



Bell Ringer 2.0

This week at Mission Bell

Monday, August 21, 2017

Pastor's Pontification

Well, we are into our second month together. Soon we will need to have a single-board-governance meeting and flesh out some plans for the implementation of Mission Bell's vision. We are entering into exciting times. The future will be filled with rejuvenation and renewal. If a few of you would like to put that on your prayer list it would help the process.

And so, likewise, we have our challenges. The AC unit for one of the education rooms and the storage room is kaput. They tried to repair it, but like so many mechanical things age and weather take their toll. We need some fervent prayer warriors to lift up our facilities and pray for divine intervention or, at least, human ingenuity.

One of the high points of my days at the office is the interaction with the leaders/organizers of the recovery groups. They truly appreciate our willingness to host them. One group has even notice that the grounds are a bit scruffy. I believe the exact words were, "Like so many churches, the grounds and buildings are in need of some attention. Our group would like to know if you are planning work days? We would like to help." I heard a chorus of angels singing "Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" Or maybe that was me.

Lately, there have been a number of meetings of United Methodist pastors in the area. They are interested in combining their resources and efforts to accomplish ministry that smaller churches are unable to address. Since I am rather new, I just listen. Often, the conversation turns to a 'joint youth ministry' for high school aged students. The idea is intriguing and yet, as your part-time pastor, someone with a passion and the time for youth ministry will need to step up to the plate. My time and energy needs to be focused on renewal and revitalization.

So, if you are reading this pontification, you might consider how you can invest your time and energy in the renewal and revitalization of Mission Bell. If you are already involved up to your eye-balls, you are appreciated. Currently, however, we are in need of some additional folks to step up and serve on the finance, building management and care ministry teams. If God speaks to you about any of these areas, please let one of the members of our leadership team know of your interest in serving.

God is truly alive at Mission Bell. Our future is being managed by the power of His Holy Spirit.

Your Servant in Christ,
pastor doug

What's Happening This Week

Birthdays: Beverly Stanfield 8/22, Darwin Wunnenberg 8/26

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Let Joan know (call the church office or check your membership directory for contact information) if you would be interested in helping with the social media side of our ministry.



Coming Soon

The Vitality Task Force will meet Tuesday, August 29 at 6:30 pm at Ironworks Restaurant. Please bring logo ideas, Little Library will be discussed, cleaning up the Narthex and ideas for the Care Team.

Dinner groups will soon be starting up, watch the newsblast for information. If you would like to participate in dinner groups, please contact Connie Haines or watch soon for sign up sheets.



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