



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (5/4/2017)

Dear Friends,

Greetings! Hope all is well with your soul.

I spent a large portion of last week on a “mini staycation.” I was glad and grateful to have some downtime after the busy season of Holy Week and Easter. Jennifer and I went to NYC and saw a couple of popular Broadway shows – Phantom of the Opera and Cats. These two Broadway shows have such a staying power. They have been around for decades and are still going strong with packed audiences.

What makes them so loved by people of all generations? I wondered. It has to be the quality of music, story, singers and actors. I have seen these Broadway shows many years ago, so I was able to pay attention to some other details and other minor singers/actors.

Here are my observation points:

- 1. Every cast member gave it all, no matter how insignificant a part he or she was playing.**
- 2. Each cast member sang, acted and danced in harmony with others on the stage.**
- 3. The orchestra, while totally unseen because they were playing under the stage, played each number with so much passion, sensitivity and excellence.**

This understanding applies in our work place as well as in our church life and ministry. If we can do the above observation points in what we do together in God's work, we will produce much fruit. In reality, we are doing it already in our church. Thanks to so many of you who are faithfully carrying out your work of the ministry with passion, commitment, diligence and excellence.

I invite you to go back and read Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12, and reflect deeper on working together as the body of Christ.

This coming Sunday, I will preach on “Membership to Discipleship.” What is the difference between membership and discipleship? Come and find out.

Before I sign off, may I ask you to pray for our Bishop Schol and his family? Bishops Schol’s beloved sister, Susan, passed away suddenly this week in Philadelphia. It is a deeply sad loss. A service of remembering and celebrating her life will be held this Saturday. Thank you.

In the meantime, may the peace and grace of the Lord be with you and guide your path. See you Sunday.

Blessings,

Brandon