

For Week of October 30, 2016

All Together in Worship This Sunday

Bring Your 2017 Commitment Card!
10:30 am in the Sanctuary

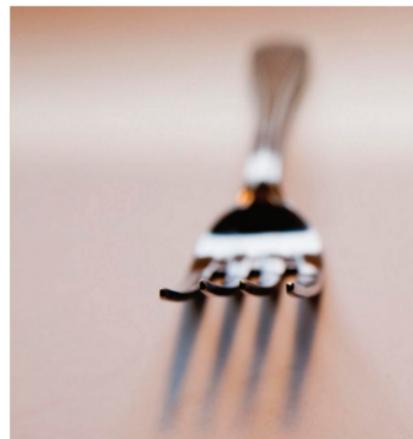
We are the hands that carry the Good News of Jesus Christ. And thanks largely to your financial gifts, that good news includes grocery bags for the hungry, wheelchair ramps for those in need, conversations with those who are lonely, and much, much more. You can help spread the good news and good work of your church even farther in 2017. When your pledge card comes in the mail next week, fill it out and bring it to church on October 30th. Or make your commitment on line today at www.canterburyumc.org/commitment. We need EVERYONE'S help this year!



Church-Wide Luncheon

Box Lunches for All
This Sunday!

Come enjoy great food and fellowship with your entire Canterbury family! All are invited to a special Commitment Day Luncheon this Sunday, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship in the Sanctuary. Debbie Lofton will be preparing box lunches for everyone at no charge. Lunches can be picked up at tables in the Upper Commons Area and in the hallway outside the Dining Room. The following rooms will also be available for seating: Wesley Hall, Canterbury Hall, Dining Room, and all classrooms along the 2nd Floor Commons Area (Aldersgate, Believers, Fellowship Too, and Covenant). Vegetarian and Children-Under-10 meal options will be available for pickup at the Kitchen serving area.



Special Announcements

Thanksgiving for the Life of
Jene Black..... 10/22/16

In Hospital/Rehab as of 10/26/16
Jo Dobbs..... Grandview
Shelba Jean Siniard (Lisa Donnell's mother)...UAB
Dr. James C. (Jim) Johnson..... St. Vincent's

Worship Service Schedule
8:15 amNew Traditions Worship..... Chapel - Rev. Dale Cohen
10:30 amCombined Worship Sanctuary - Rev. Dale Cohen
5:00 pm.....The WAY..... Chapel - Mr. Brian Ward

Flowers on the Altar
The flowers on the Sanctuary Altar are placed in honor of Anna Rose Davis & Lawrence Charles Bolack, III, united in holy matrimony on October 29th.



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

OCTOBER 30, 2016

THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. DREW CLAYTON

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

Fellowship Divine

"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 8:9, NRSV)

The invitation comes from God. Long before you ever conceived or imagined of your need for God, God was reaching out to you. Many of us have responded to that call to live as followers of Jesus. Even if we've been among the faithful for quite some time, God continues to reach out to us and invite us into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus. We can never exhaust the depths of the relationship we can have with Jesus.

The question for all of us is this: What will we do with the invitation God is extending to us today? It's a daily choice. Sometimes, if we're going through a particularly difficult time, it's an hourly choice or one we have to make every minute. The beautiful thing is that we get to decide what to do with the invitation. God never forces himself on us. God waits patiently for us to respond. God is faithful to us no matter what.

I get invitations all the time, and many of those include a request for a response. Please forgive me in advance, but I'm lousy at getting an RSVP in on time. I have my reasons for being late, but they're nothing but lame excuses. Sometimes, I've missed an event I really would have enjoyed if I had responded in time. I've probably missed opportunities that God had prepared for me, too, because I failed to act. How about you? Can you relate to this?

Life in the fellowship of Jesus (a.k.a. the church) can be difficult. Being a part of the church makes demands on us that require a response. Those invitations that feel like demands aren't meant to diminish our lives—to the contrary—those invitations are meant to bring greater meaning and fulfillment in our lives.

When we first accepted the invitation to be a part of the fellowship of Jesus, in our response we promised to participate in the fellowship with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. God invites us daily to live into these commitments. For those who faithfully respond and keep these promises, the fellowship is life giving.

This week we have the opportunity to pledge our financial support to the fellowship of Jesus at Canterbury. God is up to something here, and through our faithful response, we get to be a part of it. I hope you will join me in getting this RSVP in on time. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness and for his invitation for us to join with him in this great work. Thanks be to God for you!

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.



CANTERBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Adagio from Sonata in A-Flat Josef Haydn

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

God of love, fill our hearts with the knowledge of you that we can turn from the distractions of life and be more like you. May we be agents of your compassion, offering kindness to those we meet this day. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

* 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 Amy Knight

Anthem The Morning Trumpet Sacred Harp, arr. Hooper

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 Song of Mary Richard Shephard

My Lord and Savior is my song, he fills my spirit with delight,
To raise me up his arm is strong, the lowly precious in his sight.
Magnificat anima mea Dominum! (My soul magnifies the Lord!)
My name shall live from age to age, and ev'ry tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess.
The proud beguil'd by dreams of pow'r divided and degraded lie:
He casts them down from throne and tow'r and stoops to lift the humble high.
He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfill'd away,
And mindful of his promis'd word has answer'd Israel's prayer today.
In ev'ry land begin the song, to ev'ry land the strains belong.
In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.
Magnificat anima mea Dominum! (Mary Holtby, alt., based on Lk. 1)

* 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 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, v. 1 BEECHER

* Gospel Lesson John 10: 7 - 10
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Procession 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, v. 3 BEECHER

Sermon Rev. Dale Cohen

* Hymn of Commitment 577 God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA
Commitment Cards may be brought to the altar during the singing of the hymn.

* 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. Tori Hastings at 868-6580 or tori.hastings@canterburyumc.org.