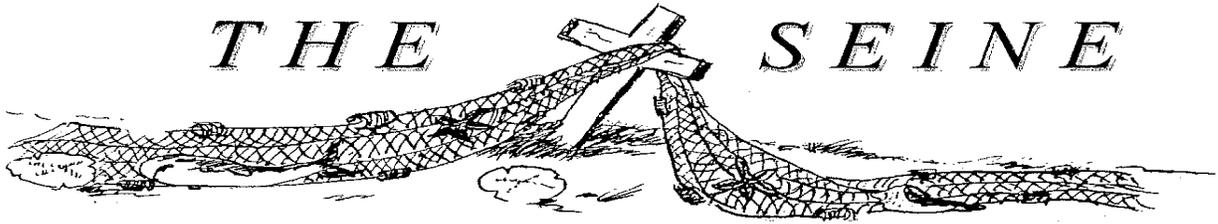


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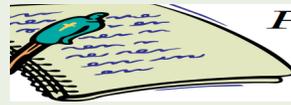


GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WHY PEOPLE DON'T THINK



From the
Pastor's Pen

It is painfully obvious that we do not live in a profoundly thinking world, and we suffer the consequences of it every day of our lives. Rather than cultivating the habit of thoughtfulness, people are chronically thoughtless. They often act rashly and speak foolishly, advancing ignorant opinions with supreme confidence. They frequently do not listen to what others say, instead focusing on their own ideas. In short, we live in a world full of closed-minded and dogmatic people, convinced they are always right. As a consequence, our society has suffered a decline in values, an environment in which telling the truth, acting honestly and treating people with respect have been sacrificed in the name of personal advancement.

Discriminatory attitudes toward virtually every group are commonplace and are rivaled only by people trying to gain advantage by casting themselves as victims. Our society has become increasingly fractionalized, led by pandering and often corrupt individuals who magnify these divisions for their own benefit. We are forced daily to deal with people who are irrational, disorganized, confused and inarticulate. What we have evolved into is the type of culture that is the creation of people who do not engage in critical thinking. Should we be surprised? According to the philosopher Bertrand Russell, "Most people would rather die than think – in fact they do!" Think of how many times you have asked yourself in anger or amazement, "What is that person thinking?" Usually they are not thinking at all, in any clear or meaningful sense. People seem to have lost sight of the fact that thinking is not dangerous. No thinking is dangerous: It endangers us, our lives, our welfare, our ability to communicate and become the people we have the potential to be.

Evidently, many folks are intimidated by the thinking process, believing it to be a quasi-mystical ability awarded at birth, over which we have little control. Of course, this could not be further from the truth. Thinking is not an ability reserved for a few divinely blessed people; it is for everyone. The trouble begins when one is attracted to the seductive aspects of simplistic analyses and superficial perspectives because they avoid mental exertion, not realizing that lazy thinking (allowing others to think for you) leads to poor quality conclusions and beliefs. Thinking clearly and deeply is hard work. Psychologist David Perkins observes, "Our thinking tends to be hazy, hasty, narrow or sprawling – casual terms of impulsive." Many people seem to be living with a consciousness that is ahistorical, ignoring the wisdom of the ages, of those who came before us and who can help inform our current thinking. This is the problem that was expressed in the philosopher George Santayana's much-repeated warning, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Added to all of this is the fact that the modern information age has only made the problem worse. We are so overloaded with information that the truth of most things is instantaneously lost. It is a form of "Data Smog", whereby there is far too much information to process, and it has, for the most part, been reduced to hyperbole which makes thoughtful reflection almost impossible. The fundamental flaw in the "Data Smog" induced world is that we are drowning in information, but we are starved for knowledge. Information is not knowledge, and it does not become such until the human brain acts on it and transforms it through critical thinking. Critical thinking involves possessing the wisdom to make intelligent judgments about the use of human knowledge in the context of daily life. In fact, simply possessing information does not make us intelligent if we do not know how to analyze, organize, evaluate, objectify and apply information for purposeful ends. For the most part, modern education places a premium on the acquisition of information but not the creation of wisdom that allows that information to become useful knowledge.

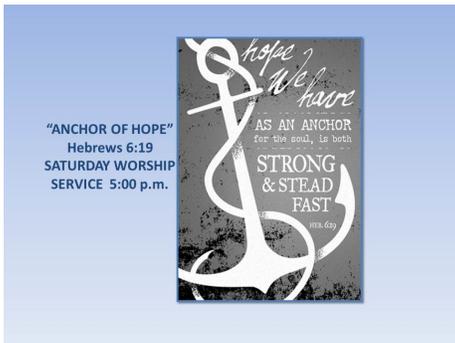
People are the products of many different influences in their lives. Some of these influences encourage us to become independent critical and creative thinkers while others encourage us to be just the opposite. The good news in all of this is, that no matter to what current shabby pattern of thinking we may have fallen victim to, we have the ability to re-create ourselves. Remember the words of the poet George Eliot; "It is never too late to be what you might have been."

Blessings, Will

Groome
Contemporary Worship Service
Saturdays 5:00 p.m.
“Anchor of Hope”
Hebrew 6:19

Groome began the Saturday contemporary services for the summer months on June 17, at 5:00 p.m.

This is a time of worshiping and sharing in the Word of God. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to join us for a time of Christian fellowship, sharing a cup of coffee after the service.



New Member Sunday

Groome will be receiving new members on September 10 at the 10 a.m. worship

service and invites anyone pursuing membership to contact the church office or Pastor Crossan.

(302)645-6256.



Our Deepest Sympathy To

The Hazzard Family.

Dearly Missed

Irene G. Hazzard
 October 11, 1922-May 29, 2017

PRAYER STOLE MINISTRY

“Connecting Together”

From The District Prayer Team



We are the **UNITED Methodist Church**, not the fragmented church. We are called to be intentional in our prayers, not only for the corporate body known as our individual church, but the whole body of the UNITED Methodist Church. On March 11th at the Dover District of the **UNITED** Methodist Church Prayer Revival, seven prayer stoles were dedicated and blessed in our phase of unity. The prayer stoles will travel from church to church based upon areas of the district. The stoles will be carried from church to church with each church praying for all the churches. On Sunday, July 16, a prayer stole will be delivered to Groome and accepted in worship. The prayer stole will be accompanied by a prayer journal in which Groome will write the corporate prayers of the church (not the intimate private personal prayers, but the prayers that share Groome’s needs and visions for the future). Corporate prayers are your response to God’s longing to intervene in our lives to make the Kingdom of Heaven visible on earth. Each church will pray faithfully for all of the churches on their stole’s journey.

In the Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray for our faithfulness as we become more intentional and united in going before Him in prayer. Amen.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Nancy S. Libertini, Peninsula-DE Conference District Prayer Team



July-August

Elizabeth Logan	07/06
Howard Records	08/17
Louise Bunting	07/01
Eleanor Cordrey	07/30
Wally Catanach	08/24
Imogene Records	08/10
Shirley Fort	08/27
Marlyn Mitchell	07/17
Shirley Hennessy	08/08
Bob Cordrey	07/06
Charles Sheppard	07/17
Fred Miller	08/05
Joan Reader	08/15
Mary Ellen Sheppard	07/02
Will Crossan	07/31
Bob Graves	08/28
Ruth Connell	07/05
Susan Lehman	08/13
Connie Todd	08/31
Debbie Foxx	07/02
Mark Lyman	07/23
Dale Truitt	07/26
Teri Fairbee	07/03
Tim Martz	07/03
James Foulk	07/22
William Hoffman	08/23



July-August

Joe & Jean Faulkner	08/27	(68)
Ted & Shirley Fort	07/18	(64)
Jeff & Eileen Weitzel	08/07	(63)
Joan & Bill Reader	07/30	(46)
Doris & Ed Shockley	07/21	(13)

Please notify the church secretary of any additions or changes.



Thanks to everyone who made the Historical Cruise on the Cape Water Tours a great success. A wonderful evening of fellowship was had

by all. The New Ministry Fund will receive \$794 dollars to further the work of the church. A big thank you to Ruth Connell for organizing the fundraiser.

Stewardship Message

Don't be guilty of looking at only your blessings, without also looking up to see from where they have come. As God blessed us with all the things we have, we should be willing to return some of these blessings.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these other things shall be added unto you." *Matthew 6:33*

As Jesus tells us, it is more blessed to give than receive." Sharing a portion of your time, your talent and your treasure are things that God gave us.

Two hundred years ago an Irish philosopher Edmund Burke said, "No one made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do little."

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." *2 Corinthians 9:6.*

God does expect us to sacrifice our own comfort to help others. Money given to victims of natural disasters is money we can't spend in our favorite restaurant. Time spent serving Saturday morning breakfast for the needy is time we can't spend on our vacation. Even using a talent such as singing in the choir means that we can't sleep in on Sunday morning. But God and our own hearts tell us that our sacrifice is worth it.

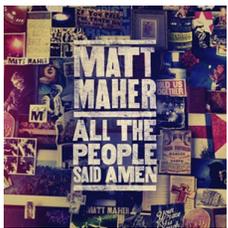
Evangelist, Billy Graham said, "God has given us two hands-one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding, we are channels made for sharing."

John Wesley, Methodist founder, had a three-fold message on how a Christian should handle finances: "I gain all I can, without hurting either soul or body. I save all I can, not willingly wasting anything. I give all I can, so I am effectually secured from laying up treasure on earth". *From sermon "The Dangers of Riches"*

*In Christ,
Your Finance Committee*



Highway One Presents HUDSON FIELDS



Highway One, and along with the Hudson family, are going to be holding a Christian Music Festival on September 15, 2017 featuring For King and Country, Matt Maher and two other Christian performers.

The festival will be held at Hudson Fields on Route 1, Milton. The show will begin at 6 pm and end at 10:45 pm. General admission is \$25. Children seven and under are free if accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased on line on the Hudson Fields website. For more information contact Kathleen Roberts

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Accept Nothing Less than Jesus!

Be satisfied with nothing less
than the Lord Jesus abiding in your life.

He is the Light of the World.
He is the Life of the World.
He is your Savior,
your Lord, and
your Friend.

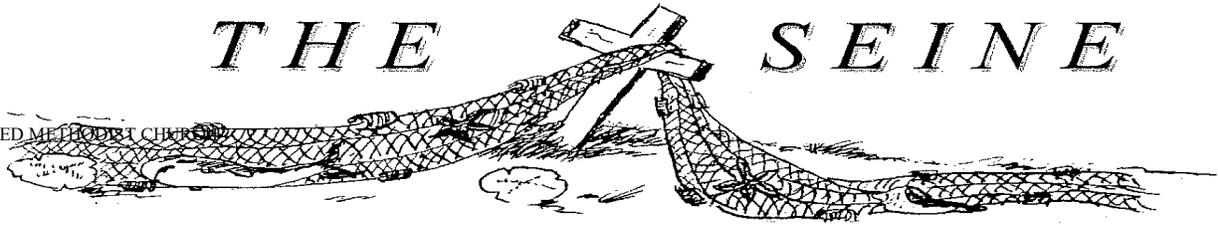
He has promised to come to you
and abide with you.

Then accept nothing less than
Jesus in your life.
Invite Him into your heart.
Embrace Him.
Talk often with your Friend, and

His Light Will Fill Your Life!

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Saturday Worship Service-Saturdays 5:00 p.m. beginning in June
Nursery Provided

Sunday Worship Service—Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Children's Church & Nursery

Mid-Week Gathering—Thursday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwiches/Bible Study
(September-May)

*"Our Vision is to enhance people's belief in
Jesus Christ so they live a life of holiness and service to others."*

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