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♥ August Honorariums and Memorials

In Memory of Roma Mathis,
by Theresa and Wes McCoy,
by Charles and Lillian Freel,
by Scott and Margaret Freel,
by Robert and Kay Turner and
Jennifer Turner Gray,
by Ray and Bobbie Wilson

In Memory of Jerry Gilbert,
by Ray and Bobbie Wilson

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.
Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.*

—Psalm 107:21-22 (NIV)



News for Children, Youth and Parents

Children and Youth

Zoom Youth Group
Thursday @ 9pm

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School has started back and the 2nd grade class that we sponsor at Andrews Elementary School has some needs. Mrs. Forchetti emailed me with a request for recess supplies. Since the kid's can't "share" items because of COVID restrictions, they will have to have their own bag of things to play with. She has made an Amazon wish list if you would like to buy Amazon Gift Cards that I can take to Mrs. Forchetti. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Other Needs: Cleaning supplies, tissues, snacks, juice boxes / pouches.

If you have any questions or need anything, let me know. We are continuing to pray for you and your families. God bless and hope to see you soon!

Robby Morris, Director of Family Ministry and Facility Management

Pastor Tom's Message

So, here we are at the beginning of September, still unable to gather for worship. The staff has worked to make on-line worship available and as appealing as is possible. But I must tell you, preaching to empty pews is strange and uncomfortable. As a preacher I draw strength from the reactions of worshippers. By your reactions I know when I have hit on something that speaks to your life and faith at that moment. Likewise, I know when I have offered something that causes push back. That's as it should be. That is the ongoing conversation we have together in this community of faith. So, to say that I miss you is an understatement.

As a pastor I have the responsibility to speak theologically to the church, to administer the business of the church with congregational leadership (which at AUMC is tremendous) and represent the Christ and God's love to and beyond the congregation. These are but a few of the responsibilities of a pastor, but they comprise the core of ministry. Together these aspects of pastoral ministry contain the call of God on the pastor's life to lead the congregation as we seek the depth of God's heart; the duty given by the Church to administer its needs as an integral part of society; and to witness to God's grace as a voice of peace and inclusion, of love and acceptance. I hope I have been faithful in this endeavor.

That said, I must ask forgiveness for my distance from you all. At the beginning of this pandemic and physical distancing Jean and I planned, and early on were able, to accomplish what we called porch step visits. We did not get around to all of you and we are poorer for that failure. As the pandemic has progressed and with the increase of cases of COVID19 in our county, Jean and I have felt compelled to stay close to home, except for grocery and pharmacy trips. And of course, trips to the church office a couple of times a week and for worship recording. I'm working from home part of each week.

Many of you are aware that I have heart disease and diabetes and that puts me at added risk of contracting coronavirus. Needless to say, I am being cautious, very cautious with my health. And, following the guidance of CDC and directions from Bishop Leeland, I and the conference are being very cautious with your health. While our distancing is a health necessity, we all feel a sense of loss. Someone in the congregation commented on the realization of the importance of community now that it is restricted.

As a pastor I am concerned with how we move forward after COVID. Some of our folks are attending services in churches that refuse to acknowledge the dangers of this virus. It is my prayer that those churches and their congregations will not experience any consequences of their decisions. We, however, will continue on the side of caution as we seek to uphold our Wesleyan covenant with each other and the world to Do No Harm, Do Good by Staying in Love With God.

May the peace of the Christ reside in and with you ...

tom+



September Highlights

- 7—Labor Day—Church Office Closed
- 14—Red Cross Blood Drive
- 22—First Day of Fall

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National
Honey
Month

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!</i> - Psalm 119:103				10-12--**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00--Welcome Table-- First Baptist Church 9:00--Youth Group Zoom		
6-14th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am--YouTube 11:00 am--Facebook	7 Labor Day Holiday	8	9	10 10-12--**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00--Welcome Table-- United Methodist Women 9:00--Youth Group Zoom	11	12
13-15th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am--YouTube 11:00 am--Facebook	14 1-6:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	15	16	17 10-12--**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00--Welcome Table-- Former Civitans 9:00--Youth Group Zoom	18	19
20-16th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am--YouTube 11:00 am--Facebook	21	22 First Day of Fall	23	24 10-12--**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 5:00--Welcome Table-- Vengeance Creek Baptist Church 9:00--Youth Group Zoom	25	26
27-17th Sunday Pentecost Worship Online: 10:50 am--YouTube 11:00 am--Facebook	28	29	30	** The Sanctuary is open on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for individual prayer and meditation. Please observe the necessary health precautions of wearing a mask, maintaining a safe distance from others and having no more than 10 people in the Sanctuary at a time.		

Birthdays

- 3- Bill Hughes
- 4- Flip Heaton, Theresa McCoy
- 6- Rob Williamson
- 7- Kyleigh Rogers
- 9- Thomas Jolly
- 12- Flynn Fowler
- 14- Larry McGuire
- 17- Kori Francis
- 18- Eddie Hoilman
- 19- Michael West
- 20- Eddie Adams, Thomas Clayton
- 22- Gary Giersdorf
- 23- Millie Seal
- 26- Alex Stroud
- 28- Darry Creasman, Faye Conger, Sheila Barrera
- 29- Lisa Orr

Anniversaries

- 2- Charles & Lillian Freel
- 6- Dewey & Phillis Forbes
- 11- Jeff & Marsha Mashburn
- 22- Don & Sue Tallant
- 26- Randy & Kathy West

Protect our
pollinators!



Virtual Worship (*Behind the Scenes*)

by Kerry Archer

For orators and musicians, this “virtual worship” phase we are in is not such a bad thing, considering. While recording, we have the sublime opportunity for a do-over that is not possible during “live” church. I, for one, really appreciate that! It relieves a certain amount of pressure. And that got me thinking....maybe you’d like to hear how “we all” prepare the service you see on YouTube Sunday mornings. Here’s a look at what “recording the service in advance” looks like at AUMC.

Robby, Tom, Joslyn, and I are “the recording team.” Each of us selects what we want to record early in the week so Jeanne can begin putting the bulletin together, with titles. Joslyn and I do our recording Wednesday afternoons at 2:30. Robby is the recorder. Generally at that time, we record the prelude, opening hymn, offertory and centering piece. We are using the same recording each week for “Peace on Earth.” You’ve probably noticed that (we’re wearing the same clothes!). On Friday, Robby records his Children’s Sermon and Tom’s many parts in the service, including the sermon.

Fridays are busy days for Robby! He moves the recordings from his cell phone to the computer. Then, using Adobe Premier, he edits everything – trim, splice, add video transitions along with headers/ graphics for each segment. Next is getting the recordings into a video format, which includes reducing the size so it is compatible with YouTube. This is all called “rendering.” Finally, the entire recording is uploaded to YouTube, and scheduled to be available Sundays at 10:55.

All this brings to my mind I Corinthians 12:12, “*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.*”



Robby records Pastor Tom’s sermon and the other parts of worship each week before editing.

From the Organ Bench—Hymn Story

by Kerry Archer



For the Beauty of the Earth—This hymn expresses in fine literary style many of the blessings of life so commonly taken for granted and then directs our “grateful praise” to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift. (Plus, it’s the first and only one that I have committed to memory!). Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of the text, begins by reminding us of all the physical beauties of the world – sun, flowers, and shining stars – and then reminds us of the social joys of friends and home, those relationships that bring such enriching dimensions to life. He closes by giving thanks for the ministry of the church, and for accomplishing divine purposes in this world. Written when he was about twenty-nine years old, it is the product of his enjoyment of the beautiful countryside of Bath, England, with its winding Avon River in the distance.

The tune name, “Dix,” came from an association it had with William Dix’s hymn, “As With Gladness Men of Old.” Check it out; you can sing the text of “For the Beauty...” to it, as what happens with many interchangeable hymns’ text and music.

“For the Beauty of the Earth” was first used at a communion service of the church, but has since become one of the favorite hymns during the Thanksgiving season. It has also proven to be a favorite hymn for children.