

Reflections

June 2019

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A WORD FROM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.” – Ephesians 4:15-16 CEB

United Methodists are *connected*. There really is strength in numbers. Whenever there is a disaster whether it is in Arkansas or anywhere in the world, I find comfort and strength, knowing that Methodists are there to bring help and healing. Being connected enables us to pool our resources and join together in our common mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our church family was well-represented at Annual Conference last week. Twelve of us attended: Lori and I as clergy members, Julie Smith and Tyler Staten as lay members, Bill Wisener as the Council on Finance and Administration chairperson, Helen Guenter as the chairperson of Conference Archives and History, Maggie Brown, Megan Stephens, and Sydney Fallon as representatives from our District, and Audrea Stephens as our District Administrative Assistant. I appreciate each one of them for representing us well.

In a season of turmoil within our denomination, Bishop Mueller challenged us to “Double down on our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples for the transformation of the world.” Much of our time together focused on electing our delegates to General Conference and to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference when they meet in 2020. The Annual Conference elected me to serve as a Jurisdictional Conference delegate. We will vet episcopal candidates and subsequently elect the bishops who serve in the South Central Jurisdiction (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Texas). We will also serve as reserve delegates (alternates) for General Conference. Each of us will help sift through the mounds of legislation to be considered when GC meets next May.

Bishop Mueller ordained six clergy (1 deacon and 6 elders). Twenty-six clergy retired, with a combined 660 years of service. We also remembered the thirty-two clergy and spouses who have died in the last year (as well as one special lay person).

My favorite part of conference was standing at the end as Bishop Mueller appointed Lori and me to serve as your pastors for the coming year. Michelle and I love Monticello and our church family, and I'm excited of what God has in store for our ministry together!

Grace & Peace!



FUMY News

June 2019



Important Reminders:

- **June 2-5** - FUMY to sort & receive rummage in FLC, 10 am - 4 pm
- **June 7 & 8** - FUMY annual Rummage Sale, **6:30 am - 1 pm** Family Life Center
- **Mondays in June...**
Girls Small Group with Maggie 6 - 7 pm (youth room)
- **Sunday, June 9** - FUMY to Cane Creek for FUN, 1 - 6 PM
- **June 10** - 6 pm FUMY parents meeting about mission trip
- **June 18** - FUMY to Little Rock for mission work & fun, noon - 10 PM
- **June 22 - 29** - FUMY to South Carolina for Mission Trip 2019

FUMY had an outstanding May! We celebrated our 4 seniors with a wonderful "Graduating Senior" Sunday plus "Senior Roast." We are going to miss Hannah, Lauren, Dallas & Joey in the youth room and we wish them *GOD SPEED* wherever life takes them. We packed bags for "Feed the Kids" mission plus wrapped up our "envelopes of support" mission and raised \$5,085 for our mission trip and to do our monthly mission projects. A HUGE **THANK YOU** to our church family for supporting our many endeavors. We officially kicked off summer with a fun night of pizza, a movie, hang out & mission work on May 15. Plus we said good-bye to two of our favorite 8th graders, Lillie Coplin & Brooke Duncan, one is moving to Louisiana and one is moving back to Texas. We played some games and had some great lessons on what means to be on "break" from school but never on "break" from God. We talked about what we can do this summer to connect even more with God.

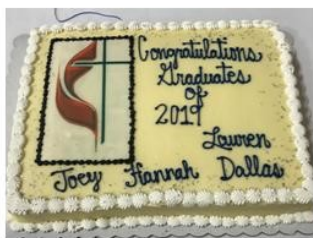
We are so excited to welcome back Maggie Brown as our summer youth intern. Maggie's first official day is May 26 and then she will join me at Annual Conference in Hot Springs as a district delegate.

June is finally here and with it comes **12 fun-filled weeks of SUMMER BREAK!!** Our annual Rummage Sale will kick off our summer. We'll take rummage June 2-5 and we welcome our church family to shop 10 am - 4 pm, Monday - Thursday before the big sale that Friday & Saturday. We will have youth on most Sunday nights each week where the youth can come and hang out, eat some snacks and have a short lesson. Maggie is leading a small group on Tuesdays for girls going into the 7th - 9th grades. It's from 6-7 pm and will be in the youth room. Maggie plans to use that hour to get to know those young ladies and to give them a chance to grow closer to each other and to God. In addition to some fun planned for June we are also going back to the Methodist Children's Home to host youth group for them. AND we leave on Saturday, June 22 for our week-long mission trip to Lexington County, South Carolina. Maggie & I have a lot of fun planned for this summer! We cannot wait to see where the Lord leads our youth.

Don't forget: Mission trip fees are due by June 2 (\$150 per youth)

Please continue to cover our youth with your prayers. We are called to be the hands & feet of Jesus...let us go & make disciples for Him!

Christ above all, Lori



FUMY Annual Rummage Sale

public Sale dates: June 7 - 8, 2019

The youth group welcomes all rummage donations
Sun, June 2 until Wed, June 5

Please bring all items to the
Family Life Center.

Our Church family is welcome to shop June 3 - 6 (just leave a donation)

For items that are too heavy for you to bring, please
call Lori @ 723-4968 or Maggie @ 723-4105 to
schedule a pick it up!

**All proceeds will go toward FUMY
Mission Projects**

Extra Special **THANK YOU** to the following
supporters of our *2019 FUMY Mission Work & Trip*

Anonymous Donators
Isabel & Ed Bacon
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Brenda Wright



The home of Adelia and Nick Sudduth burned the weekend of May 18. Their kids are Skyler and Zoe. Skyler is one of our youth, and Adelia works with Scotty Beer. If you would like to help the family, please contact the church office.



Troop 67 is preparing for Summer Camp June 16 - 21, 2019 at Camp De Soto in El Dorado. Scheduling merit badge classes and working out Patrol assignments to use during summer camp will be the focus for the next few weeks.

The Troop assisted Union Bank and Kiwanis Club with putting out the American Flays along the Square and at the Drew County Courthouse. These flags will be up through July 4 to observe all holidays. If you would like to sponsor a flag please call Union Bank or contact a Kiwanis member. They need sponsors!!



Births

Congratulations and God's blessings to Peyton and Jo James on the birth of their son, Kai Allen, on April 26, 2019.

Congratulations and God's blessings to the Carmical family on the birth of their granddaughter Diana Victoria on May 2, 2019.

Congratulations and God's blessings to the Smith family on the birth of their grandson Jonah Thomas Smith on May 18.

Baptisms

God's blessings on the Norris Family on Cash's baptism on May 12, 2019.

God's blessings on the Atkins family on William's baptism on May 19, 2019.



Libby Annulis Circle Salad/Dessert Potluck

On Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 P.M., all four UMW circles joined together and had a wonderful time with a potluck salad/dessert dinner and packed up bags for the homeless with socks, sanitary items, and most importantly the Word of God. They also made up cookie bags to deliver to our members that reside at Grand Manor, are in nursing homes, and our shut-ins. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the homeless bags and baked cookies for our homebound members.



CHURCH Events

- June 4 6:00 PM Circle # 3
- June 7-8 FUMY Annual Rummage Sale
- June 9 1:30 to 3:00 PM: Wedding Shower, Meghann LaBorn— Congregation invited
- June 11 10:00 AM Wilma Hankins Circle
- June 11 6:00 PM Libby Annulis' Circle
- June 16 9:00 AM Jubilation Jazz — One Service in the FLC
- June 16 1:30 to 3PM: Wedding Shower, Hannah James — Congregation invited.
- June 22-29 FUMY Mission Trip



Weekly Events

Sundays

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Service
- 9:50 AM Sunday School
- 10:50 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Jr. High FUMY
- 6:00 PM Snack Supper FUMY
- 6:30 PM Sr. High FUMY
- 6:30 PM Small Group

Mondays:

- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesdays:

- 3:30 PM Girl Scouts
- 7:00 PM Summer Movie Night

Wednesdays:

- 3:15 PM FUMY Hang Time
- 6:00 Chancel Choir
- 6:00 PM Small Group Meeting
- 6:30 PM Small Group Meeting
- 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice
- 7:00 PM Bells of Hope

Thursdays

- 4:00 PM Feed Our Neighbors
- 6:30 PM Small Group

GREETERS

	9:00 AM	10:50 AM
June 2	Stephanie Brown Trudy Jackson Blair Brown	Judy Murphy
June 9	Kathy Tumilson Margo Stevens James Tumilson Joel Stevens	Margo Stevens
June 16	Valerie Harvey Deborah James Michael James	Jubilation Jazz/ One Service
June 23	Amanda Barton LeAnne Burch Whit Barton	Sheila Maxwell
June 30	Stacey Davis Belinda Akin Barry Davis	Ember Davis John Davis

LITURGIST

June 2	Rev. Lori Fallon
June 9	Rev. Lori Fallon
June 16	Jubilation Jazz/One Service
June 23	Anthony Brown
June 30	John Davis

ACOLYTES

June 2	Ryne Gosdin & Danner Loyd
June 9	Max Efird & James Pierce Breedlove
June 16	Jubilation Jazz/One Service
June 23	Addy Maxwell & Rylan Harvey
June 30	Jason Lee & Alex Martinez

Summer Break

Children's choir and handbells will be on summer break until August 21. Have a great summer!!

Preschool will be on summer break until Wednesday, August 21, 2019 when our four-year old class begins a new year. The three-year old class will begin Tuesday, September 3, 2019

The TOTS class will be on summer break and will resume in September.

Community Events

June 2: Monticello Church of Christ Dedication
Service at 3:00 PM

June 3, 4, and 5: UAM Youth Football Camp.
Call Coach Hill at the USM Athletic Dept.,
870-460-1058, for more info.

June 7: First Baptist Church celebrates their 125th
anniversary.

June 13, 14, and 15: Annual Juneteenth Celebration
in Wilmar.

Market in the Park farmers' market is every
Saturday morning from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M.
in the mini park on South Main Street. Contact
the chamber office at 870-367-6741 or go to
monticellochamber@sbcglobal.net to obtain your
free vendor application form.

Wedding Showers

You are invited to a wedding
shower for Meghann LaBorn,
bride elect of Rex Fletcher, on
Sunday, June 9, from 1:30-3.
Rex is the son of Kim and Tony
Fletcher.

You are invited to a wedding
shower for Hannah James on
Sunday, June 16 from 1:30-3.
Hannah is the bride elect of Na-
than Musso and the daughter
of Deborah and Michael James.

Children's Ministry News

Parents who have children
who have completed grades 4
and 5 will be receiving a letter
about the **Wonderfully Made
Series** (previously Created by
God) that is to be offered in
July.

Ozark Mission Project
(OMP 101) will be July 29—31
from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. This is
for students that have
completed 4th and 5th grades.
Please let Brenda Wright know
if your child is interested or
with any questions regarding
transportation or cost of pro-
gram.

Judy & Jack Lassiter

Indoor Practice Facility

Please join us!

Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Renaming Ceremony & Reception



1415 Scogin Drive

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For more information: (870) 460-1228

TUESDAY IS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT THIS SUMMER

This summer in worship we'll be looking at issues of faith in film. We'll show each film the Tuesday before at 7:00 P.M. in the FLC. Here's what's coming up!

Tuesday, June 4: *The Incredibles: If we work together...* (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, June 11: *The Princess and the Frog* (Note: One service at 9:00 A.M. in the FLC 6/16 featuring the Jubilation Jazz Band)

Tuesday, June 18: *Wonder: Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle.*

Tuesday, June 25: *The Lego Movie: Because you are the Special, and so am I.*

Tuesday, July 2: Independence Day Weekend — *Lincoln: Then, thenceforward, and forever free.* The kids will watch *An American Tail* in the Fellowship Hall while the youth and adults watch *Lincoln* in the FLC.

Tuesday, July 9: *The Lion King: The question is who...are you?*

Tuesday, July 16: *Dumbo: You can fly! Honest you can!*

Tuesday, July 23: *Wonder Woman: Bonds of love never make the wearer weaker.* The kids will watch *Brave* in the Fellowship Hall while the youth and adults watch *Wonder Woman* in the FLC.

Tuesday, July 30: *Rudy: I've been ready for this my whole life.*

JUBILATION JAZZ BAND SUNDAY, JUNE 16 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE FLC

