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Thoughts From Your Pastor

The church season in which we find ourselves is the season after Pentecost. It is a long season, much like the meteorological season which runs concurrently! By the time we arrive at the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, etc... weeks after Pentecost it is easy to forget the original celebration. Of course the lengthy season celebrates the Upper Room event whereby the Holy Spirit was unleashed upon the world. Tongues of fire. Rushing wind. A mission for the 12 to go and preach, teach, and baptize. So they went. And here we are!

We are soon to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit by receiving 4 young people into the life of the church by profession of faith. It is the culmination of weeks of teaching and years of upbringing by parents, grandparents, and church family. Theologically it is the "confirmation" of a covenant made at their baptisms. This group is especially resilient in that they've had to endure constant scheduling changes since March on account of the COVID-19 uncertainty. Confirmation Sunday was originally scheduled for Mother's Day! Aside from that, I want to tell you how extraordinary these 4 are. They are musically, artistically, and athletically talented. They are excellent students in school. They already serve our community and desire to do more as they age into new opportunities. They participate in worship. They love the Lord and are learning to claim the name of Christian.

But all of you reading this have a continuing role to play as well. As you know, life can be a long season and it is easy to forget the original celebration (confirmation) along the way. So they need the help of all of you; the seasoned, learned, wise, young and not-so-young experienced saints to lead them even as they grow into leading us. Each encouraging word is a seed planted for a future lay leader, trustee, liturgist or Pastor. Each loving correction is an investment which matures with time and is fully realized only later. Each opportunity is a move towards perfection and holiness. So, Main Street UMC, don't let the doldrums of summer drag you down. There is work to be done. The Spirit is moving!

Pastor Brian

Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksdale Room 102 – 1408 Parkway Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Irene Deason – 401 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ned and Linda Himes – 307 HillCrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 110 Wilewood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harvey Lansing – Abbeville Nursing Home Room 111 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- David Littell – 107 Hillcrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- John and Cam Marchi – 108 Sunset Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Rowena Parkenson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harold and Marion Prince – P O Box 699, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson – Wesley Commons Assisted Living – Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Paul and Jane Williams – 257 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Marjorie Wilson – 1500 Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Beverly Wilson – 2623 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of: Helen Speer; Paul Williams; Jane Williams; Jane Cox; Irene Deason; Ruth Brock

We are resetting our Prayer list. Please let us know individuals needing prayers or requested to be on Prayer list.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Church Office if you know someone in need of prayer.



Joys & Concerns

Please let the church office know of any joys or concerns of our church family



IN MEMORIAM

Ned Barnette
April 6, 1934

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July 5, 2020

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle
Ann Moore Circle
Lovely Lane Circle
Susanna Wesley Circle

Circles will not meet in August.

All circles should nominate a lady for the UMW Woman of the Year award and turn the nomination in to Jane Agan.

Remember to collect items for the deployed military personnel and put in the marked barrel in the hall of the Sunday School building.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

Men will not meet in August



Flower Calendar

**Date Still Available
September 27; October 18, 25;
November 22**

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



The August 16 worship service will include a Blessing of the Backpacks. Be sure to bring your bookbags to church.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Administrative Council

will meet Thursday, August 13, 2020, in the **Greene Center** at 7:00 pm. All members of this Committee are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office.

All committee reports should be emailed in by August 9th.



School starts back soon. Pray for all the students, teachers, administrators and all support staff.



Notes From the Choir



NEW NORMAL

Worship has resumed in the Sanctuary, but we are not necessarily “back to normal.” The phrase “new normal” is popping up everywhere and we all agree that things are different than before. But as Paula Weis told the children last week, there are still blessings and good things to be found in our new normal.

Being present in the Sanctuary and listening to our awesome pipe organ during worship is definitely a blessing. Dennis blesses us mid-week with a musical offering online, but nothing can replace sitting in the pews and experiencing the music of the organ in person as it is being played. This is a musical offering that is safe for us to experience as long as we wear our masks and maintain physical distance.

As cases continue to rise around us, we do not feel that congregational singing would be safe within our Sanctuary. We continue to monitor our community situation and professional advice/guidelines on this topic. We anticipate eagerly the day that we can once again join our voices in song, but until that day, we will use a safer alternative through song leaders. Through the ministry of our song leaders, we are able to listen to the hymns that we love, and maybe even hum along behind our masks.

Thank you very much to those who have served as song leaders and those who will in the future. As many have commented, we are blessed with a plethora of musical talent within our church family. Thank you for helping bring some semblance of normalcy to our worship! If you have not had the opportunity to serve as a song leader and would like to, please let me know. If your musical talent is playing an instrument and you would be willing to provide some special music, please let me know.

We will continue to look for alternate ways to safely worship through music during this time. And as we worship together, we will look for the blessings that can be found in our “new normal.”

Kerri



What Can You Do to Fight The Coronavirus

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. The CDC list the following as possible symptoms:

fever or chills
cough
fatigue
muscle aches
Headache
loss of taste or smell
sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
nausea or vomiting

Please remember to do the following:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
2. Cover your mouth if you cough.
3. Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

4. Avoid contact with sick people.
5. Stay at least 6 feet away from individuals so if coughing should occur, the spicules will not reach the approaching individual.
6. Do not shake people's hands or give them a hug.
7. Stay at home while you are sick and avoid others.
8. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (doorknobs, railings, toilet handles, sink handles, etc.)
9. Notify the appropriate authorities should you suspect that you have contracted the flu or coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

August is National Eye Exam Month

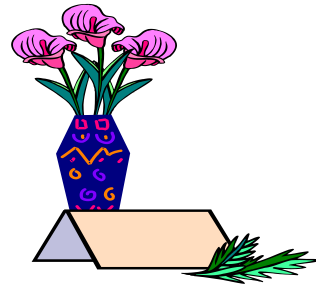


This August, observe National Eye Exam Month by learning about ways to keep your vision clear and healthy. As we age, getting a baseline eye exam can detect early signs of disease or damage to your eyes. Ophthalmologists recommend periodic eye exams every 2-4 years from the ages of 40 to 65, and every 1-2 years after the age of 65. While most symptoms are often disregarded, getting a simple checkup and following a doctor's orders can greatly lower risks of more severe and future damage, and you can continue to enjoy healthy vision.

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

- 1 Julianne H. Smith
- 3 Mary Wolfe
- 8 Robert Lander
Brandon Arnold
- 9 Laura New
- 10 Jane Agan
Jonathan Wilson
- 11 Kim Hagen
- 13 Bobby Bowen
Eric Wilson
Luke White
- 15 Matt Baker
Paige Roberson
- 16 Don Hershberger
- 18 Nancy McKay
- 19 Stephanie Brown
- 24 Thomas Booth
- 25 Anita Clark
- 27 Bennie McCoy
Lauren Jones
- 28 Ray Peck
- 30 Mary White
Mary Riley West



August Anniversaries

- 4 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Calvert
Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Dunlap
- 6 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Jr.
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Brandt Addis
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hite, Jr.
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Ed White

August Acolyte No Acolytes for August

2
9
16
23
30

Please put the above date on your calendar. This is the Sunday you are to be an acolyte for the morning worship service. If you cannot be acolyte on your day, PLEASE find a substitute or swap Sundays with someone.

Please come to Parament room no later than 10:45 a.m. on the Sunday morning you are to be acolyte.



[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

(Click on this link while holding down the control key)





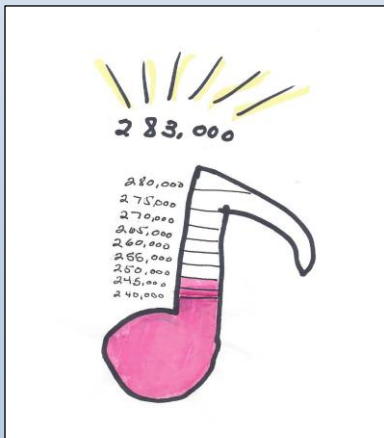
Keep the Music Flowing

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Update

We have raised \$249,619 for the organ as of July 26, 2020. That is 88.20% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the 3 year faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan is being repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing. Keep praying, keep working and keep giving.



GREETERS

Pat Stanley, Nancy Deloach
John and Jeanette Davis
Bob and Lori Glace
Bill and Jordan Glace

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

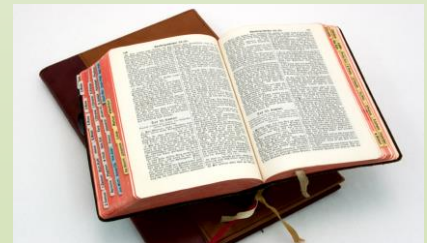
Bob Glace

SOUND TEC

Jordan Glace

August Scripture Readings

- 2 Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21
- 9 Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23
- 16 Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15(10-20), 21-28
- 23 Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20
- 30 Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28



Nursery Schedule for August

No Nursery in August





Blessing of the Bookbags

Sunday, August 16th

Make sure you bring your bookbag to church with you!!!

Rev. Brian Arant will be blessing them during both of our Worship Service to help prepare the children for another successful and fun year!!!



The 2020 **Census** form is secure, quick, and easy. Complete the questionnaire today.

The **census** helps shape many different aspects of our community. Everyone is counted.

The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

How the census affects our community?

School lunches; plans for highways; support for firefighters and families in need; funding for healthcare—including programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, State Children's Health Insurance.

Census results affect our community every day.

You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.

Go to 2020census.gov for more information.

Loose Change Sunday



Loose Change Sunday is August 23.

We will be collecting for UCMAC Free Medical Clinic that provides medical care and prescriptions to uninsured adults in Abbeville County.

Prayer for Our Nation

From the United Methodist Book of Worship

Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land.

Where it is in pride, subdue it.

Where it is in need, supply it.

Where it is in error, rectify it.

Where it is in default, restore it.

And where it holds to that which is just and compassionate, support it. Amen

Safe Sanctuary Policy – Part 7

Starting in February we began printing sections of our Safe Sanctuary Policy so that everyone can become familiar with the provisions. Anyone who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults must follow these rules set out in this policy. In February, we printed the general information about the policy. March's installment listed the definitions that are used in the policy. April listed the selection guidelines for Staff and Volunteer Recruitment. May's installment covered the ongoing education of persons who work with children and youth. June listed the supervision of children and youth. July listed the guidelines for trips and retreats. This month is the final installment that covers responding to allegations and implementing the policy. Contact the church office if you want the entire policy emailed to you.

VIII. Responding to Allegations of Child Abuse

Everyone in the church has a moral responsibility and a legal duty to report suspected abuse whenever it comes to their attention, regardless of where that abuse takes place. Therefore, when abuse is suspected:

- A. Immediately notify the pastor who will in turn notify proper authorities (i.e., the local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the child/youth resides or in which the suspected abuse occurred and/or the appropriate department of children's services). If the allegations are against the pastor notify the District Superintendent.
- B. Immediately remove the accused from further involvement with children and/or youth. Once the proper authorities have been contacted and the safety of the child or youth is secured, the appointed clergy or other designated persons should inform the accused that abuse has been reported.
- C. Notify the parents of the victim and take whatever steps are necessary to assure the safety and well-being of the child or youth until the parent(s) arrive. NOTE: If one or both of the parents is the alleged abuser, follow the advice of the authorities concerning notification of others.
- D. Take all allegations seriously and reach out to the victim and the victim's family. Show care and support to help prevent further hurt. Extend whatever pastoral resources are needed. Remember that the care and safety of the victim is the first priority. Respond in a positive and supportive manner to the victim and the victim's family.
- E. After having reported the suspected abuse to the proper authorities, the Pastor is to report the incident immediately to the District Superintendent. If the District Superintendent is unavailable, the incident should be reported to the Bishop's office.
- F. Keep a written report of the steps taken by the church in response to the reported abuse. The report should be brief and contain only factual information relevant to the situation. It should be kept in a secure place. It should be written in ink or typed to prevent it from being changed.
- G. Any contact with the media should be handled by a pre-determined spokes- person selected by the Pastor.

IX Implementation

Unless otherwise specifically stated, it shall be the responsibility of the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee to implement this Policy, to design and conduct future training, and to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of this Policy. Any questions or concerns about this policy should be directed, in writing, to the Pastor/Parish Relations Committee.

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