

Future Generations

A legacy is a tender thing. The past hands us a story, quietly pleading that we will take it, and hold it carefully, and perhaps not look too closely at the cracks and the blemishes. Our heroes silently hope we won't judge too harshly. And maybe we should be careful. After all, what are we but one step in a long journey of human frailty?

David understood this, I think. His legacy included shame and failure along with joy and peace. When David got it wrong, it was really wrong. But when David got it right, God was at the heart of it. David understood the power of God's redeeming love, because David had received it. This allowed him to say with full confidence that people yet unborn would know the deliverance of the Lord.

In Psalm 22, David reaches forward to the future, handing this legacy to the generations to come. David anticipates God's providence for the poor, he expects the ends of the earth to turn to the Lord, and all the nations to worship him. David envisions a time when the stories will be told, and retold, each repetition a remembrance of God's goodness. Even the dead will join the living in reverence to the Most High.

Perhaps David knows that his own legacy is more cracks and blemishes, that even a man after God's own heart is still human and frail. David knows a story that is only about David himself is an empty husk of a thing. Left on our own, our legacy will always be tender. But there is a story that future generations will celebrate, a legacy of God's gracious deliverance. God will do what God has done, and those that seek the Lord will find reason to praise.

—John Fillmore
Caldwell, Idaho

"Posterity will serve him; *future generations will be told* about the LORD and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it" (Psalm 22:30-31, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.



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Hanover Church of the Brethren

April 28, 2024

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9AM - 1 PM

Engage, Embrace, Empower with the love of God

Video Introduction

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Red Hymnal 118

*Opening Song

Red Hymnal 121
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Centering Prayer

Father God, we gather here today under your care and protection. Thank you for your lovingkindness that never fails us. We thank you for those with us, that you would guide our thoughts and actions to bring you glory. Strengthen us and fill us with your peace. May we love and serve each other as Jesus has shown us. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to do your good work on earth. We pray in faith in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Hymn of Worship

Praise medley

on screen, guitar

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 16:18-19

Pew Bible 925

Offering Meditation

Lord, you have been so good to us! You have given us more than we need and have promised to take care of us. Please accept these gifts and offerings as a way we can say we love you back, and use them to Your glory and our neighbors' good! Amen!

Prayer of Blessing

Children's Story

Millie Baker

Sing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" (Red Hymnal 421) as the kids come forward.

Children's Church

every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

Hymn

"Fill my Cup Lord"

Red Hymnal 397

Morning Prayer

Special Music

"Blessings"

Choir

Scripture

1 Peter 5: 5-11

Pew Bible 1732

Message

"Humbled or Humiliated"

Pastor Mark

*Hymn of Response

"The Solid Rock"

Red Hymnal 443

*Benediction

*Sending in Praise

Closing chorus

on screen

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

VISITORS

Welcome to our service today!

We encourage first time visitors to fill out a pink card located in the pew rack and take it to the Welcome Center after worship.

Restrooms are available at the back of the sanctuary (handicapped accessible with baby changing station), outside the fellowship hall at top of ramp and on our lower level (down the stairs near the entrance, then to your right).

Hearing devices are available. Please ask an usher.

Announcements

May Newsletter: Pick one up in the lobby.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws: Booklets are in the rear of the sanctuary. Proposed changes are in red. Feel free to take one.

Bread of Life: Thursday, May 2, 6 pm at Panera Bread.

Deacon Meeting: Monday, May 6 at 6 pm.

Mother Daughter/ Others Banquet: Will be held Saturday, May 11 at 6 pm. *Tickets go on sale today.* Adults - \$10. Children ages 6 thru 12 - \$5. Children 5 and under are free.

Car Show: Saturday, May 18 from 10-2. See a member of the Outreach commission with questions.

Wednesday Evenings: Bible Study cancelled during April and May due to Vital Ministry Journey.

Thank You: My sincere thanks to the congregation for my gift for Administrative Assistants Day. Working for this church is a pleasure. *Shal Dehoff*

Auction Benefitting Children's Aid Society: The Lehman Center Auction will be held Tuesday, April 30 at New Fairview Church from 5pm - 9pm. Live auction, many beautiful items. The kitchen is serving soups, sandwiches and pies.

West York COB is looking for a teacher for the 4 & 5 preschool class starting with the 2024-2025 school year this fall. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the office at West York Church at 717-792-9260.

Hymn Sing: April 28, 3:00 pm at the Chestnut Grove Meeting House, corner of Jefferson Road and Chestnut Grove Road in Spring Grove.

Women's Camp Retreat: Camp Eder, June 3 & 4. Registration forms on the information center.

Assisting Us Today

Pastor.....Mark Bowyer
Music Director/Pianist.....Roxie Schloyer
Organist.....Bev Wolf
Worship Leader.....Andy Bowman
Deacons of the Month/Welcomers.....Roger & Darlene Bollinger
Head Usher.....Roger Bollinger
Bulletin Board.....Amanda Jacobs-Womer

Please Uplift in Prayer

Hanover Hall

Esther Brown - Room 117A

Country Meadows

Bonnie Berwager - Apt 311

Spring Creek Rehab

Sonja Bankert

Utz Terrace

Evelyn Dickensheets

Homebound: Miriam Mills, Dale Sullivan, June Dennis
Others: Dan Smith

Activities This Week

Sunday, April 28

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, Apr 29

Al Anon - 7 pm

PAL@HACC

AA - 8 pm

Tuesday, Apr 30

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Wednesday, May 1

Choir - 7 pm

Thursday, May 2

Bread of Life 6 pm

Upcoming Activities

Sunday, May 5

SS - 9:00 am/Worship - 10:30 am

Monday, May 6

Deacon Meeting - 6 pm

Al Anon - 7 pm

Tuesday, May 7

AA - 8 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Line Dancing - 2 pm

Saturday, May 11

Mother/Daughter/Others - 6 pm

Stewardship Last Week

Attendance: Sunday School - 27 Worship - 80
Giving: General Fund - \$3,471 Building Rental - \$50
Child Area - \$85 Memorial Gifts - \$200 Youth - \$10