



# 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:



### "A Sabbath Day"

Summer is over and the children are back in

school. Yearly vacations have been taken. We are back in our routine. Life goes on. But we should not consider summer vacations as our only time of rest. Relaxation and self-care should be part of a weekly routine in which we reenergize and spend time alone with God and with ourselves. In Genesis 2:1-4 our creator God provides us with the model for us to use in our lives. After six days of creating the universe, the earth, the plants, the animals, and humans, God rests. On the seventh day, God rests and declares that day to be holy, the only day of the week to be declared holy.

Unfortunately, most people fail to give themselves a day of rest. Even in the United States with all its modern electrical appliances, people never seem to have enough time. People always seemed rushed to get to the next thing. Smartphones and

computers require us to make immediate responses without taking time to think.

We need to take a full day of rest in order to be fulfilled in how God has created us. We need a Sabbath day. This is a day when we do what we want and enjoy what we want. This is not a day we do our chores or run our errands. It is a day of fun, reflection and getting rid of our cares and worries for a day. It helps us refocus and get ready for the next six days of work. It helps us get our priorities in line.

In college I started using Friday as my day of rest. Classes were over by lunchtime and I just took the remainder of the day off. I might play tennis, watch a baseball game, or go to a movie. In law school it was the same. It was good to take some time before I went back to studying.

In seminary they encouraged us to take a Sabbath day. They

pointed out it was not going to be Sunday, because ministers work on Sunday. I already had Friday as my day of rest, so I kept that as the routine. There were some semesters I was able to take the whole Friday off without classes. It really helped. Being in Washington, DC, I was able to go to museums or historical sites. It really did relax me. I have kept this routine as a minister, with Friday as my day of rest. When I honor the Sabbath, God honors me and my self-care.

So, if you don't have a Sabbath day yet, pick one. Kick off your shoes, relax, and do what you want. This is what God wants you to do!

- Rev. Wally Culp

### **From the Nurture Team:**

*“Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I’m so glad you’re in my life. I’m so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the*

*grave to the sky, Lord, I lift your name on high.”*

It is with sadness and joy that our sister Barbara Emhof has found rest and peace in the arms of the Lord. Barbara passed away August 23, 2019 after a long struggle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers to all our grieving families. This year we remember and celebrate the life of Peggy Bromeling, JoAnn Pinson, Charles Campbell, Jane Woodson, Dot Peck, Ernie Emhof and Barbara Emhof. We miss them all. A candle lighting service will be held in November on All Saints Sunday.

Welcome to our newest member, Betty Hill. She has already joined the United Methodist Women and volunteered to help in the Nursery.

Our Sunday School Teachers have renewed their teaching positions for 2020. Andy Bullions – Men’s group, Ron Walfield – Huffman Class, Gloria Eaves – Hipp Class, Pat Wilson – Youth class, Glenda Conley, Sandy Sorrow, and Kent Millwood – Elementary Class. The Nursery leaders and

helpers, Judith DuBose, Gloria Eaves, Regina Bullions and Andy Bullions, Susie Howell, Nance Ellett and Tony Ellett, Gay Walfield and Carolyn Haggard. Thank you for your dedication and leadership through the years.

Thank you Yvonne for the beautiful flower arrangements that add so much to our Chancel area. The flowers on September 15 were in honor of the pending marriage of Steven Pinson and Sarah Williams.

Thank you Pastor Wally and Misty Walfield for the Hymn Sing on September 29. A busy day with the wonderful Food and Fellowship meal and later the Annual Charge Conference.

Other dates planned for October, 2 – Review of our Safe Sanctuary Policy, 11am

October 6 - We will celebrate World Communion Sunday

October 13 – Children’s Sabbath

October 20 – Laity Sunday celebration

October 27 – Food and Fellowship meal “Beans and Cornbread”.

Remember to keep our Home bound members in your prayers. Glenda also keeps them up to date by mailing the Sunday bulletins and sermon messages to them. They love cards, and your calls of encouragement. If you know of someone who would like a visit, or communion served at their home, please contact Glenda or Pastor Wally.

Next Team meeting is November 13, at 11am.

- Sandy Sorrow

### **From the Outreach Team:**

We had a good and rewarding time with our Veterans at Richard Campbell last night. These great men that fought and served so we can live in a free country enjoy the food we prepare and serve and they also enjoy having someone to talk to for a few minutes. We will be back at Richard Campbell the third Wednesday in October so mark this date on your calendar so you

can have the pleasure of coming out to join us. All are welcome.

Grief Support met on September 25, 2019.

We joined other United Methodist churches in supporting the Kairos Weekend at McCormick Correctional Institution by our prayers, notes of encouragement, and cookies. We supported this mission with thirty-six dozen cookies, prayers, and notes. When I took our offerings to St. Johns, I had the opportunity to chat with one of the men that goes to the prison. I came away up-lifted because he was so passionate and faithful about this mission. I went back and read Matthew 25 to remind myself that Jesus wants his follower to share the Good News and be in service. That is what Outreach is all about.

- Pat Wilson

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

The Witness Team continues to work on the new church cookbook that will be finished after the first of the year.

Please give your recipes to Susie or put them in the envelope on the Witness Team bulletin board. **WE NEED THESE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.** Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their recipes.

We are making plans for a fun activity with the children and youth either in November or December.

We are checking into having long sleeved church shirts and hats made this fall.

David and Jane hope to be back in Belton by the last week of October. However, their plans aren't definite yet.

- Susie Howell



### **Wedding Shower:**

A couples wedding shower was held on Sunday, September 15 in honor of Steven Pinson and Sarah

Williams. They will be married on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**The Liturgist's Schedule:**

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Kent Millwood
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Linda Millwood
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Sorrow

**Church Council:**

The next Church Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Anderson District Covenant Group:**

The Anderson District Covenant Group will meet on Thursday, October 17, from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

**Offering Counters:**

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
John Pinson
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Kent Millwood
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jim DuBose
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Roy Mac  
Haggard

**Treasurer's Report:**

For the period of August 1-September 15, tithes and offerings for budget

purposes were in the amount of \$13,668.00. For that same time period, budget expenditures were as follows: Utilities: \$1565.00; Direct Billing: \$2,871.00; Staff salaries and benefits: \$5,699.76; and other operating expenses: \$495.00. For a more detailed report, please see full report posted in the counting room.

- Linda Millwood



**Choir Practice:**

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

**Bible Study:**

Rev Culp will lead a five week Bible study during Advent. The study will be "Light of the World" by professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt Divinity School. The study will begin on Tuesday November 19 and will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please let Rev. Culp know by October 10<sup>th</sup>

so he can order you a book. The cost for the book is \$14.

**Ushers:**

- Oct. - Frank Sorrow  
Max Walfield
- Nov. - Frank Sorrow  
Max Walfield

**Our Homebound Members:**

- Phillip Brannon
- Jackie Manning

**Our Prayer Concerns:**

Jane Barton, Family of Rev. Alex Black, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Juanita Butler, Frank Clark, Katie Coward, Tim Culp, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Family of Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Dick and Nancy Finney, Jim Grubbs, Belle and Eugene Hembree, Jane Jackson, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Jerry Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, Kandice Shirley, Lucretia and Joda Snipes, Norma Timms, Frank Woods

### **The Latimer Lovelies:**

The Latimer Lovelies will meet on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the 1826 Bistro in Pendleton. Please contact Susie Howell by Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.

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

The Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club will meet at 9:00 AM on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prayer Breakfast:**

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

### **Grief Support Group:**

There will not be a Grief Support meeting in October. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### **United Methodist Women:**

Perhaps it was coincidence but school has just started and for the Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circle's program Pat Wilson presented two book reports! How seasonal is that? Each year the women order

some books from the UMW reading plan which are placed in the church library. Billie Jo Campbell, Coleen Pinson and Pat Wilson participate in this reading program and receive recognition at an annual UMW meeting. Usually the books on the list are nonfiction but this year a fiction book The Feathered Bone by Julie Cantrell was featured. This is the story of a woman who faces difficulties and trauma yet continues to find ways to not be overcome. It is said that "a Feathered Bone" will bend but not break - thus the title. Eleanor a biography by Harold Ivan Smith is another book in the plan. Most of us have been aware of Eleanor Roosevelt all of our lives but probably don't really know much about her life other than being Franklin Roosevelt's wife. In just a few words Pat introduced us to quite a bit of hardship Eleanor faced and endured. If either of these books creates an interest for you just check them out of the church library. Although we did not meet during the summer we were busy helping

with the collection and distribution of school supplies. We served about 65 people for Barbara Emhof's bereavement meal. Betty Hill has just been welcomed as a new member of our group. We are so happy to have her join us. Our special mission emphasis for September is Killingsworth Home.

Monday, Oct. 7 will be the next meeting. Gloria Eaves will conduct the annual pledge service as the program.

- Regina Bullions

### **Nursery Workers:**

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Andy  
                  Susie  
Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Regina  
                  Nancy  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Gloria  
                  Judith  
Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Andy  
                  Susie

### **Richard Campbell Nursing Home:**

"Brinner" at Richard Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.



## **The Fellowship Meal:**

The Food and Fellowship Meal “Beans and Cornbread” for October will be Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bishop’s Corner:**

### **Must be Carefully Taught**

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ They replied, ‘Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”—Matthew 16:13-16 (NIV)*

School has begun, and it is a time of learning for students. For those of us who are no longer

entering a classroom each day, we must seek out means of learning new things. We must be intentional. Motivation to engage in this way might come from consideration of the question: How do we learn to be persons that reflect anew our world?

How we live each day matters and impacts others in ways that we may never even know. So, being intentional about living our lives as a reflection of the Gospel even when that is challenging or unpopular, is critical.

That’s why becoming comfortable with being uncomfortable is key.

Making an intentional shift toward a willingness to be uncomfortable is to take the time to reflect on who you see yourself to be in light of the grace, mercy and love of God. This requires a measure of humility. Once we grow in self-awareness, it is helpful to open our eyes and ears to comprehend the experiences of others as well as to work toward doing less harm in the future.

In our society, we must acknowledge that discrimination and racism is as much a reality as is our fierce independence and pride in family heritage. The time has come for us to acknowledge that our collective history is complex and multifaceted. Now is the time for us to have honest conversation about the pain in our history in order for us to move forward together. That means owning up to the fact that prejudice, hate and discrimination have been part of our fabric for generations. In the 1949 musical “South Pacific,” set during World War II, one of the songs, penned by Oscar Hammerstein, speaks in its day to the concerns not yet achieved in today’s time; namely, “...racism is not born in you. It happens after you’re born...”

“You’ve got to be taught to hate and fear.

You’ve got to be taught from year to year.

It’s got to be drummed in your dear little ear...

You’ve got to be taught to be afraid of people whose eyes are oddly

made, and people whose skin is a different shade...

You've got to be taught before it's too late, before you're six or seven or eight to hate all the people your relatives hate..."

If we can be taught to look at people in fearful ways, can we also learn to see people in new ways? When we are willing to subject ourselves to learning something different, it empowers us rather than hurting us. Now is the time for us to take a seat in the classroom of life and learn something new. It may mean we are uncomfortable doing so, but we must become comfortable with being uncomfortable.

As followers of Christ, we have a sacred calling to lead our communities in tearing down the walls that divide us and engage in ministries of reconciliation. The walls crumble when we begin to see and hear beyond our own experience – when we make a concerted effort to learn each other's stories.

The relationships formed when we are willing to

listen and learn, as uncomfortable as it may first seem, will empower us in magnificent ways. We can sit amongst each other and begin to see the impact grow throughout our communities, rendering a true reflection of the Gospel, building up the Kingdom of God.

