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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:



In Proverbs 22:6 we read, "Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it." On May 18, at our

Saturday Bible school, we have a wonderful opportunity to train up our children in the way they should go. I encourage all of you to be in support of this Bible school. This is a great event for our children and young people. I know many of you have already volunteered to help with teaching, cooking, and leading the events. If you have not and would still like to help, please contact Jane Barton to let her know you will help. Please be in prayer for this event. Please also be in touch with your friends about this special event. Their children or grandchildren may be interested in attending.

In Christ,

Rev. Wally Culp



From the Nurture Team:



"Easter people, raise your voices. Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!"

The Saturday Bible School "Holy Land Adventure" is underway. If you would like to help, please contact Jane Barton. We will have a leadership meeting on May 1 at 5:30. SBS will be held Saturday, May 18, 10am to 3pm.

If you know of Graduating students this spring, please let Wally know.

The Sunday Nursery is available to children ages 4 and under. All our nursery helpers are so dedicated and we appreciate their service to our children.

Thank you to the Millwoods for planning and preparing

the annual Italian Meal. The meal will be held May 5 after worship. All welcomed.

The Choir will be planning the next Food and Fellowship meal for May 26. All welcomed – Bring a friend.

We have a sign-up sheet in Library area for Food and Fellowship meals. Hosts are needed for June, July, September, October, November. We always look forward to this time together.

On May 12 we will recognize all the women of the church for Mother's Day celebration. Also, May 12 is the Annual Mother's Day Epworth Children's Home offering. Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave over 100 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each had this opportunity because people and churches like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in SC.

Our next Nurture meeting is May 29, 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

As usual we received a blessing when we helped the United Methodist Men serve breakfast to our Veterans at Richard Campbell in April. Any time that you feel like it or have the time come and join us. It was great to see and visit with our own Mr. Ernie Emhof. He seems to be settling in well at Richard Campbell. He was glad to see his friends from Latimer. I know he would appreciate a visit and a card.

Our Grief Support meeting in March was good. Wally shared thoughts and information with us and we took turns sharing and discussing our experiences and feelings.

Cookies for Kairos. Latimer has supported this mission for at least twenty-four years, I think. If anyone knows for sure the exact number of years, feel free to share that information. April 23rd was the day for us to take our offerings to St. Johns and meet the ladies that will see that they get to Leath in Greenwood. We had thirty-one dozen cookies, eight placemats, twenty-three notes, and some money donated. This

response reminded me of something Mother Teresa said, DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE.

Each year the Annual Conference has a Mission Initiative goal. This year to show support for the work of the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries, each charge is asked to create ONE elder basket to bring to Annual Conference 2019. There will be a basket in the Library area. Let us work together to fill this basket so Rev. Culp will have a well filled basket to take to conference.

Items requested for the Elder baskets: Canned soup, vegetables and fruit; dried beans, laundry soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, and a small treat, such as peppermint or butterscotch candy. Thank you in advance for helping fill our basket.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

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

The sign-up sheet for the T-shirts are still on the Library table. April 28th is the deadline for ordering. The final designs, front and back, are on the table in the Library.

We are still collecting your favorite recipes please give to Susie or Jane.

We met with Rev. Kathy Joens April 3rd. Had a good meeting and realized that one of our assets is our desire to want to step up, recognize and willing to change our approach in getting the younger generation interested in coming back to church.

Another one to my surprise is our age. We can be grandparent figures and offer adult activities for the elderly in the community. She suggested instead of inviting people to come to church have them Tell Me About You and get a one on one relationship started. Mention that we have a great teaching preacher, we host a monthly Grief Support Group (we are the only church in our area that has this service!) tell them about current Bible Study's.

The Witness Team is going to work on revising the

present handouts and have 1 or 2 things that define us such as Bible studies, grief support group and have Pastors name, time of service and address on back. Have members pass out to others when in conversation.

We discussed different ways to reach out into the community but decided to focus on the grief support group and SBS which is coming up soon. Rev. Kathy Joens is willing to come back and discuss how SBS went and give suggestion on having follow up activities for SBS families in the fall and throughout the year.

This meeting gave us a lot to think about. We have to remember that we cannot expect instant results but have to be patient because relationships and trust take time. The other day I was out and saw a person wearing a t-shirt that said I love my church with no other information. When our shirts come in if possible wear them when you are out and about in the community. What an awesome way to witness to others.

A big thank you to Ron and Gay Walfield for setting up, decorating the table and providing lunch it was just wonderful and delicious.

- Jane Barton

Saturday Bible School:

We are having another meeting Wednesday May 1st at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall to finalize SBS. Sandy is going to do a presentation on the scheduling and make sure our teachers and tribe leaders are prepared and have costumes. We are going to set up a station to see how it looks and flows. We may need to make wooden frames for a couple of the stations and a frame for the back drop for the woman at the well. If anyone is interested in helping out with this project please come also.

We are in need of one more pop up, lots of sheets or blankets to attach to pop ups.

We can always use more floaters or just come and participate in the fun packed activities. No matter our age we all are children of God.

The Treasurer's Report:

For budget purposes, donations to Latimer for the period from March 18 until April 18 totaled \$6,596.00, with additional donations to UMCOR in the amount of \$305.00, Bible Fund - \$50.00, and Flood Buckets - \$50.00. Expenditures were as follows: Staff salaries and benefits - \$3,321.06; Apportionments - \$1,088.00; Utilities - \$545.56; Direct Billing \$1,778.00; Office Expense - \$12.00; Fellowship Meals - \$116.18; and Vacation Bible School - \$45.23. In addition, the amount of \$305.00 was sent to the conference treasurer for UMCOR. As always, a monthly statement of receipts and expenditures as well as the budget is posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

The Liturgist's Schedule:

May 5th - Ron Walfield
May 12th - Kent Millwood
May 19th - Linda Millwood
May 26th - Sandy Sorrow

South Carolina Annual Conference:

Please be in prayer for the South Carolina Annual Conference which runs from

June 2-6, 2019, in Greenville. Important issues will be discussed this year, including the election of delegates to the 2020 General Conference and election of delegates to the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference at which Bishops will be elected. Please pray for your lay delegate Andy Bullions and Rev. Wally Culp as they attend annual conference.

Church Council:

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, May 14th at 5:00 PM.

Offering Counters:

May 5th - Ron Walfield
John Pinson - Misty Walfield
May 12th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
May 19th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
May 26th - Ron Walfield
Roy Mac
Haggard



Musical Notes:

I would like to thank all of the choir members that participated in the wonderful visitation last month. We had a **LOVE**ly visit. I

appreciate everyone taking time out of their schedules to go. I would also like to say "thank you" to those who helped in the preparation of our lunch before our visit. It was a wonderful time of food and fellowship. It has truly been such a blessing to me and my family to work and fellowship with such a wonderful group of individuals.

I would also like to add, that if anyone is interested in joining the choir, please feel free to join us for practice each Wednesday at 10 am. It is a wonderful time of fellowship with each other.

Choir Practice:

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

Anderson District Covenant Group:

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet on Thursday, May 16th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Ushers:

May - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield
June - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet at Noon on Wednesday, May 22nd. Lunch will be served.

May Food and Fellowship Time:

The May 26th Food and Fellowship Meal will be hosted by the Choir.

Our Homebound:

Charles Campbell
Ernie Emhof
Jane Woodson
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 8th at The Village Café and Bakery in Pendleton. Please let Susie Howell know by Monday, May 6th if you plan to attend.



National Day of Prayer:

On May 2nd at 6:30 PM, there will be a community wide worship service for National Day of Pray at Belton First Baptist Church. There will be food fellowship afterwards for all.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Lane Bourne, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Juanita Butler, Charles Campbell, Frank Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Katie Coward, Tim Culp, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Family of Zelpha Manning Fields, Dick and Nancy Finney, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs, Judi Harris, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Tony Wilson,

Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, Ellen Yates

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, May 19th at 9:00 AM.

Rev. Culp's Office Hours:

Rev. Culp's office hours are 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. Please check the bulletin board each week for changes to the office hours.



United Methodist Women:

On Sunday March 31 the Latimer UMW celebrated the international UMW's 150th birthday. During the morning worship service a UMW recognition pin was awarded to Sandy Sorrow

for all of her dedicated work to both the women's ministry and the total work of Latimer United Methodist church. Following the church service the women hosted the food and fellowship lunch with a birthday party theme. Over thirty people attended the "covered side dish party and it seemed as if there were more dishes of food than people! Donations totaling \$175 were made to the UMW legacy foundation fund which enabled the Latimer unit to submit \$275 to this fund.

April was the Kairos Month for the Leath Women's Correctional Institute. The women made placemats and wrote notes of encouragement to send along with the cookies always donated. The mission emphasis for the month was The Bethlehem Center in Columbia, SC.

The Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward circles will meet again on Monday, May 6, at 3:00 at the church.

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

May 5th - Gloria Eaves
 Judith DuBose
May 12th - Andy Bullions
 Hannah Brooks
May 19th - Regina Bullions
 Nancy Ellett
May 26th - Gloria Eaves
 Judith DuBose

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

"Brinner" at Richard C. Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, May 12th.

New Address:

Ernie Emhof is now at Richard Campbell and his room number is 228A in Building #2.

Bishop's Corner:

Prayerfully Speaking

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

"They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ...And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed... 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I will, but what you will.'"—Mark 14:32,35-36

By the time you read this message, we will likely be walking into Jerusalem. A group of more than 40 United Methodists from around South Carolina are making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Some have been ordained and are making the journey for the first time. Yet others have been here before and are eager to be back in the very places where Jesus walked.

One of the places that I always look forward to going is Gethsemane, where there is time for prayer in the garden, where we can pray while looking up at the gates of Jerusalem.

On one such pilgrimage, our group was joined by the miners that had been rescued during the 2010 Chilean mining accident. We were there beside these people of faith who had spent more than two months trapped underground, unsure of whether or not they would be rescued, yet remaining hopeful and steadfast. It moved me to know I was sharing space with people from so many different walks of life, who brought with them so many different causes for celebration or concern—to be in this place of prayer and this place of

peace. This time and place where all the people are praying. The very place where Jesus prayed, not for his own will, but for God's will to be done.

Why do I pray? I pray so that I might come to know God more intimately. God has created us to be in fellowship and community with Him. I long to know God. I want to be able to discern God's voice, to hear God speak to me clearly even in the midst of so much other noise of this world. And so, I spend time listening and sharing with the One who called us into being.

I pray.

What am I praying for? I am praying that God's will might be made known to me. That God's will is going to be done in the midst of all that we see and all that we do. And I am praying for the strength to persevere in doing God's will and God's work in mission and ministry. That's what Jesus did.

Living a life of prayer leads to living a life at peace. At peace with yourself. At peace with the world. Moving out of the storm.

As we prepare for Easter, this is a time when we can

step aside and reinforce a time of daily prayer. As we celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of the one who has given us everything we

need, we can make it a priority to live a life of prayer, actively seeking God's will for our lives.

How will fellowship with God look for you? How will you seek God's will? It is said that each of us are the composite of the five people we spend the most time with. Are these five in your life folks who are seeking God's will? Are they hopeful and steadfast in their faith,

spurring you on to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?

We need each other in this life of faith—in seeking a more excellent way to know God and make God known to others, and to encourage one another as we persevere in doing God's will.

