



Latimer's Voice

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Editor's Comments:

Please use my e-mail address to submit stories, events, happenings, or other information that you would like in the newsletter. If you do not have a computer, please give it to me in person or mail it to me. The deadline for all news items to be submitted is the 20th of each month. That will give me time to have it compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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From the Nurture Team:

*"Jesus Calls us o'er the
tumult of our life's wild,
restless sea.*

*Day by Day his sweet voice
soundeth, saying,
Christian follow me."*
Matthew 4:19

WHY I LOVE LATIMER MEMORIAL UMC:

Ron – "I love Latimer – so many people just like family."

Just like family, we all pitch in and help each other whenever we can. And in many ways. Some gifts are material and seen around here, and some gifts are given and sent to Epworth Home and UMCOR and others. There is always a need. Thank you. May the Lord bless each gift and the giver.

Thank you for the delicious "Covered Dish" luncheon we shared on September 24. Then quickly we went to Honea Path at Trinity UMC for our Charge Conference.

Food and Fellowship Meals to round out the year:

October 29 will be hosted by UMW.

November meal will be hosted by UMM.

December we have Covered Dish Christmas family meal and program.

We will be celebrating World Communion on October 1.

October 7 we will participate in the Standpipe Festival on the square in Belton. We will have a booth with drinks, cheese and chili with nachos. See the sign-up sheet for help needed in the library. We will have flyers to hand out too.

October 15, we will have the Baptism of Caroline Brooks, the daughter of Marty and Hannah Brooks.

October 22 we observe Laity Sunday. Members will be helping with the worship service. The message will be given by Sandy Sorrow.

We are planning to start visitation teams to visit our shut-ins on a monthly basis. We are still gathering information and hope to start soon. Please let Wally or Sandy know if

you are interested in helping with this.

We are still in need of another Nursery Helper to be in the weekly rotation order. Let me know if you are interested in helping. Upcoming dates to highlight:

Wednesday, November 1 we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Latimer will be hosting a community program at the Christian Exchange, 3 - 5pm. Pastor Wally will lead the discussion and have pictures of his travels to Wittenberg Germany pertinent to the time of the Reformation and its implications for today. All are welcomed. Stay tuned for more information.

November 5, All Saints Sunday

November 12, The BHP Chorus will be singing at our worship service 11am.

Keep in prayers for our members, friends and families.

Our next meeting is Nov. 7, 10am.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

The Outreach Team met September 6, 2017 for a planning session.

Our mission for August was to supply Patrick B. Harris Hospital with large-print Bibles that will be given to patients to keep. We ordered twenty Bibles at the cost of \$92.25. I urge people to give a few dollars all along to build our Bible fund back up.

We will support the Grief Support group by our attendance and by serving lunch to all who attend on September 27th.

We will assist the Latimer United Methodist Men with serving "Brinner" to the residents of Richard Campbell Veterans' Home.

In October (Tuesday the 24th) we will support Kairos Prison Ministry as they minister to the women at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood. We can help by praying, writing letters, baking cookies, placemats, posters, or sponsoring an inmate.

Cookies for Kairos due by 10:00 AM on October 24th.

One of my favorite children's authors is Judy Blume. She said, "Our fingerprints don't fade from the lives we touch."

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team continues to work on getting volunteers and donations for our booth at the Standpipe Festival on Saturday, October 7th. We will be manning the booth from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM. We will be selling bottled water, chips with chili and cheese, and helium balloons. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the church library.

The next meeting of the Witness Team will be Wednesday, October 4th at 5:30 PM.

- Bob Emhof



Richard Campbell Veterans' Nursing Home:

"Brinner" at Richard Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home will be

Wednesday, October 18th. Members of the Outreach Team will be helping with this.

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The UMM Club meeting and breakfast will be October 15th at 9:00 AM.

Prayer Breakfast;

The Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday at 8:00 AM.



Choir Practice:

Choir practice will now be at 5:30 PM every Wednesday. With the change of seasons we are going to try an hour earlier for a while. Also, no practice on October 4th and no practice on October 18th because of the meal at the nursing home.

- Glenda Conley

United Methodist Women:

The UMW will provide cookies for Charge Conference on September 24th.

Monday, October 2nd at 3:00 PM will be the next meeting. It will be the annual pledge program. The United Methodist Women will host the Fellowship Meal on October 29th.

S/PPRC:

The S/PPRC continues searching for a new Organist/Choir Director and your help is solicited. If you are aware of someone who might be interested in being our organist/choir director please have them contact Andy Bullions or Rev. Culp. This is a part-time paid permanent position.

The Trustees:

The Trustees will meet on Tuesday, October 3rd at 3:00 PM.

The Treasurer's Report:

Budget Receipts - \$7954
Budget Expenses - \$8740
Shortage - \$ 786

Personnel expenses which include minister, organist, janitorial, as well as insurance, retirement, and reimbursable expenses - \$5618.

Utilities which include gas, electricity, water, and phone/internet - \$952.

Sunday School/Upper Room materials and office expense - \$397.

Direct billing to SC Conference - \$1773.

Church Council:

There will not be a Church Council meeting in October.

Offering Counters:

October 1st - Ron Walfield
John Pinson

October 8th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood

October 15th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose

October 22nd - Ron Walfield
Bob Emhof

October 29th - Ron Walfield
Frank Sorrow



Ushers:

We still need people to volunteer to help Frank on Sunday mornings from now until the end of the year.

October - Frank Sorrow
- Bill Eaves

November - Frank Sorrow
- Andy Bullions

December - Frank Sorrow

Nursery Workers:

The Nursery schedule is posted in the Nursery.

Baptism:

Marty and Hannah Brooks' daughter, Caroline, will be baptized at the worship service on October 15th.

The Forward Focus Group:

The third congregational meeting of the Forward Focus Group will be on Sunday, October 8th, at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, October 25th, at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be served. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Stan Johnson,

Congregational Care Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. Also, Rev. John Holler, former minister at Latimer, will be the guest speaker on November 15th.

Our Shut-Ins:

Jane Woodson
Ernie Emhof
Philip Brannon
Charles Campbell



Our Prayer Concerns:

Phillip Brannon, Jackie Manning, Stephen and Dot Peck, Sarah Raditz, Thomas Burris, Nancy Nagel, Jane Woodson, Jim Grubbs, Frank Woods, Chip Wynne, Bonnie Moore, Randy Morrison, Georgia Keen, Brenda Parfitt, Emily McAlister, Nancy Cothran, Tommy Wright, George Lesh, Linda Squyers, Family of Ellen Halvorson, Joan Sears, Ben and Nancy, Peggie Bromeling, Millie Brackett, Bessie Clark, Teresa Wood, Racine Owings, Kallie Hinkle, Danielle Clavier, Katie Coward, James

Holloway, Kim Bradbury, Jean Bullions, Mary Knight, Barbara Emhof, the family of Brittany Fowler, Ed Wolf, the family of Charles Meeks, the family of Sheila Okamoto, Sheila Brown, Linda Emhof

The Jolly Mixers:

Angela will no longer be planning for the Jolly Mixers. If someone would like to take over this opportunity, please do so. Otherwise, the Jolly Mixers will not be meeting until further notice.



The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet on October 11th at Noon at Doolittles Restaurant.

The Fellowship Meal:

The October Fellowship Meal will be October 29th hosted by the United Methodist Women.

The Liturgist Schedule:

October 1st - Ron Walfield
October 8th - Kent

Millwood
October 15th - None
October 22nd - Linda
Millwood
October 29th - None

Bits of History:

1911 - The name of the church was changed from Belton Methodist to Latimer Memorial Methodist Church by unanimous vote to honor the memory of Senator A.C. Latimer.

Sometime in the 1900's Orphanage Work Days were held. The teachers and young people picked cotton at the Hunter Farm. The proceeds from their labor were given to the orphanage. This would have been Epworth which was established in 1895 by the South Carolina Conference.

1920 - The church had 100 members.

1925 - A parsonage was built behind the church. It was later moved and still sits at 216 Saluda Street here in Belton.

1932 - Nine classrooms were included in a two-story addition.

Belton Standpipe Festival:

Latimer will have a booth at the Standpipe Festival on October 7th. Please let Bob Emhof know if you are willing to volunteer to help. We are also in need of donations of money and food items. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the library. All proceeds will go towards offsetting the costs of our new church directory due out the first of the year.

The History of Halloween:

Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on October 31st, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day and Reformation Day. It begins the three day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead including saints (hallows), martyrs, and the faithful departed.

It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from Celtic harvest festivals that may have pagan roots, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, and that this festival was

Christianized as Halloween. Some academics, however, support the view that Halloween began independently as a solely Christian holiday.

Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into Jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, and watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration.



Bible Study:

Rev. Culp will lead a Bible Study in October and November on the book, "Moses", by Adam Hamilton. The study will be on Wednesdays at 10 AM and will start on October

18th. For anyone interested, the books will be \$15 each. Please pay Rev. Culp directly for the books. There are two large print editions available.

Charge Conference:

Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 PM at Trinity UMC in Honea Path, SC. Please plan to attend and enjoy worship and fellowship with other United Methodists from the area.

Bishop's Corner:

Trusting God for the Next Steps

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

"God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us."—Ephesians 3:20-21

I am truly excited to be a part of a team that has God-sized dreams and who trusts the work we do together. It is a recognition that the church was not built for our pleasure but for God's purpose.

In a reflection of the previous quadrennium, it is evident that we have worked intentionally to foster organizational health at every level of the annual conference from the extended cabinet to the district to the local church. Annual district visits were initiated with the goal of creating a climate of trust, challenge and support. In the first year, the extended cabinet, staff and key leaders visited every district for listening sessions.

In the second year, this conference team held "road shows" and traveled to every district to engage local church lay leaders as well as lay servants around Patrick Lencioni's book, "Five Dysfunctions of a Team."

Year three district meetings were referred to as "barbeque bashes." During this time, local church leadership teams (laity and clergy) were invited to consider "The Leadership Contract," by Vince Molinaro.

This year we are engaged in a time of district visits in which local church teams have been invited to participate in a Para. 213 (*The Book of Discipline*)

process that we have named Forward Focus. Truly, this is a process of invitation for congregations to assess their current situation in light of potential ministry opportunities. It concludes with an identification of next steps going forward and the possible resourcing of ministry.

This level of engagement and investment at the local church level has proven to be both exciting and overwhelming as more than a third of our congregations are embarking on the Forward Focus process. As local congregations complete their Forward Focus work, their outcomes will shape the resources that the annual conference can offer to help churches move toward greater vitality.

As the Ephesians passage reminds us, God does not push us around but is always at work within us. My prayer is that as we work together to make a difference at the local level, God will continue to surprise us with opportunities to share the love of Christ in ways that are beyond our wildest dreams. I am excited about

how God is at work in
South Carolina.