



Latimer's Voice

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Editors 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. The deadline for all news items needs to be to me by the 20th of each month. So it can be compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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Chairperson-Witness Team
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From The Nurture Team:

Food and Fellowship Meals for the future, May 29 – Hosted by the Hipp Class; this will serve as the Farewell Meal for the Ropers. The Hipp Class will provide the meat, tea, set-up, etc. However, the class believes that this should be

a more special event and would like the quantity, quality and variety of food to express the entire congregation's appreciation of Jeff and his family. Therefore, this will be a church-wide covered dish dinner through which everyone can extend their gratitude with their special recipes. Come share in our meal, our love and best wishes to Pastor Jeff, Jennie and Megan, as they prepare to leave for a new pastoral assignment in June.

June 26 – Hosted by Latimer Lovelies; July 31 – Hosted by Nurture Team, Back to School and Pizza; Aug. 28 Hosted by Choir; Sept. 25 – Hosted by Huffman class; Oct. 30 – Hosted by UMW; Nov. 27 – Hosted by Men's Club; and December – Family night.

Remember Mother's Day on May 8. We are Looking forward to summer with Vacation Bible School and the Block Party. I'm sure Dan Fortney and the VBS team would appreciate volunteers and need your assistance. Home Made Ice Cream and Talent Show are in the plans for this summer too.

Next Meeting, May 1 at 4:00pm

--- Sandy Sorrow

The Latimer Lovelies:

Latimer Lovelies will meet at Olive Garden on May 11 @ 12:00. If you plan to attend call or email Angela Pinson.
Cell# 642- 7057
angela.h.pinson@gmail.com
Hope to see you there.

--- Angela Pinson

From: Latimer Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee:

LATIMER MEMORIAL UMC WILL HAVE NEW PASTOR JUNE 22

During our morning worship service April 17 the Rev. Jeff Roper announced that after seven years in Latimer's pulpit he had been reappointed by the SC Conference Bishop the Rev. Jonathan Holston to a church in the Charleston District. June 19 will be Jeff's last Sunday to preach and worship with us. God gave Latimer a special gift when he sent Jeff to us. The Rev. Roper's leadership, preaching, musical talent, and many other skills have blessed our church greatly. We thank Jeff for all that he has done for Latimer Memorial. Jeff, Jennie, and Megan have become a part of our church family and all three of them will be missed greatly.

Bishop Holston has appointed our pulpit to be filled by the Rev. William Wallace Culp III who asks that he be called Wally. The Rev. Culp has a Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and is currently a Provisional Elder and will be ordained a full Elder at Annual Conference. He is currently serving the Bethlehem-Jordan Charge in Manning, SC. Being a United Methodist pastor is Wally's second career as he was a practicing attorney for twenty-five years. The Rev. Culp and his wife Ellisa have been married for 28 years and they have two children, a son William and a daughter Catherine. The Culp's call Greenville their hometown.

Wally has asked that I relay this message to the Latimer congregation: "Ellisa and I look forward to becoming part of the community and ministry of Latimer Memorial. We are excited about being part of what you are doing as a church body. We put great value in family and friends and will enjoy getting to know you."

As we look forward to having a new pastor to lead us let us not forget that we are disciples of Jesus Christ and our purpose in the future under Wally Culp's leadership is to lead others to become disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world just as it has been under Jeff Roper's leadership.

Andy Bullions Chairperson Latimer Memorial S/PRC

**2016 SC State Chili Cook-Off in Belton, SC
April 9th**





From The Pastor:

Just One More Thing...



That is the catch line from the old TV show, Columbo. In law enforcement, I often found myself assuming the role of John Wayne at times. Other times, I was Clint Eastwood, or even Barney Fife. I adapted my persona to bring the best possible result in situations when dealing with suspects and victims.

Very often, when investigating crimes, I would play the role of Columbo. I found using the same tactics Peter Falk used in the old TV series of wearing down suspects by pondering aloud pieces of evidence often brought confessions. If you recall, Columbo often would start to walk away, then turn around and say, “Just one more thing...” He would follow with a puzzle or thought that would cause the

suspect to wonder if they were about to be caught...and they always were caught by Columbo!

When reading the letters of the Apostle Paul, I notice he almost always has final words to add. His way of saying, “Just one more thing...” In these final words he would offer encouragement, some poignant advice, or admonishment on the importance of coexisting as the body of Christ.

In Romans 16:17 he says, “I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.”

Certainly these words are good instruction for us today. If we are to be Christlike, we must surely do so with love and in unity. The importance of harmony in the body is vital if we are to be effective in all God calls us to do. I talked with an unchurched man the other day who said he had been recently invited to church but the “Christian” who invited him complained so much about the church he was inviting him to, it talked him right out of visiting. Remember people are always watching us, trying to reconcile our words, deeds, and attitudes against what we profess to believe.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:16, “By their fruit you will recognize them.” Paul wrote in his closing of I Corinthians (16:22) “If anyone does not love the Lord—a curse be on him. Come, O Lord.” In II Corinthians 13, he said to “Aim

for perfection...to be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love will be with you.”

In his letter to the Church at Colosse, Paul concluded in 4:2-5 “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

I truly have been blessed to minister alongside you these past years and thank God for all he is going to do through you in the future. In a very few weeks, we will part ways, geographically speaking, but remember, we are still side by side in building God's Kingdom! We take you with us in our hearts. As my family and I go now to serve in another community, we ask you to hold us in your prayers. May God always richly bless you until we see one another with Christ in final victory!

And just one more thing.... Love one another deeply, serve God always, be faithful to the assembly, and resist the dividing voice of Satan. God loves you and so do we! --- Jeff



May Anniversaries:

- 2 Phillip & Nancy Brannon
- 16 Bob & Barb Emhof
- 23 Scott & Myra Bullions



May Birthdays:

- 1 Dani (Millwood)Koelzer
- 1 Beth Clark cook
- 2 Carson Roper
- 6 Charles Campbell
- 7 Shirley Cook
- 11 Seth Emhof
- 13 Nancy Brannon
- 19 Alycia Mock
- 20 Jillian Mock
- 24 Eric Emhof
- 25 Yvonne Shirley
- 25 Al Keen
- 31 Racine Owings

Treasurers Report:		
Needed	YTD-----	\$ 35,575.00
Received	YTD-----	\$ 29,986.00
Over / (Under)	-----	\$ (5,589.00)
[After week 16 of 2016]		
-----Linda Millwood		

Sue Coward/Elizabeth Smith Circle:

The Latimer Women’s Circle will meet on Monday, May 2, at 3:00
 --- Regina Bullions

From the Outreach Team:



The Outreach team has joined up with the UM Men in helping at Richard Campbell Nursing Home. We help serve and cook for our veterans every third Wednesday of the month. We have other projects we will be working on throughout the year.
 --- Jane Burnett
 (Interim Chairperson)

From The Witness Team:



The Witness Team would like to give a BIG Thank You, to everyone who took any part in this year’s SC State Chili Cook-Off here in Belton. It was a day filled with fun and laughter and for the church’s effort we took in \$ 268.00 to be divided equally with the N.O.W. Teams. Again a Big Thank You to everyone who took part.

----Bob Emhof

Ushers for 2016:	
May-----	Frank Sorrow
June-----	
July-----	
August-----	Frank Sorrow
September-----	
October-----	
November-----	
December-----	

The United Methodist Men:

The Outreach Team and Latimer Men cooks “Breakfast for Supper” at Richard Campbell Veterans Home every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

As Jeff shared a story from the pulpit on Sunday, April 24th, This ministry is far reaching as Jeff was in conversation with a man in Gaffney who said that for four years he made the trip from Gaffney to Anderson as his father was a resident at Richard Campbell and he and his mom took part many times in Latimer’s “Breakfast for Supper”.

He went on to tell Jeff what a wonderful ministry our church has because it is something that not only the residents look forward to but also their families. He concluded saying even though his father has now passed away, he has fond memories of having Latimer’s pancakes and fixin’s for supper.

So Thank You to everyone who feeds their neighbors with prayer, food and fellowship and serves God in this ministry to the residents of Richard Campbell.

We will cook at Richard Campbell next on May 18th.



Our next Men’s meeting will be Sunday morning, May 15th.

God's blessings,

----Andy Bullions

The Jolly Mixers:



Jolly mixers will meet at O Charley's on May 16th @12:00. Please call or email Angela Pinson if you are attending.

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--- Angela Pinson



Our Prayer List:

Bruce Alewine, April Abercrombie, “Ben”, Phillip Brannon, Peggie Bromeling, Bruce Bunch, Roger Burnett, Don Carlisle, Harry

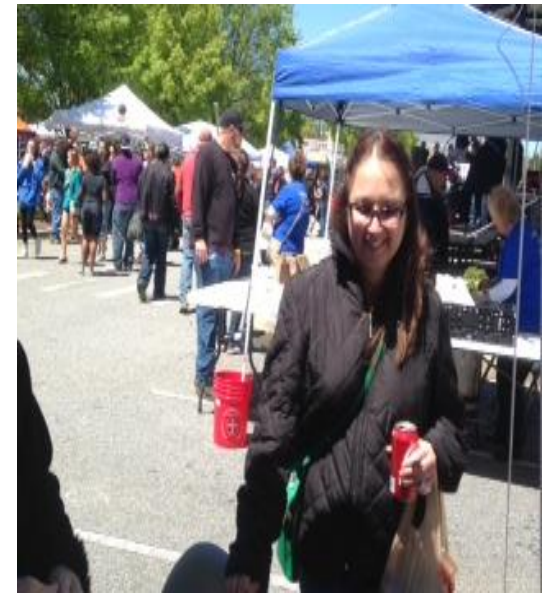
Davis, Lee Dexter, Jake Emhof, Jon Escoe, Al Keen, Patsy King, Jean Long, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Patsy Martin, Craig McAlister, Emily McAlister, “Nancy”, Joe Owings, Brenda Parfett, Ralph Partain, Dot Peck, Laura Pilkington, Lisa Procter, Jimmy Schuler, Linda Squyres, Leslie Trail, Frank Woods, Tommy Wright

Shut-Ins:

Charles Campbell, Ernie Emhof, Dee Kruck, Jane Woodson



Congratulations: to *Maci Burlison* [Kent and Linda Millwood’s granddaughter] and her Odyssey of the Mind team mates, all 8,9, and 10 years of age. Who attend the West Buncombe Elementary School, on their recent win in their regional and state competition. They will be competing at the end of May in the International Competition to be held at Iowa State University. The teams compete with special projects as well as spontaneous answers to questions heard for the first time at their round table. Again, Congratulations *Maci*.





Offering Counters:

May 2016:

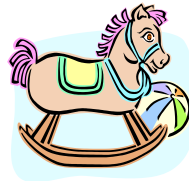
- 1 John Pinson/Ron Walfield
- 8 Kent Millwood/Ron Walfield
- 15 Jim DuBose/Ron Walfield
- 22 Bob Emhof/Ron Walfield
- 29 Frank Sorrow/Ron Walfield

June 2016:

- 5 John Pinson/Ron Walfield
- 12 Kent Millwood/Ron Walfield
- 19 Jim DuBose/Ron Walfield
- 26 Bob Emhof/Ron Walfield

July 2016:

- 3 John Pinson/Ron Walfield
- 10 Kent Millwood/Ron Walfield
- 17 Jim DuBose/Ron Walfield
- 24 Bob Emhof/Ron Walfield
- 31 Frank Sorrow/Ron Walfield



Nursery List:

May 2016 :

- 1 Susie Howell/Joan DeGlau
- 8 Gloria Eaves/Judith DuBose
- 15 Regina Bullions/Carolyn Miller
- 22 Andy Bullions/Substitutes
- 29 Susie Howell/Joan DeGlau

June 2016:

- 5 Andy Bullions/Hannah Brooks
- 12 Regina Bullions/Carolyn Miller
- 19 Susie Howell/Joan Deglau
- 26 Gloria Eaves/Judith DuBose

July 2016:

- 3 Susie Howell/Joan DeGlau
- 10 Regina Bullions/Carolyn Miller
- 17 Andy Bullions/Hannah Brooks
- 24 Gloria Eaves/Judith DuBose
- 31 Susie Howell/Joan DeGlau

Substitutes :

Gay Walfield -- 940-8228

Hannah Brooks – 314-9175
 (Call after 6:00 in the evening. Will need advance notice of an absence).

Please arrive in the nursery by 10:50 a.m. when you are scheduled.

If you are not able to be in the nursery you may switch with someone else, get one of the substitutes, or call Sandy as soon as you are aware of a conflict. Sandy Sorrow 864-318-3186



A More Excellent Way: Making Space for God to Work.

The big picture



By Bishop Jonathan Holston

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”—Matthew 28: 19-20*

“You’ve got to see the bigger picture!” Frankly, I do not know who is given credit for this phrase, but it shares a significant insight.

There is a story attributed to Peter Drucker that speaks to the aspect of seeing the bigger picture; namely: “One day a traveler walking along a lane came across three stonecutters working in a quarry. Each was busy cutting a block of stone. Interested to find out what they were working on, he asked the first stonecutter what he was doing. He replied, ‘I am cutting a stone.’ Still no wiser,

the traveler turned to the second stonecutter and asked him what he was doing. He said, ‘I am cutting this block of stone to make sure that it’s square and its dimensions are uniform, so that it will fit exactly in its place in a wall.’ A bit closer to finding out what the stonecutters were working on but still unclear, the traveler turned to the third stonecutter who seemed to be the happiest of the three. When asked what he was doing, the third stonecutter replied, ‘I am building a cathedral!’

“All three were doing the same thing and knew how to do their job. What set the third stonecutter apart was that he could see the bigger picture.”

Indeed, this recognition that we are a part of a larger picture broadens our understanding of a global landscape, which includes our local community, city, state, nation and world. While community in a local church is an essential element of our faith, we also share membership in a larger denomination with districts, annual conferences, jurisdictions and a worldwide church body. In fact, we are connected together in ways that bring both challenge and celebration. This special bond is called “the connection.” This connectedness allows us to do more together than can be done individually. We are part of a much bigger picture!

As you receive this edition of the *Advocate*, The United Methodist Church is sharing with its global community at the 2016 General Conference session May 10-20. Delegates (lay and clergy) representing 131 annual

conferences from around the world will assemble in Portland, Oregon, for a time of prayer and planning to guide the UMC for years to come.

The 2016 General Conference theme, “Therefore Go,” is based on the Great Commission and serves as a support for our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It is an expression of our ministry, which makes space for us to give of our time, talent, gifts, service and witness.

I invite all United Methodists in South Carolina to stand with other United Methodist congregations around the world to pray for the following: 1) the leadership of the General Conference as they organize the work that takes place daily, 2) the delegates who have come from around the world to worship, pray, consider legislation, fellowship and praise God for all that needs to be accomplished in this gathering, 3) the bishops who are faithfully presiding in this time of Christian conferencing, 4) the boards, agencies, translators, volunteers and guests who are tirelessly attending to the details and needs, and 5) the city of Portland, which serves as the host city, in providing a wonderful experience for all.

While we recognize not every United Methodist from South Carolina will be in Portland, the bigger picture is that all of us can engage in prayer for God’s will to shape the future of our church. This is a time that we can pray diligently and stay alert with our eyes wide open in gratitude.