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July newsletter items are due on June 25th. Thank you.



Sunday, June 17th



Sunday Services

- 9:00a Worship Service (Combined)
- 10:15a Sunday School
- 6:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 7:00p Every FOURTH SUNDAY United Methodist Women

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...” *Matthew 28:19*



Pastor's Pen



Where Does the Time Go?

It seems that the measure of time is calculated differently depending on the attitude or activity at the moment. “Time flies when you’re having fun”, is a common statement which indicates our attitude. Or “when I was a child Christmas came every two years, now (that I am an adult), it comes every six months”, indicating the attitude of waiting for something special to happen.

We are preparing to enter the month of June. It is the traditional time of graduations, weddings, VBS and for United Methodists—annual conference. It also marks the beginning of summer and the midpoint of the year. The school year will end soon.

June is longer days, shorter nights and rising temperatures. Trees and plants have “greened” out. Spirits that were low due to dreary days have been lifted. We think of vacations and a change of pace in daily activities.

The church has celebrated important days in the previous months. Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost are past. We are preparing for VBS. The church needs a large number of volunteers to have a good school. Children will come and eat, learn and play. Some don’t come to church with regularity. They need to see men and women working together to present something of Jesus. I have many fond memories of the VBS of childhood. Ebenezer can work together to produce similar memories for another generation of children.

Nathan Atwood, missionary in Honduras will speak during our worship service June 24th. He was one of our Laity Revival speakers and did a wonderful job. Don’t miss him.

We are planning an All American Sunday in the month of July. We will feature patriotic music and a meal highlighting hot dogs, apple pie and ice cream. We want to remind everyone of our veterans and the good things of our history. This will probably be Sunday the 15th or 22nd.

Back to School Bash at Grace Chapel, our big Barbeque Dinner, Country Store, Charge Conference, Thanksgiving and Christmas will follow. Yes, we are busy.

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WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:00p Teens for Christ (Gr. 6-12)
- 7:00p Bible Study—Children & Adults.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



Meetings, Etc.

Church Council

There will be no Church Council meeting in June.

United Methodist Women

The women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Cinda McRary is in charge of the program.

Lord's Supper Meal

Monday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. Cooks and helpers and drivers will be needed. Please see Ricky Baker to volunteer. Thank you.

Trustees Meeting

The Trustees will meet on **Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.**

Then the LORD God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it; he breathed life-giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live. —Genesis 2:7

Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts in *May*:

In Memory of Inez Spencer by:
Bill, Delores, & Gary Paul Campbell

In Memory of Paul Spencer by:
Bill, Delores, & Gary Paul Campbell

In Memory of Kathryn Teague, Maude Woods, & Mary Wike by:
Cindy Satterwhite

In Memory of Ginny Teague and Rachel Poe by:
Larry & Alice Hill

In Memory of Our Grandparents by:
Bill, Delores, & Gary Paul Campbell

In Memory of Ronnie Satterwhite by:
Jason Satterwhite

In Honor of Bill Campbell's 81st Birthday on May 5 by:
Billy Wayne Campbell

In Honor of All Church Workers by:
Bill, Delores & Gary Paul Campbell



Something to Pray About by Cindy Sears

ADAM: FIRST MAN, FIRST HUSBAND, FIRST FATHER

Refer to Genesis, chapters 1-4, while reading this article.

As we reflect on fathers in the month of June and celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 17 with a free breakfast at 8:00 a.m., I decided to take a new look at the first man to hold the distinction of being a father.

Adam, as the first man, also has the distinction of being the one who ruined the world for us all by his fall into disobedience to his Creator and God. Eve, being the first one to take the plunge into sin, is found guilty, too; but Adam, because he was the first one made, and the leader of his family, takes on the greater burden of guilt.

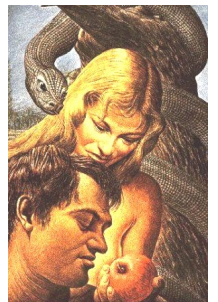
I have heard it said that Adam must have been a wimp to follow so easily in the footsteps of his wife, Eve, when she offered the fruit of the forbidden tree to him after she had a bite. But, I recently read another take on this that intrigued me and may shed new light on what happened in the Garden of Eden.

In Genesis Chapter One, we have a creation story that includes the creation of human beings as male and female. Then, in Chapter Two, we are told that God creates man first, and later adds the woman as a helpmate. Some people claim that these are two different creation stories that cannot be reconciled. But are they?

In Chapter Two, God is said to have made the universe, but no plants, etc. were yet growing because of lack of rain and someone to till the ground (see 2:4-6). Then God forms Adam from some soil, and breathes the breath-of-life into him. After this, God planted a garden, and He makes beautiful trees to grow there, including the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. When he places Adam in the garden, he admonishes him (Eve is not there yet) that he can eat of any of the fruit of the trees except the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Then, God creates all kinds of animals and brings them to Adam to name.

Think about this. Adam saw God create these animals from nothing! But Eve did not; she was not there yet. Since the animals turned out not to be suitable companions for Adam, God, therefore, created the woman, Eve.

There are two things to remember here: 1) Adam seems to have seen God create the animals for the garden, 2) Eve did not see God create the animals. So, in Chapter Three, the snake uses his cunning on Eve, and not Adam. And once Eve falls under the spell of the snake's cunning insinuations, what can Adam do? Will he refuse the fruit offered to him, knowing that his wife will die because of her sin? Or will he



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June Events & Fundraisers

VBS 2018 Coming!

Sunday-Wednesday

June 10-12

5:30-8:45 PM

Commencement

June 13, 6 PM



It's summer. Let's go camping with God!

River otter, Romper, invites your children to experience the ride of a lifetime with God on the Rolling River Rampage. In this interactive, energizing, Bible-based program, your children will become Rafters, and explore how to serve God and God's mission in their lives.

We provide a free meal before each evening's activities that will include rollicking music, Bible lessons, playful fun, and tasty snacks as everyone learns wonderful things about God and our purpose in his kingdom's work. We also have a 1 hour class for adults that starts at 6:30 p.m.



The meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and Assembly for the children begins at 6:15 p.m. On Wednesday, we offer a special treat for children and parents. Meet us at the Hudson Recreational Center pool (Redwood Park) for grilled burgers and hotdogs as we congratulate all our new Rafters, and have a swim in the pool.

Graduation Sunday

Sunday, June 3

During our worship service, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors. Please have your photos in by May 30th. College program graduates may also submit pictures for our annual slide show with details of the school attended, degree awarded, and plans for the future.

3rd Saturday Supper

June 16
4:00-7 PM

We are serving supper on the third Saturday of the month to raise funds for our church. This month we will serve **cube steak and fixings for \$8** with dessert and drink. Please consider coming in for a delicious homemade meal once-a-month, and help supplement our church budget, too!

Father's Day Breakfast

Sunday, June 17 8 AM

We will honor all the men and boys of our church with a free breakfast for all of our members and affiliates. Enjoy a good meal, thank our fathers for all they do for us, and then join us for worship and Sunday school.

Thanks, Dad!



Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 30
8 AM- ?

We ask our members and friends to come to Ebenezer on this Saturday and help us clean up all those little neglected corners, the windows, and the church grounds—to show how much we value our church, where we glorify God in worship and all we do in His name.

We encourage Sunday school

June Celebrations



- 1st—Joan Pennell
- 2nd—Carson Teague
- 3rd—Melissa Wilson
- 4th—Marley Smith
- 6th—Ethan Haas
- 7th—Will McRary
- 7th—Sidney Austin
- 8th—Becky Yount
- 8th—Margaret Fairchild
- 8th—Eathan Marrow
- 9th—Gerald Frye
- 10th—Mary Lynn Pennell
- 13th—Kim Ellis
- 16th—Casey Knepp
- 21st—Tom Kohnle
- 22nd—Nathan Adams
- 23rd—Theia McRary
- 26th—Sharon Bowman
- 26th—Delores Campbell
- 28th—Teresa Herman
- 28th—Boyd Johnson
- 28th—Ragan Knepp

Happy Anniversary!

- 5th—Richie & Carla Yoder
- 6th—Brett & Kelsey Hennington
- 20th—Boyd & Emily Johnson
- 20th—Jimmy & Heather Stone
- 22nd—Dwight & Rosalind Kelley
- 22nd—Rex & Gwen Teague
- 24th—Chris & Tasha Haas
- 24th—Ted & Gerry Daniel
- 28th—James & Freida Farr

class members to wash their class windows and clean up their classrooms before this day. Thank you!



Church Council Minutes for May 20, 2018

Attendees: Ricky Baker, Patty Coffey, David & Sonya Crouse, Kim Ellis, Jo Nell Harrison, Bleaka Hollar, JoAnn Knepp, Judy McCrary, Will McRary, and Cindy Sears.

NOTE: Rebecca Hirt spoke to the council for a few minutes to request the possible change of our Sunday worship time to 10:00 a.m. This proposal was not discussed or voted on, because Pastor Tom was not present and he is in charge of the services.

David Crouse called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. After time to read over the April meeting's minutes, a motion was made to accept them as written. Motion passed.

Jo Nell opened the meeting with prayer. Acts 2:7-12 was read by David. These verses remind us that we are one community, one church body. Christians come from different cultures, and have different languages—but we are one body under the Lordship of Jesus.

Financial Report—Jo Nell Harrison

We spent more money than we took in this past month (in April). There was a question about whether or not to close out the Mission Scholarship Fund. Sonya volunteered to call Cathy Huffman and confirm that she is agreeable to moving the money to our General Fund.

We have been unable to pay our apportionments again. We've only paid \$2,003 out of the \$20,696 they have asked for.

Stop Hunger Fund: Sonya made a motion to move this fund into the General Fund. Seconded by Jo Nell. Motion passed. \$238.77 moved. Also \$38.92 moved from the van fund to the General Fund, too.

Old Business

We are still waiting for a dry period to finish the work at the parsonage.

Switcheroo Sunday's attendance was not really higher than the usual times for the other Sundays.

We received about \$1800 taken in for the barbecue, which will go to the General Fund.

Layman's Revival went very well. We thank everyone who spoke and sang and attended.

New Business

Trustees Report by Roy Hamby: broken and missing ceiling tiles have been replaced in the CLC, but he needs to order more tiles to finish the job. The broken maintenance access door in the wall above the floor was repaired. All the filters were changed out, which will need to be changed out again in about a year.

SCCM Report by Judy McCrary: Debbie Thomas is retiring. The new building is paid for.

Communion Steward, Sonya Crouse, needs a helper for communion. Please see her to volunteer.

Will McRary asked why we are so far behind in giving. We have experienced a large loss of members, many of which were regular tithers. We are cutting our expenses everywhere we can, but some things we just cannot control. Will expressed his concern about how to get the message to our congregation that we need to increase our giving. General discussion followed. We will do a special promotion of the next church council meeting in July, and invite all our members to attend and give us input into this problem. Please remember: anyone may attend the church council meetings, but only the members of the council may vote.

Church Council will not meet in June. All American Sunday will be on the 15th of July. The July Council meeting will be on July 15th, and will be held in the CLC so that more of our congregation can attend.

We will have a Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 17th at 8:00 a.m.

The subject of the church van and the possibility of selling it was brought up

again. Roy said that the Trustees have decided to keep the van, and have asked the Haases to have the lettering put on the van. This decision will not be changed.

There was more general discussion of what to do about the financial situation if our giving remains below what is needed to meet our regular expenses. A proposal was made to use part of the Thank Bank money for one apportionment payment (there is currently over \$4,000 in the fund). We will talk to Pastor Tom and decide what to do about this.

It was noted that we need more volunteers to help with the contributions counting. Cindy will put the request for more counters and a communion steward assistant in the bulletin.

Cindy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ricky. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

--minutes by Cindy Sears 📖

How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

Children, it is your Christian duty to obey your parents, for this is the right thing to do. "Respect your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise added: "so that all may go well with you, and you may live a long time in the land." Parents, do not treat your children in such a way as to make them angry. Instead, raise them with Christian discipline and instruction.

—Ephesians 6:1-4 GNT

"God doesn't waste time. He's always taking what you're doing and weaving it into where you're going."
--John Marsh



Something, con't

accept the fruit, so that they can die together? And did Adam feel some responsibility because he had not taught her well enough about the nature of God for her to resist the wiles of the snake?

Maybe Adam did fall into disobedience because of his love for his wife, Eve; but he also blamed her for his failure to obey, and blamed God because He gave him the woman in the first place. Humans are complicated beings, and sin calls us in many ways. Because of the fall of man, all our good is tinged by evil; but, maybe, our sin is also tinged by good sometimes (or we rationalize that what we are doing is good). That is why God gave us His written word to help us see the differences between good and evil.

As for being the first father, Adam has success and failure there, too. Abel was a faithful follower of the Lord, but Cain had evil in his heart and killed his brother, Abel. What is a parent to do? Raise your children in the Lord, and pray, pray, pray that they will accept the free gift of salvation and remain faithful to our Lord and our Creator. And the father should remember that, in God's eyes, he is the spiritual head of the family. Don't leave it to your wife to teach the children about God, or to model godly behavior. We need fathers and mothers. Neither should shirk their duties when it comes to raising their children in the Christian faith. Happy Father's Day! †

Pastor's Pen, con't

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Many exciting things will be here before we count the days. "Time flies while having fun". Keep busy and it will pass.

Pastor Tom

Our Military

Nick Austin
Kyle Blair
Anthony Coffey
Paul Coffey
Ricky Garland
Jason Gibson
Trey Hefner
Chris Kaisenski
Shane McRary
Travis Miller
Joey Moore
Jamie Mullinax
Michael Potts

Alex Shealy
Hunter Tolbert
Josh Yount



Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.


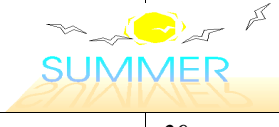



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Sunday school	Every Monday: Basketball—7 PM		Every Wed.: 6 PM Praise Band & Teens for Christ 7 PM Children and Adult Bible studies	Every Thursday: Volleyball—7 PM	1	2 
3 Graduation Sunday , see p.3 Private Function—1-4 PM	4 (No Basketball)	5 Senior Adults Go Visiting—9:30 AM	6	7 (No Volleyball)	8	9
Facilities Reserved for VBS Prep						
10 VBS 5:30-8:45 PM	11 (No Basketball)	12	13 VBS Cookout & Commencement at Hudson Rec. Center Pool—6-8 PM, see p. 3	14	15	16 3rd Saturday Supper—4-7 PM, see p. 3
17 Father's Day Breakfast—8 AM, see p. 3	18	19 Senior Adults Go Visiting—9:30 AM	20	21 	22	23
24 UMW—7 PM, see p. 2	25	26 	27	28	29	30 Clean-up Day—8 AM—?, see p. 3



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