

DECEMBER 11, 2022

CROWN HILL NEWS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Preaching: Thomas

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Happy Birthday!

14 Judy Musselman
18 David Schrock

Happy Anniversary!

14 Delmar & Janet
Nussbaum

OFFERING 11/27

\$4098 General
\$1723 Compassion Fund
\$225 Food Pantry

PRAYERS

- Remember Myrna and the rest of the Ramseyer family as December 11th is the one year anniversary of Mick's passing.
- Remember the unspoken requests for families in our congregation
- Pray for peace between Ukraine & Russia.
- Remember Larry Morrison & Ken Kurtz as they go through treatments for cancer.
- Pray for our shut-ins & nursing homes: Suzan, Pete, Elmer, Mary, Ila, Velma and Fred's mother Doris. Pray for the caregivers in the congregation and others who are providing much needed support.
- Pray for strength and healing for staff and residents at the Apostolic Christian Home as they experience an increase in Covid19 cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ladies Bible Study is continuing at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be doing a Study on James "Growing in Wisdom and Faith". All women are welcome.
- Wednesday Evening Prayer All are welcome to gather for a time of devotions, prayer and singing from 6:30 to 7:30 PM (Dec 14) at Twila and Velma's If you have questions, call Dan.
- Thomas & Katrina will be traveling to Montana December 17-23 to visit their family there.
- We will have a Christmas Eve service at Crown Hill at 6:00 on Saturday, December 24th. On Sunday the 25th we will meet for worship at 9:30am but we will not have Sunday School that day. After the service on the 25th we will have a Finger Food Carry In in the fellowship hall.
- The Compassion Fund is an account that is not on our church budget. It is funded by designated offerings (usually during Sundays when we observe Communion) and it is distributed at the discernment of the Elders. Sometimes the recipients of a Compassion Fund remain anonymous due to the situation they are in. However many times it can be public knowledge where the Compassion Funds have been given. Recently the Elders decided to make a \$2000 donation from the Compassion Fund to the Congolese Van fundraiser. Then Everence was consulted to see if this donation would qualify for matching funds and it was! This means that Everence matched our \$2000 donation so a total of \$4000 was given towards the Congolese Van in Crown Hill's name! In 2022 Crown Hill is eligible for \$2250 in Everence Matching Funds. The additional \$250 is being applied for to help a person in the community cover their rent. This means the Elders are donating \$250 from the Compassion Fund to help with rent and Everence will match that, so the individual will receive a total of \$500 in rent assistance in Crown Hill's name. Thank you to all of you from Crown Hill who donated to the Compassion Fund and thank you to Everence for helping us increase the impact of our giving!

THE STORY OF "GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

John Wesley Work II, was a teacher at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, at the turn of the twentieth century. He taught Latin and history, but his real love was music.

As a matter of fact, it was music that saved the University from bankruptcy. The school had been founded in 1866 by a northerner, Civil War General Clinton B. Fisk. Working through the Freedmen's Bureau and the American Missionary Association, Fisk hoped to educate young people "irrespective of color." Because of this, the school quickly became known as a black school and relied on the good will of philanthropists; but by 1871, the school was nearly bankrupt. To save the school, the group known as the Jubilee Singers was organized

On November 16, 1871, a group of unknown singers — all but two former slaves and many still in their teens — arrived at Oberlin College in Ohio to perform before a national convention of ministers.

After a few standard ballads the chorus sang spirituals and other songs associated with slavery. It was one of the first public performances of the secret music African Americans sang in the fields and behind closed doors for generations.

"All of a sudden, there was no talking," says musicologist and former Jubilee Singers Musical Director Horace C. Boyer. "They said you could hear the soft weeping...and I'm sure that the Jubilee Singers were joining them in tears, because sometimes when you think about what you are singing, particularly if you believe it, you can't help but be moved."

The Oberlin College performance led to an international tour, bringing back \$150,000. They saved Fisk and, equally important, introduced the sounds of black music to the world.

In 1907, Professor Work II continued the tradition started years before by publishing a small booklet, "Folk Songs of the American Negro." Included in this songbook was a new piece of music.

The author had heard a refrain for which he shaped a melody, harmonized a tune and added some original stanzas. Because no copyright was registered, Work lost all claim to this song; but yet, the message and the memories still live on in his Christmas song, "Go Tell It on the Mountain." When you think of the true meaning of Christmas, that is all that matters anyway.

Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!