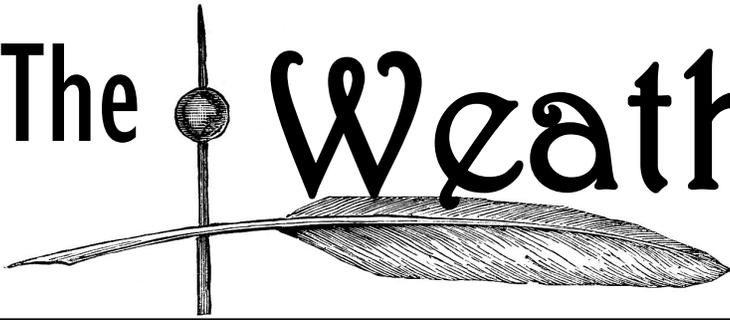


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Pastor's Ponderings

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Pulpit Swap

My annual pulpit swap with the pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church is this Sunday. Their pastor, Rev. Christie Ashton, is on medical leave. One of our members, Dr. Michael Bowe, has been filling in for Rev. Ashton, and he will represent Hope at Weatherly this Sunday.

The theme for this year was developed by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. It is a community of about 50 women who come from different countries, churches, and cultures. They have two communities both with the same purpose: "common praise, meditation on God's word, the struggle of prayer, the call to reconciliation and community life as a parable of communion, and sharing with all those who come." The theme comes from John 15: "Abide in My Love and You Shall Bear Much Fruit." It is a timely message.

We must always be looking for ways to promote reconciliation and unity. We are a fractured society, and the church can be an agent of healing. We are studying John 17 on Wednesday evenings. Here is what Jesus prayed for the church:

Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Let us pray for Christian unity. Let us practice the high ideals of our faith. Let's allow Jesus' prayer to be completed in us.

With bonds of love,
David

Worship News

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Dr. Michael Bowe preaching: Picked Last
Isaiah 56:1; John 15:1-17

Next Sunday is our annual pulpit swap with our sister church, Hope Presbyterian. Dr. Michael Bowe is filling in for their pastor, who is on medical leave. The theme this year is "Abide in My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit." Please join us for worship and tell a friend or neighbor about our YouTube service.

Click [here](#) for the Sunday fellowship.
Click [here](#) for Sunday worship.



You can sign up to sponsor altar flowers by calling the church office at 256-881-6882.

The office will be closed on Monday, January 18, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his dedication to human equality.



We pray for those in need

Search Committee

All those affected by the COVID-19 virus

Mary Jane Aycock on the death of her brother Clarence
Abernathy

The family of Valerie Roberts, friend of Laura Lemley

Jeff Brothers and family on the death of his uncle Rev.
Ernest Campbell

Eddie Hunt and family on the death of his sister-in-law
Shirley Hunt

Yvonne Betowt and family on the death of her aunt
Alligene Madison

Frances Gerstlauer

Charles & Peggy Dye, brother and sister-in-law of Val
Moore

Harlan Borman, brother-in-law of Cindy Durst

Dr. Dale Campbell, sister-in-law of Mike Campbell

Violet Winer, mother of Greg Olmsted

Griffin Moor, 16-year-old with possible lymphoma

Judy Newby

Lee, infant great-nephew of Beverly Livingston

Reba Martin, mother of Ann Marie Martin

Dean Russell, sister-in-law of Debbie Ledbetter

Alice Caruso

Wilda Ray, sister of Rita Crain

Glenn Larkin, brother of Anne Livingston

Sean Larkin, nephew of Anne Livingston

Family & Friends in the military

Our country

For those with long-term needs and for their families

Liz Brown

Memorie Elliott

Rosa Lee Heflin

Bill Creel

Nancy Darden

Jim Thrasher, son of Lucy Thrasher

Debra Atchison, cousin of Dee Ann Creel

Lou Ann James, sister of Ladd Lewis

Patty Simmonds, cousin of Kathy Campbell

Betty & Gene Terry, parents of Yvonne Betowt

Brian Parker, son-in-law of Bobby & Pat Williamson

THE CHURCH IN SERVICE

DEACON ON CALL

Week of 1/10 Chris White

Week of 1/17 Katie White

January 12

Kallie Bennett, Bailey Greer, Rich Wegrich

January 13

Peggy Gray, Jeanne Su, Ellen Waggoner

January 14

Mike Bonaker, Savannah Jeffreys, Wallace Jordan

January 15

Brenda Graves

January 16

Brent Sherman

January 17

Ryan Hovik, Rhonda Wegrich

January 18

Astrid Carter, Randy Gilbert,
Grace Whitener, Emma Willett



Happy
BIRTHDAY

Budget Update

Weekly Requirements \$11,718.00

Offering of Last Sunday \$ 5,010.00

Bible Study

Wednesday January 13, 5:45 PM

[Zoom](#)

Sunday Fellowship Time

Sunday January 17, 9:30 AM

[Zoom](#)

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday January 17, 10:10 AM on [YouTube](#)

Many Thanks for Participating in the 2020 Election Cycle!

Christians are called to be in the world, but not of the world. We are to make a difference in the lives of the members of our communities. One of the ways Weatherly Heights Baptist Church does this is to offer our facilities to the county of Madison as a polling place during elections.

This past year, voters responded to new circumstances by demanding safe and equitable voting procedures. WHBC answered that call and was recognized by Madison County Elections Administrator Shelbie Wallace for our efforts. She, on behalf of the entire county election team, extends her thanks for our participation in the latest election cycle, recognizing the unprecedented challenges faced by polling locations. She notes that our nation is “truly learning the value our surrounding community brings to our lives.”

Wallace continues by saying “We could not even begin to carry out a successful election season without the assistance from your facility. It is a pleasure serving the community alongside of you.”

The trustees of WHBC reciprocate the feeling and hope to continue being a light to our nation into the future.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Knits Community

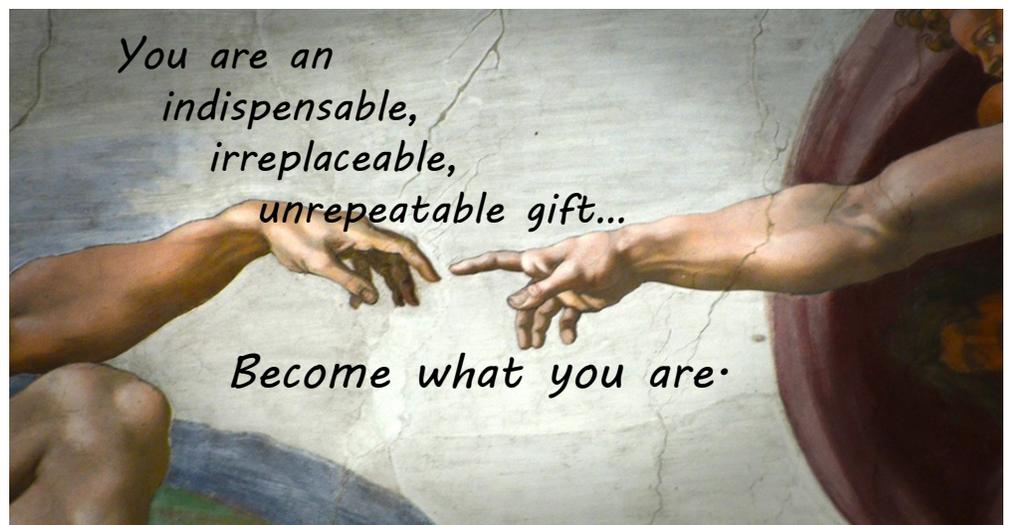
During this year of loss and isolation, many member of our community are facing trials alone. With this in mind, the members of the WHBC prayer shawl ministry have continued to make a difference through their talents.

Despite not being able to meet in person, these ladies have continued to craft prayer shawls and send them to members, friends, and neighbors who are facing hard times. Persons who receive these shawls comment that wrapping up in the shawl feels like a hug.

If you would like to send a virtual hug, contact Diane Robey to get started.

Weatherly Generosity Amazes

The pandemic of 2020 has been hard on many churches. Some have closed. Some will close. Some have cut salaries. Weatherly has amazed with generous giving. Budget offerings for December were nearly \$125,000. Budget offerings for the year were more than \$100,000 over expenses. The surplus will allow us to strengthen our contingency fund. Thank you for your amazing generosity!



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Madi's Musings

Happy Tuesday my friends!

What's something that you're working out for personal growth?

I've mentioned a few times that I enjoy cooking and I enjoy spiritual practices. While I was in seminary I had the opportunity to start a really fun project dealing with both of those loves instead of writing a traditional paper, of which I've written plenty and was grateful for the diversion! All of that to say, I only pick it up on brief occasions but I'd like to finish it this year. I give you permission to ask me how it's going periodically if you're interested and I'd be happy to share it as I go along, but you have to ask about it!

I'd love to hear what you are working on during this continued season of minimal in-person human interaction!

Faith, Food



& Friendship

A collection of recipes, stories, and spiritual disciplines for the everyday chef and baker.

Madison K.M. Harner

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