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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:



The "Wise One" has been very busy in May getting ready to go to Annual Conference. Therefore, he

will not be pondering this month.

From the Nurture Team:

Five Priorities God gives to Christian Men:

God, Family, Church, Country, Work

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things will be added unto you"

Matt 6:33

June 16 we celebrate Father's Day – Thankful for their love and support, we remember and honor the men of the church.

Remembering Mother's Day, we thank Regina and Andy Bullions for providing the flowers, in memory of their mothers. Each lady attending worship received a beautiful flower and Bookmark.

We received a Thank You letter from Epworth Children's Home for our continuing support in its

annual Mother's Day Celebration and recognition.

We thank our Choir members for the delicious Taco and fixins meal in May.

Our Food and Fellowship meal in June, will be POTLUCK - your delicious dishes to share. We are looking forward to that!

Remember our sick and shut-ins. Two long time Latimer Memorial members have died recently and we continue to pray for their families as they grieve . Charles Campbell passed away April 27 and Jane Woodson passed away May 16.

Continue to pray for our church, and the UMC Annual Conference June 2-6, in Greenville. Pastor Wally and Andy Bullion will be attending.

We had a successful Saturday Bible School on May 18. 10 children participated. Check out the photos and article in this Newsletter.

Summer is coming, Be safe and have fun. God bless you all.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

Our invited speaker on April 24th for our Grief Support meeting was Rev. Steve Patterson, our District Superintendent. We had lunch together and then Rev. Patterson talked about grief and answered questions from the group.

Please remember to add items to the Elder Basket on the desk in the library area. We would like to have a full basket for Rev. Culp to take to Annual Conference. The purpose of the Elder Basket is to show support for the work of the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries. We are only asked to fill one basket. Remember how much we all enjoyed when Tracy Pender, the chairman of this committee, came to Latimer.

As usual we received a great blessing in serving our Veterans at Richard Campbell. We all had fun out of having to wear hairnets. If you come to join us, you have the choice of

wearing a hairnet or a cap. They will furnish the hairnets, but you will have to furnish your own cap.

Members of the Outreach Team joined with the Nurture Team, the Witness Team, and members of the congregation to "plant a seed" for our children and children of the neighborhood on Saturday, May 18th. It was a great day!!!!

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

We are still greeting and serving refreshments for coffee hour Sunday morning. Gay Walfield has graciously volunteered to be the person in charge while the Barton's are away. Please let her know if you would like to help by setting up, cleaning up or furnishing snacks.

We are helping the Men's Club serve Brinner at Richard Campbell. This is a great way to say thank you for their service in protecting us and our country. If you do help please wear your red t-shirts another way we can witness to others.

The church T-shirts have been passed out with only 4

larger sizes left. See Susie if interested in getting one. If there is interest we can order long sleeve shirts or sweatshirts maybe even hats in the fall! A huge thank you goes out to Susie for the design and leg work in making this a success.

We decided that the Grief Support Group will be our top priority to promote. We are the only local church that offers this service. We are getting a new church email and when this happens we will update the new two sided pass outs so members can hand out to people in the community when asked about this service.

SBS was a success and we will be having follow up activities thru out the year to keep in touch with them. Look for upcoming events in future newsletters.

We are still collecting recipes for our cookbook. Please email or give them to Susie she will be the Chairperson of the Witness Team while I am gone for the summer. Have a great summer see you in October.

- Jane Barton



Saturday Bible School:

May 18th 2019 SBS (Saturday Bible School) Holy Land Adventure was a huge success. We had 10 children and 19 adults total participate (in various ways) for SBS. We did not have any children from outside our church family attend but those that did come probably will not remember the lessons but will remember the positive experience so seeds were planted in these children.



The majority enjoyed the one day Bible School and marketplace theme along with the adults dressing in costume. The boys did not care for dressing in costumes the girls did. Liked that we had an opening and closing in sanctuary. We had 8 stations including music and the Wise One telling Bible stories. They enjoyed every station but the favorite was pottery. Due to 90* weather (unseasonably hot) children did not have enough outside playtime and stayed inside the marketplace doing crafts. Lunch of hotdogs, chips, cookies, watermelon and water was well received. The shoe box treasures boxes with name tags was an excellent idea to put finished crafts in.



I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with SBS.

- Jane Barton
SBS Coordinator

The Liturgist's Schedule:

June 2nd - Ron Walfield
June 9th - Kent Millwood
June 16th - Linda Millwood
June 23rd - Sandy Sorrow
June 30th - Songfest

Church Council:

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 16th.

Offering Counters:

June 2nd - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
June 9th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
June 16th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
June 23^r - Ron Walfield
Roy Mac
Haggard
June 30th - Ron Walfield
Frank Sorrow

Choir Practice:

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

Grief Support Group:

There will be no Grief Support Group meeting in June.

Ushers:

June - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield
July - Frank Sorrow
Max Walfield

Grief Support Group:

There will be no Grief Support Group meeting in June.

New Church Email:

The church's new email address is latimerumc@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report:

Between the dates April 21 and May 17, Latimer received funds in the amount of \$8,401.00 available for budget purposes. For the same period of time, the following expenditures were made: Staff salaries and benefits (includes direct billing from conference) - \$6,403.71; Sunday School and Upper Room - \$324.73; Office and worship supplies - \$129.12; Fellowship meals - \$33.13; Utilities - \$590.28. For more details, a copy of the monthly treasurer's report is posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood

June Food and Fellowship Time:

Our June Food and Fellowship meal will be a covered dish on Sunday, June 30th.

Our Homebound:

Ernie Emhof
Phillip Brannon
Jackie Manning

The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Tuckers on Wednesday, June 12th at noon. Please let Gay Walfield know by Monday, June 10th if you plan to be there.

Rev. Culp's Office Hours:

Rev. Culp's office hours are 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. Please check the bulletin board each week for changes to the office hours.

Wally will be on vacation Sunday, June 9th. Andy will be filling in for him.

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, June 16th at 9:00 AM.



Washing the Steeple:

The steeple got a much needed washing recently. Much thanks to Ron and Gay for making this to happen.

Thank You From Epworth:

Latimer sent about \$400 to Epworth Children's Home that we collected as our Mother's Day offering.

We received this thank-you note from Sherri Mims at Epworth Children's Home:

We would like to say thank you for participating in the Epworth Children's Home Mother's Day offering this past Sunday. Epworth relies

heavily on the offerings received on Mother's Day to provide the quality care God calls us to provide to the more than 70 children who currently call Epworth home, in addition to the children we serve through our community-based services.

Thank you for your support of our children, God's children, and for enabling us to change their lives for the better.

Sherri

United Methodist Women:

Phoebe as the foremother of deaconesses was the Biblical person around whom the program centered. Pat Wilson explained that the objective of this lesson was to learn about not only about Phoebe but deaconesses and the home missionary movement in the past and present, than challenge ourselves to do the work of Christ where it is most needed in our own communities. The early deaconess was described as being a ceaseless helper, benefactor to Paul, industrious, generous, teacher and educator. A bit of trivia - the name Phoebe means Bright, there are

only two verses in the Bible about Phoebe, Romans 16:1,2.

The UMW provided the bereavement meal for the Charles Campbell family. In addition to the food prepared by the women, the men paid for the chicken as they always do and the American Legion Post 51 donated bar-b-que, baked beans and coleslaw. Charles was a very active member of this Post and served as Post Commander for several years. His death happened to coincide with the annual bar-b-que fund raiser.

The Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward circles will support the Native American Elder basket project. A basket is available in the library area with a list of needs. This basket will be taken to conference June 2. The women will not be preparing nor serving lunch to a Salkehatchie Team this year. However, another church had asked to be placed on the schedule so the void was immediately filled.

Latimer's UMW were represented in the Advocate with a writeup and picture of the 150th Birthday Celebration held as the

Food and Fellowship meal the end of March.

The last meeting before the summer break will be June 3rd.

- Regina Bullions

Nursery Workers:

June 2nd - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks
June 9th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett
June 16th - Gloria Eaves
Judith DuBose
June 23rd - Andy Bullions
Hannah Brooks
June 30th - Regina Bullions
Nancy Ellett

Richard Campbell Nursing Home:

"Brinner" at Richard C. Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, June 19th.

Bishop's Corner:

A Time to Gather

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

The 2019 South Carolina Annual Conference Session is quickly approaching, and it will be a blessed time to gather for praise, worship, service and holy conferencing. The Greenville community is excited about our presence, and we are grateful for the efforts of the Greenville District Host Committee, as well as the Greenville Convention Center who have diligently prepared to be our gracious hosts. We are grateful for their efforts and hospitality.

This year's theme, "Seeking A More Excellent Way: A Future With Hope," encourages us to trust God with each step that we take. It is a continuation of our faith journey as we seek a more excellent way to make disciples of Jesus Christ while transforming our world. Miraculous things can happen when we leave our place of comfort and take a step beyond caution into God's preferred future. We will come together with hope, remembering who God has called us to be and what God wants for us.

Because it is an election year, we will meet one day longer than the past couple of years. We trust God's Spirit to guide us as lay and clergy delegates are selected to represent South Carolina at the upcoming General and

Jurisdictional conferences in 2020.

I am delighted to welcome to our Annual Conference experience Bishop James Swanson from the Mississippi Conference and the Rev. Sara White, South Carolina Conference director of congregational development, to share with us in praise and worship, as well as Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity School and the Rev. Susan Pendleton Jones, North Carolina Conference Church Transformation Ministries Associate, to lead us in Bible study.

As always, becoming disciples God can use has allowed us to share in some awesome ministry events. This year is no different. We are excited to partner with South Carolina Conference Native American Ministries to provide elder baskets for the elderly Native Americans in need around our state. Also, we join with Harvest Hope Food Bank to feed the hungry in our communities by bringing nonperishable items for donation. These are two tremendous opportunities for mission and ministry that United Methodists in South Carolina can put their hands to doing. Information for ways to participate can be found at: www.umcsc.org/ac2019.

As we prepare to gather in celebration of ministry and mission at the 2019 Annual Conference, we also recognize that there is tremendous pain throughout The United Methodist Church because of the decisions of the 2019 General Conference. Some among us are deeply disappointed, hurt, frustrated and angry, while others are struggling with being labeled as judgmental and hateful.

In these weeks leading to and during our gathering in Greenville, I humbly ask all South Carolina United Methodists—whatever our differences—to stay in conversation with one another, to focus on those things that unite us and to remain steadfast in our mission as we walk together toward a future with hope.

I fully expect the 2019 Annual Conference to be a glorious time of celebration where the graciousness of God and the generosity of God's people called United Methodist will be experienced in excellent ways. So let us unite our hearts in prayer that we will be open to the presence of God's Spirit and respond faithfully with our time, talent, gifts, service and witness.

