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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:



“Raise Up A Child”

Our schoolchildren today face many challenges we did not face when we grew up. Due to the growing number of divorces, more children now no longer live with both of their birth parents. Children are often involved in custody battles. The number of children raised by grandparents has grown. Thank goodness for the willingness of grandparents to step in and do this.

But these changes in family structure have led to more uncertainty among children. Combined with other issues, there is a great need for stability and teaching of values to our primary and secondary school age children. Bullying by fellow students is out of control. School shootings and possible intruder violence has created heightened anxiety among students. I listened to a presentation last

summer by a San Diego State University professor that increased use of smartphones by high school children may be leading to increased levels of anxiety and depression.

The only stabilizing force left in our communities comes from our churches. The public schools, due to various restraints, cannot teach values to our children. We surely do not want social media to teach values. Throughout the Bible we are admonished to raise up the child in the way he or she should go. It is critical for us as Christians to do all we can to teach the right moral values to our children and grandchildren. I have recently preached a series of sermons on Christian ethics and how people should treat each other. I encourage you to have discussions with your children and grandchildren on how to settle differences, how to

have fruitful discussions while remaining friends with others, and how to treat thy neighbor as thyself.

I also encourage each of you to support the programs we are having for our children. You can do this through your prayers, financial support, and helping with the programs. I thank you in advance for what you will do.

In Christ,

Rev. Wally Culp

From the Nurture Team:

“Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.”

The Food and fellowship meal on July 28 was “Back to School” celebration with Hot dogs and fixins provided by the Nurture Team. Thank you Angela and John Pinson for planning and cooking. Many school items have been collected from the church members for the Area Schools. They will be free to the parents and teachers, distributed on August 9 at the Zion Street Community Center in Belton at 9am.

See Pat’s article in this Newsletter.

The August F/F meal will be hosted by the Men’s Club on August 25.

Blessing of the Back packs will be August 18, just before school starts. Everyone bring your backpack, brief case, Tool box for a special blessing as we give thanks for the new school year and a renewed appreciation in our work and labor.

Remember our homebound folks and If you know someone who would like a visit, or Communion served to them please let me know. They all appreciate the cards, calls and prayers.

A big THANK YOU to Susie Howell for signing on as rotating Nursery Helper. We would like to have two more volunteers to be “on Call” to help in the nursery. Please let Regina or Pastor Wally know if you can help.

Our next Nurture Team meeting is August 21 at 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

There is still time to donate school items for the Give-Away at the Zion Center on August 9th. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Patrick B. Harris Hospital let us know that they were in need of more larger print Bibles. Those have been ordered and delivered to Patrick B. Harris. They are given to the patients so that they have their own Bible. Thanks for donating to the Bible Fund so we can share God’s message.

The Grief Support Group met on July 24th.

Mother Teresa said, “Do small things with great love.” I like those words.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team is currently working on our new church cookbook. Please submit any recipes to Susie Howell or put them in the envelope on the Witness Team bulletin board.

Remember that we want recipes from our members, their kids and grandkids, aunts, uncles, friends, etc. All recipes are welcome.

The Witness Team along with the Outreach and Nurture Team are planning the back-to-school skating/pizza party at the Belton Skating Rink on Saturday, August 10th from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We will be meeting at the church at 12:30 PM to carpool to the skating rink and will return to the church by 3:30 PM. Invitations along with parental consent forms will be in the mail soon. There will be no cost for this party.

Please submit any name, address, email, or home and cell phone number changes to Susie Howell. We will be working on an update to this section of the Church Directory this fall.

We are helping with the Belton area school supply giveaway to be held at the Zion Street Community Center on Friday, August 9th. All donations for this giveaway need to be at

the church by Sunday, August 4th.

Susie and Jane are working on the Witness Team 2019 report for the Charge Conference which will be held at the church within the next few months.

- Susie Howell

The Liturgist's Schedule:

Aug. 4th - Ron Walfield
Aug. 11th - Kent Millwood
Aug. 18th - Linda Millwood
Aug. 28th - Sandy Sorrow

Church Council:

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

Anderson District Covenant Group:

There will be no Covenant Group meeting in August.

Wellness event from CAA and AnMed:

Cancer Association of Anderson presented a Wellness Event in Belton at Latimer Mem. UMC on June 25, 2019. Several of our folks attended and others

from the community dropped in also to learn about a healthy lifestyle, and cancer prevention and awareness. The event was funded by an All-In Dabo Swinney grant, and was the kick-off event for other locations in the county.

An Med had their mobile mammography bus available for free mammograms. This was family-fun with interactive ways to educate participants about leading healthy lifestyles. The vendors included, Over Easy Exercises, Chair Yoga, Breathing Techniques for Stress relief, Healthy Eating with recipes and taste-testing, Genetic Testing information, and more.

Thank you Kent Millwood for bringing this to our attention. Thanks to all who helped make it possible.

The telephone number for the Cancer Association of Anderson is 864-222-3500. Please call them for additional information.

- Sandy Sorrow



Treasurer's Report:

For the period of June 23 through July 20, Latimer's offerings for budget purposes totaled \$6,736.25. During that same period of time, the following budget expenditures were made: Minister/Staff expenses - \$4,632.89; Utilities - \$690.34; Office Expense - \$127.97; and Direct Billing - \$1,778.00. In addition, the sum of \$600.00 was given for the payment of apportionments not paid out of the budget; that amount has been sent to the Treasurer of the conference. Any questions about any of these items can be directed to me; as always, a copy of this month's full report is posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood



Musical Notes:

Well it has officially been a year (in May) since my family and I have been a part of Latimer United Methodist Church. It has been a wonderful year for us all. We have truly enjoyed becoming a part of this wonderful church family.

That being said, I have to admit, I was sort of nervous about playing for a Methodist church. Being brought up Southern Baptist, I was nervous that I wouldn't know a lot of the music. However, it has been a lot of fun to learn new songs. I have added some new material to my favorites list like, Are Ye Able, Lord of the Dance, and God of Grace and God of Glory. Another new favorite of mine is Be Thou My Vision. As I learned this song, I was instantly drawn in by the Irish tune but then, began to focus in on the words. How wonderful it is to let God be our vision and wisdom. After playing this song in the

Offering Counters:

- Aug. 4th - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
- Aug. 11th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
- Aug. 18th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
- Aug. 25th - Ron Walfield
Roy Mac
Haggard

Special Needs Ministry:

On August 11th there is going to be a special offering for the Aldersgate Special Needs Ministry.



Choir Practice:

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

United Methodist Hymnbook numerous times, I decided to pull out my Baptist hymnbook and see if it was in there. By doing that, I found another verse to the song.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

After finding this verse, I decided to dig deeper. I wanted to know more about the song and how it came to be. So, I looked in my Then Sings My Soul book by Robert J. Morgan and this is what I found out. Morgan states, "that this is one of the oldest and most moving hymns ever written." I found out that it was actually an ancient Irish poem that was translated into English by a scholar named Mary Elizabeth Byrne. Then, it was crafted into verses by Eleanor Hull of Manchester, England. Finally it was taken and set to a traditional Irish folk song. It is truly amazing how songs

stand the test of time when praising and worshiping the one true God!

- Misty Walfield

Ushers:

August - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield
Sept. - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield

Our Homebound Members:

Ernie Emhof
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning

Our Prayer Concerns:

Family of Dorothy Barnes (Nancy Brannon's mother), Jane Barton, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Juanita Butler, Frank Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Katie Coward, Tim Culp, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Dick and Nancy Finney, Jim Grubbs, Jane Jackson, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Family of Dot

Peck, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, David Shirley, Jr., Kandice Shirley, Yvonne Shirley, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Family of Jane Woodson

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet on Wednesday, August 14th at Noon at the 1826 Bistro in Pendleton. Please contact Myra McDowell by Monday, August 12th if you plan to attend.

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

The UMC Men's Club will not meet in August.

Prayer Breakfast:

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

Grief Support Group:

There will be no Grief Support Group meeting in August.

United Methodist Women:

The United Methodist Women will not meet in August.

Nursery Workers:

Aug. 4th - Andy
Susie
Aug. 11th - Regina
Nancy
Aug. 18th - Gloria
Judith
Aug. 25th - Andy
Susie



Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

“Brinner” at Richard Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, August 21st.

The Fellowship Meal:

The Food and Fellowship Meal for August will be Sunday the 25th. It will be hosted by the United Methodist Men.

Bishop’s Corner:

Moving Hope Forward

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

“Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, ‘My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.’ From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.”— Isaiah 46:9-11 (NIV)

The 2019 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference has concluded. Kudos are extended to the Rev. Ken Nelson and the Annual Conference Planning Committee, the Rev. George Howle, the Rev. Webb Belangia and the Greenville District Host Committee, Visit Greenville, the Greenville Center, as well as the multitude of volunteers who were essential in making our time enjoyable and productive.

Some of the final words we hear each year during Annual Conference are these: “Sine Die.” Adjournment indefinitely. The completion of the agenda. The time for everyone to go their separate ways back home.

While this is a necessary action in accordance with parliamentary procedure, as People of Hope, we know that the conclusion of Annual Conference is not the end of our time together as Christians. As United Methodists. As disciples of Jesus Christ.

When we depart from our yearly gathering, we know it instead to be the beginning: The beginning of a new appointment year. The beginning of summer ministries. The beginning of new dreams for the future.

Some clergy families are packing and moving. Churches are preparing hospitable welcomes. All who have been part of Annual Conference are beginning to share what has been learned, new insights gained and new awareness about our connectional nature, new

understanding of how we can do more together than we could ever do apart.

We are no longer together in Greenville, but in our departure we simultaneously marked the beginning of spreading hope throughout the community and throughout our state. The shelves of Harvest Hope Food Bank are now stocked. Elderly in the Native American community are receiving tangible signs of love that will make their load a little lighter to bear.

All of this because of your generosity. All of this because we are people of hope.

In whatever beginning you may be facing, hang onto the promises of God, overcome adversity, pursue the truth always and endure patiently. We move into the future one faithful step at a time, knowing that God's vision for our future may well turn out to be different than what we planned, and trusting that when we allow God to use us, God will do what needs to be done.

Accept the challenge; believe that there is a future with hope. Go forward with a sense of expectation.

