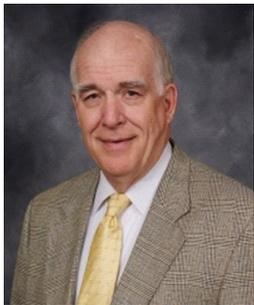




FORESTBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Since we are “staying at home” due to the Coronavirus, and are not sure when we will gather again in the sanctuary as a worshipping congregation, the Administrative Council felt that it would be essential once we were past Easter, to have a Weekly Update. Our Weekly Update will have a "Ben's Pen", an "Order of Worship" for the weekly Sunday worship. Our online worship service can be found each week on our website (www.forestburgumc.com) or on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ForestburgUMC/). The update will also include announcements, prayer concerns (if you have a prayer concern, please call or text Pastor Ben at 214-403-5574 or leave a message at the church), and other items of interest for the congregation. If you need assistance in viewing the online worship, please feel free to contact Theresa Gentry prior to Sunday morning. Pastor Ben usually has the worship posted by Saturday evenings.



Pastor Ben Shinn

From Ben's Pen

She was born in St. Louis and was an only child. Her mother came to this country as an immigrant with her parents from Leipzig, Germany. Her father was adopted. She grew up in Cranford, New Jersey. She attended Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. It was in college that she fell in love. After she graduated she married the man who was to be the father of her five children.

After she graduated from college and prior to being married, she worked in a hospital in Philadelphia. She was an occupational therapist. When she married, she became the wife of a Methodist minister. She never worked outside of her home again, but she worked raising her five children. Her youngest was born when she was forty and she was often accused of being his grandmother when she took him to play games for his Little League team.

She was a talented artist and has left a handful of oil paintings and chalk drawings as a part of her legacy. Her children were the beneficiaries of her creativity. Off at college they would receive delightful surprises in the mail. She would compose poetry that would share interesting family happenings. The poetry would have wonderful illustrations. It would be written on anything from elegant writing paper to paper bags or even toilet paper.

She was always interested in life and opened a wide variety of windows for her children as they grew up. She could be found in her garden, or walking down a winding back road picking wild flowers for floral arrangements in her home, or bent over in an old creek bed looking for fossils. She loved her cats and gave them special creative names like “Catlow” and “William Tell” from Louis L'Amour westerns. She was an accomplished seamstress and made creative Halloween costumes for her children and the draperies in her house. She was at ease and very comfortable with generals and common ordinary folk.

When her husband was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, she cared for him at home. After his death she volunteered at a cancer treatment center. She was diagnosed with lung cancer one October and died the next August. When she found out that she had lung cancer, she knew that she would not live long and chose to take chemotherapy and radiation saying, “Perhaps they can learn something from their treatment of me that will help other people.”

She taught her children about living and dying. I should know, for I am her oldest son. In this season when we are thinking on our mothers or those who were like mothers to us and the families of which we are a part, I thank God for the mother God gave to me.

Points of Interest

Ben's Pen, Weekly Announcements, Weekly Giving, Prayers/Praises, Birthdays/Anniversaries, Mother's Day Poem

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 10.

Weekly Announcements

- ◆ **THANK YOU** to the individuals that continue to work to keep our properties well maintained.
- ◆ We have received a \$500 grant to be spent towards equipment to help with online streaming of our services and other events. These grants were awarded to applicants by the North Texas Conference. At this point, it is still not sure who will be actually purchasing the equipment or when.

Weekly Giving

Date	General Fund	Designated Funds
Week of May 3	\$1,852.00	0.00

With our not worshipping together on Sunday mornings, we still have operations and bills to pay at the church. We encourage you to:

- ◆ Mail your gifts to the church.
 - ◆ Our mailing address is: P. O. Box 374, 76239.
- ◆ Or drop them off at the church on Wednesday afternoons.
 - ◆ Theresa continues to be at the church between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
 - ◆ She will go out to your car and get the checks, if someone does not want to go into the church building.

Prayers/Praises

For those in need of prayer:

Family of Travis Landers, Carolyn Hawk, Myrt Denham, Helen Ellzey and Family, Harriett Nauert, Bobbie Jo Wiley, Wassie and Rosemary Reynolds, James Wooldridge, Trent Tipton, Treaver Freeman, Chance Fox, Jim Bob Roberts and family, Our Church and Church Family, Mary and Glenn Whatley, Gloria Gregg and Family, Clara Tipton and Family, Stella Crowsey and Family, Rex Larkey, Carol and Wilbourn Smith, Bill Scott, Veronica Greanead, Lisa Trussell, Peggy Cain, SPRC and District Superintendent Todd Harris and placing new pastor process, Larry Bailey, Keen Johnson and all our service men and women, **Our World, government officials/decision makers, and the those concerned with Coronavirus**, Those considered Essential workers that continue to work and thereby experience exposure to the virus, Kathy Guier and Family, Rand and Omar and Family, Family of Joyce Pruett (Jana Tipton's step-mother)

Places we've seen God at work:

Healings, Family, Friends, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, Veterans, Answered Prayers, Grandparents

Please take a moment to review the prayer list and if you feel there are any changes needed (corrections, additions, or deletions) please let Pastor Shinn, Theresa or Liz know. Thank you.

Happy Birthday

May 3

Doris Coates

Carroll Dill

May 8

Jennifer Jones

May 14

George Miksovsky

May 15

Chris Doane

May 16

Lily Martinez

Natalie White

May 18

Betty Dunn

May 25

Brittany Martinez

May 27

John Brim

Happy Anniversary

May 3

Savanah & Garrett Johnson

May 17

Jewell & Carroll Dill



Soup for the Soul

My mom is in the kitchen
Cooking soup on the stove
Cooking up something good
Nourishing for the soul.

She adds a touch of kindness
With a large measure of love
Gently stirring her soup
With God's Spirit from above.

She seasons it just right
With a compassionate flavoring
So it will touch the lives of others
Her faith in God never wavering.

How blessed I am this day
To eat soup from the bowl
Prepared by the hands of my mom
Who knows so well how to nourish the soul.

By Veronica Greanead

Happy Mother's Day



Order of Worship for May 10, 2020

The Festival of The Christian Home

Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
 For the joy of human love, brother sister, parent child,
 Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
 Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
 Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture

John 15:12-14

Special Music

Mary Shinn

Sermon

How Do You Spell Love?

Closing Hymn

The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
 And have the gift to all inspire,
 And have not love, my words are vain,
 As clanging brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
 And striving so my love profess,
 But not be given by love within,
 The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come spirit come, our hearts control,
 Our spirits long to be made whole,
 Let inward love guide every deed,
 By this we worship, and are freed.

Benediction



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