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The Messenger

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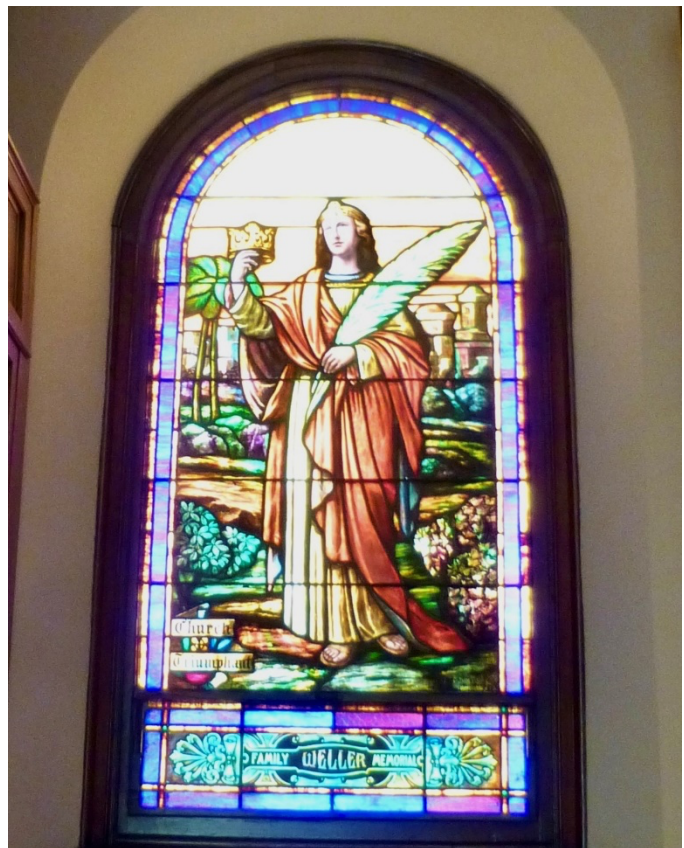
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From the Pastor's Pen

One of my favorite things to do is look at stained glass windows in churches. Especially, ones that are unique. I love our sanctuary here at Evan. Two of my favorite windows are at a United Methodist church in Berwick, Pennsylvania. They have two matching windows on either side of the altar. One has a robed figure holding a book, a sword, and is labeled "Church Militant." On the other side of the altar, there is a robed figure with a palm in one hand, a crown in the other, and is labeled "Church Triumphant." When I first saw them, I had no idea what they meant.

The pastor of the church explained to me that the church militant window represented the church here on earth. This made sense to me, but what surprised me was the church triumphant window. It represented the church in heaven. The saints who are in the presence of God. A topic I had not spent much time thinking about.

On the first Sunday of November, we will remember those who are members of the church triumphant in our worship. Our prayers, communion liturgy, time of lighting candles, and prayers will remind us of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of the church triumphant. We will be reminded the church goes beyond what we see here on earth. We'll praise God for the promise of eternal life and give thanks for the saints who have been models on how to live out our faith in Jesus well.





October 24

Focus: Good News about the End

Scripture: Isaiah 25: 6-10

Sermon Series: Walking Beautifully

October 31

Focus: Walking Beautifully/Fruits
of the Spirit

Scripture: Galatians 5: 16-23

Sermon Series: Walking Beautifully

November 7 (All Saints Sunday)

Focus: Unimpeded

Scripture: Mark 10: 17-31

Sermon Series: Hundredfold

November 14 (UMW Thank Offering/Fall
Harvest)

Focus: Giving and Loving

Scripture: Mark 12: 29-33, 38-44

Sermon Series: Hundredfold

November 21 (Christ the King/Reign of
Christ)

Focus: Giving to God

Scripture: Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon Series: Hundredfold

November 28 (1st Sunday of Advent/UM
Student Day)

Focus: Light the Way

Scripture: Luke 21: 25-36

Sermon Series: Shake It Up



Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for the
Pastor Appreciation Month card and gifts.
You are so thoughtful. The stole is
beautiful. I feel so blessed to serve as your
pastor. Again, thank you!

Peace,

Andrew

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

At our September meetings, the Finance committee and the Church Council accepted a proposal submitted by Pastor Andrew for a Technology Project. This project covers three major needs. The highest priority is the church office's computer. We are having major issues with it and have had to contact outside support to fix it twice. The estimated cost for this computer and accessories is \$2006. The next priority would be the pastor's office computer and accessories. This would be an estimated \$1791. And lastly would be to create a Zoom Room at an estimated cost of \$4350.

What is a Zoom Room?

For our church, it will be transforming meeting room 3, in the education wing, into a video conferencing space. When installed, we hope to have our meetings allow people to come in-person or join us by phone or a video via Zoom. In addition to meetings, Pastor Andrew hopes to offer Bible studies in the room and possibly a new Sunday School class. Other groups at Evan would be welcome to use the space for their meetings and events. Below is a picture of some of the equipment that will be installed.

The total cost of this project is an estimated \$8147. Prices keep changing, there is a chip shortage, prices are high, and availability is low. We will only be able to make purchases as donations are available. You will find an envelope in this newsletter marked TECHNOLOGY PROJECT. These envelopes are also available at the church in the back of the sanctuary near the offering plates. Please consider donating to this project. We have received \$1380 dollars for the project. Thank you to everyone who has supported the project so far!



Church Camp Challenge

In this newsletter, you will find a letter from our district superintendent challenging the churches of Harrisburg to raise money for our conference's church camps. The leadership of Evan has decided to invite the congregation to help in this effort. On the first Sunday in November, we will have a special offering for the church camp offering. Envelopes for the offering marked, church camp, will be available near the offering plates.





A Unique Opportunity to Support Camp and Retreat Ministry and Double Your Impact

Double your gifts in support of Camp and Retreat Ministry by donating to the Monday Match Appeal in October and early November. Right now donor partners are matching every gift that comes in. This is a prime opportunity to undergird one of our shared ministries that has a huge impact for Christ.

Young people grow so much in their love for God and in their discipleship through these experiences. Many clergy and laity have discerned calls to pastoral ministry or to live their vocations as laity in ways that bring love and transformation to the world. Our centers also provide inspiration to a myriad of non-profit groups that come to plan and carry out their visions for doing good in communities across our region.

Generosity continues to be important to Camp and Retreat Ministry which still grapples with cancellations and lower attendance due to ongoing COVID challenges. We celebrate the return of summer camp in 2021 and how much the campers needed to be in community with God and each other. Many mentioned that this summer was particularly meaningful and important to them. We had no COVID cases the entire summer, which is a testament to the care of staff and volunteer leaders who followed effective health protocols. At the same time, the attendance numbers only reached 45% of the norm for a summer, which is important to know, so that you realize that your gifts make a huge difference this year.

I challenge the 111 congregations and church members of the Harrisburg district to raise at least \$11,100 (only \$100 per church). Please give more if you can. We each can do this and support a ministry we love. **Thank you to two District churches who have already given above and beyond the \$100 goal!** Joni and I will add our personal pledge of \$500. Help our Camp and Retreat Ministry reach its \$40,000 goal for Monday Match. Thanks everyone!

How to give:

- a. Make Checks payable to the Susquehanna Conference and send to 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 (Mark *Monday Match - Harrisburg District* on the check)
- b. Give online at susumc.org, then click on the Donate button at the top of the page. Apply your gift to the 2021 Camp Comeback Campaign and in the comment section write in the name of our District.

Serving Christ together,

Barry C. Robison

Together

Growing Spiritual, Transformational Leaders,
Equipping Congregations for Vitality & Creating New Places for New People, and
Connecting with Each Other and the World as we Build the Beloved Community

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Rejoice always,
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 THESS. 5:15-18



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church*

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