

Aug. 20, 2017



Pentecost II

JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Practicing Hospitality 24/7

by Rev. Lyle Holland

The stranger has not lodged in the street; I have opened my doors to the traveler— Job 31:32

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Matthew 18:5

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

In recent weeks our town has filled with college students both new and returning. Our roads are busier, our stores are crowded, and our favorite seat at Struts has been taken! What a great opportunity to practice hospitality. We southerners pride ourselves in our hospitality as we seek to be friendly and welcoming to neighbors and newcomers alike. However, this cultural core value did not originate with us. Instead, hospitality is value and practice with ancient and deep roots in people of faith.

The three Bible verses quoted above serve as snapshot of our scriptural witness to the priority and practice of hospitality. For instance, Job identifies his virtue of hospitality to strangers and travelers as evidence that his illness was unjust. Later, in the New Testament, we see both Jesus and Paul building a theological foundation for hospitality. The Gospel accounts included multiple declarations that when we welcome the other we are welcoming Jesus. Paul invites us to see our practice of hospitality as the way we imitate Christ and glorify God.

We bear witness to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ as we authentically welcome strangers and neighbors alike. So this week, and through the following weeks, let's commit ourselves to practice hospitality 24/7. We have the opportunity to be ambassadors of good will for our community, and church. More importantly, by welcoming others we serve as "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20) in our neighborhoods, businesses, and our church.

Grace and Peace,
Lyle

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Faithful Giving

FINANCIAL INFORMATION August 2017

MONTHLY

2017 Monthly Budget Needs\$43,083.67

Monthly Budget Receipts\$32,730.50

ANNUALLY

2017 Yearly Budget:\$517,004.00

2017 Receipts\$324,059.32

2017 Expenses\$324,588.58

Faithful Remembrances

Memorial

Foy Morgan

Louise Henderson

(on the occasion of Foy's 96th birthday)

Faithful Attendance

ATTENDANCE 8.20.2017

MEMBERSHIP609

T1 Worship 8:30.....23

New Community.....54

T2 Worship 10:5055

The Landing.....18

Children's Church25

Nursery.....12

Total Worship 187

Chapel.....43

Wed. Youth.....16

Sun. YouthNA

Sunday School

Adults.....76

Youth9

Children/Teachers.....22

Total Sunday School.. 107

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

Aug. 27	3:30p	Connectional Table mtg.
	5:30p	Youth Activities
Aug. 28	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	5:30p	GS Seniors
		GS Brownies
	6:30p	Tutoring Project mtg.
	7p	BSA
Aug. 29	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	12p	Staff Meeting
	6:30p	NA
Aug. 30	9a	Kids 1st Chapel
	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	10a	JOY meeting
	4p	CrossTown
	5:30p	Youth Activities
	6p	Handbell rehearsal
	6:30p	Summer Book Study
	7p	Choir rehearsal
Aug. 31	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	11a	Warm Hearts
	5:30p	The Landing
	6:30p	NA
	7p	Audience of One reh.
Sep. 1	9a	Bridge Group
	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	12p	JOY Sew Day

Those Who Serve God in His Church

August 27 • Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

	8:30 am	10:50 am
Ushers:	Connie Thompson Frank Hartzog	David Myer Tom Weems Ken Hoffman Paula Hoffman
Readers:	Mitch Conroy Lexi Curtis NC	Reagen Simmons
Acolytes:		Jacob Francis Mikaela Watkins
Nursery:	Robbin Hodges Carol Stokesberry (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	Melanie Curtis
Children's Church Volunteers:	Melissa Gay	



Services This Week

8:30 am Contemporary

McWhorter Activity Center

Rev. Andy Curtis

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

A Living Sacrifice

8:30 am Traditional

Sanctuary

Holy Communion

Rev. Lyle Holland

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

A Living Sacrifice

10:50 am Traditional

Sanctuary

Rev. Lyle Holland

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: *On the Roman Road:*

A Living Sacrifice



Crosstown

CrossTown is off to a great start! It is not too late to sign up! Registration packets are available through the office.

CrossTown is still in need of volunteers for this upcoming year. If you are interested in serving, please let me know.

Here is the format of Crosstown:

4:00-4:15 Gathering Time

4:15-5:15 Small Groups

5:15-5:30 Closing Worship

5:15-6:15 Christmas Program Practice (Starting September)

Mrs. Stacie



News from Children's Market

It takes a LOT of help to make the sale happen. There are all kinds of ways to help. Did you know that you can shop the consignment sale EARLY if you help for just two 2-hour shifts between September 10 and 16? Sign-up sheets are available at the church office and in classrooms.

Volunteers are needed to line tubs with plastic bags used at checkout. This is a task which may be done at home, or at the church. There is a sample in the multipurpose room, along with tubs containing supplies and instructions. They need to be back to the church on September 10.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Renfroe

For questions about the sale, please visit our website, www.jaxfumc.org/children-s-ministries-home/children-s-market, or email us at market@jaxfumc.org.

My Ordination Journey Part 6

Rev. Andy Curtis, Associate Pastor

FINALLY!!! We have made it through all of the steps of the ordination journey. We have ventured through candidacy, seminary, commissioning and provisional membership, RIM and CPE, two rounds of paperwork and two rounds with the BOOM. So, what now? What does this whole process lead to? What is ordination, why does it matter and what happens next?

According to *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church*, “Ordination...is a gift from God to the church. In ordination, the church affirms and continues the apostolic ministry through persons empowered by the Holy Spirit. As such, those who are ordained make a commitment to conscious living of the whole gospel and to the proclamation of that gospel to the end that the world may be saved” (§303.1).

Through ordination, I have given my life to the church and its mission in order to participate and lead in the transformation of lives and ultimately the world. This is God’s calling on the life of all pastors. And, although God has gifted the church through the ordination of those that are set apart to serve as pastors, the pastor(s) is not in this endeavor alone, because “ordained persons exercise their ministry in covenant with all

Christians, especially with those whom they lead and serve in ministry” (§303.3). So, while I have spent the last six weeks describing my personal journey toward ordination, you, the people of Jacksonville First share in this story because my ordination journey has brought me into ministry with you, and **TOGETHER** we share in the redemptive ministry of God!

Pretty important, huh?

So, what happens next? Well, United Methodist pastors commit themselves to an itinerant system of ministry. In other words, UM pastors serve where sent, when sent. This is our commitment in ministry until retirement or death. So the truth is, one day my gifts and graces for ministry will be needed at another church more than they are needed here. When that becomes apparent, conversations will be had, a move will take place and I’ll be appointed to lead and serve a new congregation, just as you will receive and be led and served by someone else. However, until then, my ministry is here!

Thanks for journeying with me! There’s no other congregation that I would have rather shared these experiences with, and I look forward to our continued ministry together.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Natasha Jackson
Summer Mission Trip Coordinator

Vicki Shaw
Encounter Coordinator

Elizabeth Renfro
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

Peace,
Andy

his is what God asks of you,
only this...
To act justly,
To love tenderly, and
To walk humbly
with your God.

micah 6:8

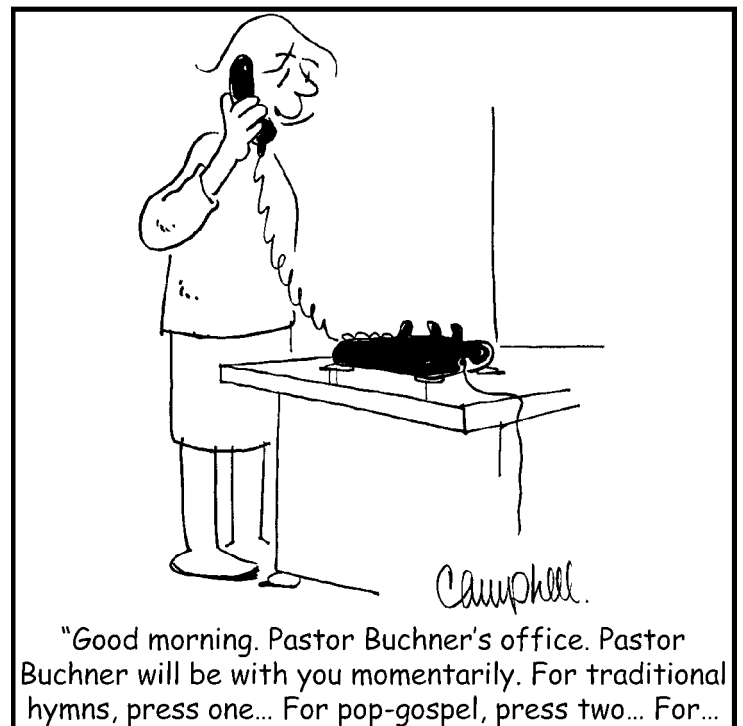
Bulletin of the week bloopers

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

Proverbs 17:22

CHURCH SIGN:

Never give the devil a ride. He will
always want to drive.





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)

EMILY ADCOCK
Mackie Cummings
Corliss Ann Gibson
Luke Griffin
KAYLIE JOHNSON
Tyler Law
CAROLYN LYNCH
Mary Mullen
Family of Jeff Pisacrita
Solomon Powell & family
Sharon Price
Beverly Stevens
ELAINE WINSLOW
RANDY WOODROW



LET THE WORDS OF
MY MOUTH
—AND THE—
MEDITATION OF
MY HEART
BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU,
O LORD,
MY ROCK
—AND—
MY REDEEMER.
PSALM 19:14, NRSV



Long Term Concerns

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

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 ‡
• 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

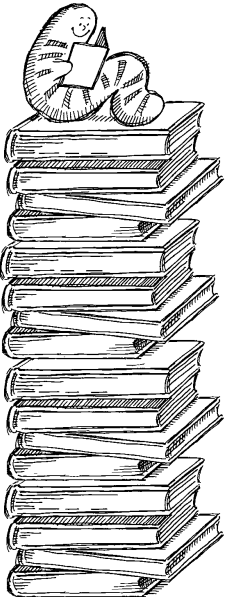


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Missions Committee Sponsors Tutoring Program

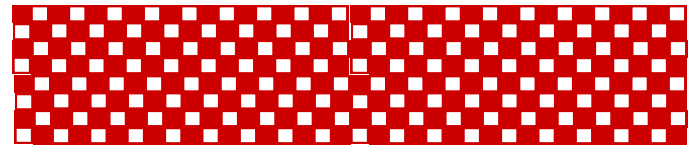


The JFUMC Missions Committee will be developing an Elementary Tutorial program at the Jacksonville Recreation Center. We are looking for volunteers to assist in tutoring.

The program will begin after Labor Day. It will be on Wednesdays 3:45 - 5:00 pm.

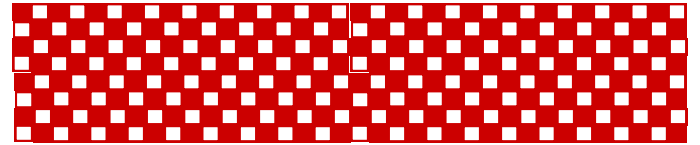
If you are interested, please contact Anne Kimbrough at 256-820-3455. An informational meeting for those interested will be:

Monday, August 28 6:30 pm Conference Room



Casserole Pickup!

*Sunday,
August 27*



WORSHIPTIMES

Sundays:

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am

Contemporary - 8:30 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am



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