

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 29

OUR ECUADOR MISSION TEAM will lead our worship. We will recognize Gillian Griswold, moving to Oregon. Worship time remains at 9:30 a.m. through and including August 17.

THE BOOK CHRISTMAS JAR

continues to generate interest. Finished with your copy? Please return it to Carol Galloway at Fellowship Time today. If you'd like a copy, see her there to obtain this engaging tale of kindness to others.

WOODBURY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Bring these any Sunday morning or any Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Items most needed for the next two weeks are cookie mixes, canned beets, mushrooms and olives.

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

ARE YOU ON OUR “*Living through Grace*” weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net.

REACH PASTOR BRIAN for pastoral care or visitation at 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com

TODAY'S SPECIAL MUSIC

ABOUT THE WRITER

Reflecting the scripture and sermon theme on despair is “*It Is Well with My Soul*,” written by Horatio G. Spafford in 1873 after the tragic death of his four daughters in the sinking of the S.S. Ville du Havre on November 22, 1873.

Born in North Troy, New York on October 20, 1828, Spafford established a successful legal practice in Chicago in 1856 and became a professor of medical jurisprudence at Lind University (later Chicago Medical College) and was an active layman and Sunday school teacher in the Presbyterian Church.

From 1871 to 1880 he suffered repeated personal tragedies: heavy real estate losses in the 1871 Chicago fire, four daughters drowned in the Atlantic Ocean, and the death of his son soon after.

In 1881 Spafford and his wife pursued their interest in the Holy Land by moving to Jerusalem where they established the American colony. *Our Jerusalem*, written by his daughter Bertha Spafford Vester, vividly describes their experiences.

Horatio G. Spafford died in Jerusalem on October 16, 1888 at four days shy of 60 years old.

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ABOUT THE COMPOSER

Philip P. Bliss was an itinerant Baptist music teacher born in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania on July 9, 1838. He gained formal music training during summers at the Normal Academy of Music in Genesee, New York. Influenced by Dwight L. Moody to become a singing evangelist, Bliss led music revivals in the South, Middle West and East. He and his wife died in a train wreck near Ashtabula, Ohio on December 29, 1876.

The tune was composed for the text and was first included in *Gospel Hymns No. 2*, 1876, compiled by the composer and Ira Sankey. In some hymnals the tune was named "It is well," and in others, as in our United Methodist Hymnal, it bore the name of the ill-fated ship *Ville du Havre* ("City of Havre"). Bliss also composed the music for "Hallelujah! What a Savior" (UMH #165) and "Wonderful Words of Life" (UMH #600).

Source: adapted from Companion to The United Methodist Hymnal, Carlton Young, editor, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.