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Stroudsburg United Methodist Church - June 12, 2011

Choir Sunday

Things I want to remember about Choir Sunday...

Monday 6/13/11
Psalm 100

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.” reads Psalm 100:1. Music has a special and unique way of speaking to the soul. And when the music and lyrics match up just right, this joyful noise is something to behold! Do you like music? What kind of music do you listen to at home or in your vehicle? Do you have a favorite song or singer? Do you ever hum or sing these favorite songs to yourself? Today, consider singing your favorite song to God. It doesn’t even have to be a churchy song. Just make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Tuesday 6/14/11
Psalm 150

I grew up in a church which strictly frowned upon any unnecessary or even slightly exaggerated movement in worship. Dancing was also forbidden until my high school years when Denise and I led the youth group’s controversial campaign to have a dance in the church. Today’s Psalm says, “Praise him with tambourine and dance... praise him with loud clashing cymbals.” Sometimes I honestly don’t think we praise God loudly enough in worship! This coming Sunday let’s sing and play loud and proud!

Wednesday 6/15/11
Ephesians 5:18b-20

“be filled by the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music in your hearts to the Lord...” How do we talk to one another? Sometimes the lyrics matched with music do it better than anything else. How many times have you used a song to express your feelings? Find some songs this week that reflect your feelings toward your spouse, children, parents, and friends. We might not all have beautiful singing voices but we can still express our feelings through music!



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Things to do this week in response to Choir Sunday...

Sing a song of praise to God...

Share my feelings through a song with someone I love...

Thursday 6/16/11
Exodus 15:20

Miriam used a drum. Drums are mentioned a few times in the Old Testament and I am glad. I had a drum set when I was a young teenager and now have a drum set as an adult. There is nothing quite like getting into rhythm with a song and keeping time on the drums. I find it relaxing and since I cannot sing so well, it at least keeps me a little involved in music. What instrument do you, or have you played? Does this instrument appear in the Bible?

Friday 6/17/11
Matthew 26:30

Singing is mentioned over and over in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Even the disciples sang, as we can see in this verse for today: "After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." What hymns speak to you and your soul? Do you have a favorite hymn? Write this down and put it in your Bible or at least share your favorite hymn with a loved one. Often times as we are preparing for a funeral I ask the family if their loved one had a favorite hymn. Using favorite hymns makes for a more personal, touching, and meaningful service.

Saturday 6/18/11
Psalm 146:1-2

Praise the Lord and sing praises to God for as long as you live. It doesn't matter if your voice is beautiful and in harmony or if it is scratchy and weak. God loves to hear you sing praises in your own, unique way. Music has a way of lifting our spirits, especially when times are tough. Find a song that speaks your feelings and then sing that song to God. There is something special and beautiful about singing and God loves to hear our songs. Worship at SUMC contains a lot of great music and your private and personal worship to God throughout the week can consist of music, too. Praise the Lord and sing songs of praise to God!