



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (2/22/2018)

Greetings, good friends! Yesterday, the temperature went up as high as 74 degrees. My body didn't know how to adjust to this unusually warm weather in February! But, I can also tell you that I didn't complain.

This week, I have been following the story about the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School in Parkland, Florida. The surviving students decided to do something about this kind of gun violence in school. They marched through the hallways of the state capitol in Florida and expressed their conviction in front of the White House. Yesterday afternoon, a good many of them, their parents and some of the parents of the victims of previous shootings, met with President Trump and his key leaders. They expressed clearly and eloquently their desire to stop this kind of senseless killings in our schools. My sense is that these young people will have a real impact on our national conversation on gun violence and gun control. Our country is one of the most violent countries in the world in terms of gun-related violence. So many people, especially a large number of children and youth, have been killed in schools, theatres, concerts, and even in churches. And, I am proud of these young people who are seeking to change our violent culture. More power to them.

It is hard to believe, but our church's Annual Rummage Sale is quickly approaching on March 3, 2018. The stage in Fellowship Hall is filling up as I write this note. We appreciate all of your good support. I saw one of our dear members bringing in a number of large boxes of toys for children. Evidently, she collected them from several neighbors in her block. Please sign up with Andrew Cattano, our Rummage King, if you can volunteer. I will be there, too.

This coming Sunday, I will preach on "What Matters Most?" Lent is a good time to review our priorities and learn to major in the major matters in life instead of majoring in minor matters. Let's talk more about it in worship.

May the joy and peace of Christ be with you throughout this week. See you in Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Brandon