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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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The South Carolina delegation to the United Methodist General Conference in May will

be holding a listening session at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday February 16, at Mauldin United Methodist Church, 100 Butler Road, Mauldin, SC. Those who attend may express their concerns about the United Methodist Church to the delegates. Attendees may also express their hopes for the UMC. Attendees may also tell the delegates what they think the delegates need to know about the 2020 General Conference. You may register for this event by going to the South Carolina United Methodist Church website.

- Rev. Wally Culp

From the Nurture Team:

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no

more." Isaac Watts, 1719.

A little more winter, but Spring is not far behind.

Thank you Linda and Kent Millwood for sponsoring the annual Chili Cook-off January 26. Several members brought their best Chilis and all were tasty. We look forward to the annual Italian meal in April.

This month our Fellowship Meal will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, February 25 at 6 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the library for your help in providing this meal for all to share.

Speaking of sign-up sheets, there are other months available for your group to host a Food and Fellowship meal. You can choose the last Sunday of the month, or another day. Sign up with another group, or host a "Pot-Luck" meal.

Volunteer opportunity is in the nursery on Sundays during worship. Please let Regina know if you feel called to serve this way.

Please keep Latimer Memorial in your prayers and the many activities to witness to others through-out the year. If you know of someone who would like a visit or Communion served at home or hospital, please let Wally know.

February 26 is Ash Wednesday. We will announce the time in the bulletin.

We will again have Saturday Bible School for the community children. The NOW teams will be meeting to discuss the plans. Stay tune for further announcements.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

The Grief Support Group did not meet in January.

Reminder...We did not serve "Brinner" to our Veterans at Richard

Campbell the month of January. They are in the process of remodeling the kitchen.

We joined with the Witness and Nurture Teams to have a special day for the children and youth on Saturday January 18th at the church.

We assisted Kent and Linda with the Chili Cookoff on the 26th of January.

Several boxes of Little Debbie Cakes were donated to Meals on Wheels. These are sent out to people that receive meals. Thanks you so much for helping with this ministry.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

We had another huge successful event with the children Associated with our church. We had 6 children and 10 adults. We all had a real good time but were tired after the event. They made drawings for the cookbook, had a pizza party, baked cookies, played games, had a

bible lesson and did other activities with Pat Wilson, Glenda and Linda while the cookies were cooking. They decorated a sugar cookie for themselves then bagged up cookies in gift bags to be passed out Sunday morning to members of the congregation, which was well received. I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who participated in any way. The Witness Team along with the NOW Team is planning on another event to be held in the spring.

The deadline for ordering the hats is February 15th the minimum order is 12 hats at \$15.00@. We have hats on order now. After the deadline an order will be placed.

Susie has been busy with the monthly newsletter along with the cookbook. The deadline for recipes will be at the end of this month.

Sandy and I are in the process of planning SBS which will be held Saturday May 30th 11:00 - 3:00. We really like the theme Wilderness Escape

where God guides and provides. It would be an adventure to wander in a controlled group thru out the church like the Israelites journey with Moses and end up in the fellowship hall for lessons, crafts and games outside weather permitting. The NOW Teams will have a SBS meeting to be announced sometime in February.

We have decided not to participate in the State Chili Cook off in April.

We want to have a Blessing of the Animals on a Saturday TBA in March or April and invite the community to join us. We will hold a special meeting in February to get this event organized.

- Jane Barton

The Liturgist's Schedule:

Feb. 2nd - Ron Walfield
Feb. 9th - Kent Millwood
Feb. 16th - Linda Millwood
Feb. 23rd - Sandy Sorrow

Church Council:

The next Church Council meeting will be March 10th at 5:00 PM.

Prayer Breakfast:

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

Offering Counters:

Feb. 2nd - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
Feb. 9th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
Feb. 16th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
Feb. 23rd - Ron Walfield
Roy Mac
Haggard

Ushers:

February - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield
March - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield



Our Prayer Concerns:

Sarah Blackwell, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Juanita Butler, Bessie and Frank Clark, Katie Coward, Theresa Coward, Tim Culp, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Linda Emhof, Dick and Nancy Finney, Jim

Grubbs, Eugene
Hembree, Jane Jackson,
Amy and Jim Lane,
Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Sara McDowell, Mike Mock, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Keith Ridgeway, Melissa Scott, Kandice Shirley, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Pat Wilson, Frank Woods, Carl and Ellen Yates

Our Homebound:

Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning
Frank Clark
Bessie Clark

Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Olive Garden on February 12th at Noon. Please contact Pat Wilson by Monday, February 10th if you plan to attend

Anderson District Covenant Group:

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet Thursday, February 20th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, February 16th.

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet on Thursday, February 27th at Noon.

United Methodist Women:

January 6 is Epiphany, the day which celebrates the arrival of the Wise Men to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Therefore, Pat Wilson read that story from Matthew 2nd to introduce the monthly meeting program. Symbolically this event also celebrates the revealing of Christ to the Gentiles.

Anderson District UMW will observe it's annual Day Apart on April 4. The mission emphasis will be for "Helping Hands of Clemson" which is a foster home for abused and neglected children. Latimer's women will be collecting toiletries for children (toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap,

etc.) and also housekeeping supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, detergent, dryer sheets). A box/basket will be placed in the church for these items. Latimer's circles are asking all women to help collect these items even if you are not involved in a circle.

The next Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circle meeting will be Monday, February 3rd, at 3:00 at the church.

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

- Feb. 2nd - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
- Feb. 9th - Andy Bullions
Susie Howell
- Feb. 16th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett
- Feb. 23rd - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose

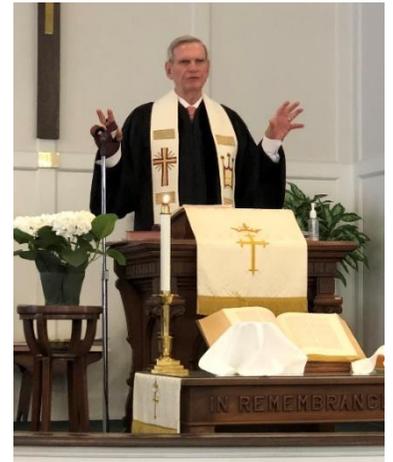
Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

We will not be serving "Brinner" at Richard Campbell in February. They are currently having their kitchen remodeled.



Choir Practice:

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



Guest Minister:

Rev. John Culp was our guest minister on Sunday, January 5th while Wally was taking some time off.

Treasurer's Report:

As of December 31, 2019, the balance of the general account was \$45,367.27, of which \$28,736.49 is escrow, leaving an operating balance of \$16,630.78. The housing allowance balance is \$3,171.53; deposits continue to be made to this account

from the Martha Manry endowment. All usual expenditures are in the normal range.

For the year 2019, receipts totaled \$103,279.05, while expenditures totaled \$103,910.64 at a loss of \$631.59. However, an additional \$2,920.00 was paid on apportionments over the budgeted amount, resulting in the payment of 69% of apportionments for the year. No line item amounts went over budget, with most having a slight surplus balance. Special offerings were collected in an amount slightly over \$2,500.00 and paid out to the designated places. Escrow funds remain fairly stable with moderate growth in the Trustees' account due to payments from the Foundation as well as some anonymous donations.

The rental account has a balance of \$34,270.46. Payments continue on a regular basis for Houses 3, 4, and 6. Insurance, custodial payments, taxes, and the monthly amount to BIMA are

made from the rental account.

An itemized monthly report is posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

Fellowship Meal:

Our Food and Fellowship Meal will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, February 25th at 6 PM.

Bishop's Corner:

Stand in Awe

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit....’ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the

apostles.”—Acts 2:38,41-43

Once again, it is a new year, a time of listing the things we will resolve to do in the coming months. Some of these resolutions will be new, but much of the list contains “carryovers” from years gone by. Maybe the one resolution to make sure is on your list is to live beyond expectations.

What is it to live beyond expectations? Nelson Mandela described this shift in perspective in this way: “In judging our progress as individuals, we tend to concentrate on external factors such as one’s social position, influence and popularity, wealth and standard of education.... But internal factors may be more crucial in assessing one’s development as a human being: humility, purity, generosity, absence of vanity, readiness to serve your fellow men—qualities within the reach of every human soul.”

We interact with others on a daily basis, and each of these groups of family, friends, colleagues, service

providers or neighbors experience who we are in a unique way, just as we experience part of who they are. Too often, we identify who we are supposed to be based on the expectations of others rather than on internal factors. To live beyond expectations, however, is to never allow someone else's opinion of you to become your reality.

The parable of the three bricklayers is rooted in an authentic story. It is said that one day in 1671, Christopher Wren, a famous architect, observed three bricklayers on a scaffold. The first was crouched, another was half-standing and the third was standing tall. To the first bricklayer, Christopher Wren asked the question, "What are you doing?" to which the bricklayer replied, "I'm working hard laying bricks to feed my family." When asked the same question, the second bricklayer replied, "I'm building a wall." And the third bricklayer, the most productive of the three, answered in this way, "I'm building a cathedral to The Almighty."

All three were assigned the same task, yet each approached it from a different perspective. The third bricklayer recognized his role as part of the bigger picture. He was not limited to only what he could see. This third bricklayer had the ability to dream beyond the current reality.

The ability to dream unleashes innovation. When you begin to dream, new ideas flow and the impossible becomes possible. Your eyes open to the big picture that God is transforming the world, and you begin dreaming of how to participate in this transformation, standing in awe of the wonders and signs that you now see, just as the first-century disciples did.

As followers of Jesus, we are each invited to participate in the transforming work that God is doing in the world. It is up to each of us to make the effort of shifting our perspective so that we recognize this opportunity to live beyond expectations in all that we say and do. Nelson Mandela

embodied the importance of this effort to make the mental shift. Naming his reality following decades of imprisonment, Mandela said, "As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Set yourself free from bondage to the past. Treat others how you want to be treated. It is not only what you do, but also how you do it that matters. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, claiming your identity in Christ alone so that you can begin living beyond expectations, ready to answer with confidence when asked, "What are you doing?"

A special "Fun Day" was held on January 18th for the children and grandchildren of our church. The kids designed the artwork for our upcoming church cookbook, played games, had pizza and snacks, and baked and decorated cookies to be given to some of our church members and for the Sunday morning "Coffee Hour" table. Thank you to all our kids and grandkids and the church members that worked so hard to make this a great success.

