

# THE RESPONSIVE READER

SEPTEMBER 2017

## PASTOR'S PAGE

Church Family,

Every year around this time, United Methodist Church leaders and pastors start to get excited and busy for Charge Conference Season. This is a time when all churches across our denomination have their own individual Charge Conferences to review what God has done in the church over the last year. Our Charge consists of Capers Chapel and New Hope. One of the great things about this time of year is that it lets the church celebrate what God has done and is doing through the ministries of the church (that is you!). We also have a committee that meets this time of year to nominate people for various committees, and this year we would like to be more diligent in nominating members to our committees. Christ has gifted you for ministry, the question is, in which way?

The UMC has a fantastic spiritual gifts assessment online. I ask you all to go online, take this quick 21 question assessment and at the end of it, when you receive your results, please send them in an email to me at [dkeplee@umcsc.org](mailto:dkeplee@umcsc.org). The URL for the assessment is <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/exploring-your-spiritual-gifts>. For those of you non-techies, please look in the bulletin during the month of September for a spiritual gifts assessment insert, fill it out and return it to me.

Remember, Christ has given us gifts (Ephesians 4:7-8) and "there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:4). There are many gifts for ministry including, but not limited to: wisdom, faith, healing, service, exhortation, and many others. No one person in the Church has all of the gifts necessary to build up and/or be the Body of Christ. Only Christ Jesus has all of the gifts and that is because He is God, He is the Body. However, remember Teresa of Avila's quote, "Christ has no body on earth now, but yours." That is why it is so important for us to remain united as the Body in all our ways from worship to serving others in our community. Let us get to know ourselves this, who God has called us to be, and fulfill our calling together as the Church.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Daniel Eplee



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## BIRTHDAY WISHES



- |    |                  |    |                  |
|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 3  | Don Dennis       | 25 | Josh Graham      |
|    | Tracie LaCons    | 26 | Buddy Livingston |
| 9  | Meleah W. Koenig |    | Bill Kern        |
| 12 | Matthew Graham   | 27 | Phyllis Suber    |
| 14 | Lydia Parr       | 28 | Jeff Graham      |
| 17 | Lisa Yarborough  |    | Bridger Boulware |
| 19 | Jonathon Nichols | 30 | Marilyn Rawls    |
| 22 | Mitch Graham     |    |                  |

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Don and Debbie Dennis
- Derrill and Lynn Graham
- 5 Forest and Tracie LaCons
- 7 Marty and Karen Livingston
- 16 David and Stephanie Graham
- 24 Stuart and Haylie Livingston
- 30 Glenn and Cathy Graham



## FLOWERS

- 3 John and Melinda Hall in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Morse
- 10 Barbara Sue Graham and family in memory of Gerald Graham, Stevie Graham and Mr. & Mrs. John Adam Graham
- 17 Russell and Kelly Hawkins
- 24 Barbara Smith and family in memory of Lindsay Livingston



## COMMUNION STEWARDS

Trey and Katie Simmons

## USHERS

- 3 Danny Stone / Larry Longshore
- 10 Lee Bedenbaugh / Aaron Livingston
- 17 Marty Livingston / Russell Hawkins
- 24 Billy Waites / Buddy Livingston

## GREETERS

- 3 Terry & Marilyn Rawls
- 10 John & Judy Amick
- 17 Shane & Linda Livingston
- 24 Lee & Elaine Bedenbaugh


## ACOLYTES

- 3 Emily Hawkins
- 10 Bridger Boulware
- 17 Kaleb Hesson
- 24 Kursten Long

## YARD MAINTENANCE:

- 9/9 ——— Buddy Livingston and Joel Yarborough
- 9/23 — Men's Club ( Homecoming)

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The Outreach Committee will begin collecting again in September for the “Backpack Ministry”. This food is sent home with children from Pomaria-Garmany Elementary to ensure they have food over the weekend. September’s requests is: applesauce and small cans of Vienna sausages.

**Matthew 25:37**

**\*\*Also, remember the Pomaria Community Food Bank when doing your grocery shopping.**



### UPCOMING EVENTS.....

**Homecoming Services.....** We will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, September 24th. Guest speaker for the occasion to be announced soon. There will be a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall following the worship service.

**Country Fried Steak Supper.....** The Men’s Club will be having a country fried steak supper on Saturday, September 30th, 5-7pm, in the fellowship hall. Plates will be available for carry out or eat-in. Tickets on sale soon!

**Fall Bazaar.....** The annual Fall Bazaar is right around the corner. A tentative date of 10/21 has been set. (definite date should be available by mid-September) All donations of crafts, baked goods, canned goods and frozen casseroles will be greatly appreciated.

**Charge Conference.....** We will be having our annual charge conference on Sunday, November 19th. Please check the September calendar and bulletin for committee meetings to help prepare for conference. If you are a member or administrative council or a committee cha

**\*\*\* Newsletters available via email.....** The first run of electronic newsletters went out with this edition. It’s not too late to sign up if you’d like to begin receiving your newsletter via email instead of a paper copy, please send your name and email address to [bedenbaughs@gmail.com](mailto:bedenbaughs@gmail.com) .

**MEN'S CLUB**

- The men's club will meet on Sunday, September 3rd @ 8am in the fellowship hall. All men of the congregation are invited to participate.

**UMYF**

- Check the bulletin for any information on upcoming meetings/ events.

**SOC GROUP**

The SOC Group will meet on Sunday, September 10th @ 7pm in the fellowship hall. Judy Amick will have the program. Final plans will be made for the Fall Bazaar. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

- Check the bulletin for any information about upcoming meetings.

**KIDS IN CHRIST**

- Check the bulletin for any information on upcoming meetings/ events.

**"GO" GROUP**

The "GO" Group will meet on Thursday, September 7th @ noon in the fellowship hall. Group 5 will provide the meal.

**WORDS OF WISDOM.....**

**THE BEST TIME TO DO SOMETHING IS BETWEEN  
YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW.**

# Where did Labor Day come from?

Labor Day was created as a way to acknowledge and pay tribute to the workforce for all that they have done to make our country prosperous and strong.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City, and other cities followed this example in the following years. It was in 1894 that Congress passed a law making the first Monday of September a legal holiday.

## Now that you know... have a great Labor Day!

### A Prayer for Labor Day

Lord on this Labor Day, we  
thank You for the blessing of  
work.

We ask for strength to complete  
each day.

We ask for rest when we are  
weary.

We ask Your guidance for  
everyone seeking employment,  
and we ask that You be with  
those whose faces we might nev-  
er see but who work tirelessly  
each day for the good of us all.

Amen

## MINUTES

### NEW HOPE UMC ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

August 6, 2017

Attending were: Lee, Elaine, Robert, Larry, Zalia and Terry. Lee welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the July meeting were presented and approved. The treasurer's report was presented as follows: Maintenance fund --- \$31,706.43; Operating Fund --- beginning balance of \$128,255.06, income of \$6,440.50, expenses of \$5,342.74 ending balance of \$129,352.82 ; Building expansion fund -- \$182,783.86; Charge account --- \$511.03 and the reimbursement account balance of \$2,704.24.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Church Education** ----- No report.

**Family Ministries** ---- No report.

**Nurture** ----- No report.

**PPRC** ----- There has not been a meeting, however Larry reported that the salary requirements for next year have been received from the district office, so there should be a meeting scheduled soon.

**Parsonage Committee** ----- The new AC unit and ductwork have been installed at the parsonage.

**SOC** ----- No regular meeting for the month of August. They will be hosting the annual church picnic on August 13<sup>th</sup>. A tentative date for the bazaar has also been set for 10/21.

**Trustees** ----- No report. However, there was discussion concerning the light that needs to be replaced in the sanctuary and a water leak that needs to be repaired.

**Men's Club**----- The group met on 8/6. They decided to postpone the fried chicken lunch til later in the year. They will be having a country fried steak supper in September instead. They will also be making their annual donation to the FCA of Newberry County.

**UMW**----- No report.

**Worship**----- The next meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**UMYF** ----- No report.

**"GO" Group**----- The "GO" group will meet on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Outreach Committee**----- The committee is currently collecting school supplies for Pomaria-Garmany Elementary. Collections for the Pomaria Food Bank are ongoing.

**Pastor's Report:**

None

**Project Reports:**

- A. **Sunday School Room / Fellowship Hall Expansion** --- The fundraising end will meet again soon to plan for upcoming fundraisers.
- B. **Vinyl siding repair/cleaning** --- The trustees are looking into the siding issue. No report was available.
- C. **Stained Glass window repair** --- Gary contacted the company about coming and inspecting the windows. The company has the information and Gary is waiting for the guy to call him back to schedule a time to come and look at the windows.

**Old Business**

Terry reported that they were unable to use the old AC unit at any of the Salkehatchie sites this year.

**New Business**

There was a brief discussion on the possibility of switching the phone at the parsonage to be listed under the church name instead of the pastor's name. This would help people in the community contact the church more easily.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Lee.



# SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Men's Club @ 8am Admin Council Mtg @ 7pm	4	5	6	7 "GO" group @ noon Parsonage comm. Mtg. @ 7:30pm	8	9
10 SOC Mtg @ 7pm Program: Judy Amick	11	12	13 Outreach Comm. Mtg. @ 7pm	14 Trustees Mtg. @ 7:30pm	15	16
17	18	19	20 Fundraising Comm. Mtg. @ 7:30pm	21 Family Ministries Mtg. @ 7pm	22	23
24 Homecoming service with a covered dish lunch	25	26	27 Nominations Comm. Mtg @ 7:30pm	28	29	30 Country Fried Steak Supper

# Happenings at New Hope

- ◆ 9/24 — Homecoming Service followed by a covered dish lunch
- ◆ 9/30 — Country Fried Steak Supper 5-7pm



**New Hope United Methodist Church**

**Established 1795**

**Pomaria, South Carolina**

**\*\*\* Check inside for organizations and committees meeting times and dates.**



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