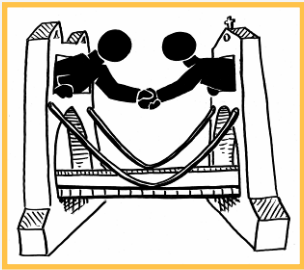


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*From the
Pastor's
Keyboard*

The Seven Deadly Sins

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“I know sins are bad for my soul. Everyone sins. God will forgive us. So what is the big deal about sin. Are all sins equally bad?”

I was so glad he asked that question: Are all sins equally bad?

Sins range from murder to character assignation; from denying the existence of Holy Spirit to gossip.

Jesus shocked the religious world by giving a new definition of Sin: “Whoever would save their life will lost it.” (Mark 8:35). Sin is misplaced self-love: my needs and wants come first. Sin is relying on self-sufficiency: I can handle everything, I don’t need anybody. Sin believes that self-chosen goals are the only ones that count. Sin, then, is loving yourself more than God, another person, or anything. *

Are all sins equally bad? In a way yes, in a way no. (You are thinking I

watched too many political debates.) All sins are bad because they eat away at our relationship with God. Sin puts our self- interest before all else. All sins are not equal in the sense that gossip is not as bad as denying the existence of the Holy Spirit.

It was Gregory the Great, Roman Catholic pope in the 6th century, who first listed the Seven Deadly Sins: pride, anger, envy, sloth, lust, gluttony and greed. In the 21st century, sin is still alive and well and working on each of us. So what are Christians to do?

Pray? Hope?
Love? All this and more.
This Lenten season, I will

be preaching on the Seven Deadly Sins: defining each one, and looking at ways to stand firm against them. A couple of the sins are very similar in nature, so I’ll be able to fit them all in the five weeks of Lent.

Blessings.

Pastor Dorothy

* I am using Conquering the Seven Deadly Sins by Lance Webb as a secondary source for this sermon series. This paragraph is found on page 13.



The 7 Deadly Sins



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Worship Notes

FEBRUARY

3 Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-9
Holy Communion

6 Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:30b-6:10

10 1st in Lent

ANGER: Ways to Blow up: Ways to Cool down.
Matthew 5:21-27

17 2nd in Lent

ENVY & LUST:

Discipline the Eye and the Heart. Matthew 5:27-30

24 3rd in Lent

SLOTH: Escaping Sloth
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MARCH

2 4th in Lent

GREED & GLUTTONY:
Mark 6:38-42
Matthew 6:25-34
Holy Communion

9 5th in Lent

PRIDE: The Deadliest of

Sins" Luke 18:9-14
(also Girl Scout Sunday)

16 Palm Sunday

Parade of the Palms

20 Holy Thursday

Communion Services
Noon & 7:00PM

21 Good Friday

Services Noon and 7:00PM

FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

- 3 Avery Mitchem
- 10 Nathan Illmensee
- 17 Avery Mitchem
- 24 Nathan Illmensee

Ash Wednesday

Lent is the time to prepare for Easter. It always starts on Ash Wednesday, this year on February 6th.

We will have two services that day: noon and 7:00PM. The palms from last Palm Sunday's "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!" are now reduced to the ashes of repentance.

It is a time to remember that we have all sinned

and do that which is un-disciple-like. We need to confess our Sin to God, receive God's gracious mercy, and do our best to be the disciple Jesus has called us to be.

During the service, if you feel led, you may receive some ashes in the form of a cross on your forehead. If you do not want the sign, come any way. Your presence is important.



Inclement Weather

Should the weather get snowy or icy, please use your best judgment.

During the week, the person in charge of the event should get in touch with you by phone. For

Sunday or other worship services, please listen to the radio and our local TV stations.

As always, we will also post church closings on the church phone

answering machine.

Editorial – Film Review

Recently, I went to see the movie “**The Kite Runner**”. It is set in Afghanistan and starts with documenting the lives of two young boys. One is the son of a middle class family, and one is the son of the most trusted house servant in that family. They are inseparable friends, and avid kite fanatics – but physically recognizable as being of different Afghan tribes.

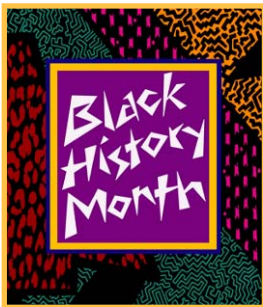
The film develops to show the variables of their friendship – and the permanent loyalty of the servant’s son to the son of his master, despite disparate treatment based on tribal and social status.

Eventually, the favored son comes through for the child of the servant’s son – but not until many things have made him feel guilty about his betrayal of his childhood friend.

This is a story of two different kinds of people – one a

fighter and the other a writer – but at the same time, a story of opportunities lost, of loyalty betrayed, and of lasting regret, leading eventually to right action.

I wonder why it is that we are so slow to learn to love one another just for the sake of it, and why it takes so long for some of us to do the right thing, even when we feel guilty about doing the wrong thing. Why do we go on doing wrong when we know it’s wrong? Perhaps the Bible is right when it talks about our hardness of heart! Go and see the “**The Kite Runner**”, a vivid portrayal of the human psyche.



Black Future Month!

February is Black History Month, and although it is true that our future is often determined by our past, where the past is painful, sometimes it is better to focus on the present and the future, though we all must acknowledge the past.

Governor Mark Warner acknowledged that the Commonwealth of Virginia spent only a very small proportion (less than

1%) of taxpayer money with black and other minority businesses. This is despite the much higher proportion of black businesses available for business opportunities.

To try and correct this large imbalance in minority business opportunity, Governor Warner, and more recently, Governor Kaine, have systematically encouraged and pressured buyers that spend taxpayer dollars in the Commonwealth, to be aware of the many black (and other minority) businesses, and to do business with them whenever possible, because the prosperity of

all business is the key to prosperity for all of us.

Businessmen with a profitable stake in our society are much less likely to be a burden on it, than those with nothing invested.

Many minority businesses here in Virginia have been enabled to become profitable and in turn, to be employers of others. Some, in recognition of social disadvantage, have gone out of their way to hire ex-offenders, to help them re-gain useful lives and self-respect.

February is a great time to acknowledge that the past does not have to disadvantage the future!



Members' Notes

February Birthdays

- 1st Zoe Acosta Lewis
- 5th Blair O'Quinn
- 6th Carolyn Moore
- 11th Patricia Shelton
- 12th Catherine Tate
- 18th Charlotte Carmine
- 21st Betty Jean O'Donnell
- 23rd Joshua Kennedy

- 24th Charlotte Ann Scruggs
- 26th Irving D. Ailsworth
- 27th Valarie David
- 27th William Smith
- 29th Misty Dawn Ienk (Mrs. Gavin Aaron)



Congratulations to **Blair O'Quinn** on being accepted by Shenandoah University at Harrisonburg, in the Fall. He plans to major in Political Science and minor in Music.

Congratulations!

Our February Birthday

He was born in Northampton County on Virginia's Eastern Shore, and attended schools there. After graduation from high school, he enlisted in the army and was stationed in Italy although he was never in active battle.

After military service, he entered Goldney-Beacom business College in

Wilmington, Delaware. On graduation, he was employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Industrial Enterprises Section, until retirement in 1991.

He is married, with one daughter, Joan, and two granddaughters, Jennifer and Jessica.

He has been a member of

Boulevard United Methodist Church for a number of years, and is also a member of the Upper Room Class.

His hobbies are antiques, and any old or antique items.

William P. Smith (Bill)



Blazing, Serene Hope!

Corazon Aquino, who served as president of the Philippines from 1986-1992, faced many difficulties and obstacles. Her husband was assassinated in 1983, and during her presidency, her country experienced

numerous major natural disasters.

But Aquino ably saw the Philippines through these trials, earning many awards and much praise for her leadership.

Aquino's attitude wasn't one of meek forbearance until troubles dissipated.

"Faith is not simply a patience that passively suffers until the storm is past," she said. "Rather, it is a spirit that bears things

- with resignations, yes, but above all, with blazing, serene hope."

In Memoriam



James Aubrey Gallion, age 83, of Richmond, Va., died on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. He was born in Petersburg, Va., the son of the late Aubrey W. and Esther Stewart Gallion.

James was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving our country during WWII with the 44th Bomb Group. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Class of 1948, with a Bachelor of Arts Degree,

and a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity.

James was a retired Pharmaceutical drug representative, and a member of Boulevard United Methodist Church, Richmond, Va. He was preceded in death by a son, James A. Gallion Jr. James is survived by a son, Donald Lewis Gallion of Orlando, Fla.; daughter, Jamille Stewart Gallion Wilson of Ocala, Fla.; grandchildren, James and Taylor Gallion, and Jaclyn, Hannah and Shelby Wilson; and a great-granddaughter, Meg-Riley Wilson.



Waddy Michaux Allnutt, age 91, died Saturday, January 26, 2008 at Westminster Canterbury. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Hawkes McManus Allnutt in 1999.

A longtime resident of Richmond, he was born at "Elmington" in Powhatan County. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II, stationed in India, Burma, and China.

Graduating with a degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech after the war, he was employed by the City of Richmond in a series of positions, beginning as a surveyor and eventually rising to Chief City Engineer.

Until late in life, he was an avid bird hunter and fisherman. Waddy was a member of Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and attended Boulevard United Methodist Church. He was also a former member of Willow Oaks Country Club. Survivors include three nephews, a niece, and numerous great-nephews and great-great-nephews.



Rev. Dr. Ardell McClung

The Rev. Dr. Ardell Fielding McClung began his career as a United Methodist minister leading a congregation in Clinton, N.C., that met in a car dealership.

Dr. McClung, who spent more than 40 years in the ministry, died of heart problems Friday January 25th in a Henrico County hospital. He was 89.

After 12 years in North Carolina, he came to the Virginia Annual Conference of the UMC as a pastor in 1967 at Kenbridge United Methodist Church in Kenbridge. In Richmond, he served Boulevard United

Methodist Church from June of 1978 through June of 1980.

Before he retired in 1988, he also led Zion Church in Seaford, Duncan Memorial Church in Berryville, Princess Anne Plaza Church in Virginia Beach, Smith Memorial Church in Collinsville and Bethany Church in Hampton.

During retirement, he had served as interim pastor at Wistar Heights Church in Richmond, Gum Spring Church in Gum Spring and Diamond Hill and Emmaus churches in the Lynchburg District. He also served an interim pastorate at Independence Christian

Church in Ashland.

Dr. McClung, a Williamsburg, W.Va., native, originally went to New River State College to study journalism.

By the time he had earned his bachelor's degree, he had decided to become a Baptist minister. He then earned a master's degree in theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky and another master's degree at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He earned a doctorate in ministry at Berean Christian College and Seminary in Kansas.

"He enjoyed the preaching part," said his wife of six years, Hazel Wells Mayo McClung.

Dr. McClung lost his first wife, Ruth Ferguson McClung, to cancer in 1990. He was also the widower of Alice Wilson McClung, who died in 1999.

Survivors besides his wife and daughter include a son, Wallace N. McClung of Hurricane, Utah; two stepsons, Robert W. Mayo of Richmond and William E. Mayo of Glen Allen; a half brother, William H. McClung of Tampa, Fla.; and five grandchildren and three stepgrandsons.



*We will receive our
Conference appointed
Special Offering for Heart
Havens during the month
of February.*

Heart Havens

Heart Havens, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation which was given birth by the Virginia Annual Conference United Methodist Church in 1996. In April 2003, Heart Havens, Inc. received a 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service. We provide for the residential needs of adult individuals with cognitive

and intellectual disabilities, regardless of their age, race, gender, or religious preference, through the development and management of group homes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is accomplished by:

- Establishing and promoting a state-wide effort to address

the residential needs of individuals with disabilities;

- Encouraging the individual's involvement in the life of the local community and its resources;
- Respecting and nurturing the individual's uniqueness, dignity,

Mission & Growth

and worth;

- Ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each individual;
- Understanding and addressing the concerns and needs of each individual's family;
- Affirming God's love

and care for all of His children.

As of February 2004, nine (9) homes are in operation: Virginia Beach, Powhatan, Kilmarnock, Colonial Beach, Stuarts Draft, Richmond, Winchester, Norfolk, and Lynchburg.

All of the homes currently house between four and

five residents of any faith, race, age, and gender, who are fully supervised at all times with dedicated and experienced shift staff.

All future homes will house at least five (5) residents.

The growth of Heart Havens, Inc has been overwhelming since the

February Special Offering

Conference approved the ministry and in the five short years since the first home opened in January 1999.

Heart Havens, with the assistance of the UMM of the Peninsula District, broke ground on a new home in Newport News on Saturday June 10th, 2006.

Also this year, we will start to build a new home in Goochland.

We will receive our Conference appointed Special Offering for Heart Havens during the month of February. Look out for special brochures and envelopes in the Bulletins and pews.

Why "Ash" Wednesday?

Traditionally, the Christian church has observed the seven weeks before Easter as a time of penitence and spiritual self-examination.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically

have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.

The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and

material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble. But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!



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Finance Report

DECEMBER INCOME

Regular Offering	10,698
Community Bless'g	105
Building Fund	620
Endowment Inc.	20,012
Memorials/Specs	1,651
Other Income	2,313
TOTAL	35,398

DECEMBER EXPENSES

Mission/outreach	695
Operating costs	11,383
Staff costs	12,930
Miscellaneous	874
TOTAL	25,882
Surplus	9,516



Metro Richmond at Prayer

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." (Matthew 11:4-5 NRSV)

Feb. 3 Pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: For all the sick and those who care for the sick, doctors, nurses,

hospice workers, home healthcare workers, and all who minister to the health of others.

Feb. 10 Pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: For emergency personnel and those who maintain emergency rooms.

Feb. 17 Pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: For health services for those who

cannot afford it; for clinics and for those medical personnel and institutions who serve those who cannot afford to pay.

Feb. 24 Pray for health care in metropolitan Richmond: for health care institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, addiction recovery programs, and hospice programs; for those facing terminal illness or struggling with addictions.



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Important Information

We invite everyone to share in praise, fellowship, learning and worship with us, regardless of race, creed, age or any other personal issue. If you need help with the steps into the building, let us know so we can open the side door by the ramp.

Sunday Mornings
9:45AM Fellowship

10:00AM Sunday School
11:00AM Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings
6:30PM TheoSonics
7:30PM Sanctuary Choir

Our Pastor is Dr. Dorothy McNeer O'Quinn. You can contact her through the Church Office, Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 4:00PM; or email her confidentially

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Information for the next Church Newsletter may be sent to the Church Office or emailed to the Editor at:
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by Saturday February 16th

From Our Pastor

My hope is that you will find in Boulevard Church what you need: a healing place for your weariness; a challenge for your bored soul, a place to explore who, and whose, you are.

Pastor Dorothy



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