

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

INSIDE THIS
ISSUE:

(With Memorial Day just around the corner, I thought I would share something a bit different for this month's newsletter. It is interesting to learn about the lives of the individuals who have written the songs and hymns we hold dear. This edited bio was written by Debra Michals for an online article on Julie Howe, 1819-1910)

LAY LEADER

Writer, lecturer, abolitionist and suffragist, Julia Ward Howe was born on May 27, 1819, Howe was the fourth of seven children of prominent New York City banker Samuel Ward and poet Julia Rush Ward. Ward was a descendant of Roger Williams, who founded the Rhode Island colony in 1636. Her mother died in childbirth when Howe was five years old; thereafter, her rearing and education fell to an aunt, who ensured her exposure to literature, languages and science. Early on, Howe developed a love of poetry and by age twenty was anonymously published in literary magazines.

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When her father died in 1839, Howe sought solace by visiting friends in Boston. As a wealthy young woman, she traveled in social circles that included noted writers, among them Ralph Waldo Emerson and Margaret Fuller.

EVENING
CIRCLE

In 1843, while touring the New England Institute for the Blind with poet friend Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Howe met and became smitten with its director Dr. Samuel Howe, who was nearly twenty years her senior. They quickly married and had six children. In 1848, she garnered some acclaim for her published poetry, and the couple did work together on a journal advocating the end of slavery.

PLANT SALE

During the Civil War, Howe worked for the US Sanitary Commission, which promoted clean and hygienic conditions for soldiers and hospitals. She also visited some Union troops while on a trip to Washington, D.C. with her pastor. Howe heard them singing a song which piqued her interest. The pastor pushed her to rewrite the song they'd been singing — "rewrite it and elevate it. Make that song richer for a kind of educated audience." Reborn as *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic,"* Howe's version is the one we know best today. But it's worth noting that the troops' contributions were what made the song so popular in the first place — that, and the stirring melody of the original hymn. In 1862, *Atlantic Monthly* published Howe's poem, *"The Battle Hymn of the Republic,"* which brought lasting fame and is considered the Union's Civil War anthem.

AND MUCH
MORE!

Julia Ward Howe went on to play a prominent role in women's antislavery and suffrage organizations, became a peace advocate, and organized the Association for the Advancement of Women to improve women's education and entry into the professions.

She continued to publish poems, essays, and books throughout the 1880s and was the first woman elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1908. She also received an honorary degree from Smith College.

LACO

LACO has served a total of 4175 people in the months from January 1st to April 1st. The pantry hours are Wednesdays from 1:30 to 6 and Saturdays from 6 to 10. LACO will continue to serve outside the MTM Center through the summer. Due to COVID-19 federal grants to Feeding America and Good Shepherd Food Bank, we are currently not paying for the food from either place. However, this means we have to give food to anyone who comes to us from any town.

We are planning to have a Car Show on Saturday, June 5th, from 8 to 3 at Shiloh Chapel in Durham. We are hoping to have a bake sale and will let people know more in May.

Foods needed at the pantry are granola bars, cereals, crackers and mac and cheese. Foods can be donated in the bin at Food City or dropped off at the pantry when it is open or at church.

The clothing bank will remain closed until further notice, and we cannot accept clothing at this time.

Pastor Elizabeth and Carol Day

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26

EVENING CIRCLE

Thanks to the hard working ladies and men for helping us get the drive-thru bean suppers going again. April's supper was a huge success. We have a request, if anyone has any Shaw's plastic bags than you are not using, would you get them to the church, as we will reuse them. I just ask that you wipe each bag out, before donating. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 2nd at 10:30, at the church.

Carolyn Jones

PASTOR'S VACATION

With our conference year quickly ending (June 30) and with few vacation days taken in this pandemic year, Pastor Elizabeth will be on vacation from Monday, May 24 through Sunday, June 6. Please contact Lay Leader Sue White if a need arises in this time and/or with prayer requests and updates. Contact info for Sue is found on the back cover of this newsletter.

LUMC Mission Statement:

“The Lisbon United Methodist Church welcomes, nurtures, and serves all people with the love of Christ.”

MOXIE FESTIVAL

As I'm sure you are all aware, Lisbon's annual Moxie Festival has been cancelled for the second year in a row. Lisbon's Moxie Festival is one of three major fundraisers we participate in. As you may recall in 2019 we sold out of everything and made a profit of over \$4,400.

While the festival has been cancelled Lisbon's recreation department will be sponsoring a fireworks display on Sat., July 3rd. After having discussions with several people who have helped with our Moxie sales in the past, we decided to look into the possibility of selling lobster rolls in conjunction with the fireworks display.

We are faced with a couple of dilemmas. July 3rd is part of the holiday weekend; will people be available to help. The current price for lobster meat is very high; \$30-35 per pound, though prices may come down before July.

Before we spend a lot of time on planning, we need to be assured that we would have enough help to make this happen. If you would be willing and available to help on Saturday, July 3rd, please let me know in the next few weeks so we can make a decision on whether we pursue this idea or not.

Trudy Duval

Moxie Chairperson

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As a side note, one of Howe's daughters, Laura Elizabeth Howe Richards, a prolific, Pulitzer prize-winning author, resided in Gardiner, Maine where her spouse managed the family's paper mill; Howe visited the family often. Richards died in 1943, just six weeks shy of her 93rd birthday. The local elementary school in Gardiner is named after her.

Just a little interesting historical info to recall as we celebrate Memorial Day and the well-known hymn that goes with it.

God's blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth



FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Now that we have moved to inside worship, I want to revisit an article I wrote back in December. Hope is always something that lingers in our hearts. We still hope for a “normal” way of doing things, but now we have a new normal that includes our online visitors and those not comfortable worshipping in person.

As a congregation we have done a wonderful job remaining flexible and creative. We have drive thru suppers and broadcast our worship on facebook. We reach out to others by bringing lunches and sending mailings. Many gifts we thought we didn't have had made their presence known. Hurray for us! I thank God for the many gifts we have been given and will be given. Here's the article with some scripture on hope:

We can look forward to some sort of normalcy, but not picking things up exactly as they were. We can incorporate the things we have learned during our struggles. We can be more kind. We can be more loving. We can invite diversity in our lives, acknowledging the gifts of all people. Because we are God's beloved children, we can be assured that God does provide hope for the new year. I have found a few writings that can remind us of that hope.

Hebrews 6:19 says that hope is a safe and secure anchor for our whole being.

The poet, Emily Dickenson, says that “Hope is a thing with feathers that perches the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all”.

Georgia Harkness wrote a hymn of hope:

Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love thy mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Psalms 42:11

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

1 Peter 1:21

Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so
Your faith and hope are in God.

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self controlled; set your hope fully on the
Grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 John 3:3

Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Proverbs 14:32

When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous
Have a refuge.

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Colossians 1:5

The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that You have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel.

Colossians 1:27

...which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Psalms 31:24

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Psalms 71:5

For you have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth.

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

This faith transforms the whirlwind of despair into a warm and reviving breeze of hope. The words of a motto which a generation ago were commonly found on the wall in The homes of devout persons need to be etched on our hearts: Fear knocked at the Door, Faith answered. There was no one there.

Pope John Paul II

It is the light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5). The power of Christ's Cross and the Resurrection is greater than any evil which Man could or should fear.

May the hope of God fill your hearts,

Sue White

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**Lisbon United
Methodist Church
Annual Plant Sale**

May 22nd

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Featuring:

**Perennials, annuals, vegetable seed-
lings, houseplants, and garden crafts**

Shrubs & bushes provided by

Bush's Bushes

Annuals provided by local

greenhouses

FMI: 207-353-4982



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following church members celebrating a birthday in May!!
(f you know someone to be added to our list please let Erica Soiett know)



7th:	Gwen Rioux	18th:	Bobby Jean Logan
8th:	Ralph Day		Piper Logan Charpentier
10th:	Chris Hall	19th:	Debbie Crosman
17:	Harry Grinder	24th:	Duanne Smith
		29th:	Stephanie Stambach

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF MAY

May 2 Consecration Sunday: please bring your pledges to be blessed for the coming year; the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared as well.

May 9 Mother's Day: we will share a special litany for moms.

May 16 A Memorial Remembrance: we will share a time of remembrance during our prayer time to give God thanks for the special members in our church family whom we lost in the past year – Cynthia Bonsey, Dave Clark, Dot Rice, and Patsy Stevens.

If you wish to have flowers in worship for one or more of these persons and would like to have a special note on the bulletin insert, please let Pastor Elizabeth know prior to May 13.

May 23 Our District Superintendent Preaches: Our DS, the Rev. Dr. Karen Munson, is preaching throughout our district this spring. We will welcome her (live or in person, TBD) on this day.

May 30 Vacation Sunday: Pastor Elizabeth will be on vacation today; our Lay Leader, Sue White, will lead worship. Thank you, Sue!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2-Consecration Sunday in person & virtual w/ Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.	3-Widows' Fellowship in Hunnewell Room, 11:30 a.m. Outreach Comm. 1:00p.m.	4	5-Finance Committee, Hunnewell Room, 6:30 p.m.	6-Bible Study, Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	7	8
9-Mother's Day Worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.	10	11	12-Bible Study, Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	13	14	15
16-Worship in person & virtual w/ special memorial temperance, 9:30	17	18-SPRC, 5:45P.m. Church Council, 6:30p.m.	19	20-Bible Study, Zoom, 10:00 a.m.	21	22-Annual plant sale, 9-1 Drive through supper, 4:30 p.m.
23-Worship in person & Virtual w/ DS preaching 9:30 a.m.	24-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	25-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	26-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	27-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	28-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	29-Pastor Elizabeth on vacation
30-Worship in person & Virtual, 9:30 a.m. Pastor Elizabeth on vacation	31					

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Other times available by appointment

BUSINESS NAME

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Sunday Worship Service

Sunday Worship

(In Person and Live Stream on Facebook)

9:30 a.m.

*Experienced people are ready to provide nursery
care for infants.*

Please speak with a greeter.

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day

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