



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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God Friended Me

Sunday evenings on CBS there is a television show which has caught my attention. It is unusual that it has caught my attention. First of all, it is on Sunday night. Sunday is not a day that the television is on a lot in my home. I am also surprised I find myself watching it because it is a drama. I don't watch a lot of drama. I have the potential for enough drama in my life, so I prefer to watch comedies. However, the title caught my attention and I find myself watching on Sunday evenings.

God Friended Me is a humorous, uplifting drama about an outspoken atheist whose life is turned upside down when he receives a friend request on social media from God and unwittingly becomes an agent of change in the lives and destinies of others around him. Miles Finer is intelligent, hopeful and optimistic, but (since his mother's death) he doesn't believe in God. This puts him at odds with his father, Reverend Arthur Finer, a beloved preacher at Harlem's Trinity Church for 25 years who is stung by his son's strong rejection of his faith. Miles feels he's found his purpose in life hosting a podcast where he's free to speak his mind, but that changes when he receives the ultimate friend request. After repeated pokes by God, Miles' curiosity takes over, and he accepts the request and follows the signs to Cara Bloom, an online journalist suffering from writer's block. Brought together by the "God Account," the two find themselves investigating God's friend suggestions and inadvertently helping others in need. Joining them on their journey are Miles's supportive sister, Ali, a doctoral psych student by day and bartender by night, and his best friend, Rakesh, a sometime hacker who helps Miles and Cara research the enigmatic account. Miles is set on getting to the bottom of what he believes is an elaborate hoax, but in the meantime he'll play along and, in the process, change his life forever.

The plot line has endless possibilities of people who need an encounter with God. The plot line, however, is nothing new. Time and time again, God has found a way to send help through a friend. Moses was sent to the wilderness to guide the Israelites. Jesus commissioned the disciples to go and share God's love, teach, and heal. Paul sent letters and instruction to the churches of Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Thessalonica, and others. All through the ages God has used some of the most unlikely people to share the message of love, care, and grace.

Whether it is a television show or all the stories from the Bible we have to remind us, I hope we remember the purpose we have as the children of God. At the end of the gospel of Matthew, Jesus commissions his disciples and gives the authority for them to baptize and teach to all the nations. Go and make disciples. Go and friend them for God. Who should we friend? Where is my social media app to tell me who God wants me to friend? We might wish for an app and wonder who to friend. Truthfully, the answer to the questions are everywhere we look – in front of us, beside us, and behind us. God wants us to friend the woman in the grocery line, the child in the doctor's waiting room, the man at work, boy at school, and the girl on the basketball team. God wants us to be salt, light, and witness everywhere we go.

Let us follow God's command and be an agent of change in the lives of others around us.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

YUMS (Young United Methodist Students) News

February Wednesday Night Line-Up

We are starting a new study about Jesus' Teachings. We have a memory verse for this series, Psalm 86:11—*Teach me your way, Lord, so that I can walk in your truth.*

2/6—The Lord's Prayer

2/13—The Birds of the Air

2/20—The Golden Rule

2/27—The Widow's Coins

Mark your calendar...

Saturday, 4/20—Easter Egg Hunt (Please let me know if you would like to help!)

Sunday, 5/12—Student Sunday (The children will have leadership roles in morning worship.)

July 8th-12th—Camp in the Community

Blessings,

Leanne

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Otto Briscoe, Lee Wysor, Pat Wenk, Libby Freels, Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Benjamin Shipley, Women, and their families.



Flower Donors for February 2019

February 3 Joyce Wilson
February 10 Peggy Perry
February 17 Ken and Joyce Barnes
February 24 Sharon McCarty

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

Monica Austin Carroll and Terry Austin on the death of their grandmother and mother on January 7th.

The family of Vera Jo Henegar who passed away, January 22nd.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

Calling all people who are in the fourth grade or older. We are in need of additional acolytes. If you would like to help in leading worship as an acolyte, please contact Kathleen Jones.

ALMONDS

The UMW has bags of Almonds pieces for sale. They are \$10.00 per bag.

FEBRUARY 2019 CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 3 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 71:1-6; I Corinthians 13:1-13

Tues., Feb 5 10:00a Staff Meeting

Wed., Feb. 6 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., Feb.. 7 5:30p Food Pantry

Sun., Feb. 10 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 138; Luke 5:1-11

Wed., Feb. 13 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Sun., Feb. 17 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26

Wed., Feb. 20 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

Thur., Feb. 21 5:30p Food Pantry

Sun., Feb. 24 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Luke 6:27-38

Wed., Feb. 27 5:30p -6:00p Dinner in FH
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

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WINTER POLICIES

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Anderson County Schools are closed, church activities will not meet. Check on Facebook and the website regarding office hours.

School Closings for Illness

If the Anderson County Schools and/or the Clinton City Schools are closed due to illness, church activities will not meet.

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