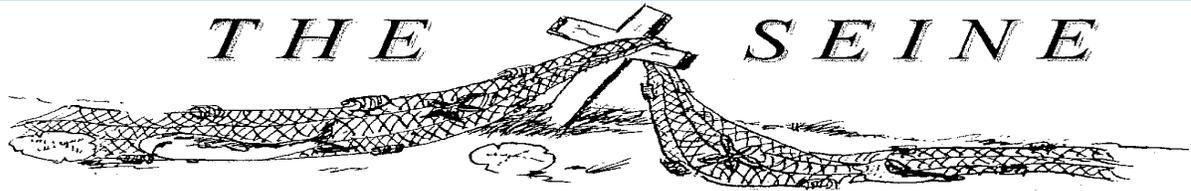


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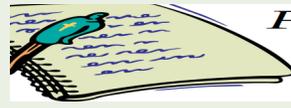


GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Matthew 4:19 "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men"

May-June 2018

SIX GREAT IDEAS



*From the
Pastor's Pen*

A handful of decades ago, Mortimer J. Adler, the noted philosopher from the University of Chicago, compiled a list of sixty-four ideas that constitute the vocabulary of philosophical or human thought. Subsequently, out of the sixty-four, all of them essential ingredients in defining any human endeavor, the list was narrowed to just six ideas that divided into two categories which are elemental to everything that humans think.

Why just six, why just Truth, Goodness and Beauty, Liberty, Equality and Justice? Well for Americans, one answer jumps off the page. All, with the exception of Beauty, are pivotal terms in the opening lines of the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths.... all men are created equal; unalienable rights (the heart of justice); among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Likewise, if you turn to the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States, you see the same ideas or goals being set forward as the responsibility of the government. As if that is not enough evidence of the fundamental nature of these six great ideas, Abraham Lincoln, uttered them again in his famous Gettysburg Address.

If you look at the two groups, each trio contains ideas that belong together. For example, Liberty, Equality and Justice belong together since they illuminate a larger set of ideas; in fact, they represent together the manner in which the philosophical principles embedded in each are made into a reality in everyday life. Unless you put the three of them together, neither of the other two can become a reality. These three ideas are the ones we live by in society. They represent ideals which a considerable portion of the human race has sought to realize for themselves and their posterity.

The solitary individual, provided with a comfortable life on a tropical island, would not be moved to cry out for Liberty, Equality, and Justice; nor would he have any occasion to engage in a struggle to achieve them for himself. Only in human society, in which the individual is associated both cooperatively and competitively with others, is there any articulation of claims for Liberty, Equality, and Justice. If we recoil from slavery and other forms of human subjection, if we are concerned with violence and war as illnesses that weaken the fabric of society, if we hope for a peaceful resolution of the differences that bring people into conflict with one another, if we engage in thinking about these matters, we cannot get very far without finding that at the turn of every thought lies an understanding of Liberty, Equality, and Justice.

So, the three great ideas of Liberty, Equality, and Justice are the ones we live by, and, as such, involve thinking about I and Thou, the relationships between oneself and other humans. The other sub-set of great ideas, Truth, Goodness, and Beauty represents the ideas that we judge by. Unlike the ideas we live by, these function for us in our private as well as in our public life. The solitary individual enabled to live comfortably by himself or herself would still have occasion to judge something to be true or false, to appraise this to be good and that evil, to discriminate between the beautiful and the ugly.

Thinking about Truth, Goodness, and Beauty involves thinking about the entire world in which we live, about the knowledge we have of it, the desires it arouses in us and the admiration it elicits from us. Here it is the relation of the self to everything else, not just other human beings, which is brought into focus. For example, the very act of making judgments asserts something to be true or false. But it is not that simple. Truth is the Truth, and it must not be confused with personal experience or formulated opinion. The Truth found in poetry is not the same as the Truth found in history, science or philosophy. When we pass from mathematics to the empirical sciences, and on to philosophy, theology and religion, that which constitutes the truth changes dramatically.

Likewise, the idea of Goodness has its own sphere of influence. We cannot think of the good without thinking of the desirable or of the desirable without thinking of the good. When one uses phrases such as "good person," and "a good life," our understanding involves a comprehension of the virtues of good habits, good will and happiness that make up a "good life." Among the good possessions are certainly wealth, honor, love of friends and family, knowledge, wisdom, and a whole host of other attributes that make one's life peaceful, just and rewarding.

Lastly, there is Beauty, which has the smallest circle of related ideas. We expect to find Beauty in works of art, poetry and music. While defining Beauty is pretty much a matter of individual taste and experience, Beauty has the power to move and motivate us like few other things. As such, Beauty, like Goodness, is thought to inhere in objects that we desire or love. It affords us a certain experience of pleasure, one that occurs in the sphere of our knowing rather than in the sphere of our actions. Therefore, Beauty enriches life, brings pleasure and fulfillment and is an object of human desire.

For religious people it should be obvious that all these great ideas are embedded in both the philosophy of religion and its practice. For the Judeo-Christian tradition, all the above is contained, in some fashion, in the Ten Commandments. The life and ministry of Jesus Christ is a paradigm for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Living in love and charity with our neighbors, is the poetic statement about Liberty, Equality, and Justice. It is remarkable that just about everything we are, do, or stand for, can be reduced to how we think about six great ideas.

In His Service, Will



GROOME UMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY
MEET AND GREET
MONTHLY MEETING W/ SHERRY MASSEY
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED, INVITE A FRIEND

My name is **Sherry Massey**, and I am SO excited about leading the Women's Ministry at Groome UMC. I have been a Christian for 40 years and have had the honor of speaking at many churches and special events. I also did weekend Ladies Retreats at Camp Mardela in Denton, Maryland for many years.

I am very blessed to be able to share God's word in everyday messages that help us focus on things in our lives and see how God wants us to see them....like "How's Your Life Compared to a Washing Machine", "Jumper Cables for Jesus", "This is Not a Fairytale" ... just to name a few! Got your interest?

Please come out and join us on May 9th at 6:30 P.M. This will be my introduction to you, and I will be sharing some of the things we will be doing at **our regular "last Wednesday of the month" meetings** starting on May 30th at 6:30 P.M. Mark your calendars and bring a friend. We are going to have a GREAT time of laughter, learning and sharing, ...HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE from The Finance Committee
Article from The Interpreter

One June 17, 1703 John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was born at Epworth, Lincolnshire, England. Wesley's rules for living were to do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

In the mid 1780's, Wesley was concerned about the growing wealth of the people called Methodist. As riches increased, so did pride, anger and love of the world. To Wesley, sharing material goods was a cornerstone of the Christian faith.

His sermon, "The Use of Money", said, "Earn all you can". As we earn all we can, we are to give ourselves to God's mission to the world. "Save all you can." Wesley endorsed a simplified lifestyle. "Give all you can by cutting off every expense which serves only to indulge foolish desires, waste nothing, then give all you have to God."

When Wesley was young, he earned 30 pounds (about \$42) a year, but found he needed only \$28 on which to live. So, he gave away the rest. As his earnings increased, he continued to live on \$28.

Wesley preached the Gospel to the poor, called them to conversion and nurtured them in class meetings. He also developed a free health clinic, a school, a sewing cooperative and a lending agency. His theology of giving was rooted in God's every being. Giving is indispensable to Christian discipleship. Giving includes more than the products (the money) of our labor. Giving involves friendship with the poor, building communities of justice, including advocating on behalf of the voiceless. Wesley spoke out against child labor, the inhumane treatment of prisoners, the slave trade and excessive interest charged to the poor.

Giving for Wesley was a way to express generosity, rooted in gratitude for God's gifts and to fulfill the Great Commandment to love God and our neighbor. As Wesley said, "Money is an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends. In the hands of his children it is food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, raiment for the naked, a means of health to the sick and of ease to them that are in pain, and it may be as eyes to the blind, as feet to the lame."

Prayer: Through Wesley's example, let us strive to better the life of the poor of the world.



"The Lord often has his prophets climb mountains to converse with Him. I always wondered why He did that, and now I know the answer: when we are on high, we can see everything else as small. Our glory and sadness lose their importance. Whatever we conquered or lost remains there below. From the heights of the mountain, you see how large the world is, and how wide its horizons."

— *Paulo Coelho, The Fifth Mountain*



GROOME ANCHOR COFFEE HOUSE

Groome is proud of the Anchor Coffee House, which benefits the "New Ministries Outreach" program and brings new people to the church! Started in September 2017, There have been wonderful musicians, singers & songwriters. Also lectures and workshops are offered. Come meet friends and visitors who love music.

Upcoming Concerts

Performances Scheduled 7-9 pm - Coffee House Opens 6 pm

Saturday, May 12, 7-9pm "LATOCQ—Louisiana to Quebec"
Featuring acclaimed Cajun fiddler David Greely of Louisiana and Quebecois fiddler Claude Meete accompanied by Dana Whittle. A little bit Cajun, a little bit Quebecois, and lot of fun!
Admission \$10.

June 30`	5th Avenue JAZZ Mix of The Great American Song book, jazz classics and several uniquely original works
July 21	Blue Trio (Cool jazz) featuring Jay Brown, John Ewart & Sandy Shalk
August 11	Americana and Celtic w/ Steve and Ali Quillen
September 29	Songs from Exotic Lands featuring David Reed on cigar box guitars
October 20	Bettenroo (Delaware based signer/songwriters)
November 24	Delmarva Ramblers (bluegrass and Gospel)
December 15	Celtic and Maritime Christmas concert featuring Charlie Zahm

Additional information about upcoming events is available on the Anchor Coffee House or Groome UMC Facebook page or Groome UMC website.

www.facebook.com/theanchorcoffeehouse

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SPRINGING FORWARD

Groome is springing forward with a revival of spirit. The renewed Women's Ministry leader's enthusiasm should sprout new seeds for a strong following, and inviting neighbors and friends on Friendship Sunday helps us to spread God's word. All these things help to grow our congregation as we move into an exciting new future for Groome.

Our fundraisers have been very supportive as we fellowship together. The Nicola Pizza fundraiser raised \$266, and the Yankee Candle fundraiser proceeds were \$396. These funds help to support the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and the General Fund. Look for more fundraisers in the near future.

The Finance Committee thanks everyone for their support over the past year to help keep down the budget. As always, consider being good stewards of God's gifts and blessings to us.

Blessings, Sue Lehman, Finance Chair



May-June

Joe Faulkner	06/16
Bob Loetzer	05/23
Eadie Loetzer	05/29
Peg Hudson	06/26
Betty Kessler	05/04
Betsy Alwood	05/21
Jack Welsh	06/10
Dick Todd	06/10
Maxine Ungerbuehler	05/16
Bill Graves	06/20
Sherry Mitchell	06/07
Sandi Phillips	06/06
Darlene Chasteen	05/08
Scott Martz	06/28



May-June

Bob & Eadie Loetzer	06/05 (70)
Wally & Nancy Catanach	06/10 (65)
John & Betsy Alwood	06/30 (62)
Jack & Bernie Welsh	06/08 (60)
Tom & Ceil Pierson	06/09 (60)
Joan & Charles Kolarik	06/20 (55)
Bill & Ellen Graves	05/22 (47)
Mike & Lorraine Messitt	05/20 (06)
Mike & Bev Cunningham	06/25 (54)

JEAN ELLEN FAULKNER

May 2, 1927-March 18, 2018

The Faulkner family would like to thank the Groome Church family for all the visits, offers to help and expression of love shown to us during Jean's illness and her passing. Your support was greatly appreciated. Jean's memorial service will be at Barratts Chapel on Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m. Reception following at Groome Church at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely, Joe



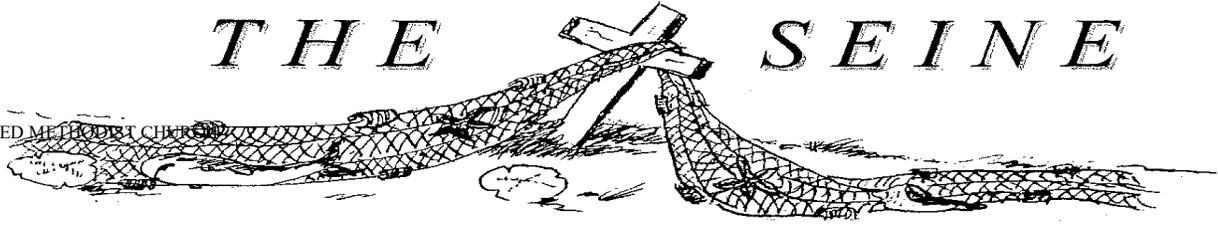
Judith (Judy) Petrossi
November 15, 1936-March 23, 2018

A Memorial Service will take place on the Cape Water Taxi, on Sunday, June 3, where Judy's ashes will be scattered in the bay on Sunday, June 3.
Time: TBD



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Groome United Methodist Church
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Will Crossan

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."*

Anchor Coffee House & Concerts-Monthly

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