



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know Me."
John 10:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

UNKNOWN TO MAN – KNOWN TO GOD

Jeanne and I recently attended a funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. for a friend and Witness member. It was the first time that either of us were there for a service. It was very impressive. This gentleman passed in June and the burial wasn't until December. That's how long the backup for burial is for those who have served our country during times of war. Bob served in our navy as an officer for over 20 years and, after retirement from the navy, was an Naval Junior ROTC instructor at Annapolis High School until he retired from there. The dignity and respect afforded those who served our great country at the time of their burial is humbling. The ceremony at what is called the "Transfer Point" was very meaningful as the casket was "transferred" from the hearse to a caisson being pulled by six horses and five riders. One horse is left riderless, representing the deceased. A Navy Band was there to lead the processional as we traveled to the grave site. People could either walk behind the caisson or drive behind it. At the grave site, the Navy Chaplain led a short service, the band played some hymns, and there was a twenty-one gun salute. After Military Honors at the end of the service, the folded flag was given to his widow.

It is my understanding that there is a group of women volunteers, known as the "Arlington Women", who attend each burial. They are there for families who attend the burials and for those veterans who have no one attending their burial so that none are buried with no one in attendance. Fortunately for our friend Bob, there were many in attendance to honor him.

In Arlington Cemetery, in addition to the graves of many thousands of veterans who have served our country, there are many well known gravesites including President John Kennedy. There is also one gravesite that holds the remains of someone that no one knows. That is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. That tomb represents all unidentified members of our military who have been killed in action. The tomb has been guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year since 1937.

While we don't know who is buried in that grave, God does. God knows who is in that grave and every one of the many thousands buried in that cemetery and every cemetery around the world. Scriptures tell us that there will be a time when the dead will come out of their graves – 1 Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first."

So here is what we know, whether we are buried with a great deal of pomp and circumstance, or if we or our loved ones are buried with little fanfare and a few friends, God knows who we are and cares for us. We are not unknown to Him. The same God who loves and provides for us when we are alive, continues to do so after we go to our eternal home with Him.

Milt

THANK YOU TO PARENTS AND BELLRINGERS

It is not easy to learn to play bells. It takes a great deal of concentration and a faithfulness to not miss a rehearsal or the church service when we play. The fact that we have ten young people who want to make that commitment is worthy of praise...for the young people and the parents who make sure they make it to each rehearsal.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Eric, Jason, Courtney, Avery, Elijah, Emma, Alina, Max, Paige and McKeenzie for the great job they did on Sunday, December 3rd creating beautiful Christmas music for Jesus. I look forward to seeing you again in February when we begin to learn Easter music. Merry Christmas!

Miss Jeanne

JMC LADIES AID 2017

The members of the JMC Ladies Aid thank our Jenkins Family for their support in 2017. Your support enables us to help those in need and other JMC ministries. Below is an overview of Ladies Aid incoming and outgoing money for 2017. We believe this will give you a better understanding of what Ladies Aid is about.

Incoming Money for 2017

Sale of Homemade Easter Eggs	1,876.00
Annual Cookie Walk and Bazaar (2016)	900.00
Bake Sales	541.00
Ladies Aid/Crossfire Spaghetti Dinner	768.78
Cash Donations	<u>323.00</u>
	3,640.00

Outgoing Money for 2017

Church Mortgage Fund	1,200.00
Mother and Father's Day Gifts for Church	136.19
Johns Hopkins Hospital Children's Cancer Unit	150.00
Crossfire Mission Trip Donation	1,000.00
Golf Tournament Hole Sponsor	100.00
Chair/Table Replacement	500.00
Christmas Donations to Families with needs	800.00
Miscellaneous Expenses:	
Flowers/donations to church	110.00
Ladies Aid Aprons	<u>140.00</u>
	4,136.19

On two occasions this year we visited the residents at Locust Lodge. It was refreshing to see the smiles on their faces as we sang, shared refreshments and provided each with toiletries and other needed items.

We appreciate your ongoing support. We all wish you a Happy New Year!

God Bless,

Lynn Redding, President
Reta Chaput, Treasurer

Grace Sutherland, Vice President
Pat Haynie, Secretary

Edith Brezler

Peggy Prieber

Pat Francois

Philomena Schneider

Lydia Gilley

Pam Swaggerty

May Kretsinger

Doris Sweitzer

Ginger Lusby (honorary member)

Jeanne Zahn

Carole Nugent

THANK YOU TO BOBBIE SUSKA

A big "thank you" to Bobbie Suska who said yes when asked to use her seamstress skills. Bobbie measured the pews in the narthex, bought sample fabric for some of us to see and then purchased the fabric and covered the pew cushions in a blue to blend with the new carpet.. The pews look wonderful as do the new pillow covers she has done. Bobbie, thank you for your willingness to serve.

From the Congregation

ONE MORE THANK YOU

On December 1st, a group of seven volunteers gathered to decorate for Christmas. This was a first for six of us, and we had no idea what we were going to find in the "Christmas Closet". It was a wonderful group of willing, organized and creative people who shared new ideas and worked quickly. In a matter of 2 1/2 hours, the sanctuary was transformed. A very big "thank you" to Valerie and John Sanchez, Helen Edwards, Lynne Sturm, May Kretsinger, Milt and me. Bella and Zoe helped us distribute the wreaths to their appointed places, and Eric and Elijah worked hard on the candles in the windows.

We already have volunteers from the group, plus two new helpers, who will help "undecorate". Praise the Lord for volunteers and for those who step up for the future. Valerie has already agreed to head the "Decorating Crew" for 2018! Thank you to everyone who helped and to those who are going to help in January

Celebrate God with Us!

Milt and Jeanne



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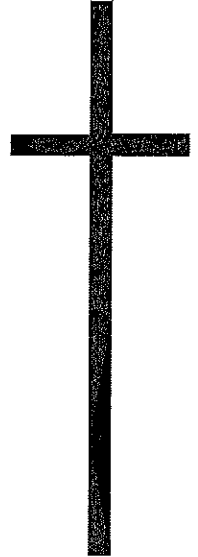
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JANUARY 2018

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	1	2	3	4	5	6 JMIC BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
7 WORSHIP SVC 9&11 AM SUN.SCH. 9& 11 AM ADULT Bible Study 9 AM	8 LADIES AID 11:30 AM YOUTH 4 CHRIST 7 PM	9 TRUSTEE MTG 7:00 PM	10 BIBLE STUDY 10:30 KING'S KIDS 6:00 PM CROSSFIRE 6:30 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM	11	12	13 JMIC BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
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21 WORSHIP SVC 9&11 AM SUN.SCH. 9& 11 AM ADULT Bible Study 9 AM CONGREG BD MTG	22 YOUTH 4 CHRIST 7 PM CHICKEN—JMIC (SEVERNA PARK LOC)	23 ADULT BELLS 7:00 PM	24 BIBLE STUDY 10:30 KING'S KIDS 6:00 PM CROSSFIRE 6:30 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM	25	26	27 JMIC BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
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