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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 a Lenten sermon series I am going to be preaching in March. The sermons will be based on a

set of sermons developed by ministers in the South Carolina United Methodist conference. They are a continuation of the "Come Follow Me" discipleship series I preached last year. This series is entitled: "*A Disciple's Journey Through Lent.*"

There will be four sermons which will cover the month of March. Sermon 1 will cover the Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17). What does it mean for us to be baptized into Christ? Sermon 2 deals with the wilderness and temptations of Christ. In the wilderness Christ experienced severe temptation concerning his identity. What are the challenges to our identity as Christian followers? How do we face such temptation? Sermon 3 deals with prayer and attitude (Matthew 6:1-18). How are we engaged in the work of introspection, prayer and fasting as disciples? Finally, Sermon 4 deals with healing, service and following (Matthew 6:14-22). Jesus and his disciples engage in hands on ministry. What is our

ministry? How are we following Christ in ministry and mission?

Please be in prayer that these sermons will be a fruitful teaching lesson for all of us. I have given you the topics and scripture passages so you can go ahead and do study and reflection on your own if you so choose. I encourage you to let this time of Lent be a period of spiritual growth for you.

In Christ,

Rev. Wally Culp

From the Nurture Team:

The 40 days of Lent. Tell me the story of Jesus, vs 2:

"Fasting alone in the desert, Tell of the days that are past.

How for our sins He was tempted, yet was triumphant at last.

Tell of the years of His labor, tell of the sorrow He bore.

He was despised and afflicted, homeless, dejected and poor."

During this season, we focus on the activities of Jesus, drawing closer to God and dedicating ourselves to follow Him.

The Pastor will have a Lenten Sermon Series "Come, Follow Me: A Disciple's journey through Lent."

Each Sunday looks at defining moments in Jesus' ministry as presented in the Gospel of Matthew.

March 29, will be our Food and Fellowship POTLUCK meal after church. Bring a dish to share.

Thanks to all who participated in the Fat Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) meal and celebration on February 25. David and Jane Barton volunteered cooking the pancakes. There is always plenty to eat, some to take home and enjoyed by everyone .

Other times for our Fellowship meal are: April 26– Italian Meal fundraiser for Cancer Association of Anderson, hosted by Kent and Linda Millwood.

June 28, meal hosted by Ron and Gay Walfield.

Plenty of months available for your team or group to

host. See sign-up sheet on table in Library area.

The N.O.W. Teams are planning the Saturday Bible School. This year theme will be "Wilderness Escape."

The date is May 30 10am to 2pm. Watch for news and future dates.

February 26 was the beginning of the Lenten Season and Ash Wednesday. Remember Easter is April 12.

Continue to keep our church and members in your prayers. We are grateful Pastor Wally continues to heal. If you know someone who would like a visit, or Communion serve to them at home, please let Pastor Wally or Glenda know. Our visitation team can arrange for this.

Next Nurture team meeting will be March 15 at 4pm.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

Women's Kairos April 23-26 Women at Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, S.C.

All are invited to be involved in this ministry. "I was in prison and you visited me" Matthew 25:26

You can be involved by doing one or all of the following:

1. Pray
2. Write notes
3. Bake or buy cookies
4. Decorate Placemats and Posters
5. Money Donations.

We will need to have the cookies, etc. at Latimer by 10 A.M. on Tuesday, April 21st.

A special thanks to Kent and Linda and all who participated to make the Chili Cook-Off a "delicious" success. The monies went to help cancer patients in Anderson County.

All of the Little Debbie Cakes are greatly appreciated at Meals On Wheels. These little cakes ensure that all(except diabetics) have a dessert with their meal.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

Susie has been working overtime on the cookbook. She is getting the best prices for finishing this project. We have proof read the book twice and after corrections we will proof read the book again. Thank you for all the recipes that

you have given us some old favorites and quite a few new ones. Thanks goes out to the SBS children for their drawings which adds so much to the cookbook. Sign-up sheets for purchasing the cookbook are also on the library table.

The first planning meeting of the NOW team for this year's Saturday Bible School will be held in March. The date and time will be announced later. Everyone is welcome to attend and help with the planning. Come share your ideas with the rest of the team.

We are still greeting and providing refreshments before church. This time is an important part of fellowship to be able to talk with each other about what took place in our lives during the past week and plan for the week ahead before we enter the Sanctuary. Thank you all for the snacks and water donations the children really enjoy the refreshment table.

We look forward in helping with the March Brinner at Richard Campbell.

- Jane Barton

The Liturgist Schedule:

March 1st - Ron Walfield
March 8th - Kent Millwood
March 15th - Linda Millwood
March 22nd - Songfest
March 29th - Sandy Sorrow

Church Council:

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

Treasurer's Report:

For the first six weeks of 2020, Latimer's offerings have totaled \$10,840.00. During that same time period, expenditures have been \$9,320.13. Included in those payments have been: staff salaries and benefits - \$6,912.66; office expense - \$147.03; utilities - \$672.81; apportionments - \$1,099.00. In addition, payments were made for music, pulpit replacement, and Sunday School materials. As always, a detailed monthly report is posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

Offering Counters:

March 1st - Ron Walfield
 John Pinson
March 8th - Ron Walfield
 Kent Millwood
March 15th - Ron Walfield
 Jim DuBose
March 22nd - Ron Walfield
 Roy Mac
 Haggard
March 29th - Ron Walfield
 Frank Sorrow

Grief Support Group:

There will be no Grief Support Group meeting in March.

Ushers:

March - Frank Sorrow
 Max Walfield
April - Frank Sorrow
 Max Walfield

Food and Fellowship Time:

Our March Food and Fellowship meal will be a covered dish on Sunday, March 29th.

Our Homebound:

Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning
Frank Clark
Bessie Clark

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at the Village Grill in Pendleton on Wednesday, March 11th at noon. Please let Susie Howell know by Monday, March 9th if you plan to be there.

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, March 15th at 9:00 AM.

United Methodist Women:

"How the Light Gets In" was the title of Pat Wilson's January program. Its purpose was to emphasize the call of the church to hold up the light. As a visual prop Pat place a white candle with a wire (representing barbed wire) on the alter table. The candle represented light and the wire represented darkness. Light + Darkness = Hope is Coming. She presented examples of times, places and people who have been suppressed and related it to this visual

example. Second Corinthians 4:67 was the Biblical reference. The conclusion left everyone with two thoughts: God will melt us and mold us if we will let him, and Darkness will never overcome the Light.

Anderson District UMW's Day Apart will be held at Central Wesleyan 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 and also housekeeping supplies. A box along with a list of needs 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 Call to Prayer and Self Denial will be observed at the UMW meeting on Mon. March 2 at 3:00 at the church. All women are

invited to attend this annual program.

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

March 1st - Andy Bullions
Susie Howell
March 8th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett
March 15th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
March 22nd - Andy Bullions
Susie Howell
March 29th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

I had a meeting with Kevin the Dietary Manager at Richard Campbell yesterday to discuss the Latimer Brinner team returning to Richard Campbell to cook the evening meal as we had before. Kevin told me that the dish washing equipment has been replaced as has flooring, piping, electrical, and air conditioning & heat. Otherwise everything else will be the same. We will see! It is planned that R. Campbell staff will begin serving the residents in the renovated dining area on March 1. They will work out the kinks before we get there. Richard Campbell has the Latimer Brinner team on their calendar to cook the evening meal for the residents on March 18. We will have a team meeting prior to that. If

anyone has questions
please call me at
864-437-985.

Remember: We cook March 18!

-Andy Bullions



Members of our congregation meet with family and friends at “Smokin’ Pig” in Anderson to tell Michelle and Ethan goodbye after their visit with David and Jane.

Bishop’s Corner:

Not by sight

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

“But now, says the Lord—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don’t fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won’t sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won’t be scorched and flame

won’t burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.”
Isaiah 43:1-3 (CEB)

Followers of Christ are often called to walk by faith and not by sight as we live in the in-between times modeled through Scripture.

To walk by faith, not by sight, requires you to go to places God will reveal to you even if they are not familiar and to cling to the dreams God has planted in your heart. God’s promise is our assurance! You must have a strong determination to follow God’s plan regardless of what life throws at you and have the courage to stand up for the hurting, broken and downtrodden. You may even face death yourself for the good of others, and as the classic song reminds us, you may have to play the part of the fool sometimes. Remember, our joyful obedience to Jesus brings glory to God.

We know that the world is still an imperfect place, and sometimes the road to reconciliation seems to grow ever longer. We have not yet arrived at the dream that Martin Luther King Jr. so aptly described over 50 years ago, “that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and

mountain shall be made low. The rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.”

As people of faith who profess to love and trust the Lord our God, we walk by faith toward this future.

In fact, our call is not to wait for perfect conditions before taking the next step in faith. The call is to press on no matter the obstacles, no matter the challenges. I urge you, no matter the circumstances, to look for the opportunities. For what you seek, often you will find.

It has been said that “We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.” Each day we are called to make the decision to view life through the lens of possibilities instead of barriers.

When you find an opportunity, take that step forward in faith, even if the destination is not yet clear. One faithful step at a time, the path will be revealed, but you have to keep moving forward to find out what is next. Remember, the life of faith is more than

a moment; it is a
movement!

As we embark on the month
of February, designated as
Black History Month, claim
a posture of purpose,
recognizing that many have
gone before us, walking by
faith to pave the way toward
a more just and equitable
world.

So, get out of your comfort
zone. Practice listening to
and obeying the voice of the
Holy Spirit, as well as
following the truth of God's
Word. Make the decision to
focus on the possibilities
instead of the problems,
and in the process, you will
be walking by faith toward
God's promises.

