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LaMont's Lines

February 2018
"Forgiveness"*

Judicial Council

The Judicial Council is the highest judicial body or "court" of The United Methodist Church. Each General Conference elects four or five of the nine members for eight-year terms. Membership alternates between a mix of five laity/four clergy and four laity/five clergy. General Conference also elects alternate members.

General Conference establishes the powers of the Judicial Council, which are found in *The Book of Discipline*.

Among its other powers, the Judicial Council determines the constitutionality of acts or proposed acts of the General, jurisdictional, central and annual conferences and of bodies created by General Conference. It acts on these either on appeal of lower rulings or through requests for declaratory decisions. It also rules on whether acts of other official bodies of the denomination conform to *The Book of Discipline*. The Judicial Council also reviews and affirms, modifies or reverses decisions on questions of law submitted to bishops in central, jurisdictional, annual or district conferences. All decisions of the Judicial Council are final.

As I begin this article, I want to thank the congregation for making money available for your pastor's continuing education. Some of the money from my continuing education fund was used to buy the book "*The Emotional Intelligence of Jesus*" written by Roy M. Oswald and Arland Jacobson. After reading the book, I decided to use it for a Lenten book study in 2018. As with all books, certain parts of the book were of more interest to me than other parts of the book.

The main question I have been reflecting upon for several years focuses on the ability and skills of the church universal's response to all the anger and hurt which has been occurring over the last decade in the United States. I did not wish to respond in a piece meal fashion or with a gut reaction to each situation.

I was looking for an organizing principle which might guide our church to clearly understand, and respond in an organized fashion and decisively define our Christian beliefs as it relates to particular circumstances.

Certain parts of the book were able to bring together an organizing principle under the heading of Forgiveness, as taught by Jesus of Nazareth. In October 2006 Charles Roberts entered a small Amish school near Lancaster, Pennsylvania and shot ten Amish schoolgirls, killing five of them. He then shot himself. This massacre made national news. What shocked many people even more was the Amish response. The Amish forgave the killer and went to visit the killer's wife, three children and parents to comfort them. Other Amish went to the killer's funeral and still others set up a charitable fund to support the Robert's family. Generally, mass killings like this are followed by expressions of recriminations and calls to take steps to prevent such violence in the future. Anger is common and hatred is expressed against the killer or killers.

This book goes on to develop a clear definition of forgiveness which may be applied to our contemporary circumstances. Numerous Bible texts are used to lay out a step by step development of Jesus' understanding concerning forgiveness. Basically, forgiveness has two parts; individual and community responsibilities to address wrongs. According to the book, forgiveness needs to be done in an intentional manner at both levels

If we have time, I would like us to read "*The Church as Forgiving Communities*" by Chad Magnuson and Robert Enight. The book is based on Enight's four stages of forgiveness.

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Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship
 9:00 A.M. Sunday School
 10:15 A.M. Worship
 6:00 P.M. Youth

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday, Friday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
 Thursday 8 A.M. to noon

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 4 <i>Lenten Book study</i> 6:30 P.M. <i>Becomers</i> | 5 <i>Ad Council 7 P.M.</i> <i>Fellowship hall</i> | 6 | 7 <i>Choir practice 7 P.M.</i> <i>Choir kids 7 P.M.</i> | 8 <i>Christian Education</i> 7 P.M. <i>F.A.I.T.H.</i> | 9 | 10 |
| 11 <i>Christian Education</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Junior Church</i> <i>Trustees 6 P.M.</i> | 12 | 13 <i>Staff-Parish 6 P.M.</i> <i>Finance 7 P.M.</i> | 14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> <i>service 5:30 P.M.</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 <i>Food Pantry Sunday</i> <i>Lenten Book study</i> 6:30 P.M. <i>Becomers</i> | 19 | 20 | 21 <i>Choir practice 7 P.M.</i> <i>Choir kids 7 P.M.</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 <i>Mission Sunday</i> <i>Junior Church</i> <i>Lenten Book study</i> 6:30 P.M. <i>Becomers</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Choir practice 7 P.M.</i> <i>Choir kids 7 P.M.</i> | | | |

February sermon titles & texts

- Feb. 4 Communion Sunday
 "Let Us Go Elsewhere"
 Mark 1:29-39
- Feb. 11 Christian Education Sunday
 "The Transfiguration"
 Mark 9:2-9
- Feb. 18 Food Pantry Sunday
 "The Galilean Ministry"
 Mark 1:14-20
- Feb. 25 Missions Sunday
 "Conditions"
 Mark 8:31-38

Particular Sunday Emphases

- 1st Sunday of the month - Communion/Altar Call Sunday
 2nd Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church Sunday
 3rd Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call Sunday
 4th Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church Sunday
 5th Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call Sunday

Altar Flowers

- Feb. 4 Open
 Feb. 11 Open
 Feb. 18 Marshall Harmon's birthday
 Feb. 25 Open

See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for more information.

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If you are interested, the first class will begin on February 4 at 6:30 P.M. in the Becomers classroom. A sign-up sheet has been circulating. Please bring your book to the first class. When the class is over, you might wish to write a Google Review on the class and book.

Peace and Grace,

LaMont Bonath

*Mark 12:28-30, Matthew 18:21-22, Luke 10:25-27, Matthew 22:36-38

What is Faith?* 2018 Sermon series

- I. January 28-February 25 A five week series on Jesus and his Galilean ministry
(Faith as a trust in God.)**
- II. March 4-May 27 A thirteen week series on how the first century church
understood Jesus.**

(Faith as to what God has done through Jesus to remove our sins)

***Presented in a sermon given on January 14, 2018**

FINANCE

The Finance Committee wishes to thank all who helped us reach our budget for 2017. It was a community effort. Committee chairpersons, please remember only you may fill out and sign an expense voucher. Leave it in Mary LaVerne Boston's box at the church. If you have questions about our 2018 budget or other church financial matters contact me (812) 653-0616 or iujbowen@frontier.com

Blessings on you and your family in 2018.

Jim Bowen



Missions



The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been serving the people of eastern Kentucky since 1943. They have 8 opportunity stores in Kentucky. They are located in: Barbourville, Irvine, Harlan, Hazard, Jackson, Pineville, West Liberty, and Burkesville. They have trucks traveling to churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Kentucky to pick up donated items. With the help of our supporters, we are provide gently used clothing and household items at a reasonable price.

We are a pick up point for this mission. Donations need to be in by February 26.

Urgent needs:

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| <p><u>At the plant:</u> new buggies – golf cart type vehicles, filters for Bunn commercial coffee maker, 33 gallon trash bags, heavy duty mops, and vacuum cleaners</p> | <p><u>At the stores:</u> socks, underwear, men’s clothes, appliances, clothes racks, and vacuum cleaners</p> |
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Promoting Our Church in the Community

Monday- Friday
Faith Break
WUME

Weekly - the Paoli News Republican church section – worship schedule.

24/7
www.paoli-umc.com
Google Reviews

During the Spring/ Summer baseball season sign on the fence of field #2 Paoli Community Park.



Thank you to all the people and Sunday school classes who donated to the local food pantry in 2017. It was appreciated. The need still continues for the first quarter of 2018. Our next food panty Sunday is February 18th.

Little Creations

Preschool/Playschool/

contact

Little Creations (812) 723-4291
cmarmywife@gmail.com

We have another exciting month full of wonderful new thing to learn in the Preschool and Playschool classes.

In the Preschool classes we have been learning the days of the week and will be learning our months. We will talk about the weather and what some animals do in the winter. We will continue learning some nursery rhymes and fables. We will also continue with recognition of letters and their sounds as well as our numbers and shapes.

The Playschool will be learning about winter and how some birds go to warmer places to live. We will also continue learning nursery rhymes as well as letter, number and shape recognition.

In both classes we have been talking about when and where we can pray. The children are learning that anything is possible with God.

Miss Cindy

Preschool director
Cindy Murphy

Teachers
Tina Benham
Jeanette Kintz

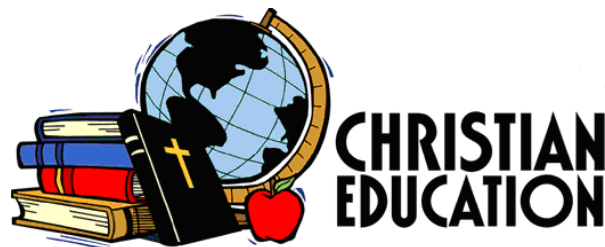
Substitute
Lesa Farlow

Preschool Classes:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.

Monday-Friday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.

Playschool Classes:
Monday & Wednesday
12:30-3:30 P.M.

Tuesday, Thursday
8:30 –11:30 A.M.



**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

We wish to thank Jann Jones for many years of teaching the Kindergarten class. The Christian Education committee is working on finding a replacement for Jann.

We are also seeking additional teachers for our Junior Church program on the third and fifth Sundays of the month during the 10:15 service. Contact Ed Wheeler if you have questions.

Discussion continues in the Christian Education committee on how to use computers as instructional tools in the children's Sunday school classrooms.



Celebrations & Member Care

Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

Celebrations

In the newspaper-
Diane Dillard, Robert Cromwell, Duane Radcliffe, and William Windhorst

Debra Stroud and Sarah Seidner for helping out Karen Foster during her husband, David's surgeries.

Dakota Detweiler for helping out in the 10:15 services for Harold Minton.

Beginning in March we will be sending out the newsletter by e-mail and putting it on our website. These are the people who will be receiving a paper copy of the newsletter by first class mail:

Bill & Betty Cromwell,
Martha Denny,
Greg & Lesa Farlow,
Cody & Daria Hall,
Larry & Jann Jones,
Skip & Martha Lambdin,
Kevin & Rhonda Mills,
Harold Minton,
Marilyn Qualkenbush, and
Duane & Mary Alice Radcliffe

Medical Concerns

Deegan Epperson,
Madalyn Harmon,
Christina Harris
&
Paulette Purkhiser

Cancer Concerns

Rex Babcock

Condolences

Gilliatt family
Mathers' family

Weddings

None

Baptisms

none

Teaching Gratitude

Practicing gratitude in writing and verbally is "really powerful" because "you see the effect on other people, and that's an important source of joy."

Consider to whom you might write a thank you note, then deliver it and read it to them in person.

Homebound

Helen Roberts, 309 College Hill St., Paoli, IN 47454

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119, Mary Margaret McCoy Rm. 101
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A

Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln. Bedford, Indiana 47421

Betty Jo Henderson Rm. 402

Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St., Paoli, IN 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement facilities once a month with Harold Minton.

Writing a Google Review

Simply go to Google Maps.

Enter Paoli United Methodist Church.

Look below the entry box to find "Write a Review".

Click on that and enter what you want to say about Paoli United Methodist Church.

Upcoming events

Paoli Ministerial Association

Good Friday service

March 30, 2018

7 P.M.

Paoli High school cafeteria

A sign-up sheet will be circulating. Seating will be limited

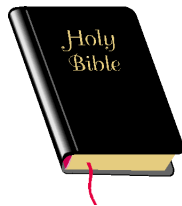
Communion

On Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Easter Cantata

April 1st

10:15 service



Key Biblical Concepts to add to your Bible Studies

Forgiveness –

The concepts of forgiveness as I am using in this article is based on Matthew 18:21-22, Jonah 3:1-5,10 and Matthew 5:23-24.

Jesus understood forgiveness as a means of grace, unexpected and undeserved. However, in the secondary sources about forgiveness, there was an Old Testament and a New Testament understanding. Generally, in the Old Testament forgiveness remained in God's control. In the New Testament understanding of forgiveness responsibility to forgive seemed to shift toward the actions or attitudes of humanity. It had a personal and corporate dimension. On the personal level, forgiveness helps us better understand the redemptive power of love because of its capacity for healing relationships. It is a complex phenomenon. In Matthew 15:21-22 responsibility is placed on the victim to address grievances because only the victim can truly forgive. At the corporate or church level, Jesus also challenges member of the community of faith to be aware of the impact of words and actions which might hurt others. It seems there are norms for community life. There is also emphasis on the healthy functioning of the community.

Questions

1. How do you define forgiveness?
2. What are the two levels of forgiveness?

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Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Junior Church February 11 & 25 10:15 service

Access church website
using the quick response
code.



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Place label here.



To make a donation,
use this quick
response code

February Helpers

Greeters

Feb. 4 Rex & Ann Babcock
Feb. 11 Phillip & Janis Easterday
Feb. 18 Matt & Catherine Henderson
Feb. 25 David & Margaret Mathers

Please contact Lesa Farlow if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.

Acolytes

Feb. 4 Phillip & Janis Easterday
Feb. 11 David & Nita Benales
Feb. 18 Keith & Debbie Sparks
Feb. 25 Billy & Holly Vincent

Please contact Dee Ann Harmon if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates.

Worship Leaders

Feb. 4 Howard Detweiler
Feb. 11 Howard Detweiler
Feb. 18 Jim Bowen
Feb. 25 Jim Bowen

February Anniversaries

3 Howard & Kathryn Springer
21 Phillip & Janis Easterday

February Birthdays

4 Ashley Stroud
6 Duane Radcliffe
8 Phil Hudleson
9 Frank Barnett
Bud Caraway
Hilma Rutherford
Andrew Kumpf
10 Cooper Trinkle
12 Mitch Foster
13 Connor Henderson
14 Karen Hudleson
15 Matt Minton
16 Kerry Fleming
Matt Gilmore
Joel Stroud
Emily Trinkle
22 Aaron Hannon
Kathryn Springer
23 Phillip Easterday
24 Greg Cornwell
Martha Denny
27 Charlotte Lane
28 Isabela Brewster
Mary Alice Radcliffe