

Messenger

Uniondale United Methodist Church

July - August 2019

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 UniondaleUnitedMethodistChurch

Sunday Worship Service – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.



July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 1 – Gary Cook
- 6 – Sue Chaney
- 9 – Margaret Hasler
- 12 – Sharon Espich
- 29 – Cindy McAfee
- 30 – MaryEtta Blessing
- 30 – Betty Cary

August

- 1 – Kolson Herstad
- 2 – Amy Horne
- 4 – Paula McAfee
- 10 – Aiden Ford
- 15 – Sandra Imel
- 25 – Jeanette Gilbert
- 30 – Mindy Drayer



Upcoming Events

- Thursday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Sunday, July 7 – Communion Sunday
- Sunday, July 14 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, July 21 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, July 28 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change
- Sunday, August 4 – Communion Sunday
- Wed., August 7 – HCCSC students first day back
- Monday, August 13 – Wells Cluster meeting at Liberty Center UMC at 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 18 – Food Bank Sunday-bring your food items
- Sunday, August 25 – Kids Changing the World-bring your change



****Don't forget****

- * Save your pop tabs and can tabs for Riley's Children's Hospital. Collection can at the back of the church.
- * Save your change for Children Changing the World on the last Sunday of each month.
- * To sign up for CHURCH DUTIES on sheets at back table.

A Word from Our Pastor

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy” says one of the most recorded songs (Music by George Gershwin for DuBose Heyward’s poem) about this season. That’s what I remember about my childhood summers – long days to be filled with whatever struck my fancy for that day. There was no calendar of activities filling the day. The pace was slower. Television wasn’t usually an attractive pastime as there were only three or four channels to choose from. Instead I spent many hours each day outdoors with friends making up our own activities or playing games. Sometimes I’d find a comfortable chair or spot under a tree and read a book allowing my mind to picture the characters, places and activities it described. In my mind I could experience the adventures as if I was there with the characters.

I just finished reading a short book titled, *Surprise the World: The Five Habits of Highly Missional People* by Michael Frost. I was intrigued by his plan for evangelism that doesn’t require memorizing certain questions to ask people in your neighborhood about their faith or church attendance. Frost goes to Paul’s letters in the Bible’s New Testament and sees that Paul expects gifted evangelists to proclaim the Good News about Christ, and all believers are to “be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV) In other words, we need to be living in a different way from the ordinary people living in the culture around us. This will evoke questions from friends and acquaintances, and give you many opportunities to share your faith.

Frost’s plan is not just for a few people, it’s for the whole body (congregation) of believers to apply. He suggests that we all develop a set of new habits that foster a missional lifestyle. The first habit is to **bleed 3 people every week**, at least one of whom is not a member of our church. Blessing others is to build them up, to encourage them so that they will increase in strength and prosperity. The simplest ways to bless someone are to send them some words of affirmation, to do acts of kindness for them, or to give them a gift (It doesn’t have to be expensive.). Try this beginning today. In your daily prayer time pray for God to help you with this new habit. Then let the Holy Spirit guide you to the people he wants you to bless.

Meditate on the words of this hymn that calls us to be in mission for Christ.

1. *Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.*
 3. *Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, chords that were broken will vibrate once more.*
- Refrain: *Rescue the perishing, care for the dying; Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

Words by Fanny J. Crosby, #591 UM Hymnal

**Shalom,
Pastor Karen <><**



Committee News

EMM Committee (Education, Missions, Ministries)

Thanks to Coralee and Martha for providing the Mother's and Father's Day gifts for the congregation. Thanks to everyone who made our Outdoor Worship a success on June 23. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the service and the carry-in that followed.

Our mission project for June and July is Operation Classroom and school supplies collection. Your donation can be made any Sunday during this time. More information will be announced on these projects during church services.

Trustees

On May 18, we had a church work day. We cleaned up the landscaped beds around the outside of the building, cleaned and painted the water stained walls and ceiling in the basement and worked on the front church windows. Thanks to all who helped with the cleanup projects!

The broken storm windows over the stained glass windows in the former nursery were removed. The window frames were scraped and repainted. Two of the combination storms were beyond repair, so replacements were ordered and have now been installed. Thanks to Kent and Kolson Herstad for helping with this project.

The dehumidifier in the basement quit working so a new one was purchased and hooked up.

The old brown topped folding tables that were available to borrow got soaked with water after a fitting on the pressure tank broke spraying water up to the ceiling in the boiler room right next to the old tables. The old fitting was replaced with a brass one. The old tables had to be discarded.

Please remember

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Treasure's Report

June 2019 Budget Summary	June Actual	June Budget	June Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	3,643.30	3,967.25	(323.95)	25,890.80	23,803.50	2,087.30
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,427.07	3,967.21	540.14	21,975.43	23,803.26	1,827.83
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	216.23	0.04		3,915.37	0.24	

UMC Bishops Pose Five Questions to Judicial Council on Traditional Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church (COB) has asked the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the constitutionality, meaning, application and effect of certain petitions adopted as the Traditional Plan by the 2019 General Conference held in St. Louis, Missouri, in February.

Although the Judicial Council addressed the constitutionality of all of the petitions adopted at the 2019 General Conference in Decision 1378, the COB has identified numerous issues regarding the Traditional Plan that need to be addressed for the benefit of The United Methodist Church.

However, rather than submit all of those issues, the COB has determined that many of the questions identified are best addressed in the context of specific factual situations in which they arise within an annual conference.

Thus, the COB is asking the Judicial Council to address the following questions:

Question 1: Does the expanded definition of “self-avowed practicing homosexual” in Paragraph 304.3 (Petition 90032) apply to persons who have already been ordained under previous definitions of that term? If so, does the expanded definition constitute impermissible and unconstitutional ex post facto legislation held to be improper in Judicial Council Decision 219? If it does not apply to persons ordained before the effective date of the legislation, does the expanded definition violate the principle of legality by applying different standards to persons of the same class or status?

Question 2: Is the expanded definition of “self-avowed practicing homosexual” in Paragraph 304.3 unconstitutional because the categories of “living in a same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union” do not allow for the presumption that a person is “practicing” to be rebutted as provided for in Judicial Council Decision 1341? If not, may a person be charged and found guilty of being a self-avowed practicing homosexual pursuant to Paragraph 2702.1b by simply proving that the person is “living in a same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union”?

Question 3: Is the phrase “or has failed to certify it carried out the disciplinarily mandated examination” in Paragraph 415.6 (Petition 90036) unconstitutional on the ground that the certification requirement in Petition 90038 was ruled unconstitutional in Decisions 1366 and 1377?

Question 4: If the binding civil law in an annual conference provides that no person, including persons serving as ordained clergy, can be suspended without pay (e.g., the employment law in a central conference) or the respondent is appointed to an extension ministry (in which the person is paid by an entity other than the church, such as a school or the military), can a person found guilty of a chargeable offense under Paragraphs 2702.1(b) or (d) be assessed a mandatory minimum penalty of one (1) year’s suspension “without pay” pursuant to Paragraph 2711.3 (Petition 90042)?

Question 5: If the answer to the foregoing question is “no,” does that part of Paragraph 2711.3 violate the principle of legality, rendering it unconstitutional for all persons because it cannot be applied equally to all persons found guilty of the same offense?

In its request, filed June 26, 2019, the COB reported that bishops voted to request the declaratory decision on May 7, 2019, during the May meeting held outside Chicago.

In a related matter, the COB is also asking the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision as to the effective date of Paragraph 2553 (Petition 90066 as amended). The petition deals with disaffiliation of local churches over issues related to human sexuality.

The COB notes that when the minority report regarding Petition 90066, as substituted and edited, was adopted, the substitution of the minority report did not expressly include or exclude the prefatory language in the original petition that stated an effective date.

Hence, the COB is making a limited request for a declaratory decision as to the effective date of Paragraph 2553.

The Judicial Council’s next meeting is set for October.

Just A Little Humor

Clever Dog

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day, the dog starts chasing butterflies, and before long, he discovers that he is lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch.

The dog thinks, "Boy, I'm in deep trouble now."

Then, he noticed some bones on the ground close by and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat.

Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard, "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard.

So, off he goes. But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans, and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The leopard is furious at being made a fool and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?"

But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet.

Just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey? I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!"

Bible Jokes

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?

A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?

A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?

A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

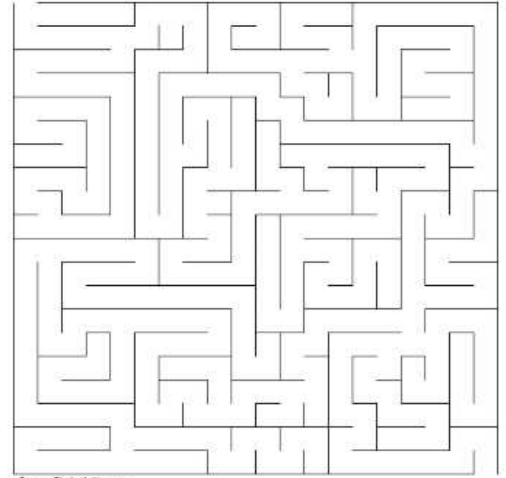
A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby-sitter mentioned in the Bible?

A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.



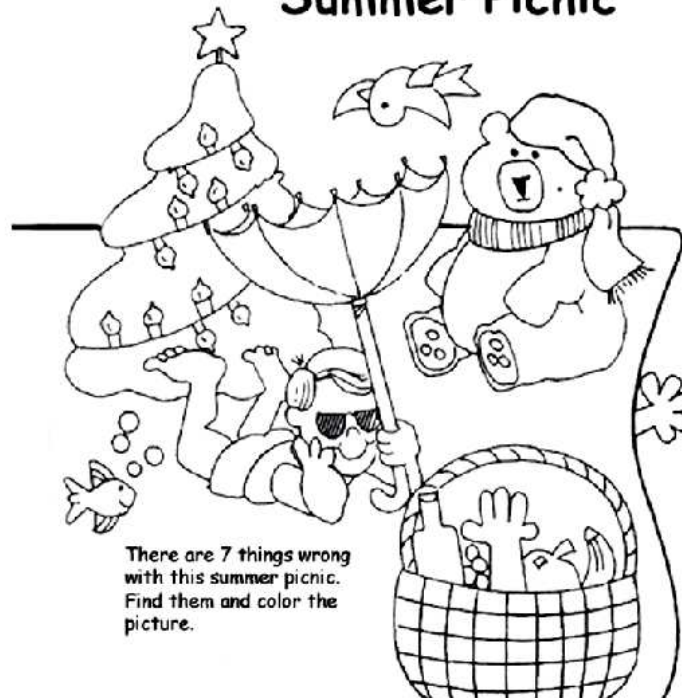
Instructions: Trace the path through the maze. Help the School Bus find its way back to School.



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Summer Picnic



There are 7 things wrong with this summer picnic. Find them and color the picture.