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BIBLICAL STORYTELLING CONCERT, OCTOBER 24

Long before the narratives of the Bible became "scripture" ("writing") they existed in oral form as stories shared in the faith community and passed down from generation to generation. As a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Rev. Fay continues this tradition. Biblical storytellers aim is to tell stories using the words of the Bible as close to verbatim as possible.

On Fri., Oct. 24, 7-8 pm, Rev Fay will present a selection of stories from scripture that tell about storms at sea, including the first creation story of Genesis 1:1 and the entire book of Jonah. Come hear about Paul's shipwreck at Malta and Jesus calming the sea. Invite a friend, relative, associate or neighbor [FRAN it].

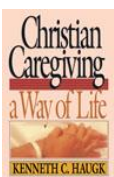


BIBLICAL STORYTELLING CLASS Saturday Morning Oct. 25

Return at 10 am to learn to tell Biblical stories.

All liturgists who read scripture need this training.

This 90 minute class introduces the ancient-future art and spiritual discipline of telling the sacred stories of the Bible. Participants will learn to prepare, learn, and tell a Biblical text by heart (not "memory") using the methods of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International. Even if they choose not to tell biblical stories by heart, using these techniques, participants will gain skills in reading scripture aloud, and learn to hear the sacred stories "again for the first time." *We invite all of Greenbelt to attend.*



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK

Tuesday classes at 1:30 pm beginning on October 7 for 7 weeks (through Nov. 18) at

Mowatt, led by Pastor Fay. We will be studying the best-selling book *Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life*, by Kenneth C. Haugk. We will learn how to care for someone in a distinctively Christian way and is a valuable resource for those who want to grow in their ability to reach out to others with Christ-like compassion.

Course participants learn how to:

- listen carefully to another person
- speak words of comfort, encouragement, forgiveness, and hope
- pray with another person
- share from the Bible naturally and comfortably during a caring conversation



AROUND THE CHURCH

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – MOWATT IS HAVING A SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Sat., Oct. 18 from 5 to 7 pm. All you can eat for \$10: salad, spaghetti, bread, coffee, tea and a piece of cake. Can't beat that! Children pay accordingly. We will meet on Friday morning, Oct. 17 at 9 am and again on Saturday morning ~9 am or whenever you can get there.

We will have a table for baked goods for sale: pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, etc. Please put two cookies or brownies in plastic bags and we will put a price on them. We need cakes of any kind to slice and serve to each customer with their meal. Getting ready and having a spaghetti dinner is a lot of work and fun also.

The United Methodist Women will meet on Mon., Oct. 20 at 1:30 pm at the church. I know that is a holiday weekend, so we changed the date.

Thanks to all who helped clean the kitchen, a hard job accomplished. There are still a few things to do before we are finished.

See you at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Maxine V. Smith

SAD NEWS

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to June Webb and family on the death of her sister Mary Ann Bennett in September.

RECOVERING AT HOME

We wish Nettie Brockway a speedy recovery. Nettie has a broken arm sustained in a fall.

CHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS

Practice will resume the 2nd week of November. Those interested in ringing, please contact San with times and days of the week that you are NOT available to practice.

CHOIR

Join us Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. to sing and rejoice together. We are planning a Cantata. Lisa inspires us to do more.

COLD & FLU SEASON

Get a flu shot – it will keep you healthy. In consideration of the many elderly and frail members, we request that if you have a fever, please do not attend church.

SEPTEMBER'S GOLDEN VOLUNTEER

Though this month, there were several good folks nominated, the committee chose Eldo Brown for chairing the Hootenanny effort. Eldo found the musicians, set up a time, arranged for rain location, got the words to the songs copied for all us singers and even cooked for our shared meal. What a flash back for the boomer generation, singing so many songs from the 1960's. .

Thanks Eldo. You made it easier for members of our congregation to connect with folks in our community who do not attend our church. Events like these allow us to build relationships with others and invite friends, relatives, associates and neighbors into our circle in a way that is fun & exciting.

UM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

By Ellen Noll

We are going and growing. We double our numbers and then, for the campfire, we exploded with more than 20 folks of all ages. Some sat around the burning embers in meditation, while others ate hotdogs and sang silly songs.

We are planning a great year, with sure trips to laser tag, snow tubing/skiing and the "must do" trip to ROCK in February. NEED to have a deposit from each ROCK attendee by Oct. 15.

UMYF meets every third Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m. We set up the video equipment to film the next day's Church Service. Then we have a short program and always eat some great food.

Check in with Ellen Noll, if you are interested in any of the programs we are planning. In October, we will combine with an "All Call" for Mowatt in helping with the Spaghetti Dinner.

COMING SOON..... AN ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This will include a cantata with choir, chimes, congregational singing, violin, guitar, a tableau for the children. A good way for all of us to join together to celebrate God's greatest gift to us. We are planning the program and it will be presented on a Sunday afternoon in December followed by an all church covered dish supper! [Tentatively set for Sunday evening, Dec. 21] Anyone willing to help will not be turned away. Contact either San Kimmel, Lisa Sedaris, our pianist. More info to follow.....

HOOTENNAY WAS A HOOT!

More than 40 people of all ages and throughout the community came and sang and played and enjoyed. It was great fun singing those songs that send us back to days when we were younger. It was a great community outreach, great connections, great for our mission.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION

This year on Nov. 2 during our 10 am worship service we will remember those who died in the last 12 months.

If you would like to include a loved one(s), (they need not be members) we need the names and if possible a photograph not later than Oct. 28 in order to prepare the program bulletin and slide show. Place photographs with name in the church office. Or email a digital photo to mowattoffice@gmail.com.

We can return the photographs after scanning. If you bring one in October, Betty may be able to scan the photograph while you wait on Sunday or Tuesdays 10:30 – noon.

To get more information about any of these events, please email us at

MowattOffice@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office 301-474-9410. Office staff is volunteers and we come on Tuesday mornings, 10:30 – noon.