

Thursday Thoughts - June 28, 2018

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From Our Pastor:

During this year's PNW Annual Conference, Bishop Stanovsky declared this upcoming year as a "crossover year," a time to put our whole heart, soul, mind and strength into loving God and neighbor. She predicted that a year from now, the United Methodist Church will look very different from the way that it looks today.

To help us prepare for the change coming ahead, Dr. Brian Brown shared important lessons from the book, *The Anatomy of Peace*, published by the Arbinger Institute. He explained the importance of paying attention to the mindset underlying our behaviors. While an inward mindset leads to a heart at war, harming our relationships with others, an outward mindset results in a heart at peace, and harmonious relationships. Preparing for a yet-unknown future for our denomination, we'll need to regularly pay attention to our mindset, and its influence on our care and concern for others.

Change has already arrived here at Brownsville UMC. This Sunday, July 1st, you'll welcome your new pastor, Rev. Justin White. He's a gifted pastor who will lead you and serve you well. On Sunday, following worship, spend time getting to know him during the welcome potluck. Don't miss this special opportunity to meet Rev. White, and be sure to bring a friend or neighbor with you!

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity you've given me to serve this wonderful church and community. As a reminder, please do not contact me after June 30th, and do not visit me at the next church where I have been assigned. Rev. White will guide you into the future that God is preparing for you. Please take good care of one another, and abide in the love that will bring you abundant blessings in the years to come!

Grace and Peace, Pastor Pat



This Week at the Church:

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Today	10:00 a.m.	Garden Club
Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12 noon	Fellowship Time & welcome potluck for Pastor Justin
Monday:		Outreach meeting postponed until Chair returns from Hawaii



Happy Birthday to:

Annalisa Harris - July 4th
Danya McConnell - July 4th
Art Wilkinson - July 4th



Happy Anniversary to:

none this week...

NEEDED - Liturgist for the month of July. Please sign up on the clipboard if you can help your church by being the Liturgist for the month of July. You will receive the bulletin in time to familiarize yourself with the readings each week. Thank you in advance for signing up.

Eco Tip of the Week: Toxics:

Pesticides are designed to be harmful, and have been linked to many severe illnesses in both humans and wildlife (Beyond Pesticides). Children are especially susceptible to these chemicals since they are frequently touching surfaces, and they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults. Search for the least toxic methods for controlling pests in your home: <http://www.beyondpesticides.org/alternatives/factsheets/index.htm>

Eco-tip provided by GreenFaith: www.greenfaith.org

Have a safe and sane 4th of July!!!