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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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September 1965
David 12 ½ months & Wally 3
years 11 months

Pastor's Ponderings:

I write to you this month about something I had not planned to write about, namely the death of my brother David. David was only 54 when he died at his home in Florence on September 17. His death was a shock to us all. None of us expect to die that soon. Of the four Culp brothers, he was the most in shape and the fittest. He lifted weights and rollerbladed. He was not supposed to die.

As I have preached to you and we have talked about in our grief support group, there is usually not a good reason why someone dies

when they die. When an unexpected death comes, although we ask why, it is much better to focus on the comfort and peace God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

I want to thank you so much for the comfort and support you have shown me through this trying time. I, the pastor, often forget that I too I am in need of pastoral care. You have shown that to me. God has worked through you.

During this time I have also been reminded of the beauty of the connectional system of the United Methodist Church. Sometimes we forget we are connected with so many others in Methodism. We often fail to take advantage of that connection and instead wonder about why we pay apportionments and other conference obligations. I have received so much support from other United Methodist Ministers. Many have called to see how I am doing and to offer their prayers and support. Some

have prayed with me over the phone. Others have sent cards. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Patterson, even made the long trip to Florence to attend my brother's service.

So, let us not take life for granted. Grab and love your loved ones. Grab and love your friends. Grab and love your fellow church members. Take full advantage of what your church and fellow United Methodists offer to you. Some of you may want to give memorials in David's name. I ask that you consider designating them to go towards apportionments. David was the son, brother, and nephew of Ordained Elders in the South Carolina United Methodist Church. I know he wanted all persons take advantage of the gifts they had received from God. He also wanted to spread God's love. Let us do our best to help spread God's love.

Thank you so much!
Rev. Wally Culp

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." Matt 4:19

Our thoughts and prayers are with Pastor Wally and his family during this time of his brother's David unexpected death.

Just like family, we all pitch in and help each other whenever we can. We have much to be thankful for. The pictures are fresh in our minds of the hurricane loses and flooding in the Carolinas and Virginia. When the call goes out for UMCOR or Epworth Children's Home and others, the folks at Latimer always step up. There is always a need. May the Lord bless each gift and the giver.

Thank you Methodist Men for a delicious meal in September. We always look forward to it.

The Food and Fellowship Meals to round out the year – October 28 will be hosted by UMW, and in December we have Covered Dish Christmas family meal and program.

Each Sunday Sermon, the Pastor has been outlining events in the life of Peter

who became a model for what it means to follow Jesus as a disciple. This is not a biography of Peter, but a way to see the formation and maturing of a disciple. As you will see, we follow Peter from his response to Jesus' invitation to follow him and end with Peter's sermon in Acts 10.

Our Annual Charge Conference will be October 4 at Latimer Memorial. All are welcomed.

We will be celebrating World Communion on October 7.

October 14 we will celebrate Children's Sabbath during worship.

October 21 we observe Laity Sunday. Members will be helping with the worship service.

Kent Millwood has joined the Elementary Sunday School Classes, teaching every three months in rotation with Glenda Conley and Sandy Sorrow. He will begin in November.

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:

November 4, All Saints Sunday

Keep in prayer for our members, friends and families. Our visitation Ministry is strong and we feel God working in the sharing and opportunities that are presented. Glenda Conley is mailing the weekly Bulletins and Pastor's sermons and monthly Newsletters to our homebound members. If you know someone who would like to receive this information, or would like a visit, please let Glenda know.

Our next meeting is Nov. 10, 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

Our service to the Veterans at Richard Campbell was very pleasant and a success. We received many expressions of gratitude for the "Brinner" and for us taking time to talk to them and to listen to them. We were given one written thank-you note. It is on the bulletin board in the Library area. September 19th.

We Plan to have the Grief Support meeting on September 26th. All are welcome.

Due to a couple of donations, we were able to buy 20 more large print Bibles for Patrick B. Harris Hospital patients. They were so glad to get them. They had patients that did not have a Bible, but wanted one.

COOKIES for the Kairos Weekend are due at the church on October 23rd. by 10 o'clock.

On January 15, 2019 we have been asked to be part of a special community project. More details and information will be posted as we near that date. Just remember that we have an Outreach Team, but when we reach out to our neighbors all church members are needed.

Ephesians 2:10 says "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness continues to work on the Emergency

Contact List. It should be finished and available very soon.

Due to family obligations, Bob Emhof has stepped down as Chair of the Witness Team but will continue to be a member of the team. Jane Barton will be the new Chair with Susie Howell being the Co-Chair.

The Witness Team has been very successful in their endeavors under Bob's leadership. He is greatly appreciated.

- Jane/Susie

The Treasurer's Report:

For the period of August 17 to September 19, Latimer had the following receipts and expenditures: Amount received for budget purposes (5 Sundays), \$9,670.00; Expenditures in the total amount of \$8,885.37 were as follows: Salaries and benefits, \$5,160.98; Utilities: \$772.44; Direct Billing, \$2795.00; Youth, \$39.99; Office expense, \$54.96; and Sunday School/Upper Room, \$62.00.

- Linda Millwood

The Liturgist's Schedule:

October 7th - Ron Walfield
 October 14th - Sandy Sorrow
 October 21st - Linda Millwood
 October 28th - Kent Millwood

Church Council:

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:00 PM.

Offering Counters:

October 7th - Ron Walfield
 John Pinson
 October 14th - Ron Walfield
 Kent Millwood
 October 21st - Ron Walfield
 Jim DuBose
 October 28th - Ron Walfield
 Roy Mac Haggard

Choir Practice:

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

Annual Charge Conference:

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on October 4th starting at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall with District Superintendent Rev. Steve Patterson.

The Anderson District Covenant Group:

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 18th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Ushers:

October - Frank Sorrow
 Bill Eaves
 November - Frank Sorrow
 Andy Bullions

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will be on Wednesday, October 31st at Noon. Lunch will be provided by the Outreach Team.

Our Homebound:

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

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will be going to the Village Cafe and Bakery in Pendleton on Wednesday, October 10th at Noon. Those that will be attending need to let Susie Howell know by Monday, October 8th.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Kim Bradbury, Phillip Brannon, Peggy Bromeling, Charles Campbell, Frank Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Nancy Cothran, Katie Coward, Family of David Culp, Gloria Eaves, Margaret Ellett, Tony Ellet, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Fred and Linda Emhof, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs, Judi Harris, Katie Hinkle, Georgia Keen, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Pam McAlister, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Jon Henry Phares, Jo Ann Pinson, The Joe Frank Pinson Family, Keith Ridgeway, Sybill Sellers, Norma Timms, Family of Cosmo Vaudo, Alan Walfield, Family of Greg Williams, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, Ben and Nancy



Sarah's Birthday:

On Sunday, October 22nd, Sarah's daughter Edwina will be hosting a birthday luncheon for her mother's 90th birthday. This will be in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. Everyone is invited.



Baptism and Confirmation:

We welcome Max Hovious, son of Mike and Rhonda Hovious, as the newest member of our congregation. Max was baptized and confirmed during the worship service on September 16, 2018.

Please add Max to your church directory. His home address is 608 Buttermilk

Court, Simpsonville SC 29681 and his cell phone is (864) 630-4486.

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, October 14th at 9:00 AM.

United Methodist Women:

Just as scraps of cloth can be sewn together to make beautiful, useful quilts so can broken, tattered lives be pieced back together into useful, functioning persons. This was the message taken from one of the year's reading list books, "Spiritual Growth" by Cynthia Archtia. Pat Wilson presented this program at the September meeting of the Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circles. The book can be checked out of the church library by anyone - not just UMW members.

Killingsworth Home was the mission emphasis for September. An ongoing project is the collecting of cancelled postage

stamps. These can be cut off envelopes and placed in a container in the library. They are used for UMW missions. For example, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky received a school bus from the stamp money. Our Latimer women gathered paper towels, toilet paper and cleaning supplies to take to the annual Anderson District UMW meeting in September. These were being donated to Safe Harbor Women's Homes. In October the circles will help the Outreach Team by supplying cookies and /or notes for Kairos. These will be taken to Lee Correctional Women's Institution and need to be at the church by Tues., Oct. 23.

October 1 will be the next Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circles meeting. Gloria Eaves will present the annual pledge program. Plans will be finalized for the Soup and "Something" Food and Fellowship meal Sunday, October 28, hosted by the circles.



October Nursery Schedule:

October 7th - Gloria Eaves
Judith
DuBose

October 14th - Andy Bullions
Hannah
Brooks

October 21st - Regina
Bullions
Nancy Ellett

October 28th - Gloria
Eaves
Judith
DuBose

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

“Brinner” at the Richard
Campbell Veterans
Nursing Home will be
Wednesday, October 17th



The Fellowship Meal:

The Fellowship Meal on
October 28th will be

provided by the Elizabeth
Smith/Sue Coward Circles.

Bishop’s Corner:

Better Together:

By Bishop L. Jonathan
Holston

“God wants us to grow up,
to know the whole truth
and tell it in love—like
Christ in everything. We
take our lead from Christ,
who is the source of
everything we do. He
keeps us in step with each
other. His very breath and
blood flow through us,
nourishing us so that we
will grow up healthy in
God, robust in love.”—
Ephesians 4:15-16 (The
Message)

This time of year is filled
with excitement and
anticipation as we gear up
to kick off new ministry
opportunities and reunite
with existing groups after a
summer hiatus. There are
so many details to consider
in preparation for the new
season—calendar
planning, finance review,
curriculum and supply
purchases, filling
leadership roles,
communication and the list
could go on and on.

In the back of our minds,
we remember the mission

of The United Methodist
Church: to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.
And we know, as Paul
writes in his letter to the
Ephesians, that we are to
“take our lead from Christ,
who is the source of
everything we do.”

The challenge is this. We
must navigate through the
details of the daily life of
faith while maintaining
focus on the goal, the
mission, of making
disciples.

Have you ever watched
ants transport a large
morsel of food back to their
mound? They use their
combined strength to lift
the morsel, then they all
push, pull or turn, slowly
syncing into rhythm with
one another. When they
begin working together, the
ants are able to move back
toward their home.
However, their sense of
direction is often distorted
by the large object they are
carrying, so sometimes,
even though the group is
working together, they get
steered off course. When
that happens, an ant that is
moving alongside the rest
of the group steps in to
steer them back in the right
direction toward home.
Together, by relying on
each other, they

successfully get back to the mound with enough food to share.

There is an adage that says, "A team is not just a group of people who work together, but a group of people who trust each other." So ministry is about a team that trusts each other and works together. We are carrying the load together. No one knows it all, and we accomplish more together than we ever could do apart.

An African proverb teaches it this way: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

When it comes to working together, it is critical to remember the importance of communication and cooperation. You have to listen to one another.

As we lean into this new conference year, it is my prayer that God will work through us and others in order to achieve God's purpose. In ministry, we are never alone. God needs people of faith who are willing to trust God and do even the impossible to call others to come and be part of a faithful place so that all can see God's grace at work.

Believing that God-sized dreams are possible when we work together and take our lead from Christ, we become disciples who walk by faith and not by sight.