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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 recently went to see the movie *First Man*, which is

about Neil Armstrong, the first man to step on the moon. As a grade school kid at the time of the moon landing, I was all caught up in the race to the moon. I found the movie about Armstrong to be enlightening as well as reminding me about what a struggle it was to get to the moon.

As I reflected on this movie, it made me think about the parallels to the sermon series we have had on discipleship. Like the first disciples on the sea shore, Armstrong was called into something new, a journey which was both exciting and a significant sacrifice to his family. Like the disciples, he has to learn a lot during the way. He experienced loss and personal tragedy. He has to deal with the death of his young daughter from cancer. Then he has to deal with the tragic death of fellow astronauts. On January 27, 1967, during a test on the launch pad, a flash fire swept through the Apollo 1 command module,

killing astronauts Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee. Part of the reason the astronauts died was the difficulty in opening the hatch on the spacecraft so they could escape.

The Apollo 1 tragedy was hard on the other astronauts. They knew there were dangers but these deaths really made them think hard about their future. Armstrong was particularly hurt by the death of Ed White, whom he had grown close to over the years. Armstrong, like Peter who denied Jesus, could have given up.

But as Peter reconciled with Jesus over a meal of fish, so the astronauts reconciled their situation and went on with their goal of reaching the moon. The astronauts took more control over the design of the spacecraft to make it safe for space travel. Although there was an eighteen-month delay to make adjustments, they were still able to meet President Kennedy's goal of landing a man safely on the moon and bringing him

back by the end of the 1960s.

The Saturn V rocket which took the men to the moon is the most powerful rocket ever made. Its immense power made me think of the power of the Holy Spirit. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that Christian disciples can do the work they need to do. It was only with the power of the Saturn V that humans could reach the moon.

And by reaching the moon, humans crossed over into something they had never done before. As we shall learn, Peter and the new Christians also had to learn that their new faith required them to crossover and accept those from outside the Jewish faith in order to fulfill their journey of discipleship.

As we continue our journey of discipleship, we can reflect on Neil Armstrong's journey to help us remember the things we will go through to bring the wonderful message of Jesus Christ to others. We must remember that our Christian walk will be a great adventure. It will be one great fabulous ride!

From the Nurture Team:

"Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy one, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. And now, let the poor say I am rich, because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks." (Henry Smith)

Thankful for this church family, its activities and it's welcoming spirit.

Thank you to the church committees, who help each other and seek ways to spread the Love of Christ to all.

Thank you for our Children's Sabbath celebrated Oct. 14. Max and Alana Walfield sang a duet "God's Still Working on Me", and participated in the order of worship. Mallie, Max and Alana came to the front and heard the Children's message on "Feed My Sheep".

While giving thanks – we appreciated the good meal provided by the United Methodist Women in October. And let's not forget the Birthday celebration for Sarah Blackwell's 90th Birthday. See the articles and photos in this and next month's

newsletter. Also on the Facebook account. November activities begin with "All Saints Day", Nov. 4. All those who passed on are remembered in our thoughts and hearts. Our members this year, Al Keen, Ann Gaston and Shirley Moore Lawrence will be remembered by a candle lighting, chimes and prayers.

We will not have the usual 4th Sunday Food and Fellowship meal this November. We do wish all a very Happy and healthy Thanksgiving November 22.

For our Christmas season, we will have the Poinsettia Tribute. There will be an order form available in your Sunday bulletins. Advent begins December 2 this year. During worship we will light the Advent Candle each Sunday during December. We also will celebrate by "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday, December 1 at 10am. Everyone is invited to prepare our church and hearts for the beautiful Christmas season. Red Christmas Poinsettias will be in place early in December.

To help you plan your Christmas holiday calendar, add the following dates:
Family program and covered dish meal, December 9 after Worship.
Special Choir Cantata "While Shepherds Watched" on December 23 during morning worship.
Christmas Eve, December 24, worship and Communion, 6PM

If you know someone who would like the sermon, bulletins, newsletters mailed to them, please contact Glenda Conley. She is also requesting names for anyone wishing a visit from the visitation team and/or Pastor.

Kent Millwood has joined the teaching staff for the Elementary age children. (K-4th grades). He will be in monthly rotation with Glenda Conley and Sandy Sorrow. Welcome Kent!

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

Veterans...Where would we be without them? Every time we go with the United Methodist Men to Richard Campbell to serve the veterans "Brinner" I am reminded that we owe our freedom to these "Brave

Young Men" who left their homes and country to fight so we and others could live in freedom. We are so blessed to have them for close neighbors.

The Grief Support Group met on September 26th. We shared a lunch of Bacon, Lettuce, and Tomato Sandwiches and good fellowship.

By the time you read this we will have helped with Cookies for Kairos and followed Jesus' words, "I was in prison and you visited me." All the cookies, notes, money, and prayers are appreciated.

November 22, 2018 is an important day for our community. Most of the churches in Belton prepare and deliver a delicious Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, to anyone in the Belton area that wants or needs a meal. Our church takes part in this "service to our neighbors for God". If you would like to help or have more information, please call Pat Wilson (338-9705).

Please keep the date of January 15, 2019 marked on your calendar. More details later.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team and Church Council have produced an Emergency Contact form which we ask each person to fill out. This form will be placed in the church foyer. Once filled out, place it in the envelopes which will be provided. For purposes of confidentiality, the information provided in the form shall only be seen by the minister and the chairpersons of the Witness Team.



The Treasurer's Report:

For the period from September 16 to October 20, Latimer has had the following receipts and expenses: Budget receipts - \$9,692.00; Expenses: Personnel (includes salaries, health insurance, direct billing) - \$6,262.00; Office Expense - \$117.00; Utilities - \$911.00; Upper Room - \$39.00. In addition, the following extra-budget amounts were paid: Apportionments - \$520.00; UMCOR - \$150.00;

Epworth – \$1,170;
and Bibles for Patrick
Harris - \$70.00.

(All amounts
have rounded to the
nearest dollar.) A fully
itemized accounting is
available on the board in
the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

The Liturgist's Schedule:

Nov. 4th - Ron Walfield
Nov. 11th - Kent Millwood
Nov. 18th - Linda Millwood
Nov. 25th - Sandy Sorrow

Church Council:

The Church Council will
meet on Tuesday,
November 13th, at 5:00 PM.

Offering Counters:

Nov. 5th - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
Nov. 11th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
Nov. 18th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
Nov. 25th - Ron Walfield
Roy Mac
Haggard

Choir Practice:

Choir practice will be held
every Wednesday at 10:00
AM.



Sarah's 90th Birthday:

Sarah celebrated her 90th
birthday on Sunday,
October 21st in the church
Fellowship Hall. The
luncheon was hosted by
her family. BBQ with all the
fixins and birthday cake
were served to a large
group of Sarah's family
members and friends.

Ushers:

November - Frank Sorrow
December - Frank Sorrow

Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group
will meet, Wednesday,
November 28th at Noon.
Lunch will be served.

October and November Food and Fellowship Meal:

Our October Food and
Fellowship Meal will be
honoring our 90+ years
young church members.
These include Sarah

Blackwell, Coleen Pinson,
Peggie Bromeling, and
Ernie Emhof.
Congratulations on reaching
this milestone!

We will not have our Food
and Fellowship Meal in
November.

Our Homebound:

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

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will
meet at noon on
Wednesday, November
14th at Sullivan's. Please
contact Angela by Monday,
November 12th to let her
know whether you will
attend.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Family of Kim Bradberry,
Phillip Brannon, Ben
Brogden, Family of Nancy
Brogden, Peggy Bromeling,
David Burleson, Juanita
Butler, Charles Campbell,
Frank Clark, Danielle
Clavier, Rene Clavier, Nancy
Cothran, Katie Coward,
Judith DuBose, Gloria
Eaves, Margaret Ellett, Tony
Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie

Emhof, Linda Emhof, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs, Judi Harris, Katie Hinkle, Family of Jacob Jordan, Georgia Keen, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Pam McAlister, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Jo Ann Pinson, Keith Ridgeway, Sybill Sellers, Norma Timms, Alan Walfield, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson

Prayer Breakfast:

The Prayer Breakfast will be every Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

All Saints Day:

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the worship service. We will remember those church members who died in 2018. Al Keen, Ann Gaston, and Shirley Moore Lawrence. Their family members have been invited and will attend the service.



Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The UMC Men's Club

breakfast and meeting will be Sunday, November 18th at 9:00 AM.

Rev. Culp's Office Hours:

Rev. Culp's office hours are 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Thursday. Please check the bulletin each week for changes to these office hours.



United Methodist Women:

Just as "it takes a village to raise a child", it takes a community of women to accomplish all the goals of the total "community" of United Methodist Women. This group provides support to more than 90 National Mission Institutions in the United States, more than 100 international mission programs in over 80 countries, 8 Regional Missionaries, and active and retired deaconesses and home missionaries. As part of our annual pledge program Gloria Eaves gave

us more information on some of the programs in the United States. Four of these missions are in South Carolina; Bethlehem Center in Spartanburg, Killingsworth Home in Columbia, Rural Missions on John's Island and Spartanburg Methodist College. None of all of the above missions are supported by apportionments but rather than by funds pledged and sent by the local units of United Methodist Women. During the circle meeting on Oct. 8, more details were explained concerning both Killingsworth and Rural Missions. In order to be helped by either of these missions it is NOT necessary to be a United Methodist. However there is strict criteria to be met in order to receive benefits. These are not merely "hand-out" programs. For more information you can go to each of these websites. There is much enlightening and surprising information.

At the district UMW meeting in September, Latimer Women received several awards. Individual members, Billie Jo Campbell, Colleen Pinson,

and Pat Wilson were recognized and given certificates for their completion of the reading program. Congratulations for their efforts. The local unit also was given certificates and recognition for being a Mission Today Unit, a Diamond Unit and a 5-Star Unit. Certain criteria must be met to qualify for each of these.

The monthly mission emphasis for October is supporting the Outreach Team in providing cookies and notes for Kairos. This fall collection benefits the women at Lee Prison while the spring effort is for the male prisoners.

Homemade vegetable soup (some with beef, some with turkey and some meatless) has been prepared for the Food and Fellowship meal the last Sunday of the month. It will be served with cornbread, crackers, dessert and beverage. All are welcome to attend.

The Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circles will meet again on Monday, Nov. 5, at 3:00 for the World Thank Offering Program.

- Regina Bullions

Bob and Barb:



It has been so nice to see Bob and Barb back at church in the last few weeks. We know she still has a ways to go to beat this disease. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Clemson UMC:

Bishop Holston's event at Clemson UMC from 9 am to 12 pm on Saturday, November 10. Please let Rev. Culp know if you will attend with him.

Anderson District Covenant Group:

Covenant Group of the Anderson District meets Thursday, November 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Nursery Workers:

Nov. 4th - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks
Nov. 11th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett
Nov. 18th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
Nov. 25th - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks



Children's Sabbath:

We celebrated Children's Sabbath on October 14th. Max and Alana sang "He's Still Working On Me". Alana also played "God Is So Good" on the piano and Max was our acolyte. Thank you Max and Alana for your service to our church.

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

The Latimer men and women gathered at Richard Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoon October 17 to cook "Brinner" for the residents. "Brinner" means 'breakfast at dinner' if you don't already know. There were about 55 residents,

this is the average monthly attendance. who enjoyed a meal of scrambled eggs, bacon, grits, and pancakes and coffee or tea. Every month we scramble 13 dozen eggs, fry 14 pounds of bacon, make 150 pancakes, four gallons of grits, and four gallons of coffee.

In appreciation of the many meals we have cooked for them the dining hall supervisor invited the Latimer "Brinner" cooking team to be guests of the residents for dinner on Tuesday December 4. I will keep the members of the cooking team informed.

The next "Brinner" at the Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home will be Wednesday, November 21st.

- Andy Bullions

Bishop's Corner:

While we breathe, we hope

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down,

but not destroyed." 2
Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV)

South Carolina once again is feeling the brunt of a powerful hurricane that has caused widespread property damage across our state.

While many South Carolinians have had their lives disrupted, there is tremendous evidence of God's faithfulness in our midst. We recognize that these are trying times that are overwhelming and often lead us to believe there is nothing we can do to help.

I simply remind you that we are a connectional church and are not alone in responding to communities in need.

Led by our Disaster Response Coordinator Matt Brodie, the South Carolina Disaster Response Team is assessing needs and coordinating with state and local authorities to respond in a timely way.

Above all else, consider these opportunities to assist our neighbors in the recovery process.

Pray: Pray for the families who are impacted by this disaster through the loss of property and livelihood. Pray that these

communities will continue to come together to forge stronger relationships and connections in the recovery process.

Give: Give generously of your compassion and financial resources. You can donate to support our relief efforts through your local church or find other contribution methods on our website at www.umcsc.org.

Volunteer: Consider being trained and volunteering for recovery efforts. Offering your time and talents is essential to those in need.

These will continue to be anxious times for all who are affected in this weather event. As people of faith, we know that God's love will triumph in the midst of loss and destruction.

