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May 5 – Spud Night & Silent Auction

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The Minister's Movie Moment

After what seemed like interminable months, winter finally gave way to spring. We've had a few delightfully warm, sunny days as well as some chilly, rainy spells. Finally, there are leaves on the trees, flowers are blooming and the robins, red wing blackbirds and goldfinches have returned. Can summer be far behind?

I know that summer is on its way, because the new action-movie season has begun. "Black Panther" opened last month, "Avengers: Infinity War" premieres this Friday, followed by actions blockbusters like "Tomb Raider", "Jurassic Park: Fallen Kingdom", "Solo: A Star Wars Story." Not to be outdone, "Ocean's 8" premieres with an all-female cast of felons. It's going to be a great summer for movies!

As we look forward to sampling this summer's smorgasbord of rip-snorting, hero-laden, special effects extravaganzas, we realize that what makes them all so satisfying is a shared underlying theme (besides the popcorn we'll indulge in): Good will triumph over evil. There's no mistaking it; all of these wonderful offerings serve up liberal doses of good guys and *really* bad guys. We can't wait to cheer for Ryan Reynolds as Merc and his superhero buddies in "Deadpool 2" as they take on yet another panoply of evildoers to once again save the day. As we cheer our heroes on we realize that a big part of why we enjoy these movies so much is their presentation of good triumphing over evil.

Would that life were so simple; wouldn't it be great if we could recognize good and evil so clearly when they appear on the stage that is our lives? Wouldn't it be nice if with a super hero slash of our sword we could cut down evil before it touched our lives in any way? The problem is life isn't black and white; choices we make that seem innocuous or benign may turn out to be harmful to ourselves or others. Conversely, decisions that seem small may bring great good into our lives and the lives of our families, our communities and our world. As we live our lives before God, we prayerfully consider all our decisions, trying to weigh what will cause benefit rather than harm, both right now and in the long run.

We live in a complicated world; we are constantly presented with choices we must make – tough and not so tough. No wonder we look forward to movies that allow us to cheer for good guys, boo at bad guys, and leave all the tough decisions in our lives at the door to the Cineplex for a while. So, bring on the summer! Pass the popcorn! The world can wait for a couple of hours while we cheer on our heroes and heroines as good triumphs over evil once again!

Faithfully,

Pastor Sharon





Easter Flowers and Memorial Gifts 2018

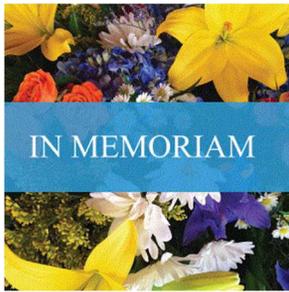
Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to beautify our sanctuary this Easter morning and to those who chose to give a memorial gift, both to honor loved ones and glorify our Lord. Donors are welcome to take their flowers with them following the worship service.

Easter Flowers

Anonymous in honor of our faithful congregation
The Aszklar & Chubet Families in memory of Lena "Nana" Dow
Ernie & Barbara Burkhardt in honor of our grandchildren
Marvin Choquette in memory of Vincent & Fern Choquette
Bernadette & John Galayda Jr. in memory of Margaret & John Galayda
The Gworek Family in memory of Ted and David Gworek
The Gworek Family in memory of Al & Mildred Bassett
Charles & Gene Hilton in honor of our grandchildren
Sharon Kupiec in memory of William "Skip" Parker
Shirley Mason in memory of the Adams and Mason Families
Bill & Barbara McKay in honor of our grandchildren, with love
Michel Family in memory of Lucy Lee and Adelaide Michel and in honor of Finley Michel
Linda & Dave Mikosz in memory of Charles & Geneva Howard, John & Julia Mikosz and Diane Spineli
The Olore Family in memory of Louis Olore, MD
The Olore Family in memory of Edward Schellhammer
Nick and Stefan Paneczko in memory of Judith F. Barrows
Marge Steinnagel in honor of my fellow survivors
Marge Steinnagel in memory of John & Marge McGraw, with love
Phyllis Wade in memory of Willie "Bobby" Wade
Marilyn White in memory of Brent Adams and Hank White

Memorial Gifts

The Aszklar & Chubet Families in memory of Lena "Nana" Dow
Lee in loving memory of Ron
Ernie & Barbara Burkhardt in memory of Peter Hutton and Ethel & Ernest Burkhardt Sr.
Ginni in loving memory of Gert & Ken Butler
Sharon Kupiec in memory of William "Skip" Parker
Bill & Barb McKay in memory of our parents Bill & Beverly McKay and John & Marge McGraw
Michel Family in memory of Lucy Lee and Adelaide Michel and in honor of Finley Michel
Linda & Dave Mikosz in memory of Charles & Geneva Howard, John & Julia Mikosz and Diane Spineli
Betty & Warren Porter in memory of Emma & John Haskell and Alma & Ken Porter



Thank you to all who have sent cards or expressed sympathy on the loss of my husband, Phillip Graham.

Ethel Graham

Our deepest appreciation to our church family for all the many kindnesses and support during Marilyn's recent passing. The prayers, cards, kind thoughts, and reception were greatly appreciated. It is always so good to know you have a loving supportive church family.

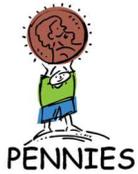
The Family of Marilyn White



- 1 - Cyndi Strosahl
- 5 - Alice Bogue
- 7 - Walter Jones
- 8 - Carrie Olore
- 10 - Marissa Myska
- 11 - Heidi Tata, Nik Paneczko, Aimee Cunningham
- 17 - Peg Lewis
- 21 - Andrea Jones
- 24 - Annette Reid, Robin Michel
- 26 - Bev Tooley
- 30 - Jean Chinigo



- 18 - Barbara & Ernie Burkhardt
- 20 - Bonnie & Ray Callaghan



On May 19th this spring, what
 have you got planned?
 Will you be staying home again
 with your head in the sand?

It's not recommended, because here is what
 we've found,
 People show their true colors, when they go
 to the Penny Pound.

So stay home if you must,
 But you'll wish that you went,
 Because this auction that we have,
 Is quite a cool event.

The prizes you will bring,
 Must be wrapped up with flair,
 They should all make us wonder
 At what treasures they do bear,

Creatively wrapped,
 Or plain to the sight,
 It doesn't take much
 For our bidders to bite.

In all the years past,
 There've been items that thrilled,
 Great value is gained
 For a small amount billed,

But bidder beware,
 If you stand up and shout,
 The prize that you're eyeing,
 Could be a wall mounted trout.

So will the person sitting next to you
 In the pew each week that's sweet,
 Be the one that outbids all of us.
 And gloat when we've been beat?



**Come and find out! May 19th at 5:00pm
 Potluck Dinner and Penny Pound Auction!**



Women's Fellowship

To the First Baptist Church Family: The Women's Group
 us to join them for

*The Women's Group at Grace Methodist
 Church, invites us to join them for a light
 lunch and program on Monday, May 14,
 2018 at 12:30pm.*

*The program is on 'Issues of Healthy Aging',
 speaker will be Michelle Lavoie.*

*Please bring a sandwich, beverages will be
 provided. Please join them for a fun and
 informative afternoon.*

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14/18 at 12-30pm. The program



Healthy Ag

DRESS KITS

The simple dress kits are available near the coat
 room.

Together with your support, this ministry has
 donated nearly

500 dresses as we share God's love & make little
 girls smile!

You should have seen the precious smiles on the
 faces of the little girls at the Apostles House in
 Newark, New Jersey when our mission team
 delivered them last summer.

***Family & friends are welcome to assist with this
 special ministry. We're asking dresses be
 returned by May 20.***

Our Annual

SPUD NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

will soon be here so mark your calendars.

Invite family and friends to join us on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm for a wonderful event to benefit mission opportunities and our church's local ministries.

More donated services or new auction items are always greatly appreciated. See Linda Lamy

Also you can become a "SPUD SPONSOR"

By donating a few dollars towards food and supplies to make it all happen. Stop by our table Sunday, April 22 and April 29 in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are available at the table or at the door.

...speaker will be Michelle Lavoie. Please bring a sandwich, beverages will be provided. Please join them for a fun and

informative afternoon.



The editor's guess is that these women are not American Baptist!



Updates from Your Outreach Board:

- A big thank you for your financial support of the America for Christ donations that will be used for a number of Home Mission projects this year. We sent \$285 to American Baptist Home Mission Society for these important

projects.

- Check out the Outreach bulletin board for the thank you notes that we received from our donations to Church World Service for hygiene kits, Bread for Life for a financial donation, One Great Hour of Sharing donation as from the Niles, our missionaries in Africa.

- Church World Service cards are available to purchase for \$5 each. Your purchase provides either a blanket or set of tools for those in need around the world.



- We continue to make generous donations to the Southington Social Services food bank each month. Thank you for your generosity in support of those in need in our community.

Compassion Sunday month by month schedule:

- January: breakfast items
- February: PB & J
- March: soup and stews
- April: breakfast items
- May: pasta, sauce, mac and cheese
- June: PB&J
- July: healthy snacks
- August: breakfast foods
- September: cleaning and personal hygiene supplies
- October: soups and stews
- November: beverages e.g. coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice boxes
- December: miscellaneous



From a worship bulletin:

Stewardship Sunday
Please place your cars in the offering plate ...
to symbolize your commitment

Surely this resulted in more *cards* than automobiles!



From a worship bulletin:

Hymn of the Day
"Immoral, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Prayers of the Church

A mere mortal made this typo about our *immortal* God.



Has anyone toured the downstairs of our church recently? There is fresh paint on the walls, freshly painted ceilings, washed windows and cleaned carpets. Lots of work has been done already - and there is plenty more to do. Don't get left out of the fun! Volunteer to help. And a big shout out to everyone who has volunteered their time to help with the updates.

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From a church bulletin:

Attend the revival!
Carol Johnson is preaching, and Joy Burke will lead the sinning.
Refreshments served afterward

This event is sure to get people talking (and *singing*)!