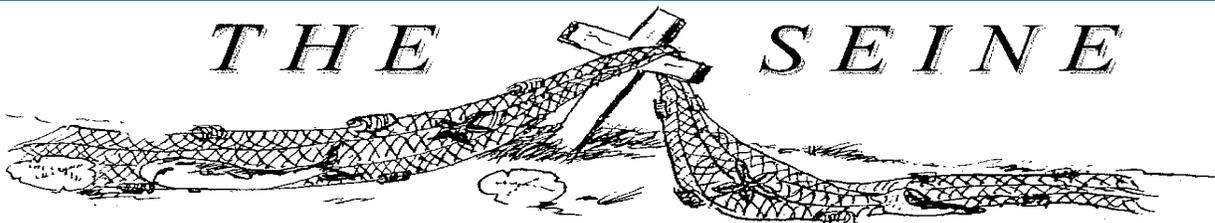


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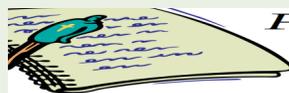


GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November-December 2018

Of Times and Seasons



From the
Pastor's Pen



The ancient writer of "Wisdom Literature" recorded in the Book of Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This timeless truth has played itself out for the past four years at Groome Church, in the form of what I would call a "Holding Pattern". We have been patiently waiting for all of the preliminary activities surrounding the sale of our New Road property to be completed. While the duration of the waiting has resulted from the influences of a myriad of outside forces, we have finally arrived at a point where we can legitimately see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are about to have to change our posture from sitting and waiting to up and doing. To use the phrase that has been adopted into popular speech; we have reached our "Tipping Point". Specifically, the "Tipping Point" is a precise moment when ideas, dreams, products or trends are transformed from relative obscurity to social/cultural epidemics. For us it will be trans-

forming the goal of building a new church into the reality of a new campus for our congregation with all the accompanying "bells and whistles". In other words it is the metamorphosis of changing farmland into a house for spiritual awakening. It almost sounds like alchemy!

As a sermon illustration, I shared the story of the comeback, "Tipping Point", for the Hush Puppies shoe. In 1995 Hush Puppies was all but dead. Sales were down to 30,000 pairs a year. You could only find them in mom and pop stores in small country towns. Then it happened. A couple of young guys found them in a small store in the Village, in New York City. They and their friends started wearing them to trendy places, around celebrities and famous folk, and within a year Hush Puppies sold 430,000 pairs. Next year they sold 2,000,000 pairs. Then in 1996 Hush Puppies – the most unfashionable shoe in America – won the prize for the best fashion accessory; an award given by the Council of Fashion Designers at an upscale banquet at Lincoln Center. That night, two clueless executives from Hush Puppies stood alongside of Calvin Klein and Donna Karan and accepted an award and had absolutely no idea what had happened.

What did happen was that these kids from the Village in New York City started wearing these shoes because no one else was wearing them, and they were comfortable. But, like a virus, the fad spread to fashion designers who wanted and needed to peddle some new idea (fashion fad) to the world of haute couture. And just like that, the shoes reached a certain point in popularity, "The Tipping Point," and literally everything thereafter is history. In a period of one year a shoe, that no self-respecting person with taste would be caught dead wearing, became the "must have" fashion accessory of the decade. That is precisely how a thirty-dollar pair of ugly shoes goes from being worn by a handful of downtown Manhattan hipsters to every mall in America.

Point being, it is now our turn to take advantage of our "Tipping Point" good fortune and make our future into a reality. To make it happen we will need to accomplish two major objectives. First, *we must acquire a parcel of property suitable for the construction of our new church campus.* Everything else depends on being able to relocate to the proper location. It is just like sporting Hush Puppies at the right event surrounded by the right people. We need to be seen at the right location. At this writing there is a good possibility we will be able to purchase just such a location. Second, *we must develop a strategic plan that will not only maintain but grow the present congregation during the planning and construction phase of our re-location.* We must develop a comprehensive outreach plan that can attract new people to our congregation. At its core are the promotion of our strengths and the unique opportunity for new folks in our congregation to create something totally new, authentic, relevant and specific to the expansion of our spiritual mission well into the future. In short, everyone gets a voice in defining who we will be.

This is our moment to create our own "Tipping Point". While it is a novel challenge, it is doable, and we must be willing to be as creative and industrious as necessary to make it happen. To paraphrase the writer of Ecclesiastes: "We have now entered our season for being up and doing, for learning and creating, for making the dream a reality". Let us awake from the rest of the past four years and build the future. After all, if a couple of hipsters from Manhattan can make Hush Puppies a fashion statement, who are we to say we cannot make our church the "happening religious place of the future"?

In His Service, Will



GROOME ANCHOR COFFEE HOUSE PRESENTS



**Delmarva
Ramblers**

Saturday, November 24—35 Strings and Truth

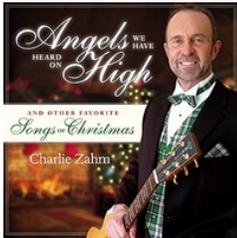
Join us for a full evening of Flagship Band with music for the family, public, and guests.

Coffee House open from 6-7p.m.

Concert is at 7-8 p.m. for \$10 cash admission at the door.

Saturday, December 16th, Anchor Coffee House

Featuring Charlie Zahm, Celtic Christmas Concert



Coffee House Open from 6-7p.m.

Concert 7-9 p.m. for \$10 cash admission at door.

Charlie Zahm is so excited to bring his Celtic Christmas show to beautiful seaside Lewes, Delaware for the first time. He will be featuring songs of the season, Celtic songs and beautiful songs of the sea.

Charlie is one of the most popular soloists at Celtic music festivals, Maritime and American Traditional music events anywhere east of the Mississippi. With a baritone voice some have described as "coming along once in a generation", Charlie has become one of the most successful performers on the Celtic festival circuit, weaving magical moments of Scottish and Irish history for the listener and viewer, with passion for the performance and a chosen repertoire pleasing to all members of the family. A master of the guitar as well, Charlie brings an authentic love and respect for the music he sings and with dashes of humor and a light in his eyes, he will draw you into the stories of his songs! When Charlie was old enough to sing, he began appreciating the beautiful Celtic songs and melodies he first heard in the largely Scottish province of his mother's birth, Ontario, Canada. Keenly aware of his own heritage, which includes healthy doses of Scottish and Irish blood on both sides of his family, he has collected several hundred popular, as well as beautiful and obscure selections and now performs them for thousands of fans up and down the Eastern Seaboard and across America. Today, as one of the most sought-after Celtic singers on the East Coast, Charlie is one of the few singers in the world to be invited to sing live with Scotland's "Black Watch". He also performs regularly everywhere from concerts and festivals to television shows and Celtic-themed Caribbean cruises, where his 6'4" frame and powerful baritone make him one of the most memorable performers around. www.charliezahm.com

2018 Groome Church Conference



The Groome Church Conference will be held on Thursday evening, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as a congregation to review the happenings of the church for 2018 and welcome the guest presiding elder, Rebecca Collison, from the Wesley United Methodist Church in Georgetown.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Hazel Brittingham	11/12
Margaret Sackett	12/19
John Alwood	12/22
Eleanor Graves	12/10
Flo Council	12/14
Nancy Catanach	12/18
Ginny Ferrer	12/08
Judith Bryan	11/13
Joan Kolarik	12/01
Ellen Graves	11/06
Cathy Hopkins	12/19
Wayne Norris	11/28
Ed Sheppard	12/31
Michael Messitt	12/29
Kim Brittingham	11/18
Ann Truitt	11/29
Margaret Melson	12/31
Liza Martz	11/23
Tyler Hefke	11/06
Judy Hoffman	12/30



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Howard & Imogene Records	11/22 (67)
Bill & Judy Hoffman	11/02 (55)
Pam & Ronald Hopkins	12/03 (24)
Chris & Ali Myers	12-19 (9)

Please notify the church secretary of any additions or changes.

Ocean Grill, Village at 5 Points

Eating out at the Ocean Grill in the Five Points Village is a great fund raise for the church. The Ocean Grill continues to give Groome 10% of the monthly proceeds when eating there. These funds go to the Groome United Methodist Men who help support the needs of the church. Just write Groome UMC on the check when paying the bill.

Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner



Stewardship Message

"IN HIS SERVICE"

Think about the church and how it enriches our lives and tithes and offerings bless others. Think about the joy of the music and worship, the activities and fellowship. Think how our church serves in times of joy and comfort and in time of distress and how offerings make all of this service possible.

II Corinthians 9:6-8 says, "Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly and God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause."

Prayerfully consider your giving and your ability to give. Most of the church family will be able to make a small step ahead in their giving behavior. Others will be ready for a breakthrough in faith to higher levels of tithing and other forms of stewardship. Everyone's steps when added together, will be a giant step for God's work. Through unity of purpose all that God wants for Groome Church can be achieved

The highest order of worship is service to God in giving of self and to your church. Service to God and our fellow man is the most sincere expression of the love of God. Service is the most instructive way of teaching the Word because we are teaching by example. Service is the most persuasive form of evangelism because we bring the hand of God to the untaught and to those in need. We are the hands, the eyes and ears of God. Service is the most eloquent witness to God because we demonstrate his love to others.

PRAYER: O Lord, may all that we are and all that we have be used for your glory and the spread of your Kingdom in earth. Amen.



Groome Christmas Schedule

December 2, 10:00 a.m.
"First Sunday in Advent
"Hanging of the Greens"

December 9, 11:00 a.m.
Holy Communion &
"Christmas Brunch"
Covered Dish
Meat & Drinks
provided
"All are welcome"

December 24, 5:00 p.m.
"Christmas Eve Service"
"Lessons & Carols"

*For unto us a child is given
and the government will be
on his shoulders...Isaiah 9:6*

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and be thankful for all God has

given us. There is no better time of the year to express thankfulness and appreciation to the members of Groome for their dedication and willingness to serve in all areas of the church.

Thanks

Let us continue to serve the Lord in gladness and thanksgiving with our tithes and offerings and continued good stewardship as we venture into the new year with new expectations and opportunities.

1 Chronicles 16:8 –*Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Christmas Projects & Services



Mitten and Scarf Tree

Again this year we will be decorating the Christmas tree in the annex with mittens and scarves to donate to the needy children in the community. The Christmas tree will be placed in the annex of the church on Tuesday, November 25, and with everyone's help we hope to fill it with mittens and scarves of all sizes.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10

The Babe of Bethlehem

May the Babe of Bethlehem be yours to tend;
May the Boy of Nazareth be yours for friend;
May the Man of Galilee His healing send;
May the Christ of Calvary His courage lend;
May the Risen Lord His presence send;
And His holy angels defend you to the end.

*"Pilgrim's Prayer"
Seen in Oberammergau, Germany*



Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

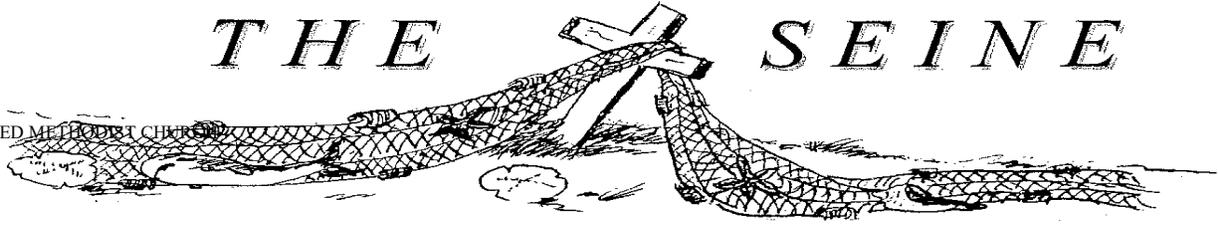
Groome has 12 Christmas boxes left to fill for Operation Christmas Child for the needy children around the world. Label the boxes for a boy or girl and their ages on the boxes. Please help fulfill this mission project by taking a box and returning it to the church by November 18. Thank you for sharing your love.

Boys—Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

Girls—Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14

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Pastor: Reverend Dr. Will Crossan

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

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

Anchor Coffee House

November 24—Delmarva Ramblers
Coffee House 6:00 p.m.
Concert 7 p.m.

December 15 Christmas Concert—Charlie Zahm
Coffee House 6:00 p.m.
Concert 7:00-9:00 pm

"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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