



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (12/13/2017)

Dear MUMC Family and Friends,

Greetings! Early this morning, I woke up and went into the living room. I was greeted by our Christmas tree. I sat there quietly and watched its lights and ornaments. Then, I was inspired to write a prayer for this Advent season. And here it is for your own reflection:

**Advent God,
we journey with you,
to Bethlehem's stable
and a new-born Christ Child.
Our ears are tuned to the song of peace.
Our eyes are alert for the star of hope.
Our hearts are touched by the message of love.
As we joyfully wait for his coming,
guide us to build
a "front porch" of your Kingdom
for all of your people.
In Jesus' precious name we pray.
Amen.**

If you can, please stop by the Madison Funeral Home, 159 Main Street, Madison, between 5:00 p.m and 9:00 p.m. this Thursday, December 14th, and greet Rolf and Nancy Frantz, and Eric and Bryce. As many of you know, Missy, the daughter-in-law of Rolf and Nancy, passed away recently. We will have a memorial service for Missy at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. Pastor Jeff Markay and I will co-lead the service.

Also, Bill Earls, a faithful church member since 1985, passed away earlier this week. His interment service will be at the Restland Cemetery in East Hanover at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, December 18th. After that, we will then have his memorial service in our church sanctuary at 11 a.m. Please remember Sue and their family in your prayers.

You are invited to a Noon Concert in our sanctuary this Thursday. It will feature Americana Jubilana! Darren O'Neill and David Graessle, incredibly talented guitarists, will present a program of ragtime, blues and jazz. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the concert will start at 12:15. Lunch is available for purchase and the concert is free.

You are in for a real treat this Sunday. Our Chancel Choir will present selections from Handel's "Messiah" during worship. I remember my very first time singing this masterpiece. I was a senior in high school when I sang with the Honolulu Chorale (with 75 outstanding singers). I was the youngest one singing at the St. Andrew's Cathedral in Honolulu. To put it simply, it was a transformational experience for me. I am looking forward to singing it once again with our Chancel Choir. So, come and join us, and be blessed.

Have a blessed week and weekend. See you in Church.

In His Joy and Peace,

Pastor Brandon