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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:



"Closer to God"

We are in the season of Lent, a time of growing closer to God. We might give up certain types of food such as chocolate or red meat or pizza but the idea is to remove the spiritual clutter from our spiritual lives to put our trust in God to guide our daily lives. We want our hunger to be for God only, so that we are not entrapped by this world to put our trust in material things. We do not want to put our allegiance in anything or anyone other than our faith in Jesus Christ as our savior.

And we, like Jesus, are willing to take risk to bring the kingdom of God to earth, to do God's work in spite of whatever obstacles might be put up against us, to bring justice to all. And we take that message of good news to all, that Jesus has come and made himself a sacrifice for all, that all who believe in Him will

have eternal life, to be with Him in eternity.

We are reminded during this time of reflection, of becoming closer to God, that we should never be complacent in our faith, that we should never take our life on earth for granted, that we should always be taking the saving message of Jesus Christ to others. Let us continue to celebrate in this Easter season, as those celebrated on Palm Sunday when Jesus rode victoriously into Jerusalem, bringing salvation from sin and death and oppression.

Hallelujah, Christ Has Risen!

- Rev. Wally Culp

From the Nurture Team:

EASTER PEOPLE,
RAISE YOUR VOICES

"Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When

in trouble move the
faster to our God who
rights the wrong.
Alleluia! See the power
of heavenly throngs.”

Thanks to Frank Sorrow
who prepared the Flood
Buckets and all who
gave a special offering to
UMCOR.

The Birthday Bash for
the United Methodist
Women, 150 years of
service to the world was
celebrated March 31.
Thanks to all who
participated in a
wonderful meal and
remembrance.

Easter Activities:

Palm Sunday, April 14,
11am – Celebrate with
Processional of Palms

Maundy Thursday, April
18 – 6PM service / with
Holy communion. Cross
is draped in black.

Easter Sunday – Sunday
School at 10 and
worship at 11am. Bring
flowers to adorn the
cross of our risen Lord.

Food and fellowship
meal is April 28, Annual
Italian meal and
fundraiser for Cancer
Assn. of Anderson.

Thank you Kent and
Linda Millwood for
hosting.

Future dates:

Food and Fellowship
dinners -

May 26, hosted by the
Choir.

August 25, Hosted by
the United Methodist
Men.

See the meal sign-up
sheet on the desk if
your group would like to
host a month.

Saturday Bible School is
planned for May 18, One
day of activities, crafts,
music and lunch, 10am-
3pm. See additional
information in this
Newsletter.

Our Lenten Bible Study
“Entering the Passion of
Jesus” by A.J. Devine,
has been well received.
Come sit in with us. The
video and discussions
are enlightening.

The Choir is planning a
Spring Sing to our shut
ins. Continue to keep
these folks in your
prayers. They love to
receive cards, and
phone-calls too.

Our next meeting will be
May 29, at 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

We are so thankful to
everyone that has made
a donation to the Bible
Fund. For twenty-four
years (twenty-five this
year) we have donated
Bibles for the patients at
Patrick B. Harris
Hospital. Just last week
I heard from Sandra
Jamison that the
chaplain had given out
his last large-print
Bible. She let me know
and I was able to order
thirty Bibles because
they were on sale for
\$3.60 each and we had
a good balance in the
Bible Fund. Again
thanks for the
donations. It is a
blessing to be able to
continue this ministry.

In April we will
participate in the
Cookies for Kairos
Prison Ministries in
South Carolina. April
25-28 will be for the
women at Leath
Correctional Institution
in Greenwood. We can
support this ministry by
praying, writing letters,

baking or buying cookies, decorating placemats and posters, or sponsoring an inmate. We will need to have our contribution to this ministry at the church by 10 o'clock on Tuesday, April 23rd. All members of the church are invited to participate in this ministry. There will be more details on the desk in the library area. We are told that our continued support of this most important ministry is deeply appreciated.

In April the speaker for the Grief Support Group will be our District Superintendent, Steve Patterson. The Outreach Team will be serving lunch. If you plan to attend, please let one of our team or Rev. Culp know. This will help us know how many to prepare for at lunch.

As usual Outreach will be helping the men cook and serve "Brinner" to our veterans. Last week Josh and I ran into one of the veterans at AnMed. His son had brought him for tests. His son expressed to us how grateful he was that our

church did this for his dad and the other veterans.

It is wonderful when we, the followers of Jesus, can be busy in service, compassionate, and sharing the good news.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

We are still greeting and serving refreshments Sunday mornings and helping out with brinner at Richard Campbell.

We finally got the sign-up sheet for church T-shirts on the library table. T-Shirts are \$10.00 each.

We are collecting recipes and asking for a short history of the recipe such as this recipe was handed down by my grandmother etc. We are going to ask our Sunday School children and church members' grandchildren to help illustrate the cookbook. (More on this later) We are also going to have memorial section of passed members' recipes. If you have any

favorites please submit. If not we can pull recipes out of previous cookbooks. Adding stories and drawings will make this cookbook extra special.

We missed the deadline to sign up for participating in the chili cook which was in February. So we will not be participating.

The Witness Team will meet Wednesday April 3rd at 11:30 with Rev. Kathy Joens. Hopefully she will give us advice on how to reach out for new people to come to our church.

- Jane Barton

. Saturday Bible School:

We had a very successful Saturday Bible School meeting last month which left us very excited.

The theme is Holy Land Adventure to be held May 18th 10:00 -3:00. We will be serving lunch.

We are going to transform the Library area where the tribes of Reuben, Dan and Joseph will visit The

Woman at The Well and have music dancing. After they will head to the market place where once inside they will visit several stations where they will engaged in crafts along with lessons. A Wise Man will be wandering around the market place sharing stories of Jesus.

Gloria and Judith will serve lunch. If anyone would like to donate monies towards lunch please contact Gloria who already has planned out the menu.

We are also looking for 3 or more pop ups which will be set up in fellowship hall to be used for stations. We will also need lots sheets or blankets to attach to pop ups to make tents. These will be returned.

We always need volunteers to serve as tribe leaders, floaters or just come and participate in the activities.

No matter our age we all are children of God.

As you can see everyone is very excited about The Holy Land Adventure.

Our next SBS meeting will be April 17th at 11:00 am. All are welcome to attend.

- Jane Barton

The Liturgist's Schedule:

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

Church Council:

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 5:00 PM.

Anderson District Covenant Group:

There will be no Covenant Group meeting in April.

Latimer T-Shirts:

Remember to order your Latimer t-shirts. They are \$10 each. The order form is on the table in the library. The deadline for this is April 30th.

Chili Cookoff:

Latimer will not participate in the Belton Chili Cookoff this year.

Offering Counters:

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



Treasurer's Report:

During the last month, Latimer has received budget receipts in the total amount of \$7,578.00. Expenses for that same period total \$10,424.37, which are broken down as follows: Salary and benefits - \$6,916.10; Utilities - \$551.79; Office expense - \$85.15; and Direct Billing - \$2,871.33.

For a more detailed of monthly income and expenses, a report is located on the bulletin board in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood



Choir Practice:

Choir Practice will be every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

Ushers:

April - Frank Sorrow

May - Frank Sorrow

Our Homebound Members:

Charles Campbell
Ernie Emhof
Jane Woodson
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning

Our Prayer Concerns:

Lane Bourne, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, David Burleson, Juanita Butler, Charles Campbell, Frank Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Katie Coward, Tim Culp, Judith DuBose, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs,

Judi Harris, Georgia Keen, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Family of JoAnn Pinson, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Tony Wilson, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, Ellen Yates

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet on Wednesday, April 10th at Noon at Olive Garden. Please contact Betty King by Monday, April 8th if you plan to attend.

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The UMC Men's Club will meet on Sunday, April 21st at 9:00 AM for breakfast and their meeting.

Prayer Breakfast:

The Prayer Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 8:00 AM.

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, April 24th at Noon. The special guest speaker will be District Superintendent, Steve Patterson. Lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, please let Pat Wilson know by April 17 so we can get an accurate count for lunch.

United Methodist Women:

Annually worldwide the United Methodist Women observe A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This year the service centered around programs promoting the well-being of children and youth. During Latimer's program the women learned mainly about two missions located geographically close to South Carolina which receive some funding from the United Methodist Women Wesley Education Center in Cincinnati got its start in the 1920s. It began with a visiting doctor and nurse making weekly visits to weigh and immunize babies and has developed into a center offering child

care to infants as young as 4 weeks. It has space to enroll 135 children. It's services include preschool and school through age 13 and also before school and after school care. This is open to anyone and does charge for care and tuition but has Title XX and United Today, 98% of Wesley Education Center's services are delivered to families who fall below the poverty level. (For more information, visit wesleyeducationcenter.org.)

If you head northwest of Atlanta toward the Georgia State line you will come to Cedartown, Georgia and the Murphy-Harpst Mission. This grew from two homes founded about 100 years ago. The children who are served here had experienced such severe emotional and behavioral issues that made safe living in a home setting unattainable until intensive therapeutic services were provided. Residential services include cottage living, York Academy remediates and prepares children to attend school

in the community once they have reached grade level and are otherwise ready to do so. There is also a fully operational clinic for medical care and assessment, a registered dietician and transportation for specialist appointments such as dentists, dermatologists and more. Adolescents aged 16 to 21 may be admitted to a Transitional Living Program where through further supportive services and independent skills training they can become a stable and productive member of the local community. These youth are placed on an educational or vocational track with the supervision of a therapist. Younger children may become eligible for the foster care program. Recreation Therapy utilizes structured, goal oriented activities to enhance and improve the children's lives. This program provides many normal "firsts" most people experience growing up, including learning to swim, riding bikes, dressing for prom, enjoying dinner at a

restaurant, painting a picture, or being a part of a team. The goal is to teach lifelong leisure pursuits to incorporate into independent lives after discharge. There is even an equine program but it is fully donor funded and doesn't receive any of the UMW support. Murphy-Harpst does not do private referrals. The children from across the State of Georgia are referred by the Department of Family and Children's Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice. If you have found this interesting there is so much more on the Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers website. Just google that.

In addition to the observing A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial the women have been busy preparing for the 150th birthday of the UMW which actually took place March 23rd. At Latimer it was celebrated on March 31 as the food and fellowship lunch. Anyone wishing to give the UMW a birthday present had the opportunity to donate to

the Legacy Endowment Fund. Latimer's local unit donated to Rural Missions as it's March mission emphasis. The circles will meet again on Monday, April 1, at 3:00 at the church. (This is not April Fool - They will meet!)

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

April 7th - Regina
Nancy

April 15th - Gloria
Judith

April 21st - Andy
Hannah

April 28th - Regina
Nancy



Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

“Brinner” at Richard Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, April 17th.

The Fellowship Meal:

The Food and Fellowship Meal for April will be Sunday the 28th. It will be

hosted by Kent and Linda Millwood. This is our annual spaghetti dinner and will be a fundraiser for the Cancer Association of Anderson.

Bishop’s Corner:

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

“Know that the Lord is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name! Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.”—Psalm 100:3-5

Many United Methodists in South Carolina have prayed about and followed along with the proceedings of the 2019 special called session of General Conference. Some see the decisions made as hurtful, yet others celebrate the outcome.

In all of this, I want to remind the people called Methodist in South

Carolina to have hope. We are still one church, we are all God’s people and each of us plays an important role as we work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This Lenten season can be a time for United Methodists across South Carolina to communicate with those who share our opinions and also with those whom we disagree by engaging in thoughtful and respectful discussion around the significant issues in our communities. While the pace of change in our society has perhaps never been more rapid than it is today, we are called to be faithful in our witness to Jesus Christ even when it feels risky and frightening to do so.

The only decision we can make is what will be the next step. It is difficult because sometimes we are comfortable where we are. And sometimes we are scared of going into the unknown. But that is not what God wants for us. That is not who God has called us to be.

You don't have to know where you want to go, but when you take that one step beyond caution into God's future for you, miraculous things will happen.

Our world is in need of people who can help us see and be part of the community. The world needs people who will respect each other regardless of who you are. How do we create the community God means for us to experience?

We were made to thrive, not simply to survive.

God wants us to be people that will lead and guide others in ways we may not even know about yet.

As followers of Christ in this Lenten season, let us be committed in our reflection, study and prayer to the hard work of peacemaking and reconciliation in our communities and beyond.

That's the way it should be with those born of the spirit.

