

For Week of August 28, 2016

Canterbury Church Picnic This Sunday!

Sunday, August 28
5:00 - 6:30 pm
Main Parking Lot

Bring a friend with you this Sunday for a great afternoon of fun. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, ice cream, music, dancing, inflatables, games, and plenty of shade. Bring neighbors and lawn chairs if you like.

Go to www.canterburyumc.org/picnic2016 to see poster.

Special thanks to the Compass Class for helping make this year's picnic possible.



AvonFest 2016

Sunday, September 11
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy the friendship, food and drink of Avondale at our annual celebration benefiting **Avondale Samaritan Place**, to be held this year at Cahaba Brewing Company. Proceeds from the night - including a fantastic silent auction and popular wine pull - will go to support all of ASP's growing outreach programs. Your donation of \$50 entitles you to a night of great food from Avondale eateries, beverages, and our special John Wesley Barley Brew. Tickets available at the door or purchase online at www.CanterburyUMC.org/AvonFest.



Special Announcements

In Hospital/Rehab as of 8/24/16

Rosalyn Stroud..... St. Martin's
Dr. Jesse Milby..... South Haven

Worship Service Schedule

8:15 amNew Traditions Worship..... Chapel - Rev. Tori Hastings
10:30 amTraditional Worship..... Sanctuary - Rev. Dale Cohen
10:30 amContemporary Worship..... Canterbury Center - Rev. Drew Clayton
5:00 pm.....The WAY..... Chapel - Not Meeting

Our sympathy to Sally Whites in the death of her sister, Janice Shumaker, who passed away on August 13th, and Margaret Whitaker in the death of her mother, Margaret Brown Ragsdale, who passed away on August 13th.



For a full listing of this week's upcoming events, please pick up a printed copy of the *Canterburian Express* in the Narthex or at the main reception desk. For even more information, please see our website at www.CanterburyUMC.org/Newsletters.

Traditional Worship

AUGUST 28, 2016

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. TORI HASTINGS

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

"And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow.'" (Matthew 13:3, NRSV)

This is one of the most familiar of Jesus' parables. It's also one of those parables that you can interpret pretty easily. A sower went out to sow and he threw seeds everywhere. Some seeds fell on a hardened path. Other seeds fell on top of rocky soil. And other seeds fell among the prickly weeds. Everybody knows these seeds don't have much of a chance of producing much. But some of the seeds landed on rich and fertile soil. At the end of the harvest, the net results were miraculous, for no one had ever harvested 100 fold before.

Throughout the first 8 or 9 chapters in the gospel of Matthew, the mission of Jesus for establishing the Kingdom of God was moving forward. Then in chapter 10, Jesus' teaching takes on an ominous tone. He predicts persecutions and tough times for his mission. In chapters 11 and 12, we see opposition to Jesus and his mission. And then we land in chapter 13 where the crowds were so large Jesus had to get in a boat in order to teach. And this is the context for the parable of the sower.

Reading the parable of the sower in light of chapters 10-12, we can see that Jesus is offering encouragement to those who have ears to hear. In spite of the opposition to his mission, he wants those working hard to establish the Kingdom of God to take heart. The disciples were aware that the work they were doing was dangerous. They were aware that the religious authorities were watching their every move. They knew that at any minute their world could come crashing in around them. After all, John the Baptist's disciples make an appearance on behalf of John in chapter 12 because John was in prison for his faith.

So Jesus is telling his disciples and his followers in the parable of the sower that in spite of the struggle, they should keep the faith. God can be trusted to bring a miraculous harvest. Keep casting your gospel seeds wherever you go, and even though some will fall on deaf ears, some will take root and produce a bountiful harvest.

Maybe your relationship with God has been a struggle lately. Maybe you're not seeing the results you would like to see. Keep pressing on. God is still active in your life. God is still at work. One of the things that any farmer (or gardener) knows is that growth takes time. A farmer or gardener works hard to cultivate and to plant but the farmer also knows that beyond his/her effort, one of the most important ingredients is time. Jesus was saying to his disciples and to us, be patient with yourself. Keep at it. The harvest will come. And the harvest will blow your mind!

Dale R. Cohen

Dale Cohen, Senior Pastor

WELCOME CHILDREN! —Parents, make sure your children get a worship activity pack in the Narthex entrance area. The Children's Comfort Room is also adjacent to the Narthex.



Hearing assist devices and large print hymnals available — ask an usher for help.



FOLLOW Jesus...
SERVE OTHERS...

CANTERBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

Words in bold type are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Voluntary Cantabile Joseph Jongen

Welcome and Parish Notices

Collect *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.*

Lord of all power and might: Create in us a clean heart; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 61 Come, Thou Almighty King ITALIAN HYMN

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* Gloria Patri MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* Passing of the Peace
The Peace of the Lord be with you, and also with You.

Children's Moment Mrs. Carrie Ward

Anthem His Name So Sweet Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

Stan Nelson, tenor

Oh Lord, I just come from the fountain, His name so sweet.
Poor sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, Yes, I do love my Jesus.
Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name so sweet.
Class leader, do you love Jesus? Yes, Yes, I do love my Jesus.
Leader, do you love Jesus? His name so sweet.
Presidin' Elder, do you love Jesus? Yes, Yes, I do love my Jesus.
Elder, do you love Jesus? His name so sweet.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts and Music

Offertory Anthem He, Watching Over Israel (Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

* Doxology OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Gospel Procession 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, vv. 1 & 2 CANTERBURY

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 13: 1 - 9

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Procession 465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, vv. 3 & 4 CANTERBURY

Sermon Kingdom Come Rev. Dale Cohen

* Hymn of Commitment 437 This Is My Song FINLANDIA

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Recessional Prayer Ted Clark, cantor

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the words we have said and sung this day may be so grafted and guarded in our hearts, that our lives may bring forth good fruits, and our lips shall show forth Thy praise, to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Want to know more about Following Jesus and Serving Others? To make Canterbury your home church, contact Rev. Sheryl Thornton at 874-1529 or sheryl.thornton@canterburyumc.org.