

The Epistle

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Burt Brooks

Dear Brandermill Church Family,

I am truly enjoying the 40-day devotional *Treasures of the Transformed Life*. Already, I have discovered areas of personal growth and look forward to a renewed commitment to the Christian life and Church.

I have been reading a lot lately about the future of the church — not the church of Jesus Christ per se — but the future of main line Protestant churches such as the United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Lutheran, and others. It is becoming clear to me that simply looking for more members is not the easy solution. The church does not necessarily need more members — it needs more disciples!

The question before churches such as The Brandermill Church is this: “How do we encourage full discipleship out of full membership?” This is where I hope church-wide challenges to spiritual renewal and re-commitment to follow Jesus can make the difference.

As I write this today, I am also getting ready for tonight’s Wednesday evening worship. The scripture we will be using is from the Gospel of John, chapter 15.

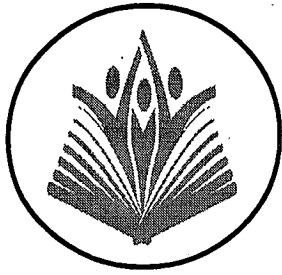
“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.

“I am the vine, you are the branches.”

I suppose the argument can be made that one can live a life disconnected from the vine ... But why would you want to disconnect from the source of life? Interesting thoughts... I wish I had easy answers to give you. None-the-less, it is my hope that we will always be growing in our knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and his Church.

Many blessings

Burt



Women's Circles

Knit Wits prayer shawl ministry holds it's weekly meetings at 2:00 PM on Thursday in the library. Contact Carol Allen at 744-1221 for more information. Come join them whenever you can for fellowship, help learning to knit or crochet or just to visit.

SemiCircle meets November 14, at the home of Jan Baran, 5301 Clipper Cove Road in Woodlake, beginning at 7pm. Cathy Kirkland, having just served in early October, will present an update on the Haiti Mission. New members are always welcome. Contact Chris Bachmann, 763-2893, for additional information.

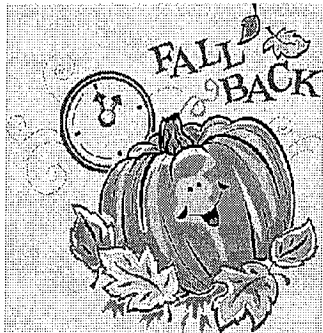
Lena Bartges Circle - Thursday, November 17, 1:30 - 3:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. Judy Gattis Smith will lead Lesson 3 in our study: *Confessing the Beatitudes*. Everyone is welcome.



I want to thank everyone at The Brandermill Church for their care, cards and especially their prayers following my recent back surgery. I am rapidly recovering and expect to resume normal activities soon.

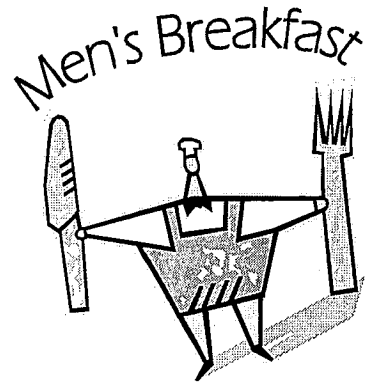
Thanks again.

Colon Rowe



Don't Forget!

Set your clocks back -
Sunday,
November 6
2:00 AM



**November 12
8:00 AM**

Multi-Purpose Room

We will start with a hot breakfast prepared by Horst and Company. Our speaker will be Sam Nixon, Director of the Virginia Information Technology Agency. Sam was in the General Assembly for 17 years. A number of you may remember him as Senator Sam Nixon, from Southside Richmond. Sam is a man of faith and will give a presentation that compares and contrasts the Bible and the U. S. Constitution. We have invited the men of a few other United Methodist and Presbyterian USA churches to join us, and we hope you will too. Bring a friend for good food, Christian Fellowship and a great talk.

You can sign up on the attendance pads in the sanctuary by designating "MB," or you can e-mail or call Marcie at the church office.



BLOOD DRIVE

*November 13
8:00 AM to Noon*

Contact Marcie for more information or to make an appointment: marcie@brandermillchurch.org or 744-3661, ext. 101. You may also make an appointment online at www.vablood.org.

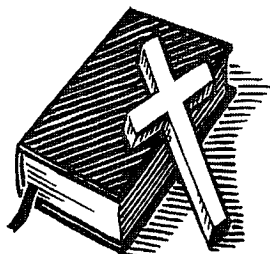


Come enjoy fellowship & good food during Wednesday Night Dinners this fall! Join us anytime from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Buy your tickets Sunday mornings or stop by and

see Marcie no later than Monday afternoon. You may also purchase tickets well in advance if you'd like. There is a great WND team, and some volunteer positions (with free dinner!) are available either short term or long term. Let us know what works for you by reviewing the volunteer schedule at the ticket table. Contact Shelia Mullen: mullenoaks@msn.com or 590-3668.

ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDIES

The church-wide series, *Treasures of a Transformed Life*, continues until November 20, Commitment Sunday. Members of our church Stewardship Committee are leading this series, which is based on the devotional books distributed to church families in October. Discussion has been lively and thought-provoking.



Beginning on November 27, we'll explore a 4-week Advent Study of an Adam Hamilton DVD series, *The Journey, Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. Hamilton's approach to the story of Jesus' birth is a walk through the Holy Land, retracing the steps of those involved in the greatest story ever told. Insights from historians, archaeologists, Biblical scholars and theologians add context and further our understanding of the real meaning of Christmas. The class meets in the large classroom off the Multi-Purpose Room.

Sunday mornings at 9AM
beginning November 27

Led by: Various Lay Leaders

Wednesday evenings at 7:15PM
beginning November 30

Led by: Rev. Sandra Bottoms



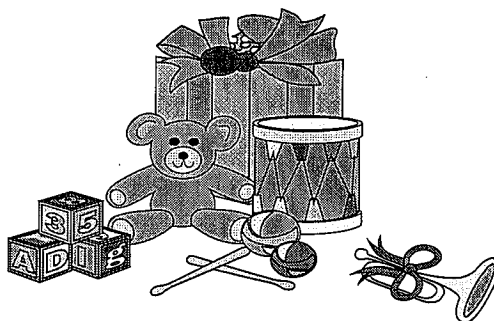
Christmas Mother 2011

The Brandermill Church has participated for many years in a Christmas Mother mission program which provides Christmas gifts for needy families and individuals selected through the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Program. We will distribute gift tags requesting specific gifts and grocery gift cards for households again this year.

Each tag is for a specific item requested by a family member or individual. There are requests for items in a variety of price ranges, plus stockings to be filled. Because of the economy, there has been a large increase in requests for help this year. To reach as many children as possible, the Christmas Mother is no longer including gifts for the parents in a family, although grocery gift cards will be provided. In addition to children's gifts, we are requesting presents for several single senior citizens.

The tags will be distributed on **Sunday, October 30, November 6 and November 13**. All wrapped gifts should be brought to the church between **Sunday, November 13 and Sunday, November 20**. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks can be made payable to The Brandermill Church with *Christmas Mother* written on the memo line.

If you have any questions or would like to request a gift tag, please contact Carol Darrigo at 639-6843 or cadarrigo@aol.com.

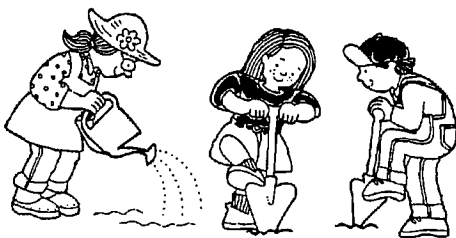
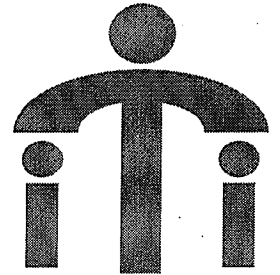


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The Brandermill Church Children's Ministry is where
all God's children WORSHIP, GROW in and SERVE the Lord!

Safe Sanctuary Training/Recertification - Wednesday, November 2
5:40 PM in the Drama Room

If you plan to attend we ask that you please call Tammy or email her at tammy@brandermillchurch.org so we will be prepared to serve you in the most efficient manner possible. This training is approximately 45 minutes long-including time for paper work and questions/answers from the required DVD viewing. *Thanks for keeping our children safe!*



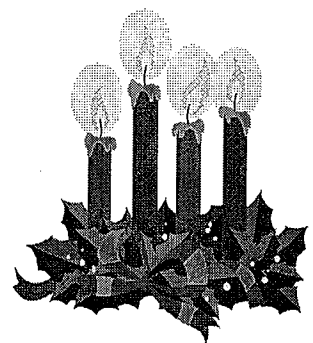
Shalom Farm
November 5
9:30 AM

Come and enjoy the beauty of this fall season, and the great fellowship as we harvest the fall produce for those who are hungry in the Richmond area. You can make a difference!

On Saturday, November 5 we will meet at the church at 9:30 and carpool out to the farm. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen, a friend, and your lunch. We'll return by 1:00 PM. Please let Tammy know if you can attend: tammy@brandermillchurch.org

Intergenerational Pre-Advent Workshop - Saturday, November 19
10:30 AM -12:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room

The month of December often descends upon us with demands for time and energy that leaves us weary. How do we prepare to prepare? Let us discover together how you can keep the meaning of Christmas your focus this Advent season. This workshop is designed for all ages and will offer you a variety of ways to prepare for the coming of the light. You will be able to choose from the following making the gift, making a Christmas tree ornament, advent wreath, creating your own personalized Christmas wrapping paper, making Christmas cards and unique decorations. We will conclude the morning together with an interactive drama about baby Jesus, our Lord and Savior. This will be a meaningful way for your family to focus on the true meaning of Christmas! Cost is \$10.00 per family for the supplies. Register now through November 12 with Tammy at tammy@brandermillchurch.org



GROWING in the faith - November Sunday school update

This month Children's Sunday school will look at the Old Testament characters of Saul, David, Solomon, and Esther to discover that we can trust God's timing through the mediums of drama, music, art, and science. Children will learn that if we want to show others what God is like-we must let our God-given talents shine through our own actions and words.

(NEWS, continued next page)



Wednesday Evening Children's Program 5:40-6:10 for 2nd-5th graders

- November 2 - **Outdoor games**-(if raining - Clay in the Bible)
- November 9 - **Nature Walk** with Walking Sticks - (if raining-make creature critters.)
- November 16- **Bonfire** - Fire in the Bible- (if raining-indoor games)
- November 30- **Make the gift**- Advent- we will make a cool gift for your parent or grandparent.

HomeAgain Christmas Party - Save the Date!!

On Saturday, December 17 the Children's Ministry and the Preschool will combine forces to give a Christmas party at HomeAgain. We will meet at the church at 11:30 and travel to the Homeless Shelter for mothers and their children. We'll bring gifts purchased specifically for each mother and child, a Christmas cake, games and decorations, and crafts that the children can make as Christmas gifts for their family members. If you would like to attend to help make this a special Christmas for some special families, or wish to donate a check to help us to purchase the gifts, or are willing to do some of the shopping, please see Tammy. This will be a Christmas celebration that will truly warm your heart!



Children's Ministry Conference Report

I was blessed to attend a Children's Ministry Conference in October. I attended workshops entitled: *Children's Prayer Paths*, *Family Ministry in a Kid's Ministry World*, *Facilitating Children's Spirituality* and *Understanding Kid's Culture*. Each day there were wonderful thought-provoking worship services. The conference was informative, insightful and inspirational!

One of the most exciting discoveries at the conference was the confirmation that the Children, Family and Intergenerational programs that our children's ministry committee has planned and implemented are in fact "cutting edge," and yet ancient and biblically sound. God has a beautiful plan for the spiritual formation of the generations and it is clearly and simply laid out in the Bible.

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one! Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Teach them diligently to your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:4-7. (The Shema)

As this ancient text commands, let us work together as the body of Christ, to show the children of The Brandermill Church and the children in our community, what it means to love God by loving God in front of them. May our children know what it means to worship, learn about God and serve like Jesus by the model of our lives.

Tammy Tipton-Nay



Have You Made Plans for Your Final Resting Place?

Information on Memorial Garden Reservations and Expansion...

In 1992, The Brandermill Church established a Memorial Garden that serves as a resting place for church members and their families who have elected cremation. It is a setting of natural beauty and simplicity where one may feel the presence of God through meditation and prayer as well as have a peaceful and reverent setting for our members to honor and remember their loved ones.

For those who have not yet heard, we would like to share with our church members the exciting plans the Memorial Garden Committee has for expanding the Memorial Garden and its ministry. The Garden is 19 years old and in need of renovation and expansion in order to meet the demands of our aging and growing congregation. Even though the Memorial Garden has been financially self-sufficient and is not dependent on the church operating budget, it now requires additional funds for expansion. We are offering church members an opportunity to make a reservation for interment in the Memorial Garden at today's current fee. Initially, 50 reservations were offered in October and there are currently 14 reservations remaining. Please contact Marcie Murphy at the church office (804-744-3661, ext. 101) if you are interested in making a reservation or want more information.

The Memorial Garden has always had a very hard working and dedicated team to maintain and care for the Garden throughout each season of the year. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank our committee members: Brenda and Sam Lee, Ginny and Steve Menninger, Margaret and Hal Raddin and Erna Van den Nieuwenhuizen who have donated their time and talents to insure our Memorial Garden is beautifully maintained for our church members and their families.

MOPS

Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers will meet this month on November 4 and November 18 from 10am-12pm!

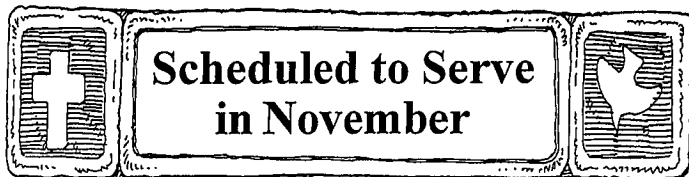
Themes will include "How Does Mom Do It All?" and "Balance" with special guest, Tammy Tipton Nay, a Children's Ministry Coordinator and Pilates Instructor. We will enjoy fellowship with other moms and refreshments. Please RSVP or request more info at 804-405-7571 or email brandermillchurchmops@gmail.com. Childcare is provided!



Have you ever wondered what it takes to publish *The Epistle* every month?

After Marcie performs her magic with editing and rolling off the presses approximately 600 copies of the newsletter, a dedicated team of eight volunteers goes to work each month collating, folding and labeling the newsletters. The volunteers are also responsible for the dissemination of various other mass mailings. Patty Arey, Gloria Arfert, Joan Bernick, Wanda Bissell, Sue Brandenburg, Irene Carlisle, Duval Lee Carter, Charlene Estes, Connolly Gamble, Ann Gatz, Sam Gentz, Lois Koon, Mary Quinlan, Mary Schaeffer, Millie Souther, Cissy Spivey, Don Spivey, Dave Thompson, Bill Turner, Barbara Wagner, Gwyn Westerfeld, and Carl Williams.

Several of these volunteers have served for over five years. Anyone who has volunteered this year, and is not listed above, please call Sonja Turner, 639-6363. *And, if you'd like to join this lively team give Sonja a call!*



**Scheduled to Serve
in November**

11/6

Communion Servers - 9:00: Claudia and Ted Lushch, Carol and Ben D'Arrigo, Ginny and Steve Menninger

Communion Servers - 10:30: Diana and Bob Beatty, Cori and Steve Begg, Rin and Kevin Barkdull,

Greeter - 9:00: Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen

Greeters - 10:30: Sonja and Bill Turner

Grounds Team: Craig Edwards

Lay Leader - 9:00: Nancy Rider

Lay Leader - 10:30: Roy Hoagland

Ushers - 9:00: Bob Weatherford, Ann and Brad Coble, Terry Lynn

Ushers - 10:30: Woody Lawman, Chris Remme, Jeff Branyon, Nan Sharp, Tim Grider

11/13

Greeters - 9:00: Kim and Savannah Sloane

Greeters - 10:30: Cissy and Don Spivey

Grounds Team: Tom Mullen

Lay Leader - 9:00: Chris Cheatham

Lay Leader - 10:30: Elizabeth Bowen

Ushers - 9:00: Laraine and Ed Gallagher, Horst Arfert, Jack Risendal

Ushers - 10:30: Matt Buchanan, Duncan Monroe, Ethan Martin, Marissa Mullen

11/20

Greeters - 9:00: Dolly and Tom Pakurar

Greeter - 10:30: Mary Schaeffer and Betty Hopkins

Grounds Team: Chad Vanderslice

Lay Leader - 9:00: Brenda Bartges

Lay Leader - 10:30: Leigh Harp-Walls

Ushers - 9:00: Bruce Mason, Jim Allen, Dale Gentz, Don Reich

Ushers - 10:30: Sonja and Bill Turner, Hugh Catlett, Victor Liu, Ken Braun

11/27

Greeters - 9:00: Ginny and John Brenner

Greeters - 10:30: Jayne Wright

Grounds Team: Jon Hartzler

Lay Leader - 9:00: Joyce Rowe

Lay Leader - 10:30: Marty Kump

Ushers - 9:00: Warren Ragsdale, Erna van den Nieuwenhuizen, Bob Kohl

Ushers - 10:30: Bud Gardner, Gayla & Greg Gardner, Reg Waggoner

Altar Guild for November:

Marion Sanville

Building Stewards for November:

Opening Steward: Marc Dixon

Closing Steward: Tom Mullen

HANDEL'S

Messiah

PERFORMED BY OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR

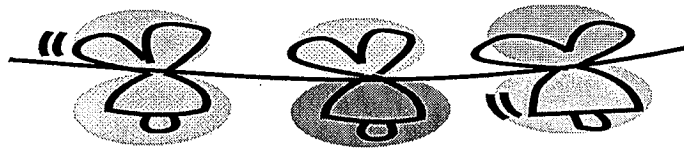
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 7:00 PM

Watch for further details.



Poinsettia Order Forms are in the packet with your October/November contribution envelopes. **Look for the green envelope.** Dedicating a poinsettia helps us decorate the sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season and is a great way to honor a loved one or mark a special event.

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Please complete your order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to Marcie at the church office **by November 21.** Extra envelopes are available at the church office.



**AlterNatives & Zuni Peanuts
Gifts for Sale**

Join us on December 4 in the Fellowship Hall for great hand-crafted items and tasty treats. From 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

You can finish your Christmas shopping and support a good cause all in one!

November Calendar

Wednesday, November 2nd

-Youth Group (6-7PM)

Saturday, November 5th

-Shalom Farms

-9AM-1PM (bring a lunch)

Sunday, November 6th

-6th Grade Group

-4-5PM

Wednesday, November 9th

-Youth Group (6-7PM)

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th

-Middle School Retreat @ Eagle Eyrie

-For all Middle School students

-Cost is \$100 per student

Wednesday, November 16

-Youth Group (6-7PM)

Sunday, November 20th

-Confirmation Class

-10:30-11:45AM

-High School Guy's Night

-5PM

Wednesday, November 23

-NO Youth Group

-Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, November 30

-Youth Group (6-7PM)

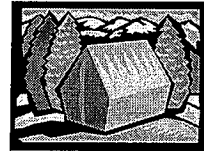
Brandermill Youth

Hey everyone! It's November! And while that means that the weather is cooling off, our youth activities are still heating up. We are still going strong with our Wednesday Night Youth Group meetings and our weekly small group meetings and if you haven't attended yet, you are truly missing out. We also have retreats coming up this month for Middle School students and next month for High School students at Eagle Eyrie. So now is the time to jump on board with these amazing opportunities. Find a way to get plugged in today! Hope to see you soon! Your Friend, Rich

Wednesday Night Youth Group!!!

We have moved our Youth Group night to Wednesdays from 6-7PM for all youth. We play games, socialize and learn a little something about God and ourselves.

If you have not made it to a Wednesday night yet, please do. We have a dinner for families starting at 5PM and something for all ages following dinner. This is a great opportunity to get to know others in the youth group. Hope to see you on Wednesdays!



HS RETREAT!!!

The High School Students will be having a retreat the weekend of December 2nd through 4th at Eagle Eyrie. The cost is \$100 per student. It's a great opportunity for personal growth and fellowship. Hope you can make it!

Guy's Night

11/20/11

For High School Guys only

Come hang out with the fellas
Starts at 5PM

MS Retreat

11/11 - 13

For all Middle School students

It is at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center
Opportunities for personal growth and fellowship

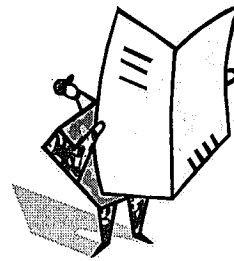
Cost is \$100 per student

We need chaperones

Happy Birthday

- Nov. 1 – Florrie Gardner, Eric Johnson,
Cyndi Woods
- Nov. 2 – Sue Brandenburg, Anthony Caniglia,
Dennis Lacey, Betty Reich
- Nov. 3 – Bill Lyon, Randie Rosenberg
- Nov. 5 – Jennifer Dodge, Margaret Rioux,
Scott Roche
- Nov. 6 – Griffin Claus, Neal Masri
- Nov. 7 – Barbara Dove, Kensie Meijer,
Hank Meyer, Kaysie O'Brien,
Stacy Paulette
- Nov. 8 – Billy Pritchett, Virginia Reid
- Nov. 9 – Matthew Dodge, Linda Earle, Bob Kohl,
Grant Marsh, Sydney Marsh,
Trent Overboe, Morgan Shifflett
- Nov. 10 – Sharon Ellis, Dave Godfrey,
Jason Livingston, Dave Logan,
Robin Roeber, Todd Williams
- Nov. 11 - Libby Hellman, Colon Rowe,
Mary Helen Williams
- Nov. 12 – Meghan McLees, Ken Roeber
- Nov. 13 – Michael Booker, Kira Dyer,
Mary Helen King, Betty Osterhout,
- Nov. 14 – Laura Bayuk, Karen Catlett,
Marcia Harrigan, Sharon Ritter,
John Tucker, Morgan White, Taylor White
- Nov. 15 – Jane Manden
- Nov. 16 – Laura Smith, Kiri Thompson
- Nov. 17 – Adam Hill, Robby Tucker
- Nov. 19 – Jackie Covolo, Mason Davis,
Eric Finkbeiner
- Nov. 20 – Bob Barcalow, Peggy Gravelle,
Ryder Williams
- Nov. 21 – Ethan Ayers, Lindsay Cashion,
Owen Masri, Carrie Purvis, Hal Raddin
- Nov. 22 – Kathy Conrad, Rebekah Hammitt,
Josh Laramore, Craig Phibbs, Tonja Rhule,
Patrick Sanders
- Nov. 23 – Christy Anderson, Jan Baran,
Joshua Barrack, Jack Risendal,
Melissa Stoots, Sheri Stoots
- Nov. 25 – Kim Longenecker, Kellie Roche,
Irene Thompson

- Nov. 26 – Stacey Barrack, Dave Beldyk,
Susan Lynn, Amy Scott
- Nov. 27 – Bobby Fulcher, Jim Mathews
- Nov. 28 – Anne Anderson, Louise Bagwell-Robinson,
Nancy Coggins, Wendy Jewell,
Dave Taminger
- Nov. 29 – Bob Brogan, Nancy Rider
- Nov. 30 – Ben MacMillan



Church Family News

New Members:

Judy Justison

Dorothy and Scott McDowell

Faye Musselman

Tammy Render

Steve Hanna

Heidi and Patrick Sears

Sam and Ben

Carolyn and Ted Sweetland

Baptisms:

Mary Covington Handzel, daughter of Ben & Anne Handzel

Noah Joseph Carra, son of Brad & Stephanie Carra

Marriage: Elizabeth (Beth) Forshay to Steven R. Coggins, Jr. on October 22.

Condolences to:

Jack Aden on the death of his mother, Nancy Aden.

Loral Hoagland on the death of her father, John Teufel.

Marjorie Roberson on the death of her grandson, Christopher Fisher.

Mike Hill on the death of his father, Ralph Hill.

MESSIAH

In a small London house on Brook Street, a servant sighs with resignation as he arranges a tray full of food he assumes will not be eaten. For more than a week, he has faithfully continued to wait on his employer, an eccentric composer, who spends hour after hour isolated in his own room. Morning, noon, and evening the servant delivers appealing meals to the composer and returns later to find the bowls and platters largely untouched.

Once again, he steels himself to go through the same routine, muttering under his breath about how oddly temperamental musicians can be. As he swings open the door to the composer's room, the servant stops in his tracks.

The startled composer, tears streaming down his face, turns to his servant and cries out, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself." George Frederic Handel had just finished writing a movement that would take its place in history as the Hallelujah Chorus.

George Frederic Handel was born in 1685 and if his father had had his way, the Hallelujah Chorus would never have been written. His father was a "surgeon-barber"-a no-nonsense, practical man who was determined to send his son to law school. Even though young Handel showed extraordinary musical talent, his father refused for several years to permit him to take lessons.

Handel wrote his greatest music in England and he suffered personal setbacks there as well. Falling in and out of favor with changing monarchs, competing with established English composers, and dealing with fickle, hard-to-please audiences left him confronting bankruptcy more than once. Miserably discouraged, he felt forced to retire from public activities at the age of fifty-six. Then two unforeseen events converged to change his life. A wealthy friend, Charles Jensen, gave Handel a libretto based on the life of Christ, taken entirely from the bible. He also received a commission from Dublin charity to compose work for a benefit performance.

Handel set to work composing in his little house on Brook Street in London. He grew absorbed in the work that he rarely left his room, hardly stopping to eat. Within six days part one was complete. In nine days more he had finished part two, and in another six, part three. The orchestration was completed in another two days. In all 260 pages of manuscript were filled in the remarkable short time of 24 days.

Sir Newman Flower, one of Handel's many biographers, summed up the consensus of history: Considering the immensity of the world, and the short time involved, it will remain, perhaps forever, the greatest feat in the whole history of music composition." Handel's title for the commissioned work was simply Messiah.

Messiah premiered on April 13, 1742 as a charitable benefit, raising 400 pounds and freeing 142 men from debtor's prison. A year later, Handel staged it in London. Controversy emanating from the Church of England continued to plague Handel, yet the King of England attended the performance. As the first notes of the triumphant Hallelujah Chorus rang out, the king rose. Following the royal protocol, the entire audience stood too, initiating a tradition that has lasted more than two and a half centuries.

Handel personally conducted more than thirty performances of Messiah. Many of these concerts were benefits for the foundling hospital, of which Handel was a major benefactor. The thousands of pounds that Handel's performances of Messiahs raised for charity led one biographer to note: "Messiah as fed the hungry, clothed the naked, fostered the orphan... more than any other single musical production, in this or any country." Another wrote, "Perhaps the works of no other composer have so largely contributed to the relief of human suffering."

This work has had an uncanny spiritual impact on the lives of its listeners. One writer has stated that Messiahs music and message "Has probably done more to convince thousands of man kind that there is a God about us than all the theological works ever written."

A few days before Handel died, he expressed his desire to die on Good Friday, "in the hopes of meeting his good God, his sweet Lord and Savior, on the day of his Resurrection." He lived until the morning of Good Saturday, April 14, 1759. His death came only eight days after his final performance, at which he had conducted his masterpiece, Messiah.

His close friend James Smyth wrote, "He died as he lived—a good Christian, with a true sense of his duty to God and to man, and in perfect charity with all the world." Handel was buried in Westminster Abbey, with over three thousand in attendance at his funeral. A statue erected there shows him holding the manuscript for the solo that opens part three of Messiah, "I know than my Redeemer liveth."

- Excerpts from Spiritual Lives of the Great Composers, by Patrick Kavanaugh



On Sunday evening, December 4th at 7:30 PM, The Sanctuary Choir will present excerpts from Messiah. A portion of Part One, along with the Hallelujah Chorus will be performed. You are invited to attend and to stay for the reception following this very special Advent presentation. In the charitable spirit of Messiah, on the evening of the presentation the choir will be collecting canned goods to donate to the Food Bank.

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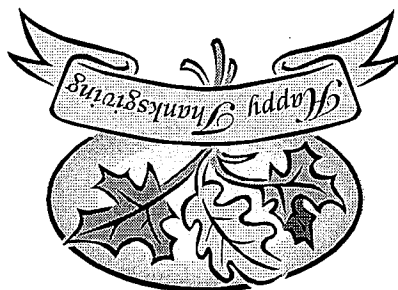
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