

Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

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HELLO SCOOPERS!

Just thought of that name for everyone who receives these humble missives from Coop.

Thanks to Joanne C for our bulletin board bloopers today.

The last one about Mrs. Lewis on Easter Sunday will stick with me, and I promise not to do that ever.

Yes it is the first of May and spring is unfolding as it should. Last night was praying down on my dock at the lake and got swarmed by black flies.

They weren't biting yet. Probably all waiting for the wet wipes to come into the stores again.

This week, the Messy Church crew videotaped their puppet play featuring Molly and Scooter for all the Messy Church kids. I've attached it so you can have some fun watching and also get to see the inside of the church, and Peter with his beard, Rob with his guitar, Alva dressed as Molly, myself with my horrible hair, and though you can't see him Paul was videotaping. Connie usually writes the plays with help from the crew but this time she let me have a whack at it. She'll be back.....

It is attached through utube. You should be able to access it just by clicking on the attachment, but if not, go to youtube and enter Messy Church Puppet Play and it should pop up.

I've been listening to news of a double mind. Not usually a good seem to get my ahead around it. like to be with my family in a second and have more access to parks etc,



a hair dresser, I just feel deep inside that it is too early. How are you doing with that? I think we have to use our own instincts and listen to the science and the data and then do what seems best for everyone so much as we can. We should not feel pressured by anyone else. I myself will be cautious yet hopeful and very prayerful that we do not engender a second wave. We've not completely finished with the first. We have, in my view, received exceptional government leadership and supportfar better and far more than almost any other country would provide. For this, my gratitude abounds. Always remember you can call me for any type of help that you require and the church and I will do everything possible to meet your need.

lessening restrictions with thing, but so far I can't While I would very much bubble (if they choose me) and my goodness to go to

Your Scripture: John 7: 37-39

On the last day of the Festival (of booths), the great day, while Jesus was standing there He cried out “Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me and let the one who believes in Me drink. As the Scripture has said: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water”. He said this about the Spirit, which believers in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Picture it! All sorts of Jewish people and gentile visitors celebrating with joy in the streets of Jerusalem and around the Temple. Jesus, who generally spoke in response to specific questions, was just offering Himself joyfully, without apology for interrupting, with no care at all about what anyone thought of Him...He just wanted them to know they could come to Him. And that meant anyone at all. “ If you’re thirsty I can quench that thirst, and then because you have believed, living, thirst quenching water will flow out of you as well”. An amazing invitation and a promised vocation. Spontaneously?

Well perhaps not entirely. And certainly not out of nowhere. What had happened just previous to Jesus shouting out these words? The chief priests and the Pharisees (the religious people) had sent officers to arrest Him, because the crowds were beginning to listen. Jesus didn’t argue, didn’t run and hide, didn’t ask anyone to chase them away. Jesus said ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY....and that pointedly included those who had come to capture Him. Faced with rejection, Jesus responded with inclusive invitation. And what happened right after He spoke those words?

“There was a division in the crowd because of Him. Some of them wanted to arrest Him, but no laid hands on Him. Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why did you not arrest Him?” And they said “Never has anyone spoken like this”.

Let’s ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to help the waters that flow in words from our mouths be so inclusive, merciful, and full of promise that our Lord Jesus will be honoured, and so that others may also find themselves with mouths full of living water. Amen (short one today, but I have a full sermon coming for Sunday)

A Prayer for Today:

Gracious Lord; a rainfall of your love seeps into parched spirits.

A shower of your kindness soaks dried out caring.

A sprinkle of your grace moistens hardened grudges.

A stream of your comfort softens endless hurts

A deluge of your peace washes away irritability.

Soak me, Lord

Let it rain over me, into me and from me

Let living water spill from me in ever widening circles

To water people who need the grace of rain.

Amen.

Jokes.....sort of....

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam? Nope, only an apple.

What kind of car would Jesus like to drive? A Christler of course!

Blessing:

Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Jesus' love,

The fellowship of Christian minds is like to that above.

While for awhile we part, this thought will soothe our pain

That we will still be joined in heart and one day meet again.

We are so blessed in this time of separation. We are united in Christ.

All we who love God must love all whom God loves,

Therefore, be blessed and live in peace. Amen.