## Calendar Notes

Mar. 26 - April 2, 2017

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (FHE) Intercessory Prayer and Praise 6:30 p.m.

Kids' Club

Thrive

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes 9:00 a.m.

> Worship 10:15 a.m.

## Statistical Notes as of March 19, 2017

Attendance: Worship 164

Giving: Worship 3,184.00

Deacon Fund 20.00

David Miller Family \$ 40.00

Year to Date:

General Fund Budget \$ 95,253.51

General Fund Giving \$ 88,703.26

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Preparing for Worship

Opening & Welcome

Invitation to Give

\* Over the Line

A Revolution of Love: "Wielding Swords" (Matthew 26:47-56)

Closing & Prayer

\* (Children grades 1-5 to Jr. Church)

After the service, the front of the room is open for prayer and prayer leaders are available to pray with you.

Welcome our incoming pastor and family! This morning's special ingathering offering is to "Extend our Welcome to the Douglass Family." Please consider giving to meet our goal of \$10,000 to pay for expenses related to relocating and settling in the Dillsburg community for Pastor Rob, Chris, Bekah, Andrew, and Julie.

**Easter Choir Rehearsals** continue today from 4:00-5:30p.m. in the sanctuary, and every Sunday at the same time until we sing for the Easter service on April 16. Please join us as we joyfully celebrate Jesus! Contact Randy Fish with questions.

Men's Softball: Interested in playing on the church's softball team? All ages (14 and up) and experience levels are welcome. Games start in late April and run through the end of July. Contact Nathan Hoover for more information.

Be a hero: Volunteer for this year's VBS! Hero Central VBS is planned for June 19-22 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Here are ways you can help:

Lead (Games, Bible, Decorating, Music, Opening, Science, Sound/Media);

Assist (Crafts, Games, Bible, Decorating, Music, Opening, Flex Times);

Class Shepherd: (Pre-K & K, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th/5th, Flex times); Provide Snack.

To help with one or more of these areas, please return a Help Survey, talk to Jenny Cathro. Thanks!

Notes to myself . . .

## "Wielding Swords" Discussion Questions

- 1.) The "will" is the mental faculty by which one deliberately chooses or decides upon a course of action. Why do you think God created us with a will as human beings?
- 2.) Can you think of any illustration of a preschooler trying out his or her will on a parent or grandparent? Are there any comparisons to an adult leveraging his or her will in any given situation?
- 3.) Is it all that revolutionary to think of letting someone else guide our lives? Does it compare in any way with giving someone power of attorney in life?
- 4.) Why do you think that Jesus was so intent on living life according to his father's will? Was he modeling human life as it is lived best?
- 5.) Have you experienced any "garden experiences" like Jesus, where you have had to pray, "Not my will but yours be done?" What was the outcome?
- 6.) When George MacDonald said, "A man finds it hard to get what he wants because he does not want the best. God finds it hard to give because he would give the best and man will not take it." What do you think he was trying to get across?
- 7.) When Peter took his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest he was taking matters into his own hands. Do you ever find yourself wielding a sword?
- 8.) Take some time and contemplate the differences in the two garden experiences: that of Adam and Eve and that of Jesus. Are there any lessons to be learned?
- 9.) How do you respond to the following quote of C. S. Lewis? "There are only two kinds of people in the end, those who say to God thy will be done and those to whom God says in the end thy will be done."
- 10.) What is one practical thing that you could do as a response to this message?