

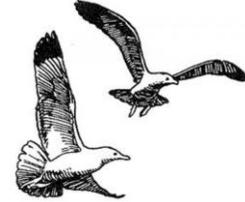


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June 2017 Newsletter

PASTOR PONDERINGS



Some Thoughts...

So here we go – and I quite literally mean, “GO!” This is the time of year that schedules change, people begin to travel, and the wonderful time of sun and leisure are upon us.

As a church, we look forward to VBS – a vital ministry that needs as much help as possible. Annual Conference will happen in Jackson the few days before that. We will see our youth take a few trips and the kids will be coming together for Summer Fun Time on Wednesdays. I imagine many of you have trips or maybe just special times for family and friends planned.

Our lives are made up of seasons, helping us to keep a balance. You have heard about my food allergies. The doctor we initially saw told me that the reason food allergies were becoming so prevalent is because we do not eat our foods by a natural rotation. In nature, only certain foods are available during certain seasons. This gives a balance to our diets that has disappeared since so many foods are contained in everyday foods. He said our bodies cannot handle that, and with the over-load, they reject the repeated foods, resulting in allergies. There is no rhythm to our eating habits, and it hurts us.

Music is shaped by rhythm. Rhythm is composed of certain patterns with differing components. This brings the beauty and sense of balance to a song. The same beat with no change of components make the song irritating and monotonous.

Our daily lives need a rhythm to them. We don't eat the same foods for breakfast as for dinner, and you probably have a different ritual for bedtime than for the morning. This is good.

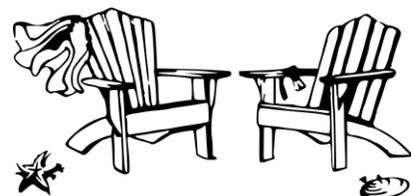
Our church life has a rhythm, and this is our summer season. It is a time to relax, our attendance may be a bit lower, and the services will be more casual. Events will come and go, and the church still has needs.

I ask just a few things of you during this time.

If possible, please mail in your tithes when you cannot attend. Our bills are still steady and this will help our church continue without worry. Also, please continue to volunteer and attend the events and activities. Others still need your support and presence.

And I invite you to make this a time to do some catching up spiritually. Use this as a time to refresh yourself before the busy demands of the fall season. Come to worship steadily. Spend some extra time in the scriptures, just reading, not studying. Enjoy the wonderful stories of the Bible, letting them soak into your mind and heart. And make time to just sit – take a Sabbath time out. Don't let your vacation time be so busy that you need a rest from it! Some of that extra leisure time is a great way to just slow yourself down, and hear the sweet whispers of our Father. He loves you, and would like to spend this summer with you

in His Love, Rev. Diane





June Birthdays



1	Wade Reeder	10	Cherie Fournier
2	Frankie Ellsworth		Skye Wilkinson
3	Ashley Harmon Jamie Sanders	13	Pam Coffey
5	Emily Weiland	16	Dottie Moore
6	William "Bubba" Harper Anna Claire Lipscomb	21	Julene Anderson
7	Tony Lena Jean Parker	22	Caitya Ashton Parker Butler Lena Loeding
8	Scott Ellis Kyle Miller	24	Jack Stewart
9	Juanita Harmon Bill Hendren	27	Craig Coffey
		29	Lily Mott Kami Ownbey



June 2017 Calendar

(Every Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. Exercise with Juli & 6:00 p.m. Meet & Eat and Bible study)
(Every Monday from 7-7:30 a.m. we have meditation in the Sanctuary)

June 1	Outreach & Jubilee Center Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 4	Day of Pentecost Holy Communion, both services
June 6	Stamp Projects, 6:00 p.m. Dual Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.
June 7	Annual Conference begins Summer Fun – The Lego Movie, 9:00 a.m.
June 8	Finance Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 10	Annual Conference concludes
June 11	Vacation Bible School begins with a cookout, 5:00 p.m.
June 12-16	VBS will start at 6:00 p.m.
June 12	Shalom Circle meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 13	Stamp Projects, 6:00 p.m. Dual Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.
June 17	UMM Breakfast meeting, 8:00 a.m. Morning Glories meeting, 9:00 a.m.
June 18	Father's Day
June 20	Stamp Projects, 6:00 p.m. Dual Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.
June 21	Summer Fun – Tom Sawyer at Center Stage, 9:00 a.m.
June 24	Brother David Cumbest's Retirement, 5:00 p.m.
June 26	Nurture Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
June 27	Stamp Projects, 6:00 p.m. Dual Recovery Anonymous, 6:30 p.m.
June 28	Summer Fun – Balloon Magic Show, 9:15 a.m.

Thoughts from Jack's Computer:

Once again as I sit at my computer to write this article, I have no idea of what's going to appear on the screen. I would like to start with something I read in the Sun Herald newspaper today. "You can be surrounded by opportunity, but if you don't do anything about it, you aren't likely to succeed. Don't be idle when you should be making strides to advance. Self-promote and do everything you can." Daily Horoscope for ARIES on May 22nd. I believe this could apply to everyone. I would like to follow up with a quote from former president John F. Kennedy (slightly modified): "Ask not what your Church can do for you, instead ask what you can do for your Church". We always expect the Church to be there when we need it, but we are not always available or willing to assist the Church at other times. We cannot expect the pastor, nor should the pastor be expected to do everything associated with the ministry of the Church. We have a great leadership team, but positions open up each year due to Discipline requirements, that need to be filled. We need you to be in pray as the Committee on Nominations works to fill these openings. We need people with experience in finance, personnel, maintenance, and leadership. We need people who can help nurture our members, people who can reach out into our community and beyond and people who can witness to God's goodness. The UMM and UMW needs additional leaders and members. John Wooden once said: Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do". Everybody has at least one talent that can be used to further the ministry at Heritage. Remember the parable about the talent in Matthew and what happened to the individual that was given one talent. I believe God is calling _____ (insert your name here) to be a part of the Heritage United Methodist Church leadership team. Additional quotes that I like are:

"Do what you can with what you have where you are."

-Theodore Roosevelt

"It's in your moments of decision that your destiny is shaped."

-Anthony Robbins

"Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose."

-Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

"The measure is your life will be in not what you accumulate, but in what you give away."

-Wayne Dyer

Due to unforeseen circumstance, the Administrative Council will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month instead of the 3rd Monday. This change will be effective starting in June and will remain in effect until further notice. I know this will affect some other meetings, but I hope these meetings can be re-scheduled around this change.

The new pictorial directories will be available soon (one per household please). Contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the directory or any other matters.



Jack Anderson, Chairperson
Administrative Council



MEMORIAL ORCHARD:

Volunteers meet on Thursdays at 8 a.m. to select a work detail from the list of needs. It may be weeding, painting, cutting grass, spreading leaves, or whatever needs to be done. Tools, fun and fellowship are provided. Can't make it on Thursdays? Contact George Trent, Sheila Gillies, or Maryann Graczyk and they may be able to accommodate your time. Thanks to everyone who brought bags of leaves in April. **We always need more leaves.** Bag them up and put them in the back of the garden at the compost bins. Special thanks to Misty, Ricky, and the youth group for volunteering in the garden on the first Saturday of each month!

UMW NEWS:

June 12, 6:30 p.m.

Shalom Circle meeting

June 17, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Glories Circle meeting

The Morning Glories will meet on Saturday, June 17th at 9 a.m. for their monthly meeting. Members are invited to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to join the UMM for breakfast

The Morning Glories will NOT meet during July or August but will resume their monthly meeting on September 16th. All women are welcome to attend these meetings.

Due to a change in the Administrative Council meeting to the 4th Monday night, the UMW Unit meeting originally scheduled for July 24th has been re-scheduled to the 3rd Monday, July 17th. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending this very important meeting.

We are still looking for someone to step forward as our Unit President. Once again, we will be collecting donations through our annual "in honor of/memory of" Father's Day slips. Watch the Church bulletin for more information. Proceeds will go to Bethesda Free Clinic.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



SUMMER FUN TIME: It's that time of year again! Time for Summer Fun for our kids.

The Summer Fun program is geared toward school-age kids. Younger children are welcome, but only when accompanied by an adult or older (responsible) sibling. We will meet at the church *each Wednesday, June 7 – July 26*, and bring the kids back to the church for pick-up. Hope to see lots of you there! Event calendar is in the lobby of the church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Were getting ready for this year's Vacation Bible School. Mark your calendars for June 11th – 16th, from 6:00 pm - 8:30pm with our kick off starting at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday the 12th with hot dogs and chips. If you would like to help with this wonderful program or have any questions call Caryle Lena at (228) 596-4194.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: Safe Harbor UMC has invited us to a retirement celebration in honor of Rev. David & Mrs. Pattie Cumbest. It will be held on Saturday, June 24th at 5:00 p.m. at Safe Harbor UMC. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to safeharborumc@cablone.net.

NURTURE SPOTLIGHT

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Nurture ministries include education, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups and stewardship. Focusing on the needs of individuals and families of all ages. Our very active Heritage UMC Family invites you to join our nurture ministries or to share and help start new ones. Contact Maryann Graczyk 228-235-7814.

Sunday School Classes are held each week for adults and children of all ages right after the scrumptious breakfast fellowship time. Sunday School Classes are not held on fifth Sundays. Help teach, learn and share in the spirit of Jesus Christ for one hour each Sunday in addition to attendance at service.

Sunday Home School Program

Sunday Home School Program packets may be picked up in the fellowship hall before each of the Sunday services or before the Wednesday night fellowship dinners.

Wednesday's Children's (age 6 -12) choir and activities and **Bible study for adults**, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. after fellowship dinner.

Special thanks to Shanna Glee and her mother, Portia, for celebrating liturgical prayer dance at HUMC services on May 21. Their example may encourage a praise dance group among our youngsters. Contact the office for information.

HUMC United Methodist Women have joined the **coalition for cancelled stamps projects** to collect 20,000 cancelled stamps monthly for the two projects listed below. Come join us on Tuesdays from 6 – 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall to wash, count and sort stamps. Also, please save cancelled stamps for us following these guidelines:

- Don't cut stamps from special old or even more modern envelopes with forwarding markings, etc.
- Don't peel, steam or soak stamps off paper.
- Leave at least a ¼ inch margin of paper around stamps you tear or cut off envelopes
- Do not include postmarks or metered stamps
- For more information, see Julene Anderson

Holocaust Stamp Project is a learning initiative teach life lessons based on world history to *educate about the dangers of prejudice, discrimination, and bullying; to promote tolerance of differences and respect for diversity; to raise awareness of the magnitude and impact of 11 million.* The goal is to collect 11,000,000 postage stamps to honor the memories of 6 million Jews, including 1.5 million children, plus 5 million other “enemies of the state”, killed by the Nazis. Students use the stamps to create 18 X 24 inch collages depicting Holocaust history and lessons about tolerance and acceptance.

Stamps for the Wounded project is a Lion's Club service activity (not a government program) founded in 1942 in response to an appeal from the Armed Forces Hospitals. The project fights the *boredom, loneliness, frustration, futility and despair* of hospitalized service personnel in over 130 VA hospitals, convalescent centers and state living sites across the country.



YOUTH NEWS:

(Every Sunday:10 a.m. Sunday School, 3:30 p.m. Youth Meeting unless otherwise noted)

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| June 3, 8:00 a.m. | Service Project – We will be working in the orchard from 8-10 a.m. |
| June 4 | Children's Church – Sign-up to lead for either service, 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. |
| June 4, 3:30 p.m. | Youth Cohort meeting – We are heading to Cedar Lake Church for a pool party. The theme is “Rise”. Bring your swimsuits, extra clothes, towels, and sunscreen. There will be a snow cone truck, food, and a drink machine so bring extra money. |
| June 11, 4:00 p.m. | Youth Meeting – We will help set-up for VBS. VBS will run until 8:00 p.m. This will Count as a service project. |
| June 12 – 16 | Multiple Service Projects – VBS is every night from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Each day you Attend will count as a service project. Remember that Lake J is right around the corner |
| June 17, 9:00 a.m. | Service Project – ATTENTION STOCKHOLDERS!!! Car wash starting at 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. for all our stockholders who have supported us throughout the year! |
| June 17, 6:00 p.m. | Lollapalooza – This will be held in the Jubilee Center. Watch Bulletins for more info. |
| June 18, 12 p.m. | YAC meeting immediately following church |
| June 24 | ATTENTION STOCKHOLDERS!!! We have a free Saturday. Call Misty or let a Youth know you need a project done by your Youth. |

Ask SAM:



Dear SAM,
What do you do in the summer?



Dear Human Friend,

The summer in this new house is very hot. When I am not barking a very important alert for my master, I dig holes. In some of the holes I lay down because the fresh dirt is cooler. I also dig because I like the sound of the dirt. I also like the smell of things I cannot see underneath the ground.

Dear SAM,

Do you go to the beach in the summer?

Dear Human Friend,

Yes I do but not because I like it. I do not like the sandy place with the loud water. I do like the many birds that sit on the beach but my master does not let me chase them. That is very disappointing. I see no reason to go to the beach.

Dear SAM,

Do you get lonely sometimes?

Dear Human Friend,

Yes I do. Many times my master walks into another room and I walk very fast to stay with her. I am afraid she will disappear sometimes. When she leaves in the morning, I bark and sometimes cry just a little. But I have two sisters who stay with me every day so it is easier. But they are not my master so I still miss her. When you love someone, and miss them very much, no one else is the same.

