

Two New Classes Offered

Register Now for Grief and Divorce Care Classes

Grief Care

This is a 6-week class designed for those who have lost a loved one in the last year. There will be two class options: Sundays beginning January 22, 5:00-6:30 pm, led by Rev. Sheryl Thornton and Tommy Sisson and Thursdays beginning January 26, 9:00-10:30 am, led by Rev. Dale Cohen and Jennifer Kopf.

Divorce Care

This is a 10-week class that provides encouragement and helpful tools for navigating divorce and life after. Classes begin on Sunday, January 22, 5:00-6:30 pm. Divorce Care is led by Ryane Rice with United Counseling.

Preregistration is required for both classes: ellen.thomas@canterburyumc.org. Childcare is provided by request: Amanda.fuller@canterburyumc.org.

Tea and Tablesapes Annual UMW Fundraiser

Donate to the Silent Auction or Purchase a Table Today

The UMW is hard at work planning their upcoming annual fundraiser! Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 12, 2017 and plan to join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship, food, fashion and fundraising! For information on donating to our silent auction or purchasing a table for the event, please contact Meg Lilly at 807-2802 or Meg.Lilly@me.com.

Special Announcements

Thanksgiving for the Life of

Ann Bryant.....January 2, 2017
Dr. Edward (Ed) Tyndal.....January 5, 2017
Dr. B. Q. Scruggs.....January 6, 2017

In the Hospital (as of January 12)

Blaise LeJune.....Children's
Jean Danner.....St. Vincent's

Roses on the Lectern

The roses on the Sanctuary lectern are placed in honor of
Laura Stone Daniel, Frances Hereford Daniel, & William Seaton Daniel, children of
Lucy & Chris Daniel, who were born on December 21st.
Amelia Claire Vernon, daughter of Amanda & Ryan Vernon, who was born on
December 22nd,
Gerald Anderson Morris, son of Molly & Pelham Morris, who was born on
December 28th.
Virginia Scott Gaddy, daughter of Margaret & Jeremy Gaddy, who was born on
January 2nd.



Traditional Worship

JANUARY 15, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREACHING — REV. TORI HASTINGS

LITURGIST — REV. WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

THE WAY OF LOVE

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
John 13:34, NRSV

For most of us, we think of love as an emotion. We talk about falling in love as if it were an accident. By the same token, when we talk about falling out of love, we describe it as if some unseen force over which we have no control has taken our love for the other. Rather than identifying the series of small choices we made that led to the distancing in our relationship, we would rather play the innocent bystander—the victim of our circumstances.

Jesus reminds us that love is a choice. Certainly our emotions are affected by the choices we make; however, at the end of the day, we choose to love or not to love.

Loving someone can be difficult. It takes time. It can be demanding. It requires that we sacrifice for the one we love. It means that sometimes we put our own wants and desires on the back burner in order for us to address the wants and the desires of the one we love. When we multiply the demands of love across our relationships, it can be overwhelming.

The key is that Jesus commanded us to love one another AS he loves us. In all his loving, Jesus never lost sight of the need to take care of himself. He knew that in order for him to be able to love us, he had to spend time nurturing his love for God and his love for himself. That's why he chose to withdraw from time to time and spend time with God. It was during that time away (such as the time in the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest and crucifixion) when he was able to clarify how best to demonstrate his love for us. Love is a choice but choosing how to love is also important.

In our Choose This Day sermon series, we're talking about Choosing Love this week. I hope you will join us as we explore in practical ways what it means to choose love as a discipline to guide your life. I believe this is one of the most critical choices we make as it has implications for so many other areas of our life. May God guide us into loving one another as Jesus loves us.

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...

Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Where Charity & Love Prevail, God is There Paul Béniot

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

Day by day, Lord, you lead us to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace. Day by day, you call us to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope. Day by day, you show us the community we could be, the family we are called to become. Help us, Lord, to answer your call. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

* 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 Ralph Yielding

Anthem Thy Perfect Love John Rutter
Wanda Banks, mezzo-soprano

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee all thinge best,
And wounde my heart in they love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

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 The Last Words of David Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.
Alleluia. Amen.

* 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.

* Hymn of Preparation 408 The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3: 13 - 24

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

Sermon Rev. Tori Hastings

* Hymn of Commitment 571 Go, Make of All Disciples LANCASHIRE

* 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.