought. “I tell you,” he said, “you must repaint and thin no more.”

What I’m listening to: a brand-new release by Jamestown Revival, the band that headlined the Shipyard Music Festival last year: “Crazy World (Judgement Day)” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4tOkizmFaQ). Zach and Jonathan state the wonderment of the hour: “maybe Judgement Day is overdue.” Maybe we’re living through it.

—Doug

Labyrinth News

The Spring Celebration of the Vernal Equinox turned out four dedicated souls to walk the labyrinth in the sprinkling rain last Wednesday. It was a delightful and joyous walk with the sound of the light rain on our umbrellas! (And in case you haven’t noticed...the spring flowers around the edge are about ready to bloom!)

Upcoming news...the 14th Annual Wholistic Fair will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the Arena Building, a new and smoke-free venue for this year. Mark your calendars!

5th Sunday Offering for Helping Hand Fund

This Sunday, we will receive special offering for Helping Hand. Monies from the fund are used for local outreach to assist with a variety of needs such as housing, utilities, medications, etc. The office receives calls for help regularly. Your donations are needed & appreciated. Designate “Helping Hand” in memo line of your check.

Dear Abbey Road Family,

Sincere thanks to all of you for the cards, calls, flowers, & memorial gifts at the time of Helen’s passing. Special thanks to Pastor Doug for the excellent memorial service and to the New Life Singers for their beautiful & meaningful music. Thanks also to all who helped with the delicious bereavement meal.

Sincerely,
Ed Tilley

Words cannot express how much I appreciate all the prayers, visits, cards, calls, & help during my hospitalization & recuperation. Thank you very much!

Marian Kramer
**Worship Notes March 24**

*At Table:* Darla Snider (c), Martin Needels (o)

*Distribution:* Anne McDonough, Adrian Wills + ushers

Communion Prep: Marge Janssen

Scripture Reader: Margaret Needels

Greeters: Felicia Fox, Sue Kemp

Ushers: Kilja Israel, Karen Piker

Abbey Road Adventures: Steven Piker

Worship Capt.: Karen Piker

Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

**March 31**

*Separating Light from the Darkness*

**Genesis 1:2-4**

**John 11: 21-22, 32-35, 38-44**

David Dickey

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**Serving on Sunday, March 31**

- **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy’s Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.

- A donation to the Food Bank was made by Randy & Judy McLain in memory of their son, Colin, for his March 22 birthday

- **Holy Week Breakfasts and Devotions** will be held the week of April 15-19 at 7am. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

Five, perhaps six of us have said we think we can help prep and serve the *Christmas Day Red Door Community Meal* … nine months out, who knows what may happen; the trumpets of judgment day may sound. All we need are six or seven more firm maybes. If you think you’ll be in town and would like to help, please tell Doug Job.

Beginning after Easter, the **Green Room class** will read and discuss Kate Bowler’s 2018 book about her spiritual struggle during serious illness: *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved.* In the meantime, we’ll do a short series using pop songs as discussion starters. This week, we’ll tease and inform ourselves with the Indigo Girls’ signature song “Galileo.”

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John & Deborah Browne, Del Brunton, Connie Gibson, Kenny Werner, Luther Hunt, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Ada “Dottie” Cruce, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Brian Lierer, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Thelma Nelson, Dawn Knoderer, Conner Propst, Kathleen Job, Kim Farrar Frank, George & Helen Amick, Ruth Hopkins, Iris Likens, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Beverly King, Adrian Wills, Jim & Betty Stricker, Marian Kramer, Nita Brackin, Winona Crampton, family of Nelda Simpson, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list?** Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.