



Holton Community Theatre hosted a theater camp for first and third-grade students recently that included a performance of “There Once Was A Black Hole That Swallowed The Universe.” Campers and camp staff are shown in the photo above during a curtain bow for the performance. Those shown include (from left) Reid McElroy, Shannon Witmer, Gibson Hamm, Violet Kennedy, Londyn Thomas, Stella Kennedy, Grayson Gragg, Kierya Taylor, Elle Reinecke, Kaylin Segenhagen, Mae Kennedy, Julia Keling, Madi Barkman, Paisley Amon, Molly Allen, Oliver Chapman, Miles Morris, Nash Gibson and Benjamin Chapman (hidden). In the photo at left, Oliver Chapman (front) is shown during the play before being “swallowed” by the black hole played by Kaylin Segenhagen (back left) and Julia Keling (back right).

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Netawaka-Whiting UMC

By Helen Edwards

Sunday, June 22 was a very warm and windy day when the Whiting and Netawaka congregations gathered for worship at the Netawaka United Methodist Church. Marilyn Banaka played the prelude, “We Gather Together,” on recorded music. Steve Banaka served as acolyte.

Pastor Angela welcomed everyone and gave the announcements. She reminded everyone that next Sunday, June 29, we will have a combined worship service with Powhattan and Horton UMC churches at the Netawaka City Park at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck picnic following. Don’t forget to bring lawn chairs and your own table service. Drinks will be provided.

Let’s pray for cooler weather. Thank you to all those who provided food for the funeral luncheon for the Daryl Smith family. Both Netawaka and Whiting UMC churches and the Whiting Baptist Church helped with serving.

Pastor Angela led the congregation in the call to worship, the hymn of praise, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” followed by the congregational prayer in unison. The congregation then sang the prayer hymn, “Rock Of Ages.”

Several joys were expressed from around the communities. Kenny and Norma’s granddaughter had a beautiful wedding on Saturday. Congratulations to Ainsley and Tristan. Thelma Bowhay celebrated her 80th birthday. Bob and June Carson celebrated their

70th wedding anniversary and Bob turned 90 years young. Everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Marilyn, who will be turning 75 on June 27.

We were sad to hear of the death of Gail Schmitz. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and family.

Pastor Angela gave the pastoral prayer followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The congregation sang the prayer response, “We Walk By Faith.”

Marilyn read the Old Testament reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:1-6. The New Testament reading was from the book of Galatians 3:23-29 read by Pastor Angela. The sermon was titled “Loving God-Loving Boldly.”

The United Methodists have had a long-standing tradition to “do no harm, do good and love God.” To love God is to use the means of grace to maintain a relationship with God and use our heart and soul to love God and stay in love with Him. Our church is working on reclaiming our identity and being proud to boldly love not only God but our neighbors.

It doesn’t matter who you are; everyone is a beloved child of God. Agape love is the highest form of love. It’s the willingness to lay down one’s life for another. God has agape love for all of us. Loving boldly means extending grace and love to all. Don’t let our differences keep us from loving boldly.

The closing hymn was “Cry Of My Heart” followed by the benediction.

Mayetta Christian Church

By Joyce Cochren

After prayer and announcements, the congregational reading at Mayetta Christian Church on June 22 was Hebrews 12:3-7. “When We Pray” was the opening song. Bob and Alma Morse, Lauri Harris and Ginny Woods led singing.

For children’s songs, the kids reviewed actions for “I’ve Got The Joy, Joy, Joy.” They sang this action song with questions in it asked by the congregation. What fun!

Bobby Slocum accepted praises and said the invocation. Praises included safe birth of a grandson, help from a son, willingness of the church family to step up and serve, watching prophecy unfold and a fourth birthday party in the fellowship hall. “Sweet Hour Of Prayer” and “Here I Am To Worship” were the hymns of praise.

“Beginning, End, New Beginning” was the morning message given by Larry Slater. He used scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. We were led to consider the complex miracle of creation

recorded in Genesis chapter one. John chapter one tells us Jesus was the light in creation and in Thessalonians 5:1-5 we read about the day of the Lord coming as a thief in the night. We are sons of the light and that day should not catch us by surprise.

In II Peter 3:8-10, Peter reminds us we are to live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the coming of the Lord. Revelation 21 and 22 describe the new heaven and new earth prepared for the children of God whose names are in the book of life, those who continue to do right and live holy lives. Come, Lord Jesus!

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” was the hymn for communion. The scripture reading and prayer were given by Kurtis Ramage. As everyone sang the doxology, Axel and Bowen Atzenweiler carried the offering forward.

The hymn of invitation was “For The Love Of God.” After prayer, services closed by singing “I’ll Fly Away.”

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Nancy Schumann

Services at Immanuel Lutheran Church were opened on the first Sunday after Trinity with a welcome from Pastor Ian Kinney. The confession and absolution were followed by the reading of the scriptures.

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom, for he was truly Abraham’s seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord “counted it to him as righteousness.” (Genesis 15:6.)

The name Lazarus means “God is my help.” The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And “he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.” (1 John 4:20.)

He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31.) Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets – that is, the word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting. Faith trusts in Christ for life eternal.

Following the reading of the holy gospel, the congregation professed its faith in the words of the Apostles’ Creed followed by the sermon hymn, “To God The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray.” In Pastor Kinney’s sermon, he said this Sunday was the turning point of the church year.

We have spent the past six months considering the life of God, from His birth to His death to His resurrection and ascension. Now we shift our focus to the life of the church.

The parable about Lazarus and the rich man was told on Sunday. Lazarus, who struggled his whole life with sickness, poverty and pain but trusted in God and went to heaven when he died. We also hear about the unnamed rich man who lived his best life now, ignored the love of his neighbor and surely thought he would repent and trust in God sometime before he died.

The goal in life is not to achieve wealth. The goal is to go to heaven and sit at Abraham’s side. We can use wealth as a tool to help with that, then God be praised. The second thing this parable teaches us if the finality of death. Repentance and faith have to come before death.

It is in God we trust. This God has given His greatest treasure in sending His son to be born of woman, born under the law so that we might become His children and inherit all His heavenly treasure. For where your treasure is, your heart will be also. May Christ who was crucified for your salvation be our treasure.

Following the sermon, the offertory was sung and the offerings collected. Prayers of the church were for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Healing prayers were for Linda Bohnenkemper, Kathy Jones, Marcia Coufal, Ernie Keehn and Marvin Strube. The congregation prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Kinney gave the benediction, and the closing hymn was sung. Birthday blessings were given to Kristi Dohl, who celebrated this past week.

Several have had wedding anniversaries this past week. Those couples were Jim and Pam Schumann, Terry and Elizabeth Handke and Gerald and Stacy Amon. Charles and Sharon Beaman and Kolby and Kinley Rethman will be celebrating wedding anniversaries this coming week.

Rich Heitzman led Bible study in the church basement after services. This new study is titled “How We Got The Bible.”

The Immanuel congregation has been invited to Zion Lutheran Church in Powhattan, which will celebrate its 125th anniversary on June 29. Worship service will begin at 2 p.m. with a short fellowship with snacks following.

Weekly wisdom: “So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and who-ever abides in love abides in God and God abides in Him.”

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