

June 4, 2017



Pentecost

JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Making the Connection

by Rev. Lyle Holland

¶ 132. *The Journey of a Connectional People* – Connectionalism in the United Methodist tradition is multi-leveled, global in scope, and local in thrust. Our connectionalism is not merely a linking of one charge conference to another. It is rather a vital web of interactive relationships. (**The Book of Discipline**, 2016)

Describing Methodism as connectional goes all the way back to the beginning. While Methodism was a renewal movement in the Church of England, John Wesley referred to the growing network of societies and leaders as the “Connexion.” Today, when we refer to ourselves as a connectional denomination, we think in terms of districts and district superintendents, annual conferences and bishops, general conference and **The Book of Discipline**. These are the structures of the connection, but not the connection. For United Methodists, “The Connection” is a synonym for “The Church.” We have always known we are part of something bigger than a local congregation.

The connection is made real on the local level through partnerships, especially in times of crisis. United Methodist Disaster Relief teams were deployed across this annual conference following the devastating tornadoes of April 2011. We pool our resources and send support for those affected by natural disasters across the country or around the globe through UMCOR.

In July, we will make the connection real in a new way. JFUMC will coordinate pulpit supply and congregational care for Four Mile Church during the 2017-2018 conference year. This is a creative ap-

proach to a growing connection across our connection. Simply stated, the number of small churches greatly exceeds the pool of part-time preachers. In the Cheaha District alone, more than half of the 96 churches have an average worship attendance of less than 50. Twenty-one of those average less than 20 in worship. For this reason, we are part of an experiment to address this challenge.

We will coordinate pulpit supply for Four Mile Church through a combination of ordained clergy, lay speakers, and college students from JSU Wesley on Sundays at 10 a.m. The plan is to have a pastor (ordained or licensed) at Four Mile on the first Sunday of the month to administer the sacraments and fill the other Sundays with a variety of speakers. Be in prayer as we try a new approach to making the connection real.

Grace and Peace,
Lyle

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Faithful Giving

FINANCIAL INFORMATION..... May 2017

MONTHLY

2017 Monthly Budget Needs..... \$43,083.67

Monthly Budget Receipts \$40,326.25

ANNUALLY

2017 Yearly Budget:..... \$517,004.00

2017 Receipts \$213,020.24

2017 Expenses \$213,942.41

Faithful Remembrances In Memory of

Barbara Cosper

(sister of Pat Borstorff)

Jan Evans

Change of Plans

Please Note:

SCHEDULE CHANGE

**TWO SERVICES ONLY
ON JUNE 11**

NC (8:30 am) and Traditional (10:50 am)

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Clinton Hubbard, Jr.

Cheaha District Superintendent

Dr. Hubbard serves as the Superintendent of the Cheaha District, as well as Executive Director of Ethnic Ministries. Rev. Hubbard is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta, GA. He earned a Doctor of Ministry from Interdenominational Theological Center, Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

Faithful Attendance

ATTENDANCE 5.28.2017

MEMBERSHIP634

T1 Worship 8:30.....22

New Community.....48

T2 Worship 10:5068

The Landing.....16

Children's Church17

Nursery.....9

Total Worship 180

Chapel.....48

Wed. Youth.....NA

Sun. YouthNA

Sunday School

Adults.....47

Youth6

Children/Teachers.....12

Total Sunday School....65

JCOC



HOURS

Monday

Tuesday &

Thursday

10 am to 2 pm

256-435-1891



8 am to 4:30 pm M-Th

8 am to 12 noon Fri.

Calendar

June 4	1p	VBS Work Day
June 5	9:30a 5:30p	Kids 1st GMSC GS
June 6	9:30a 12p 6:30p	Kids 1st GMSC Staff meeting Narcotics Anon.
June 7	9a 9:30a 10a 5:30p	Kids 1st Chapel Kids 1st GMSC JOY meeting Youth Activities
June 8	9:30a 11a 5:30p 6:30p 7p	Kids 1st GMSC Warm Hearts The Landing Narcotics Anon. A of 1 reh.
June 9	9a 9:30a 12p	Bridge Group Kids 1st GMSC JOY Sew Day
June 10	10a	Last VBS Work Day

Those Who Serve God in His Church

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	8:30 am	10:50 am
Ushers:	Debbie Limerick Mike Limerick	Donna Etheredge Jamie Etheredge Woody Francis Kristi Francis
Readers:	Rickey Jennings	
Acolytes:	Ragan Stokesberry Rickey Jennings	
Nursery:	Connie Thompson Jessica Rogers (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	Roxana Conroy
Children's Church Volunteers:	No Children's Church	

A Report from

At The Serving Table on May 27, we served 99 meals, 44 eat-in and 55 takeout. The food was great and plentiful, and the fellowship seems to get better at every gathering.

Mike Limerick provided turnips and greens from the Garden of Eatin', along with tomato plants to give away. Karen & Kelly Gregg provided squash and apples. We gave away a lot of turnips, squash, apples and tomato plants. As always, our servants are the best.

Thank you,
Jim Lloyd

Bulletin of the **blooper**

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."
Proverbs 17:22

Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I Will Not Pass This Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Services This Week

8:30 am New Community

McWhorter Activity Center
Holy Communion
Kim McCutcheon
Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 13-21
John 7:37-38
Sermon: Pentecost:
Flowing into All the World

8:30 am Traditional

Sanctuary
Holy Communion
Rev. Andy Curtis
Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 13-21
John 7:37-38
Sermon: Pentecost:
Flowing into All the World

10:50 am Traditional

Sanctuary
Holy Communion
Rev. Andy Curtis
Scripture: Acts 2:1-4, 13-21
John 7:37-38
Sermon: Pentecost:
Flowing into All the World



June Children's Church

During the month of June, we will not be having Children's Church.

Vacation Bible School June 12-16

Vacation Bible School

June 12-16

Schedule

5:30-5:55 Dinner

5:45-6:00 Check In

6:00-8:45 Vacation Bible School

8:45-9:00 Check Out

Registration has started for Vacation Bible School! VBS is for children ages 3 years old through 6th grade. Children must be potty-trained to participate in VBS.

Nursery VBS (for Two-Year-Olds)

We will be offering our Nursery VBS again this year for our littlest friends. There are a limited number of spots available in this class. The Nursery VBS will be offered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights (6:00-7:30 each night). This class for two-year-olds will give our little ones a chance to experience VBS and learn about God in a way that is fun and exciting for them.

VBS Donations

Here are a couple of donations that we need for VBS:

- WHITE Dryer Vent Tubes
- Colored Christmas Lights
- Fluorescent Spray Paint
- Financial Donations
- Rolls of Black Plastic
- LARGE Boxes
- Packing Tape
- Pool Noodles



Please bring these items to the church office as soon as possible.

Summer Mission Trips

June 25 - Upper Sand Mountain Parish

July 30 - UMCOR

VBS Work Day This Sunday, June 4 @ 1 pm

Family Robots

This year's VBS is all about being creative! So, I am challenging our congregation to CREATE a robot at home and bring it to be used as a decoration at VBS. All robots will need to be brought to the church Sunday, June 4. The only requirement is that you create a sign / nametag for your robot with the creator's name on it and the name of your robot. This can be done as a family project or an individual project. All ages can participate! Have fun and be creative!!!

VBS Preparations

We will be starting to prepare decorations during the week. If you are available to come help out, please let me know! Also, any teenagers who would like to come help once school gets out, please let me know!

Volunteer Registration

Volunteer Registration will begin this Sunday. I will be dropping off the forms in Sunday school. Remember VBS is a huge community outreach event and there are lots of different opportunities to help out!

Mrs. Stacie



Pentecost

Rev. Andy Curtis, Associate Pastor

In honor of Sunday's Pentecost celebration, here is a devotional that was shared by Jason Sansbury that will turn your heart toward the intimate work and power of the Holy Spirit:

Celebrating the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Pentecost is celebrated by Christians globally because we want to remember Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit would come and work in the world. We also celebrate Pentecost because we want to remember that the Holy Spirit is at work in us as followers of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit at Work in the World

Sometimes we fail to notice the Holy Spirit faithfully at work in our lives and the world. Pentecost creates a natural pause in our liturgical rhythm and reminds us that the Holy Spirit is present and at work all around us. Part of the Christian tradition is to examine the world and identify the places we see the Holy Spirit at work, along with the people the Holy Spirit is using to do the work. That dedicated practice reminds us and helps us to un-

derstand that while the world may make us anxious, we have hope, because God's Spirit is at work, and that hope helps us build spiritual endurance and keeps us moving forward in faith.

The Holy Spirit at Work in Us

Similarly, we need to remember that the Holy Spirit is working in our individual lives. Sometimes it is difficult for us to recognize in ourselves what others around us see—the fruit of the Spirit. The result of the Holy Spirit's work in our personal lives is often hidden from us. Pentecost is a reminder to take a break, examine our lives, and notice where the Spirit is teaching, guiding, encouraging, and convicting us.

Question of the Day: Who is someone whose life you've seen changed by God and the Holy Spirit's power?

Focal Scriptures: Acts 2:1-13, 37-47; 1 Corinthians 12-13

Celebrating the Spirit,
Andy

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Natasha Jackson
Summer Mission Trip Coordinator

Vicki Shaw
Encounter Coordinator

Elizabeth Renfroe
Minor Events Coordinator

Becky & Rusty Simmons
Safe Sanctuary Volunteer Coordinators

Marita Watson
Youth Sunday School Coordinator

Buffy Lockette
Publicity Coordinator

Frank & Cheryl Hartzog
Game & Snack Coordinators

Woody Francis
Carol Stokesberry
Pumpkin Patch Coordinators

Youth Trip to
Lake Junaluska
June 25 - 28

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m a k i n g n e w d i s c i p l e s

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Abbreviations:

A of 1	Audience of One	ICD	Ice Cream Disciples
BSA	Boy Scouts of America	K1	Kids 1st
CM	Children's Ministries	N2N	Neighbor2Neighbor
CSA	Cub Scouts of America	NA	Narcotics Anonymous
GMSC	Gross Motor Skills Classes	SA	Senior Adult
GS	Girl Scouts	WH	Warm Hearts

1	2	3
9:30a KI GMSC	9a Bridge Group	
10a JOY Quilters	9:30a KI GMSC	
11a WH	12p JOY Sew Day	
5:30p The Landing		
6:30p NA		
7p A of I reh.		

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HC in all services	9:30a KI GMSC	9:30a KI GMSC	9a KI Chapel	9:30a KI GMSC	9a Bridge Group	10a VBS Work
1p VBS Work Day	5:30p GS	12p Staff mtg.	9:30a KI GMSC	11a WH	9:30a KI GMSC	Day
	7p Andy Curtis' Ordination in Hsv.	6:30p NA	10a JOY mtg.	5:30p The Landing	12p JOY Sew Day	
			5:30p Youth Activ.	6:30p NA		
				7p A of I reh.		

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2 services		12p Staff mtg.				VBS Cleanup
8:30a in MAC						
10:50a in Sanc.						
9:45a Ordination						
Reception						
VBS Decorating						
Day						

Vacation Bible School 5 - 9 pm →

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
VBS Sunday	9:30a KI GMSC	9:30a KI GMSC	9a KI Chapel	9:30a KI GMSC	9a Bridge Group	11a The Serving
		12p Staff mtg.	9:30a KI GMSC	11a WH	9:30a KI GMSC	Table
		6:30p NA	10a JOY mtg.	5:30p The Landing	12p JOY Sew Day	
			5:30p Youth Activ.	6:30p NA		
				7p A of I reh.		



25	26	27	28	29	30
CM to Sand Mtn.	9:30a KI GMSC	9:30a KI GMSC	9a KI Chapel	9:30a KI GMSC	9a Bridge Group
3p Connectional		12p Staff mtg.	9:30a KI GMSC	10a JOY Quilters	9:30a KI GMSC
Table		6:30p NA	10a JOY mtg.	11a WH	12p JOY Sew Day
				5:30p The Landing	
				6:30p NA	
				7p A of I reh.	

6 Youth to Lake Junaluska →



The Prayer Page

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Note: We encourage you to contact the church office any time you want to place someone on the prayer list. Help us keep the list trimmed: if you know of someone who has recovered and needs to come off, be sure to let us know. Prayer requests will be rotated off after 2 weeks if we have received no updates.

Prayer Concerns

(ALL CAPS denotes church members)

Payton Brigman	Josh Johnson
David Brooks	Judy Noyes
Dr. Bryant	Bo Reeves
Bob Coley	Curt Sasser
Susie Duncan	MATT WATKINS
Family of Dale Engledow	LIZ WEEMS
Kara Griffin	DORIS YOUNG

Long Term Concerns

HELEN BARTHEL	CAROLYN LYNCH
DONNA BUTNER	VICKE MOLAN
GLADYCE CORNELIUS	FOY MORGAN
CHALCY EVANS	Diane Ponder
EARL GIBSON	MARGARET POTTS
MARTHA GIBSON	MARY ROBERTSON
EVELYN GLAZNER	RONNIE SANDERS
HENRI GUNNELLS	TROY SANDERS
LOTICE JONES	RITA SPRUIELL
BETTY LAWLER	MARGARET VALINE
JACK LAWLER	RANDY WOODROW
LOUISE LUALLEN	Laura Youngblood

Christian Sympathy is extended to
DORIS YOUNG and family in the loss of her husband, Paul.

Many Thanks

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls and prayers for us. Your friendship means so much to us, and we love our church family.

God bless,
Doris Young.

Pray for Those Who Serve our Country:

If you have names and addresses for other military church members, please call the office: 435-6021.

† Deployed overseas ‡ Home (in the States)

• MSG (P) David Beard †	• SPC Kyle Fields ‡
• MAJ JEFFREY BUCKNER †	• LTC Pete Garver ‡
• HN Jake Daniel †	• CMDR Michael Hersch †
• LTC Michael Dempsey †	• SFC Matthew Reid †
• COL Doug Drake †	• SGT Garrett Rose ‡

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

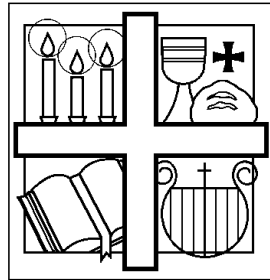


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Andy's Ordination Monday, June 5



Andy will be ordained at a worship service during the Annual Conference meeting on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Trinity UMC in Huntsville. The service begins at 7:00 pm. Everyone in our congregation is welcome to attend.

For more information such as directions and parking, please visit:

<http://www.umcna.org/ac17worship>.

Ordination Reception Sunday, June 11 9:45 am in the Parlor

Please plan to come by the Parlor during the Sunday School hour to congratulate Andy on this milestone in his ministry. We are so fortunate to have him here!

Kids 1st Teachers Needed

Kids 1st is currently seeking both full-time and part-time teachers. Qualified applicants must be at least 19 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED, be willing to submit to background checks and fingerprinting, and have at least one year experience in working with preschool-aged children.



Interested applicants should pick up an application from the Kids 1st office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, or send a resume to: jennifer@jaxfumc.org.

If you have any questions, you may reach Jennifer Thomas in the Kids 1st office at 256-782-0388.

WORSHIPTIMES

Sundays:

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am

Contemporary - 8:30 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am