



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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:



### "The Message of Love"

At this time of Easter we must focus on the grace shown by God to forgive us. We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. None of us are perfect. Sin means we "miss the mark." As hard as we try, we cannot follow the law and always do what is right. This is our human nature. Through the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, God has provided a way for us to be forgiven and be put in right relationship with our Creator and our fellow human beings.

We must always remember that God's grace and forgiveness is for all. It is not limited. No matter how bad someone has been, they are deserving of God's grace and love. God does not show partiality to one group of people over another. Those of every race, creed or color who believe in God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ have eternal life.

We also must forgive others as God has forgiven us. At times it is very difficult to forgive someone for something they have done to us or a member of our family. Some people are just hard to love. As hard as it might be to forgive, it is critical to our Christian growth and our relationship to God and others that we forgive all. God, through the Holy Spirit, gives us the power to do this. Remember that Jesus, as he was being crucified, prayed "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34.

Finally, let us remember to take this wonderful message of love and grace into the world. We are told by Jesus in Matthew 28 to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has

commanded us to do.  
Let us take this  
wonderful lesson of  
Easter with us as we live  
our everyday lives.

- Rev. Wally Culp

**From the Nurture  
Team:**

*“O sing to the Lord a new  
song for the Lord has  
done marvelous things.”*  
Ps. 98

April 1, Happy Easter.  
Bring a flower to church  
this day to help adorn  
the empty cross.

Thank you Choir and the  
Huffman Sunday School  
Class for preparing and  
serving the March Food  
and fellowship meal.  
Delicious as always.  
Our next Food and  
Fellowship meal will be  
prepared by Linda and  
Kent Millwood, a  
traditional Italian  
luncheon and fund raiser  
for Relay for Life on April  
29.

Many of you remember  
Shirley Moore Lawrence.  
Keep her family in  
prayers as they grieve  
her death on March 14,  
2018.

We welcome Nancy  
Ellett, a new helper in  
the nursery rotation  
schedule. All our helpers  
are so dedicated and we  
appreciate their service  
to our children. The  
Sunday Nursery is  
available to children  
ages 4 and under.

Thank you Glenda and  
Choir for the wonderful  
musical “Behold the  
Empty Tomb” in March.

The Vacation Bible  
School plans are  
underway. If you would  
like to help, please  
contact Wally. More  
information will be  
posted in bulletins.

We have started our  
Visitation Teams to visit  
the home-bound and  
sick. If you know of  
someone who would like  
a visit, please let me  
know. Pastor Wally is on  
the team. We can be  
prepared to serve Holy  
Communion – at any  
time, not just on  
Sundays. Remember,  
you can visit anyone.  
You do not need to be  
on a team. Personal,  
friendly drop-in visits are  
wonderful. Please  
continue to contact our  
home-bound any way  
you can.

In the spring we usually  
recognize our graduates.  
Please let me know of  
anyone graduating from  
any school, college,  
university, Trade school,  
etc.

Our next meeting is April  
8 after worship.

- Sandy Sorrow

**From the Outreach  
Team:**

We did not get to serve  
“Brinner” to the Veterans  
at Richard Campbell in  
January due to illness at  
Richard Campbell. We  
did assist the United  
Methodist Men in serving  
“Brinner” in February to  
the veterans.

The Grief Support Group  
met on January 24,  
2018. Lunch was  
provided and served by  
the Outreach Team.  
The speaker was Rev.  
Lee Cole. He shared  
information addressing  
legal concerns. Rev.  
Cole is also an attorney.

The Grief Support Group  
met in February. The  
Outreach Team  
prepared and served  
lunch. Lunch is a good  
time for informal sharing  
and talking. It is a good

time of fellowship and support. The speaker was Dr. Rich Barr.

Kairos Weekend #49 was held at McCormick Correctional Institute on March 15-18, 2018. This was an opportunity for Latimer members to support this ministry with prayer, financial support, cookies, and letters. We were able to share notes, monies, prayers, and 25 dozen cookies.

The team met on March 13<sup>th</sup> to make plans.

A special thanks to all who support the Outreach Team's efforts to reach out to our community.

- Pat Wilson

### **From the Witness Team:**

The Witness Team met on Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss updating our Prayer Phone Chain List and to possible Create an Emergency Contact Information List for our church members.

### **S/PPRC:**

The SPPRC met on March 13, 2018. Glenda was thanked for filling in as Choir Director/Music Director after Sarah's retirement. It was announced that Misty Walfield will be our new Choir Director/Musician starting April 22, 2018.

### **Vacation Bible School:**

The Vacation Bible School Committee met on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> to start planning. VBS will be Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 PM until 8:00 PM. The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

### **Guest Speaker:**

The speaker for Sunday, April 15th is Rayford Prince. He is a member of Grace UMC in Abbeville and is very active in Kairos Prison Ministries.

He is one of the team leaders who goes into the prisons and leads the weekend.

I had him come to my churches and speak

when I was a pastor and his message is very inspiring.

He often brings a friend with him who was on the receiving end of the Kairos message and it turned his life around.

- Andy Bullions

### **The Liturgist's Schedule:**

Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Sorrow  
Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> - Andy Bullions  
Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Kent Millwood  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing

### **Church Council:**

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

### **Anderson District Covenant Group:**

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet at the church on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

### **Offering Counters:**

Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - Ron Walfield  
John Pinson  
Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Kent Millwood

Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jim DuBose  
Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Bob Emhof  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Frank Sorrow



### **Treasurer's Report:**

For the period of February 19 to March 18, offerings were made in the total amount of \$11,605.00. For the same time period, expenditures were made as follows: Administrative costs: \$7,889.00; Office Expense: \$63.00; Upper Room: \$39.00; Utilities: \$1,008.00; and Apportionments: \$1,879.00. In addition, outside the budget, payments were made in the amount of \$1,200.00 for minister's housing allowance, \$1,863.00 for insurance, and \$325.00 for janitorial services.

- Linda Millwood



### **Choir Practice:**

Choir practice will be Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. There will no choir practice on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ushers:**

April - Frank Sorrow

May - Frank Sorrow

We still need people to volunteer to help Frank with the ushering duties on Sunday mornings. Ushers can be male, female, adult, and youth. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the library.

### **Epworth Children's Home:**

There is information about FUNDRAISER Cookout for Kids at the Epworth Children's Home on April 14, 2018. 11am to 3pm at Epworth Children's Home 2900 Millwood Ave. Columbia, SC

menu: BBQ chicken or Pork plates \$10.00  
Boston Butts - \$30..  
Kid's plate \$5  
FUN AND GAMES,  
BALLOON ART AND  
FACE PAINTING, BAKE  
SALE AND VINTAGE  
CARS ON DISPLAY.

### **Our Homebound Members:**

Charles Campbell  
Ernie Emhof  
Jane Woodson  
Phillip Brannon  
Jackie Manning  
Peggie Bromeling

### **Our Prayer Concerns:**

Ben and Nancy, Dean Bannister, Sarah Blackwell, Kim Bradbury, Phillip Brannon, Alice Bryant, Peggie Bromeling, Jean Bullions, Jane Burnett, Billie Jo Campbell, Bessie Clark, Shirley Cook, Nancy Cothran, Katie Coward, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Gloria Eaves, Barbara Emhof, Fred and Linda Emhof, Jim Grubbs, Randy Grubbs, Betty Hill, Kallie Hinkle, Georgia Keen, Jim and Amy Lane, Family of Shirley Moore Lawrence, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Rebecca

McGowan, Carolyn  
Miller, Bonnie Moore,  
Betty Jean Morgan,  
Randy Morrison, Nancy  
Nagel, Racine Owings,  
Brenda Parfitt, Jennifer  
Payne, Dot Peck, Sarah  
Raditz, Joan Sears,  
David Smith, Linda  
Squyers, Trevor Willis,  
Frank Woods, and Jane  
Woodson

### **The Latimer Lovelies:**

The Latimer Lovelies will meet on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Sullivan's. Please contact Jane Barton by Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

### **Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:**

The UMC Men's Club will meet on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM for breakfast and their meeting.

### **Prayer Breakfast:**

The Prayer Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 8:00 AM.

### **Grief Support Group:**

The Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Lunch will be served.

## **United Methodist Women:**



During the Lenten Season, the United Methodist Women observed A Call to Prayer and Self Denial. The Latimer women held their program at the March meeting. The topic focus for 2018 was lack of education and leadership opportunities for many girls and women worldwide. The offering collected from these programs goes 100% for grants, etc. to help such oppressed persons.

All the Anderson District UMW units have been asked to make a quilt square depicting a successful ministry of its unit. These squares will then be collected and sewn into a quilt to be presented to The Rev. Susan Leonard Ray at Annual Conference in June when she officially will no longer serve as

the Anderson District Superintendent. Latimer's women chose to submit a square showing a bereavement meal. It is believed that upon the death of a Latimer Church member these meals provided by the UMW are very much appreciated by the family. This ministry not only extends to family who are members of Latimer but also extends out into the community, other cities, and even distant states. Just this year families from Delaware, New Jersey, Texas, and Georgia were served. Sandy Sorrow has volunteered to design this square for the local unit.

The next meeting of the UMW will be Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM at the church.

- Regina Bullions

### **Nursery Workers:**

The Nursery schedule is posted in the Nursery. Nancy Ellett has volunteered to help in our nursery. Thank you Nancy.

## **Richard Campbell Nursing Home:**

“Brinner” at Richard Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Blessing of the Flood Buckets:**



This was a mission project suggested by the UMM. Frank volunteered to head it up. Our congregation generously donated money for the Flood Buckets. With these monies Frank was able to assemble 20 buckets to be sent to UMCOR - United Methodists Committee on Relief center in Columbia, SC. The blessing of these flood buckets took place on Sunday March 18th during our worship service. Thanks to everyone who gave and participated in this worthy mission.

## **The Fellowship Meal:**

The Fellowship Meal for April will be a spaghetti lunch hosted by Kent and Linda Millwood to benefit Relay for Life. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 for the family.

## **Visioning Workshop:**

There will be a Visioning Workshop on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. This will be led by Cathy Joens, Congregational Specialist. All members of the church are invited to attend and be part of this strategic planning for the church. Lunch will be served.

## **Bishop's Corner:**

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”—  
Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)*

As we continue in this season of Lent, of sacrifice, of self-reflection and seeking God, we are called to

wrestle with how we bring hope to situations of despair in our world. On Feb. 14, once more we found ourselves in anguish over the loss of young lives in a mass shooting—this time with 17 dead and more than a dozen wounded at a high school in South Florida. Less than three months into this year, 30 mass shootings have been reported in our country.

We pray for those young people suffering from bullet wounds. We pray for the families of the dead and injured students and teachers. We pray for those who have been traumatized by what they have seen in their school, in what should be a safe place.

We thank God for the first responders, teachers and others who put their lives at risk to protect and save the innocent; for the doctors, nurses and other medical professionals who work to heal; for the volunteers who donate life-saving blood, both following a tragedy and year-round.

Many of you have heard me say there is a difference between wishing and hoping. Hoping includes a plan for fulfilling our wishes. As a society, we must move from wishing that this escalating problem will improve to hoping that it will by taking concrete steps to make our communities safer and reduce the possibilities of mass shootings.

As United Methodists committed to social justice and opposed to gun violence, we know we must address this escalating, yet preventable, slaughter of innocents.

For some of us, hoping means developing relationships with at-risk youth in our communities, surrounding them with a community of support and accountability. This work requires time, courage and an investment of ourselves and our resources.

For some of us, hoping means working with our legislators to develop realistic strategies that reduce the frequency of mass shootings while

also supporting responsible gun ownership. The two do not have to be mutually exclusive. This work also requires time and courage.

For some of us, hoping means working as a congregation alongside and within the schools in our communities to support teachers and school personnel in making sure that troubled young people don't escape notice and slip through the cracks. Again, courage, time and personal investment will make the difference.

In this season of Lent, we must continue to pray for victims, survivors and their families. Let us also pray for the courage to put feet to our faith and to act in ways that bring healing and hope to a culture of fear and despair.

I hope that you will review on [www.umcsc.org](http://www.umcsc.org) the resources for supporting young people after a school shooting. Join me during Lent in reflecting on how we as God's people might make a difference in the lives of young people by our

involvement in the schools, our support of families and teachers, and our advocacy with lawmakers.

