

Pastor's Corner

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Cindy was hoping that I would have this letter out earlier, however, I wanted to wait until after the Barbeque Benefit. I cannot begin to tell you what a privilege and honor it is to be associated with a church that is deeply involved with helping others out when they are down.

This past weekend simply illustrated the oneness that is present at Ebenezer United Methodist. People came out all week long to lend a hand wherever it was needed. From carrying out the trash to making deliveries, everyone did their task with a smile on their faces.

Truly this is how Christ's Church should be. Paul perhaps summed it up best as recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, "For just as the body is one and has many members of the body, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Christ is the head of the church and we are all individual members, working and ministering together, we become one body working for the kingdom of God. There are no members of lesser importance, nor members of greater importance. I, too, am but a member of the body of Christ, who has been called to lead the church through its journey.

I take my call seriously—just as I feel that each of us should serve the Lord with all of our heart, all of our mind, and with all of our soul.

It is with great pleasure and great humility that I say thank you for the hard work and the efforts that you put forth in making the Barbeque Benefit a great success.

May we continue to seek God in all that we do and may we continue to reach out and offer a hand to those in need. Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you comforted me, I was in prison and you visited me." And they said, "Lord when did we see you hungry, naked, sick, and in prison." Jesus said, "When you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me."

THANK YOU!

Peace, Rev. Eric Lane – May 2008

