



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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Pastor's Ponderings:

I am excited about being appointed to serve

another year as your minister at Latimer

Memorial United Methodist Church. We have a lot of good things going on here at Latimer and I believe we have a great leadership team in place. I am pleased with the creative ideas which have been coming out of the NOW teams and thought the Saturday Bible school went well and was beneficial to all involved. We need to continue to build on the relationships made during the Bible school and plan other activities for our young people. We will also continue to promote our church's grief support group in the community as we are really the only church in the area which offers this type of ministry.

Please pray for Latimer as we set our goals for 2019-2020. I also ask that you pray that God continue to guide each of you in your role in our

church. Each of you has specific gifts and talents. How will God use you?

If you are in a leadership role, are you being lead to continue in that ministry? If you are not currently part of a NOW team, would you consider offering your time and talents?

Please use the summer time to not only get some rest but to consider your role at Latimer for the next year. We have great things going on here but we always need to keep moving forward.
In Christ,

- Rev. Wally Culp

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, a time to remember our heritage and freedoms under God
July – National Blueberry Month

July – National Ice Cream Month

July – National Hot Dog Month

July – Lots of Latimer folks celebrate birthdays

The Food and fellowship meal on June 30 was a "Covered Dish" meal provided by those in attendance and hosted by the Nurture Team.

Our next F/F Meal "Back to School" will be

July 28, hosted by the Nurture Team. See the list for school supplies we are collecting for the local schools.

The August F/F meal will be hosted by the Men's Club.

Remember our homebound folks and 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.

A big THANK YOU to Susie Howell for signing on as rotating Nursery Helper. 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:

Even though we did not feel like we had the manpower to serve lunch to the Salkehatchie group this year, we can be in prayer for them.

Monday at Meals on Wheels we were so short on desserts. We

can help with this by donating Little Debbie cakes. Any flavor or kind is good just so they are wrapped individually. There is a container on the desk in the Library. Help us fill that container up every week. Many people in Belton receive meals so if you participate in this ministry, you will be helping your neighbors.

Our Bible fund is good right now, but please put in a few dollars all along so that we will be ready to provide God's word to others when there is a need or request.

The Grief Support group did not meet in June. We plan to meet in July.

Thank you so much is you helped fill the basket for the Native American Elders. Your response was great and these baskets will provide much needed items for many of the Elders.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team is working on a new

Latimer Cookbook that we hope to have ready by the first part of 2020. Some of our children and grandchildren will be illustrating the different sections. They will be working on this over the summer. We have also asked our members, relatives, children, and friends to supply recipes for our cookbook.

We also plan to update the address, phone numbers, and email address pages of our Church Directory.

The Witness Team along with the Nurture Team and Outreach Team are working on a back-to-school bash for our Saturday Bible School kids and grandkids. This will take place the last week of July or the first week of August.

We are helping to collect school supplies for Marshall Primary and Belton Elementary School. A container has been placed in the library for these supplies. They will be given to the teachers at the schools for distribution to the

students as needed. Some of our local students can't bring supplies that the teachers request so this is our way of helping these kids. This will be a church-wide effort and all donations are appreciated. You can bring these any time but we would like to have everything by the Back-to-School Food and Fellowship Meal the last Sunday in July which is July 28th.

We would like to thank Frank and Max for volunteering to be the Sunday morning greeters while Jane and David are back in NH for the summer. And also thank Ron and Gay for taking care of the Sunday morning drink and snack table for them.

- Susie Howell

The Liturgist's Schedule:

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

Church Council:

The next Church Council meeting will be July 16th at 5:00 PM.

Prayer Breakfast:

Our Prayer Breakfast is every Tuesday at 8:00 AM. Everyone is welcome.

Offering Counters:

July 7th - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
July 14th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
July 21st - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
July 28th - Ron Walfield
Frank Sorrow

Ushers:

July - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield
August - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield



Our Prayer Concerns:

Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Juanita Butler,

Frank Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Katie Coward, Tim Culp, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Dick and Nancy Finney, Jim Grubbs, Jane Jackson, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Family of Dot Peck, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, David Shirley, Jr., Kandice Shirley, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Tony Wilson, Frank Woods, Family of Jane Woodson



Camp

Dandelion

Grief Camp

July 25, 2019

Camp Dandelion is a free one-day children's grief camp held by Hospice of the Upstate. It gives children ages 6 - 12, who have experienced the

death of a loved one, a chance to come together in friendship and fellowship. Participants will:

- Attend Grief Support Groups led by trained Counselors
- Learn ways to cope with their loss
- Have fun with group games, arts, drama, and nature, led by Hospice of the Upstate staff

To reserve a spot for your child, please complete the questionnaire and medical release in the Camp Dandelion packet and return it to Hospice of the Upstate. Please submit all forms by **JULY 5TH**. Space is limited.

Paperwork should be mailed or returned to:

Hospice of the Upstate
1835 Rogers Road
Anderson SC 29621

All questions regarding camp can be directed to:

Molly McCurley, MMFT,
LMFT
Hospice of the Upstate
864-328-1950

Camp Dandelion 2019 will be held at Hospice of the Upstate Bereavement Center, 1835 Rogers Road, Anderson SC 29621

Drop Off: 7:30 - 8:00 AM
Pick Up: 5:00 PM

*****Parents/Guardians*****
We will send each family home with dinner and an activity that we recommend you completing with your child. This activity will reinforce what they learned at camp and will facilitate an opportunity for open discussion on the material.

The questionnaire and medical release form can be obtain through Andy Bullions or Susie Howell. Let them know you are interested or know someone who is and they will be glad to email you the forms.

Our Homebound:

Barb Emhof
Ernie Emhof
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning

Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Red Lobster at noon on Wednesday, July 10th.

Anderson District Covenant Group:

The Anderson District Covenant Group will not meet again until September.



Meals on Wheels:

Meals on Wheels is in need of desserts to go with the meals they deliver. There is a container in the church library for donations of Little Debbie Cakes. Please help out by donating. These meals are delivered in Anderson and Belton.

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, July 21st.

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group did not meet in June but are meeting again on July

24th at noon. Lunch will be served. There will be no guest speaker for this meeting.

United Methodist Women:

House churches, plain people meeting in a plain house, could be considered the birthplaces of the Christian church. Acts 16:11-15 tells about Lydia who was one leader of a house church. June's program presented by Pat Wilson had the objective to study Biblical women's leadership in their house churches and apply that understanding to the importance of our own hospitality, especially as it relates to our own homes and food. Priscilla and Aquila were a couple who were also involved in house churches. Even in the present time small church groups still meet in homes and Latimer's women can remember when the circles held their meetings in a different home each month.

An Elder Basket to support native Americans was sponsored by Latimer UMW and was taken to annual conference. June's mission

emphasis was the Tracy Jackson fund which provides summer and back to school programs for children. The bereavement meal for the family of Jane Woodson was prepared in May with the men's club providing the chicken. July's food and fellowship meal sponsored by the Nurture Team will have a back to school theme and the women will help to provide some school supplies for this event.

There will be no summer circle meetings. The next meeting will be Monday, September 9, at 3:00 at the church.

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

- July 7th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
- July 14th - Andy Bullions
Susie Howell
- July 21st - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett
- July 28th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

"Brinner" at Richard C. Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home will be Wednesday, July 17th.



School Supplies:

The Belton schools are in need of classroom supplies. Not all families can afford to buy these supplies for their children. These will be distributed by the teachers as needed. Following is a list of supplies that are needed and a wish list of supplies:

Classroom Supplies:

- black and white composition books
- plastic folders with brads and pockets (blue, green, red, orange, yellow)
- post-it-notes
- 4 pack of dry erase markers
- 24 pack of pencils
- glue sticks
- highlighters
- wide rule notebook paper
- Kleenex

- hand sanitizer

Wish List Supplies:

- bag of Skittles
- white copy paper
- headphones (not ear buds)
- Lysol spray
- air fresheners
- washable markers
- coloring pencils
- baby wipes
- Clorox wipes
- Sharpie markers
- pens (red, black, and blue)
- large pink erasers
- items for weekly prize box (balls, stickers, pencils, candy, suckers, etc.)
- items for treasure chest (small toys, hats, costume jewelry, pocketbooks, knick-knacks, art supplies, stationery, books, etc.) Any item that you would normally send to Goodwill, the kids will think they are real treasures.

There will be a container in the church library for these items. Bring the any time or bring them to the July Back-to-School Food and Fellowship Meal on Sunday, July 27th.

There will be a list of these items that you can take with you shopping on the table in the church library.



Back-to-School Party:

The NOW Teams are working on a back-to-school party for our Saturday Bible School kids.



Choir Practice:

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

Treasurer's Report:

For the month of May-June, the following receipts and expenditures have been received and paid: Receipts for budget purposes received in the amount of \$7,547.00. Expenditures as follows: Staff salaries and benefits - \$3,483.12; Direct Billing (includes health for minister) -

\$2871.33; VBS - \$80.30; Upper Room - \$39.00; Annual Conference - \$750.00; Office expense - \$14.00; and Apportionments - \$2153.00. In addition, the amount of \$420.00 was collected for and sent to Epworth.

- Linda Millwood

Fellowship Meal:

The July Back-to-School Food and Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, July 27th. This will be a covered dish hosted by the Nurture Team. Bring your favorite dish to share along with your school supply donations.

Annual Conference:

Among the things accomplished at Annual Conference were:

*Elected sixteen delegates (eight lay, eight clergy) plus alternates to go General Conference set for May 5-15 2020 in Minneapolis.

* Elected sixteen delegates (eight lay,

eight clergy) plus alternates to go Jurisdictional Conference set for July 15-18 2020 in Lake Junaluska, NC.

* Thirty-six local pastors were licensed.

* The last order of business on Monday was the ordination and commissioning of nineteen clergy as elders and deacons. Seven were ordained as full elders.

*Thirty retiring pastors were honored and recognized Tuesday morning.

* There were 2264 professions of faith recorded in the SC Conference in 2018.

There were three petitions up for vote, all being sexuality issues with each stemming from decisions made at the special called session of General Conference in February in St. Louis. All three of these petitions were ruled to be invalid and therefore out of order. Bishop Holston urged the makers of the petitions to put them in proper order and resubmit them by October 8

to be considered for General Conference 2020.

Financial issues discussed and approved were:

* Approved a South Carolina Annual Conference budget of \$16,828, 850.00

for the fiscal year 2020.
* Approved an increase for the church monthly health fee to 2020 (actual) 1063 dollars.

*There was a great deal of discussion about the current financial situation of the Methodist Oaks of Orangeburg retirement home. It is in bankruptcy with a 17 million dollar deficit and has operated in the red for a number of years. There are currently 353 residents. It was moved and approved that the SC Conference divest itself of this property.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the presentation made by Rev. John Holler, president of Epworth Children's Home and former Latimer pastor. Rev. Holler told of Epworth's Every Child Is a Miracle Campaign, a comprehensive 10

million dollar financial campaign that will prepare Epworth to meet the needs of children, youth, and families not only in Columbia but statewide and Epworth's new Institute for Child and Family Wellbeing. Watch for more about these wonderful happenings at Epworth.

- Andy Bullions

Bishop's Corner:

Blessed Assurance

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

"This is God's word on the subject: As soon as Babylon's 70 years are up and not a day before, I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."—Jeremiah 29:10-11 The Message
As you receive this edition of the Advocate, delegates from across our state are gathering for a time of Christian conferencing and

celebration. Our annual conference theme, "A Future with Hope," continues our faith journey in seeking a more excellent way to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world.

In celebrating the culmination of this past year of ministry, we have an opportunity to 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.

In our gathering, I believe Annual Conference is a time to reinforce our identity as a community of faith, mission and ministry. I also believe that we are a people who love God, seek to do God's will and love and cherish each other, as well as treat others with dignity and honesty.

The state motto for South Carolina is simply "While I breathe, I hope." It is my expectation and hope that our Annual Conference will be a glorious time of celebration where the

graciousness of God and the generosity of God's people called United Methodist will be experienced in excellent ways.

As we breathe a collective breath together, it is my hope that we will stay in conversation with one another, focus on the things that unite us and remain steadfast in our mission to walk together toward a future with hope.

I offer this prayer for our time of Christian conferencing and celebration: "Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for your presence in our lives and the promise that you have plans for us to prosper and not to be harmed. Continue your good work in our families and our lives. Help us to understand how we can make a difference—in our church, in our community and in our world—as your instruments of hope. Amen."