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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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Pastor's Ponderings:



"Salkehatchie"

On June 29 the members of the Outreach Team

helped feed lunch to the campers at Salkehatchie. By the time of this lunch on that Friday, the campers had been through a week of working on houses. As part of their work, they had gotten to know the people who lived in the house they repaired. Hopefully, they had also been able to use this opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with those they helped.

This year Salkehatchie celebrated its 40th anniversary. This outreach of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference has now grown to some 50 different campsites all over our state. Each site usually involves 6-8 houses in need of repair, with about 8 campers working at each site with supervising adults. Campers are ages 14-18. Most come from United Methodist churches across the state.

Salkehatchie was started by my uncle Rev. John

Culp when he was serving two United Methodist

churches in Aiken, SC, in the 1970s. Two small African-American children were killed in a house fire. The fire investigation revealed the cause of the fire was electrical, and could have been prevented if \$2 had been spent on the wiring in the house. Unfortunately, the occupants of the house did not realize this.

John was led to start a ministry in which volunteers would fix houses in need of repair when the occupants could not afford to make the repairs. These repairs usually include electrical updates, new roofs, new flooring, and fixing and/or replacing of appliances or water fixtures.

John was also looking for a way in which there could be a meaningful mix of those from a white background with African-Americans. Although not all those who are helped in Salkehatchie are African-Americans, many are. Salkehatchie provides a great opportunity to expose

young people from a white middle class or upper middle class family to meet those who were poor and often in need. It also lets these young people see and understand situations they might not ever know about.

Let us continue to celebrate the mission of Salkehatchie and the work that it does. In Matthew 25, Jesus rewards those who care for the sick, the hungry, and those in need of shelter. This is the message we as Christians are to tell. So much of this message starts with our children. In closing, remember Proverbs 22:6, "Train Up A Child in the Way He Should Go, and When He is Old, He Will Not Depart From It."

- Rev. Wally Culp

**Rev. John Culp will be the guest minister at Latimer Memorial on Sunday, August 12.*

From the Nurture Team:

"Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord, Thank You Lord, I just want to Thank You Lord."

There's a lot to remember and be thankful for in July.

July 4 – Independence Day

July – National Blueberry Month

July – National Ice Cream Month

July – National Hot Dog Month

July – Lots of Latimer folks celebrate birthdays

I think everyone enjoyed the Vacation Bible School. Give thanks to the team, the children, and all who participated. The theme was "Shipwrecked, Recued by Jesus". How wonderful to know that Jesus, our savior is always with us. Jesus Saves!!!!

We had some good visits with our homebound members in June. If you know someone who would like a visit, or Communion served to them please let me know. They all appreciate the cards, calls and prayers.

The Food and fellowship meal on June 24 was a "Covered Dish" meal provided by those in attendance and hosted by the Nurture Team. Our next F/F Meal will be August 26, hosted by the Latimer Lovelies.

We would like to have two more volunteers to be "on

Call" to help in the nursery on a rotating basis. Please let me know if you can help. We especially need you during these vacations months.

"God Bless America" – Wishing all a safe and Happy 4th of July celebration.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

The Grief Support Group did not meet in May. We will meet in June. The Outreach Team will prepare and provide lunch. We did not serve Richard Campbell in June. They requested that we come in July.

We served lunch in Williamston Park to the Salkehatchie Volunteers on June 29th.

As we reach out into our local community to help others, I am reminded of what Madeline L'Engle wrote, "...We either add to the darkness of indifference... or we light a candle to see by..."

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team has just finished helping with Vacation Bible School along

with members of the Nurture and Outreach Teams.

The Witness Team is also working on an Emergency Contact Information form for our members. This has not been finalized but will be in the near future.

- Bob Emhof

2018 Annual Conference Report:

In a rousing sermon, Bishop L. Jonathan Holston opened the 2018 South Carolina Annual Conference by calling on clergy and lay delegates to remember – against a backdrop of doubt from within and without – why the church was built. The church was built for God’s purpose - for God’s hope.

Conference lay leaders introduced first-year lay delegates to the ins and outs of Annual Conference in an Orientation Session. There were a lot of us. More experienced lay delegates shared success stories from their local churches. Bible Study was held each morning by Rev. Dr. Herbert Marbury. As a scholar of the Hebrew Bible, he made us aware of the importance of considering context and

symbolism in understanding the scriptures.

Considering resolutions, the first resolution affirming current language in the Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality was not addressed as Annual Conference cannot change the Book of Discipline. This matter will be considered during the 2019 General Conference. There was a secret ballot vote on the constitutional amendment about gender equality. The results will be announced later. The resolution in support of just and inclusive policy for lay volunteers and lay staff in local church ministry passed with an amendment encouraging all United Methodist congregations in SC to follow employment and volunteer practices that are aligned with our Social Principles. A resolution to ensure that every child under state supervision receives the best possible care passed. A resolution declaring the closure of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church also passed.

Recommendations from the Council on Finance and

Administration passed as did the report from the Board of Pension and Health Benefits. The Conference Administration Fund Budget that was passed represented only a small increase (0.4%) from last year's budget. Also, Total funds apportioned to churches only increased 0.3%, from \$16,946,435 in 2018 to \$16,990,921 in 2019 - another slight increase. It’s comforting to know the conference is making a concerted effort trying not to increase the budget. The report from the Commission on Equitable Compensation was accepted. Numerous reports submitted in writing and included in each delegate’s package were accepted. The report by the Committee of Nominations was presented and supported. The Report of the Committee on Standing Rules had numerous semantic amendments made but essentially was accepted. The 2019 comprehensive benefit funding plan also passed. Several former ministers were present and sent their regards and best wishes to Latimer. They included Roger Gramling, John Holler, Jeff Roper, and Alex Stevenson.

Appointments for 2018-2019 were made. I am pleased to report the Rev. Wallace Culp will be reassigned to Latimer Memorial UMC.

- Ron Walfield

The Treasurer's Report:

For the period of May 19 to June 19, Latimer has had the following receipts and expenditures. The amount received for budget purposes was \$10,452.00. For the same period, or expenditures have been as follows: Salaries and benefits: \$5,188.02; Direct Billing - \$2,795.00; Utilities - \$503.90; Office Expense - \$50.84; Fellowship Hall Supplies - \$36.44; Apportionments - \$906.00; and Vacation Bible School - \$131.29. In addition, funds were received for a wedding held at Latimer and placed in the Trustees' account.

- Linda Millwood

The Liturgist's Schedule:

July 1st - Kent Millwood
July 8th - Linda Millwood
July 15th - Ron Walfield
July 22nd - Sandy Sorrow
July 29th - 5th Sunday

Singing

Church Council:

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, July 10th at 5:00 PM.

Offering Counters:

July 1st - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
July 8th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
July 15th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
July 22nd - Ron Walfield
Frank Sorrow
July 29th - Ron Walfield
Frank Sorrow



Choir practice will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

Ushers:

July - Frank Sorrow
August - Frank Sorrow

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will be on Wednesday, July 25th at Noon. Lunch will be provided.

Our Homebound:

Charles Campbell
Ernie Emhof
Jane Woodson
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning
Peggie Bromeling

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at noon on Wednesday, July 11th at Tuckers. Please let Sandy Sorrow know by Monday, July 9th if you plan to attend.



Our Prayer Concerns:

Sarah Blackwell, Kim Bradbury, Phillip Brannon, Peggie Bromeling, Jean Bullions, David Burnett, Jane Burnett, Billie Jo Campbell, Lib Carter, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Shirley Cook, Nancy Cothran, Katie Coward, Bill Eaves, Gloria Eaves, Barbara Emhof, Bob Emhof, Fred and Linda Emhof, Jim Grubbs, Randy Grubbs, Betty Hill, Kallie Hinkle, Georgia Keen, Jim and Amy Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister,

Pam McAlister, Linda Millwood, Bonnie Moore, Betty Jean Morgan, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Jennifer Payne, Dot Peck, Stephen Peck, Sarah Raditz, Keith Ridgeway, Joan Sears, Sybill Sellers, David Smith, Joanna Speegle, Linda Squyers, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, and Ben and Nancy

Prayer Breakfast:

The Prayer Breakfast will be every Tuesday at 8:00 AM.



Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The UMC Men's Club breakfast and meeting will be Sunday, July 15th at 9:00 AM.



United Methodist Women:

Sacred Spaces has been the program theme for 2018. The June 4th program was The Sacred Space of Prayer. This program was also built on the Transfiguration recently celebrated on the church calendar. Pat Wilson presented the lesson based on the scriptures teaching the Lord's Prayer, praying humbly, and the Transfiguration. Everyone chose a card with a Bible verse on it and wrote a prayer need on the back. Later, the members each took a different card home and were asked to pray for the need on the card.

The special mission emphasis donation went to the Stacy Jackson Fund for the month of June.

Pat Wilson asked for everyone to help the Outreach Team supply, prepare, and help with the

Salkehatchie lunch to be served June 29th. There will be no meeting in July and August. The Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circles will meet again on Monday, September 10th.

New Address:

As everyone knows, Alice Bryant has moved to Maryland to be near her family. Her new address is 6351 Spring Ridge Parkway, Apartment 112, Frederick MD 21701. Her new home phone number is (301) 228-9068. Her email and cell phone number are the same as in the Church Directory.

David and Jane Barton:

David and Jane left for the summer a couple of weeks ago and arrived safely back in New Hampshire. Their address for the summer is P. O. Box 129, Grantham NH 03753. They recently got a new cell phone number which is (864) 332-7711.

Vacation Bible School 2018:

Our Bible School was a huge success this year. Thanks to everyone who helped in crafts, music, the

programs, and food. Also, those who donated food and supplies.

- Jane & Susie
VBS Co-Chairs



July Nursery Schedule:

- July 1st - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks
July 8th - Regina Bullion
Nancy Ellett
July 15th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
July 22nd - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks
July 29th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

“Brinner” at the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home will be Wednesday, July 18th.

The Fellowship Meal:

The July Fellowship meal will be Sunday, July 29th hosted by the Latimer Lovelies.

Bishop’s Corner:

From Anywhere to Everywhere

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.”—Psalm 96:1-3 (NIV)

As we approach the opening of the 2018 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference, I am filled with excitement and hopeful expectation. We will celebrate the culmination of this past year of ministry and look to the future with enthusiasm about the ways God will continue to use us in the communities across our state and around the world to make disciples.

You’ve heard me say before that our lives may be the only sermon some people will ever hear. What we do matters. Our theme this year, “A More Excellent Way: In Mission from Anywhere to Everywhere,” highlights the importance of being

missional—living our faith through our actions.

Members of local congregations will be present during the lunch break to share about the ways they are in mission so others can get ideas for new ministries and discuss best practices related to existing ministries.

On Tuesday evening, get ready to make history! We will attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the longest human chain to pass through a hula-hoop. The Hulapalooza fun is part of the Abundant Health Initiative, a global effort to improve health by promoting active lifestyles, good nutrition and access to preventative care.

We will worship, singing and praying together as the body of Christ gathered in Greenville, the now-familiar location for our time together. If you are unable to be with us in person, tune in to the livestream video online.

I am delighted to welcome to our Annual Conference experience the Right Rev. Mildred B. Hines, bishop of the South Atlantic Episcopal District of The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church

(AMEZ) to share with us in praise and worship, as well as Dr. Herbert Marbury, associate professor of Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University, to lead us in Bible study.

Come ready to hear God's word proclaimed so you will go back to your homes ignited with the fire of the Holy Spirit, ready to declare God's glory to all people!

And if you have to, use words.

