

Canterbury Day School

Registration to Begin
January 10th

Registration for Fall 2017:
January 10th - CUMC Member registration for children not currently in the program
January 11th - Non-member registration for children not currently in the program
January 31st - 5K Registration

Registration for Summer 2017:
February 7th - Member and Nonmember registration for children not currently in the program

All registrations will be by telephone by calling 874-1541 from 10:00-10:30. All calls will be timed and dated in the order in which they are received. Times are recorded according to Canterbury telephones.



Wednesday Family Night & Small Group Studies

Winter/Spring Studies to Begin
January 11-April 26th

Make Wednesday Nights a part of your routine in 2017. Join us for dinner on January 11th at 5 PM followed by a church-wide human trafficking event. Winter Studies will begin the following week on January 18th. Find out more and register for a Wednesday Night activity on our [website](#) or download our [brochure](#) for more information.



Special Announcements

Thanksgiving for the Life of
Ann Bryant.....January 2, 2017
Dr. Edward (Ed) Tyndal.....January 5, 2017

In the Hospital (as of January 5)
William (Bill) Moss.....Grandview



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

JANUARY 8, 2017

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREACHING — REV. DALE COHEN

LITURGIST — REV. WARREN NASH

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST — DR. LESTER SEIGEL

Choose This Day

"Choose this day whom you will serve...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15, paraphrase)

From the moment we awake in the morning to the time we fall asleep at night, our days are filled with choices. Many of our choices have become automatic, and we refer to these choices as habits. A famous football coach stops at the same convenience store every morning and purchases a Coke and a Little Debbie cake for his breakfast. He made a choice once, and since he keeps doing the same thing every day, it's now a habit.

Other choices are more complicated and require time and energy to make. Buying a car or a house involves more complex planning and decision-making than the majority of decisions we have to make. I remember one of my old seminary professors who was a genius at theology but not as adept at more basic levels of thinking. Frustrated with all the options available when he went to purchase a car, he finally just blurted out, "I want a blue one!"

Probably the most important decisions we make are about the kind of people we will choose to be. As important as this decision is, most people take a more passive approach, falling victim to letting the world shape the internal compass that guides them and missing out on discovering the deeper and more meaningful existence of being an individual.

The best way for our lives to be shaped is through deliberate decision-making about our relationships, our values, and our actions. I choose to be on a conscious journey of self-reflection using the life of Jesus Christ as the standard for decision-making. Each morning I spend time in reflection and study in hopes of identifying ways in which I have met the standard of Jesus Christ and ways I have failed to meet that standard. In line with one of the twelve steps of recovery, I seek "through prayer and meditation to improve my conscious contact with God, praying only for the knowledge of His will for me and the power to carry that out." In other words, I choose to serve God.

The new sermon series on "Choose This Day: Four Essential Resolutions" is designed to offer four areas of emphasis that are essential to the thriving life that Jesus offers us. By engaging in these four disciplines, we are confident that we can become the people of God who are not victims of our circumstances, but people who are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. I hope you will join us each week as we explore choosing Presence, Love, Habits, and Courage.

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.



Order of Morning Worship

*Congregation Please Stand

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

Voluntary Two settings of “Dearest Jesus, We are Present” J. S. Bach

Welcome and Parish Notices

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

Loving God, help us to be aware of your presence with us in worship today. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to lay aside the distractions that would keep us from being fully present as we worship together. Through our encounter today with your Son, Jesus Christ, may we be transformed into his likeness and go forth from this place to draw the world’s attention to your love and grace. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

* Processional Hymn 545 The Church’s One Foundation AURELIA

* 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 Scott Precise

Call to Prayer O Breath of Life David Ashley White

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us; revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.
O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

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 O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thou, Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may raise her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house; they will be alway praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper Thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

* 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 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings , vv. 1 & 2 BEGINNINGS

* Gospel Lesson Luke 24: 13 - 35

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

* Gospel Procession 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings , vv. 3 & 4 BEGINNINGS

Sermon Rev. Dale Cohen

* Hymn of Commitment 540 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord, vv. 1, 2, 5 ST. THOMAS

* 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.

MUSIC NOTE: This Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, you are invited to hear the Sesquehanna University Concert Choir, who will present a program as part of their annual tour, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary!

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.