CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, June 7
8:00 - 12:00 PM  Church Office Hours
SUNDAY, JUNE 9
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Parlor-- led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar, Roger Guevara
Explorers/Morning Star - Upstairs—Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diana Couson
Jr. High and High School—Basement-- led by Gary Herron
9:15 AM  Young Adult Sunday School—Pastor’s Home
Led by Pastor Kenny Lee
10:15 AM  SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube
MONDAY, JUNE 10
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
STEWPOT
TUESDAY, JUNE 11
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
STEWPOT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
NO CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY, JUNE 13
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
10:00 AM  THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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We are pleased to share that we’ve received enough money for two $350.00 scholarships to Tanako. We would like to thank those who supported this worthy initiative. We would like one more to cover all three of our campers. If you can sponsor all or part of this scholarship, please drop a check in the offering plate and note it as a Tanako scholarship.

Camp Tanako, located in Hot Springs on Beautiful Lake Catherine, has been a tradition of the United Methodist Church in Arkansas since 1948. Our Mission here at Camp Tanako is to welcome children, youth, and adults to a place set apart where they can grow in their faith by experiencing God through nature and time spent in community and respond to the call of the Holy Spirit. Whether you come as a guest on a retreat or come for summer camp, this is a place where you release your burdens, find Christ’s Peace, and rest.

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We welcome to our two newest members who joined us Sunday June 2 by transfer of membership.

Matt Ross
And
Brad Roberson
Keeping up appearances

Standing before my computer writing today’s article, I hear the steady scritch-scratch of an industrious painter prepping exterior window frames outside my office. Last fall, we installed new windows on the north side of the second floor. The exterior maintenance can now be done, and the windows should be suitably maintained for another 7-10 years.

This painting crew spent over a week at the parsonage working on the carport and exterior window frames. Paint prep required a good deal of time with pressure washing, scraping, and priming. Some of the shrubs needed cutting back to place ladders in appropriate places to get to the second floor. The finished product looks spectacular!

My friend Dan Grantham has been helping me get the yard in shape by doing some turf weed control and giving me advice about fertilizer for the grass and weed control products for the flower beds. After following his recommendations, the grass is greening up nicely, and nuisance weeds in the turf are eradicated.

As I wrap up spring cleaning in the flower beds, the backyard has received much time and attention. There were a lot of dead or unwanted shrubs that needed removal. Every time it rains or the wind blows, the self-trimming pecan trees leave the gift that keeps giving. Deadwood falls out and litters the lawn. So before every mowing, I go about the work of picking up and burning all of the small twigs and branches.

Usually, I start a fire and burn them as I go because there are such copious amounts. The ashes are then scattered across various portions of the lawn to add nutrients to the soil. There are a few garden plants like cucumber, squash, and tomatoes that I am hopeful will yield some fresh produce for our table. When I was young, we kept a large kitchen garden, and I grew up with a taste for produce straight from the plant to the table.

God’s intentional design in creation is inspiring to watch. The diversity of creation and their interconnectedness with the sun, rain, and seasonal changes shows us just a tiny part of God’s gift to humanity. God also invites us to be active stewards of the created order. Too often, we get caught up thinking our identity is to rule over creation and subdue it for our own wants and needs.

Creation is affected by the fall in ways we cannot even imagine. If you go back to Genesis 1:29-30 it reads, Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God built into creation a way for the created order to sustain itself solely with plants, forbes, and fruit. So everything is now a carnivore, or an omnivore, was intended to consume a plant-based diet. It brings some of Isaiah and Revelation into perspective when we see that once creation is restored to its pre-Edenic state, animals are peaceable with one another. This information does little to reduce our appetite for animal-based protein, but we can see God at work bringing his plan for us to fruition. Maybe we should all put more green on our plates and spend some time outside in the sunshine. Get your hands dirty and participate in the ongoing, creative work of the Father.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together, and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. Isaiah 11:6-7

Pastor Kenny