



the SouthWind

Summer, 2010

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, you are wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot.”*

- Psalm 104

Granted, the Psalmist has the ancient cosmology of a three layered universe in mind, and sees God as “up” on the clouds. The theory of relativity has sent that cosmology to the locker room, there is no universal “up.” That aside, I am impressed by the way in which the Psalmist looks through creation and sees God.

Not the bearded grandfather God of our childhood, holding forth on a cloud. Whatever God is, is beyond the category of age and any conception of gender.

“You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.” (14,15)

This God is at the center of all things yet beyond all things and holds all things together in such a way that life is possible. Not simply the physical world—though grass is important for cattle who are important for milk. The whole food chain is holy. But the Psalmist is not simply speaking about the bottom of the hierarchy of human need. Wine and strength of heart and the oil that shines the dry face in the middle-east where this was written, speak to a fullness of life, an abundance that is right before us. “People go out to their work and to their labor until evening.” (23) The Psalmist speaks of meaning, purpose, the contribution to a greater good, the top of the hierarchy that we need to be deeply human.

And the Psalmist arrives at this by meditating on creation. May this happen for you this summer. May you have opportunity to meditate on God’s world, to deepen your relationship to it and to God. For in this, you will be re-created. “When you send forth your spirit, “we” are “re”created: and you renew the face of the ground.” (30)

In Christ,
Denny Moon

****We like to celebrate milestones! Will you or a loved one be celebrating an 80-plus birthday or a 40-plus wedding anniversary? We like to acknowledge these special occasions in the SouthWind. Please call Linda in the church office (653-7289) to let her know the details.****

HEAR YE, HEAR YE: Members of the congregation reading scripture at services demonstrates our church’s belief in the priesthood of all believers. The Board of Deacons wants to make this opportunity available to more readers. We will provide training. Interested? Contact Steve Miltimore at 860 653-2325 or smiltimore@cox.net

Articles for the **Homecoming** edition of the SouthWind are due in the church office by noon on **Wednesday, August 18th**. Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due by Tuesday of each week. Your help with these deadlines is appreciated.

SUMMER WORSHIP

- July 4:** **9:30 AM Worship service** – Communion
Scripture: Micah 6: 6-8
Sermon: “George Washington’s Prayer”
- July 11:** **9:30 AM Worship service** – guitar service
Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37
Sermon: “Losing as Winning”
- July 18:** **9:30 AM Worship service** – guitar service
Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-10a
Sermon: “The Joke is on You!”
- July 25:** **9:30 AM Worship service**
Scripture: Luke 11: 1-13
Sermon: “Ask, Search, Knock”
- Aug. 1:** **9:30 AM Worship service**
Guest Preacher – Gale Grayson
- Aug. 8:** **9:30 AM Worship service**
Scripture: Luke 12: 32-40
Sermon: “God’s Good Pleasure”
- Aug. 15:** **9:30 AM Worship service**
Guest Preacher – Rev. Bob Mc Naughton
- Aug. 22:** **9:30 AM Worship service** – baptism, guitar service
Scripture: Isaiah 58 9b-13 11: 1-13
Sermon: “God’s Fast”
- Aug. 29:** **9:30 AM Worship service**
Scripture: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15, 16
Sermon: “What Can Anyone Do to You?”
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YOUTH NEWS AND HAPPENINGS!!

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS ON CHILDREN’S SUNDAY

We celebrated Children’s Sunday on June 13th and enjoyed a service full of songs, lessons and laughter. Also, the Board of Christian Education thanked our Kaleidoscope Corner volunteers for their efforts all year in helping to nurture and guide our children.

Teachers and Shepherds 2009 - 2010

Hanna Adams, Barb Allen, Charlene Bordonaro, Joe Bordonaro, Maggie Burnett, Greg Cote, Terri Cote, Nikki Currie-Huggard, Jen Curtis, Kelly Dimeo, Stacy Garrity, Barb Kelco, Heidi Kingsley, Jon Kroninger, Charlie Kuchenbrod, Mary Kuchenbrod, Steve Lacey, Jennifer Mathews, Tracey Mazrek, Sally Moon, Beth Newman, Linda O’Connor, Kim Pelzar, Emma Percival, Will Percival, Michaela Pestretto, Andy Pidgeon, Hannah Pidgeon, Kathy Pidgeon, Liz Pidgeon, Tracey Pidgeon, Anne Plaut, Michelle Psutka, Helen Rice, Cindy Rising, Denise Rivera, Amy Rooney, Katelyn Sweetland, Coreen Thompson, Melissa Varano, and Suzy Wertz.

YOUTH MINISTRY

On June 27th, we had our mission team commissioning. Please pray for our participants when they are on their trips this summer.

Heads Up Hartford (HUH) trip dates: June 23 – June 30;
Appalachia Service Project (ASP) trip dates: July 17 – July 25

ASP ADULT LEADERS:

Jen Curtis, Mike Hayes, Amy Lukens, Dick Mullen, Kathy Pidgeon, Linda Pirek,
Chris Rising, Renee St. Amour, John Stevenson, Scott Verbridge, and Denny Moon

ASP YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

Hannah Adams	Ali Lovkay	Gratton Rider
Melissa Allen	Adam Lukowski	Rachel Rising
Jon Budlong	Caitlin O'Connor	Katie Scallion
Glen Calder	Shannon O'Connor	Michelle St. Amour
Mike Cote	Matthew Repetto	Katie Sulzinski
Casey Curtis	Andrew Ricci	Jason Urban
Matt Doucette	Nick Richards	Taylor Verbridge
Kelly Durej	Rob Richards	Sean Witte-Meredith
Brittany Hayes		

HUH PARTICIPANTS: Kay Imbt and Denny Moon

SUMMER MUSIC

By Bruce Porter, Director of Music

During the summer, when our choirs take a break, we rely on volunteers to provide special music for our one, 9:30 AM Sunday morning worship.

The following is the summer schedule, subject to change:

- ♦ **June 27:** Susan Orred
 - ♦ **July 4:** Sandy Maine
 - ♦ **July 11:** Guitar service
 - ♦ **July 18:** Guitar service
 - ♦ **July 25:** Ted Christensen and Bruce Faucher
 - ♦ **August 1:** Susan Coté
 - ♦ **August 8:** Caterine Peters, flute
 - ♦ **August 15:** Becky Sears
 - ♦ **August 22:** Guitar service
 - ♦ **August 29:** Susan Orred
 - ♦ **Sept. 5:** TBA
 - ♦ **Sept. 12:** Homecoming; Chancel Choir and Organ music return
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RUSH TO FLUSH!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To our memorial funds which have given **\$10,000** toward our handicapped bathroom;

To our early givers, who gave **\$12,000** toward this essential goal;

To those who have already given **\$8,700** to close the gap;

And to all of you who will help us close the remaining gap of **\$4,300**.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

Do your part to provide a handicapped bathroom (cost = \$35,000) in our Fellowship Hall so everyone can enjoy the fellowship and programs we have in the hall. Give what you can! Write a your check and send it to the church office today, so we can begin construction soon!

AUSTIN LIBRARY NEWS

Ah, summer has arrived at last, and with it lazier days filled with outdoor activities and more leisure time. (We hear some of you who work full-time laughing your heads off.) However, there are rainy days and a need for just relaxing, as well as cool weather at vacation cottages, and days when the phrase, “nothing to do” is frequently whined. The Austin library has some help in the form of a variety of light reading. Uncle Al, Alice, and I have been scurrying around the shelves looking for some ideas for you. For adults, let’s start with: 7 books by Janette Oke; 16 by Beverly Lewis; and 12 by Lorraine Snelling. All are light fiction and have proved very popular with our female members. In addition, there are two books from best seller lists that you don’t want to miss—the popular *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom and *Three Cups of Tea*, by Greg Mortenson, the latter of which demonstrates that one person can make a big difference.

For the children, there are books for all ages. For the little people, the classic, *The Carrot Seed* is a good example. Girls will love *Amelia’s Notebook*, especially if they have ever had to move. Despite the fact that it looks like a little kids’ picture book, Patricia Polacco has written a book that should appeal to older children and to their parents as well. It’s called *Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair*. It would make great family reading in the evening. (We know for a fact that it’s one of Joyce’s favorites.) For bedtime reading the VeggieTales- themed *God Is Bigger Than the Boogie Man* will appeal to the primary set. It’s a collection of stories peopled by Veggie Tale characters who learn lessons about living.

These are only a few possibilities. We’ll be watching you come to browse. Joyce will put these and others on display for your delight. Have a delicious summer!

Blessings for all of you from all of us in the good old summer time,

AL, Alice, and Uncle Aloysius

During the summer, Coffee Hour is replaced by, “**fellowship hour**” which features lemonade and a plate of goodies. Please take this opportunity to share with the congregation by signing up in Fellowship Hall to host one Sunday during the summer.

If you would like to honor your loved ones by providing the **Altar Flowers** on a Sunday during the summer, please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office for more information (653-7289).

JULY/AUGUST AT A GLANCE

<p>Friday, July 2: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, July 4: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Monday, July 5: <i>Holiday – office closed</i></p> <p>Wednesday, July 7: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Friday, July 9: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, July 11: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Tuesday, July 13: <i>Steering</i> Parlor 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, July 14: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Saturday, July 17: <i>ASP leaves</i> 6:00 AM <i>Wedding</i> Sanctuary 7:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, July 18: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Wednesday, July 21: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Friday, July 23: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, July 25: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM <i>ASP returns</i></p> <p>Tuesday, July 27: <i>Deacons</i> Parlor 7:30 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, July 28: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Sunday, Aug. 1: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 4: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Friday, Aug. 6: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, Aug. 8: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 10: <i>CE</i> Parlor 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 11: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Friday, Aug. 13: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, Aug. 15: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 17: <i>Steering</i> Parlor 7:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 18: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:30 PM</p> <p>Friday, Aug. 20: <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Sunday, Aug. 22: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p> <p>Tuesday, Aug. 24: <i>Deacons</i> Parlor 7:30 PM</p> <p>Wednesday, Aug. 25: <i>Quilting Group</i> Parlor 10:00 AM <i>Community Meal</i> Fellowship Hall 4:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, Aug. 29: <i>Worship Service</i> Sanctuary 9:30 AM</p>
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SUMMER WORSHIP

Effective Sunday, June 13th and carrying through to Sunday, September 12th (Homecoming Sunday) our WORSHIP HOUR will be at 9:30 AM with only one service offered each week.

The church office will be closed on Fridays from mid-June, through August.