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The Clock That Strikes 13



We have a very old wooden mantel clock. It's the kind that has a pendulum and needs to be wound every day.

You'd think such an old clock, when it strikes, would have a modest, even humble, sound. Think again. This one announces each hour with an authoritative BONG! BONG! BONG! More often than not, at noon or at midnight it is so full of itself that it strikes 13! It makes me think of some feisty old geezer who is out to show these young whippersnappers that the old boy's still got it!

Of course I have to take it down a peg. I stop the pendulum, push the hour hand to one, and restart it 60 minutes later (if I remember to).

We've all known people — maybe it's ourselves — who brag about their accomplishments. They may try to sound humble, but are sure to keep the spotlight on themselves. They're like the fellow who said, "I'm humble and proud of it!" Someone else suggested that if you win an award for being the most humble person, don't accept it or you'll be disqualified.

The Bible has a lot to say about humility and pride. Just three examples:

“(The Lord)...gives grace to the humble.” (Proverbs 3:34)

“When pride comes, there comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” (Proverbs 11:2)

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” (Matthew 23:12)

I may not be able to keep my proud old clock from bonging 13, but I can ask God each day to keep me humble. And if I'm ever tempted to boast, let me, like the psalmist David, “boast in the Lord...” (Psalm 34:2).

M.B.S.



Obstacles? Don't Give Up!

By the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Robinson, III



The first book by this author, the iconic thriller *Carrie*, received 30 rejections, finally causing King to give up and throw it in the trash. His wife fished it out and encouraged

him to resubmit it, and the rest is history, with Stephen King now having hundreds of books published and the distinction of being one of the best-selling authors of all time.

J.K. Rowling may be rolling in a lot of Harry Potter dough today, but before she published the series of novels she was nearly penniless, severely depressed, divorced, trying to raise a child on her own while attending school and writing a novel.



Rowling went from depending on welfare to survive to being one of the richest women in the world in a span of only five years through her hard work and determination.



After his first audition, Sidney Poitier was told by the casting director, "Why don't you stop wasting people's time and go out and become a dishwasher or something?" Poitier vowed to show

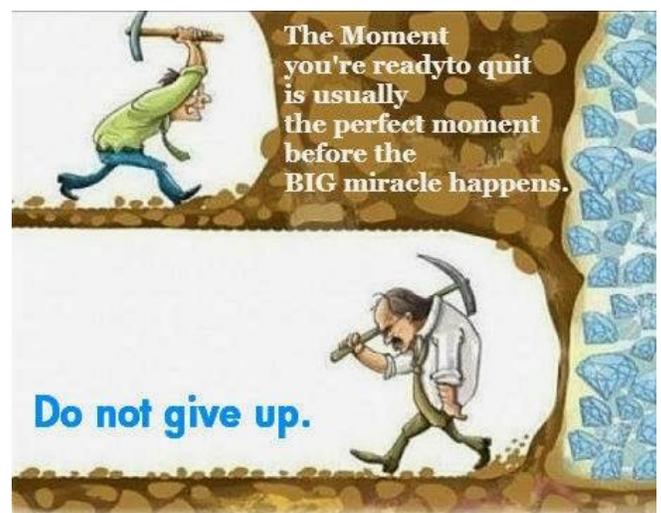
him that he could make it, going on to win an Oscar and becoming one of the most well-regarded actors in the business.

There are so many stories of successful people who first endured disappointment, failure, and rejection. Why did they succeed when others failed? Persistence. Faith in themselves and in their dreams.

God gives us each a big dream. It won't just drop out of the sky. It will mean work. It will be challenged by obstacles to see if you really want it. It will seem out of reach because it is out of your reach without God's help.

Jesus told his disciples that entering into God's kingdom is impossible for human beings to do.... without God's help.

Pray, my friend, and invite God to help you. You will have your work to do, but God has doors that only he can open for you, roads that only he can materialize for you, and people only God will bring into your path to give you that hand up when it's needed.



Pastor Tony ☺



From Missions Commission



- FEAST Food Pantry items for June: hot and cold cereals and cereal bars. Place donations in the grocery cart inside the entrance doors.
- QUMC Cares offering date: Sunday, June 25. This program, in coordination with the school district, helps individuals and families experiencing difficulties. QUMC's April offering of \$150 helped a woman with breast cancer, who just received approval for Medical Assistance. You can give your donation as you exit the sanctuary or include it in your church envelope marking the line "Other" QUMC Cares.
- Thank You to all the workers and those who supported the Ham Dinner. A profit of \$1,093 was generated by the 166 dinners served. The proceeds will support mission outreach.



QUMC Needs You!

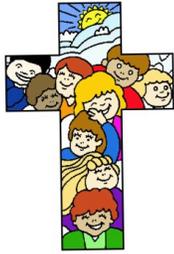
Maybe Uncle Sam doesn't need you just now, but our church does. Recently a challenge was issued to the congregation to make it financially possible to support an assistant pastor. As in the past when assistant pastors were on our staff, our youth and Christian Education programs would be greatly benefitted by this addition, along with other areas of ministry.

QUMC has a great and long history of responding to challenges. It seemed like an impossible dream that two United Methodist churches in Quakertown would merge to become QUMC - but, by God's grace - it happened. We couldn't possibly afford to build a new church - but we did. How can we add a Christian Education wing? God showed us. Can we hire an assistant pastor? God is ready to say, "Call on me and I will make it possible."

Keep Saving Those Redner's Receipts!



The church recently submitted to Redner's \$21,662.01 worth of Redner's receipts. This means that \$216.62 will be returned by Redner's to our youth program. So use your Save-A-Tape card, save those receipts, and bring them to the church. There is a red grocery bag on the bulletin board outside Miller Hall for your receipts. Many thanks from QUMC's youth.



Sunday School News

The end of the Sunday School year will be celebrated on Sunday, June 4, as all classes will assemble in the sanctuary for a program. The various classes will make presentations. As June 4 is also a Festival Worship Sunday, Sunday School will convene at 9:00 a.m.

Classes for children and youth will resume in September. Men's and Women's classes will continue throughout the summer.

Men's Class, Room 112 - Gail Schadler will reprise her "Heaven: What The Bible Says" course beginning on July 9 and ending on August 13. All men of QUMC are welcome to attend. Topics to be presented and discussed include the biblical view of death; what heaven is like; is there really a hell; who gets to go to heaven; what will your resurrected body be like, and what happens to people and the earth at the time of the Rapture and the End Times. Don't miss this opportunity to make sure you have the right exit strategy!

Women's Class, Room 114 - The theme for the summer in the International Bible Lessons is "God's Urgent Call: Called to Be Strong, Calling of Prophets, Calls in the New Testament." All women of the church are invited to participate in this class, led by Laura Lillie.

Festival Worship Sundays



A number of years ago several Sundays of the year were designated Festival Worship. The reasoning was to afford opportunities for all of the church family to experience worship together.

Pentecost Sunday - June 4 will include confirmation. Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



It Was Great!

Much appreciation to QUMC's United Methodist Women's unit for the delightful Mother/Daughter tea luncheon on May 7. It was a real treat to the eyes and the taste buds.

A most enjoyable and well-done puppet show by the Salem Christian School puppeteers followed the tea luncheon.

Thanks, UMW members, for all your hard work.



Summer Issue



Reminder: The next newsletter will be the Summer issue. This will include both July and August. Please turn in all items to Newsletter Editor's box by June 15.

Parents, please tell us if your child is graduating from high school or college. Include from where and any honors or awards.



Life Groups

Life Groups are an important ministry of the church! A volunteer is needed to coordinate Life Group leaders and organize new groups as required. If you feel called to this rewarding position within the small group ministry of QUMC, contact Babs Kerns (267.825.5693 or babs.kerns@gmail.com).

Outreach Depot



Wesley UMC of Bethlehem has recently made the decision to buy a warehouse in Allentown to house Outreach Depot, a mission project of the church.

Bill White, a Morning Call columnist, wrote a detailed account about this program, begun about five years ago. The column was in the February 21 issue of the paper.

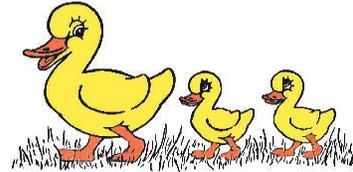
Outreach Depot features a showroom of furniture and household items made available to people who have experienced difficult circumstances. These people are referred by governmental and nonprofit agencies.

This mission project also includes disaster relief kits distributed locally and around the world.

Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the program. Email barbara@lvoutreachdepot.org or call 610.351.1616.



Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Doris Willauer - June 12; Edward Moore - June 13; Nancy Schroy - June 18.

A NOTE OF THANKS:

"I would like to thank everyone who donated money toward my Eagle Scout project. The pavilion turned out great! I would also like to thank the following church members who attended: Chris Aber, Matt Aber, Michael Carroll, Pete Sawadski, Darian Sawadski, Sara Stout, and Teresa Weaver."

Nicholas Stout

From the Board of Trustees...

As of January 2018, our trustees' secretary Debbie Reynolds will be stepping down after many years of dedicated service on the board. We are searching for someone to coordinate with her before she leaves to ensure a smooth transition. This position involves some record keeping, taking meeting minutes, and general coordination of trustees' issues. If you feel the calling or know of someone who may, please reach out to us for more details about this important position. The pay is great and comes with full benefits! Just kidding. You'd be a volunteer for a great cause!

Please consider our request and let us know of any questions. Contact Debbie (dave49deb@gmail.com) or Jerry (215.378.7773) to discuss details.



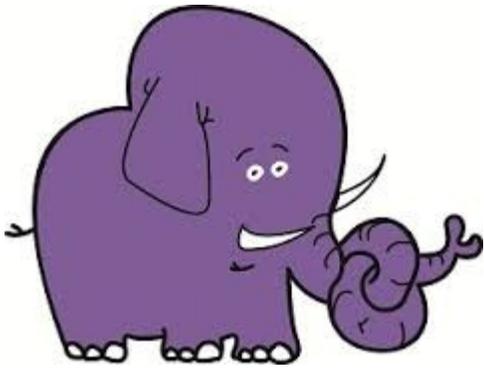
A LOOK at the BUDGET

Revenues through the end of April 2017: \$101,294.15 or 33.96% of budget

Expenditures through the end of April 2017: \$95,801.37 or 28.99% of budget

At this point our church is four months (33.33%) into the fiscal year. There are three important takeaways for April's data:

1. While it appears that the revenues are on target, the fact that there was an \$11,269.00 beginning balance skews that perception;
2. The QUMC staff and members are very good at controlling costs; however, the under-budgeted expenditures are mostly due to the fact that we have not hired an Assistant Pastor at this point; and
3. So far, the monies collected through envelopes, pledges and tithes are \$72,293.50, only 30.20% of what is needed in that revenue category.



Don't Forget! Faith Preschool Registration 2017-2018

Openings remain for the 2017-2018 school year of Quakertown United Methodist Church's quality preschool program - FAITH PRESCHOOL. Since merging with Parent's Time Out, Faith Preschool has expanded its offerings to include a variety of classes for 2's, 3's, and 4's. In addition to its regular programming, Faith Preschool offers numerous enrichment activities, which include "Stretch-N-Grow," Lunch Bunch, music classes, and summer camp electives.

To make the cost of quality preschool more affordable, a number of special discounts are available:

- One registration fee per family (\$35)
- Younger sibling tuition discount of 15%
- Tuition discount of 3% for annual tuition paid-in-full in August
- No activity fees
- NEW! From May 1 to July 31, we are offering a generous recruitment incentive of one month's tuition for each qualifying referral.

Detailed program information and registration forms are available in the church narthex or may be found at www.qumc.com. For additional questions or to arrange a tour, please contact Registrar Erin Haslett at 215.536.8172 or faithpreschoolofficemanager@gmail.com.

Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

Joyce Kilmer





Registration is open for Vacation Bible School. Please look for the forms in the bulletins or you can register online at www.qumc.com. We are also looking for adult and youth volunteers. Last year it took 79 adult and youth to keep VBS running through the week. We are in need of every hand that wants to help out, even if you can help only for part of the week. Don't miss your chance to be part of this fun and inspiring week. There are many ways to help! Even if you can't join us that week, there is a donation board in the narthex with items we need to prepare for VBS. Vacation Bible School runs June 19 to 23, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Hero Central Vacation Bible School is looking for good volunteers!

1. One or two people to teach and lead young 3-year-olds. This is a new class. Please contact Megan McMichael or Allison Ghorm (megan@mcmichaelfamily.com or agghorm@gmail.com) to learn more.
2. Snack Leader. Snacks will be planned but we need someone available to keep things prepared and organized.
3. Nurse or Nurses. This position can be shared as we need only one nurse per night.

We are also taking early sign-ups for youth and adult crew members. VBS is a huge event that takes a lot of volunteers so check your calendars for **June 19-23** and let Megan or Allison know if you can help!



***Unite!** is an interfaith event that raises awareness*

About opioid abuse through music and storytelling.

Please join Quakertown United Methodist Church

June 10, 2017

(Rain Date: July 8)

11:00 am - 8:00 pm

The Park at 4th

For a day of music, worship, education, and alliance.



where to find us

United Methodist Women website

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

This is our primary website. Here you will find the latest news and information about United Methodist Women members, programs and initiatives. You'll also find promotional and educational items that can be downloaded as well as links to our other sites and our mission resources e-store.

UMWOnline

www.umwonline.org

This is the social networking site for United Methodist Women. UMWOnline is the place to connect one on one with other United Methodist Women members. Visit, set up your account, friend your sisters and begin networking for mission.

Facebook

www.facebook.com/UMWomen

If you're on Facebook, be sure to "like" United Methodist Women so that our regular posts will appear on your news feed.

✓ Flickr

www.flickr.com/UMWomen

Need a photo for your newsletter or Power-Point? Follow this link and you'll find terrific images illustrating the work of United Methodist Women members.

YouTube

www.youtube.com/UMWomen

Need a video for a presentation? You'll find it on YouTube. Check out the video resources available by following the link. New videos are posted often!

Twitter

www.twitter.com/UMWomen

Do you tweet? So does United Methodist Women! Follow us at @UMWomen, tweet with us and become a part of the continuing conversation around faith, hope and love in action.

Pinterest

www.pinterest.com/UMWomen

Pinterest is an online pinboard where you can collect and "pin" images, stories, videos and tips to keep and share with others. Organized by category, our Pinterest page is an easy way to obtain content and resources to use and share.

Instagram

www.instagram.com/UMWomen

Instagram is a mobile photo and video sharing social networking service. Follow UMWomen to see photos of events, inspirational quotes, behind-the-scenes pictures of the office and more!

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June 2017

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>** SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> </div>				1 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Barbara Hafler on Vacation →	2	3 Confirmation Dinner
4 Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Closing Program 10:00 a.m. Festival Worship	5 Miller Hall Reserved 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved	6 7:00 p.m. Missions, Trustees Miller Hall Reserved (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)	7 Miller Hall Reserved (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) →	8 7:00 p.m. Praise Band Miller Hall Reserved (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)	9	10 9:30 a.m. UMW Mission U 11:00 a.m. UNITE Event Miller Hall Reserved All Day
11 **	12	13 7:00 p.m. Finance	14	15 7:00 p.m. Praise Band	16 2:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	17 Wedding
18 ** 	19 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	20 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	21 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	22 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	23 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School	24 Pavilion and/or Room 109/111 Reserved All Day
25 ** QUMC Cares Sunday 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Contemporary Worship Mission Trip →	26	27	28	29 7:00 p.m. Praise Band	30	