

The Dove Tale

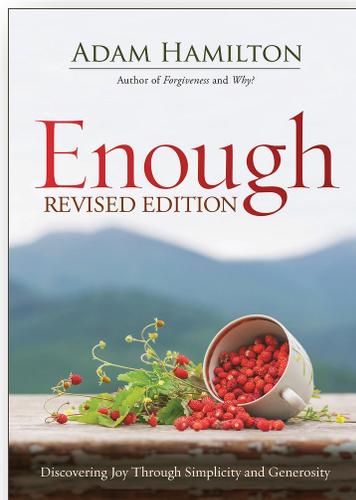
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October Worship Theme: *Enough* by Adam Hamilton

How do we apply the wisdom of the past as we manage and spend our money? Needs? Wants? Do we find satisfaction as we spend ahead using credit cards, save nothing, and retire with insecurity?

**HAPPINESS?
SATISFACTION?**



Adam Hamilton's book, *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. Pastor Woojae will lead us in considering these keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. The desire for MORE can be replaced with satisfaction with *Enough*.

Quick Highlights

Meals on Wheels Driving

October 1-5

Senior Social

Wednesday, October 3, 10, 17, & 24
@9:30 a.m.

Peace in the Neighborhood

Flu Vaccine Clinic

Saturday, October 6 @ 9:00 a.m.-Noon

VEAP Food Pack

Sunday, October 7 @ 11:30 a.m.

Women's Breakfast

Monday, October 8 @ 9:00 a.m.

Ode to My Father—Movie Night

Monday, October 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Conference

Sunday, October 21 @ 11:30 a.m.

Hygiene Kit Pack

Sunday, October 29 @ 11:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 27 @ 8:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Worship Committee

Tuesday, October 2 @ 1:00

Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 3 @ 6:00 p.m.

SPRC Committee

Thursday, October 4 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church Council

Thursday, October 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Nominations Committee

Sunday, October 14 @ 12:30 p.m.

“Three Services and Life”



If you open the book, *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, in a search of basic patterns for certain worship occasion you probably miss a point lurking under its liturgy. Three ritualistic services come in order and are arranged in a way of reflecting human life: “The Baptismal Covenant,” “Christian Marriage,” and “Services of Death and Resurrection.”

They’ve been there forever since published, waiting to serve commemorative days, but their intentional arrangement wasn’t a subject to ponder upon: “How remarkably those three services would be employed in marking our life journey with twinkling moments”; “How human life, sounding pretty long, could be summed up in a few pages of liturgical formats”; “How amazing to notice that we are always and anyway mingled with God.” Yes, we are baptized, get married, and die. Some are somewhere between the baptismal font and the marriage license. Others are living out their adulthood somewhere between a house and a casket. Human life is most likely to be marked by those three great days. And God is there.

Last year, at one of the marriage rehearsals, I mistakenly called a marriage a funeral. Due to the fact that a funeral liturgy was adjacent to a marriage one (yea, it is true in human life, too!) and the succession of a series of funerals, I unwittingly repeated the same mistake. They are day and night difference. One is too bright and the other is too dark. I, of course, expressed my apology to the would-be bride and groom over the mistakes I made. The thing I really wished to tell them was this: “Hey, marriage is in line with the other. They are two sides of one coin. If it is flipped, it is flipped over!”

There are always pretty good chances for pastors to attend to all those three services in a day. Differing groups of people filling the same worship space are overlapped and joys and giggling are preceded by grief and sorrow. It verifies that one follows the other right away like three services next to one another in a rubric. Three services and gone! Crying, laughing, and sleeping. Water, flower, and dirt...

The anonymous writer of *Ecclesiastes* argues like this: “Honor and enjoy your Creator while you’re still young, before the years take their toll and your vigor wanes, before your vision dims and the world blurs and the winter years keep you close to the fire. . . . Yes, you’re well on your way to eternal rest, while your friends make plans for your funeral. Life, lovely while it lasts, is soon over. Life as we know it, precious and beautiful, ends. The body is put back in the same ground it came from. The spirit returns to God, who first breathed it. It’s all smoke, nothing but smoke. The Quester says that everything’s smoke.” (Ecc. 12: 1-8)

“Honor and enjoy your Creator while you’re still young” it says. Three worship services and what next?

The answer is: Everlasting worship in God’s presence.

Church Council Updates

September 6, 2018

Members Present: Cyndy Spear (Chair) Nancy Best, Karen Dykoski, Pastor Woojae Im, Connie Miller, Craig Miller, Carol Rose, Steve Rose, Brad Spear.

Finance Committee: Craig Miller reported that the apportionments have been paid through August and are current. All necessary paperwork has been submitted and approved for disbursements from the Roy Pearson estate.

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Brad Spear provided notice of an informational meeting about *The Way Forward*, to be held at Normandale Hylands UMC in Bloomington on September 27.

Memorials: Current balance of the Memorials fund is \$2,778.27 with the \$55 deposit in August.

Missions: No report. Peg Bosshardt has resigned as chairman of the Missions committee. The Nominations Committee will seek a new chairperson in the fall.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Woojae noted that he would like sermon topics to be submitted by the congregation for his consideration along with the Worship Committee. Discussion was held regarding the publication of e-mail addresses in the Church of Peace directory. Council decided that e-mail addresses would only be published with the permission granted by those listed in the directory. Pastor Woojae reminded the Council that the office should be notified of dates and times of meetings so that they can be correctly noted in the monthly newsletter and bulletins. Pastor Woojae raised the topic of the Sheridan Hills Outreach Project. It is unclear where the ministry currently stands. There has been dwindling Church of Peace involvement in the school support activities. The Signature Ministry program was discussed. Pastor Woojae and Council noted that the church should focus on one ministry, raising the question: "What makes Church of Peace unique?"

Staff Parish Relations Committee: The new choir director, Sandy Hanna, started on September 5.

Trustees: Steve Rose reported on the repairs for the glass block breakage. The insurance company is extending the repair time due to difficulty in finding appropriate replacement blocks. Choir robes and the water fountain were moved due to congestion for the Zoe Daycare. Wayne Hershey built shelves for Zoe

car seats. A new sidewalk was installed for the Zoe Daycare and the Trustees waxed the basement floors. Steve Rose proposed that two new drinking fountains be installed, one for the downstairs daycare if they are willing to pay for part of the cost (\$770) and one for upstairs that would provide a water bottle filler, if the singing groups are willing to pay for part of the cost (\$1404). Potential payment from the Memorial Committee was discussed. Steve reported that the Fraser School is reaching out to Church of Peace to consider acting as an evacuation center for them. He noted that Church of Peace has in the past served as an evacuation center for Sheridan Hills Elementary School and Edenbrook care facility.

United Methodist Women: Carol Rose noted dates for events planned: November 8-10 Christmas and Holiday Treasures & Bake Sale; November 17 Feed My Starving Children Pack, December 8 Annual UMW brunch and planning meeting.

Worship Committee: Pastor Woojae reported that the committee did not meet in August.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Next Church Council meeting: Thursday, October 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Reminder to All—**Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**, the Bloomington Public Health Dept. nurses will be at Church of Peace with flu shots. These are free to all but bring your card if you have insurance as they will bill the insurance company.

Church Conference

We have an upcoming church conference:

Date: Sunday, October 21 @ 11:30 a.m.

Place: Sanctuary

Who: All members of the United Methodist Church of Peace are invited!

Topic: Approving/reaffirming Cyndy Spear for lay speaker certification and candidacy for licensure for ministry

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*October Birthdays

2 Mary Lou Motz 16 Kent Mehrkens
3 Steve Marks 20 Ev Tollefsrud
10 Marlene Ramstad 25 Dorothy Aldrich
27 Shirley Fraser

*Please contact the church office for corrections, additions, or deletions.

The Annual Christmas & Holiday Sale is scheduled for November 9-10 and once again we will be accepting various types of Christmas ornamentation for our sale. (For ideas, please see below) If you are sorting through your seasonal items and set aside Christmas items from years gone by, please plan to bring them in to church for the sale as we get nearer the date. We have limited storage for items at this time but if you must move them earlier, please contact the church office (612) 866-0069 or Gail Lund (952) 688-1389 and we will make arrangements. Thank you!

Everyone Loves Leftovers!

Meals on Wheels drivers love to be rewarded with little treats—If you have leftover Halloween candy at the end of the month, and you'd love to move it out of your house, consider moving the treats to Meals on Wheels at Church of Peace. The church office can take it in and see that the Meals on Wheels program receives it for their own Treat Bucket.



Thank You!

MAKING ROOM FOR HOMEMADE TREATS?

Mark your calendar FOR.....

Christmas & Holiday Treasures And Bake Sale!!

When: Friday November 9 & Saturday, November 10 9:00 Am - 5:00 Pm

Where: Methodist Church of Peace,

What: Antiques, old Jewelry, Teddy Bears

Collectables, Royal Copenhagen, B&G, Village Houses

Artificial Trees, Wreaths, Garlands

Candles Galore! And Lights

Ornaments, Birds, tree decorations, tree toppers

Christmas Cards, Invitations, Wrapping papers

Holiday table attire, Napkins, Table clothes, Centerpieces

Delicious Lunch served all afternoon

Homemade fruit breads, cookies, savory snacks +++

Stop in to meet the warm and friendly "Church Ladies" !