



The Trumpeter

July—August 2011



"Food for Thought"

I received an email from a dear friend a few days ago, that really made me stop and think. It went something like this:

“A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. ‘I’ve gone for 30 years now and all that time I heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them! So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.’ This started a real controversy in the ‘Letters to the Editor’ column. It went on for weeks, until someone wrote this clincher. ‘I have been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!’”

So Many people today have this same attitude about church, especially during the summer months. Isn’t it interesting where our priorities are? Our physical lives are temporal and our spiritual lives are eternal, yet we are more concerned about our physical nourishment than our spiritual. We do not skip many meals but then it is okay to skip church programs. We eat and make our children eat many foods that we do not like. We do it because it is healthy for us. At the same time, when it concerns our spiritual health, we will only participate in things that we like to see, hear, do, or agree with. We should all take more seriously what Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-20, “Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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“Do Good, Do No Harm, and Stay In Love With God”

As the Apostle Paul wrote in his prayer for the Philippians, “I Thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you....” This is also my prayer for you at McCormick UMC. You have supported my leadership and ministry every day. We have been faithful and obedient servants together. We have seen the fruits of the Spirit manifested in our ministries, our private lives, and within the community. We did none of this on our own—it has been accomplished by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit residing within us. I cannot adequately express how grateful I am for the generosity you have shown to me as I prepare to retire from my appointment as your Minister of Education. The financial gift has grown to \$1800.00. Since we are already sitting at Lake Louise, Canada, in the Banff National Park, 2880 miles from home, I promise you, your gift has been a tremendous blessing! Our fuel economy is about 50% better than we anticipated; however, we are committed to driving 55 mph and that has been extremely helpful on the fuel economy.

I was overwhelmed with the celebration and appreciation event. Verna Clayton and the SPPRC displayed their gifts and graces as we reflected upon the ministries we have increased or begun during my appointment. “Thanks for the Memories” will forever be more than just a song. Thank you, Verna and Jeanne!

My heart was touched deeply through the words spoken by those individuals witnessing to the work we have accomplished for the Kingdom of God. We have been a great team!

My vocabulary does not contain adequate words to express my gratitude to Phil and Carol for their leadership in ChristCare. I believe it was obvious to those present, that I was overwhelmed with joy at the gift from the Prayers & Squares ChristCare Group. My mother would be crying tears of joy with me if she were not already having the time of her eternal life in the daily presence of her Creator! Onalee’s group has taken those ancient cotton squares and given them brilliant new life. Just imagine what God can do with us! Thank you, Onalee and group! And a very special thanks again to Phil and Carol.

No United Methodist gathering would be complete without food and lots of it. My dear friend Kay Kloppenburg, along with kitchen crew and decorators, went all out. Everything was perfect. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Also, thank you for purchasing locally.

I am grateful for each one who has shared my appointment. Thank you for your support, your prayers, for being there on my last Sunday and for all the cards I have received.

It is my prayer that you will have a safe and enjoyable summer. I will see you in September. In the meantime “do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God.”

Grace and peace, Bobbie



CHRIST CARE NEWS



24:7 Christ Care Group

Flag Day held a special meaning this year for the members of the 24:7 Christ Care Group and our friends at Bell Ridge as we celebrated together on June 14 with a hot dog dinner party.



There were 10 Bell Ridge residents and 9 of our Christ Care group in attendance. Before our meal, a couple of the residents adorned the tree with patriotic decorations, after which we spent time concentrating on the meaning and significance of celebrating Flag Day. We all stood and recited together the Pledge of Allegiance. Then one of the residents gave a wonderful reading of the poem *"Call Me Old Glory"* – although it was the first time he had seen the copy, he sounded as if he had spent much time practicing it prior to his delivery! We all stood once again and sang *"God Bless America"* in unison.

Another resident, who is very near and dear to the heart of Connie Robinson of our group, voluntarily gave the blessing for our meal and did a beautiful job. By this time, everyone was ready to "chow down" on the hotdogs and trimmings – some were even eating hotdogs three at a time! As always, some of the residents took plates to their neighbors who were unable to attend due to illnesses, etc.

During a time of sharing while eating, several residents expressed special personal concerns, and members of our group took note of ways that we and/or members of our church might be able to be of service to them. While our group will not have scheduled meetings in July and August, we will remain connected electronically and continue to pray for one another and for our Bell Ridge friends for whom we are committed to looking for additional ways that we can better help meet their needs. As mentioned in the June newsletter, we will reconvene in September and our study book at that time will be *God's Psychiatry* by Charles L. Allen.

Linda Kidd

Couples for Christ

Ralph Waldo Emerson said "a man is what he thinks all day." The Twenty-third Psalm is a pattern of thinking and when a mind becomes saturated with it, a new way of thinking and a new life are the results.



It's easy for us to imagine The Shepherd as our God, but is it easy for us to imagine ourselves as sheep? Sheep are dirty, somewhat lazy, and definitely slow-minded. Those are characteristics we may not want to claim. May I suggest, however, that you try to visualize yourself as a sheep, and then read the Twenty-third Psalm thoughtfully from a sheep's point of view? Read it each day for several days. You might find a change in your pattern of thinking.

Did you know that in ancient times, at the end of the day, the shepherd would stand by the gate to his pen and one by one, he would administer to each sheep? He would look them over, doctor them with healing oils, get thorns out of their hair, and so forth. Then he would let them in. No sheep could enter except through the shepherd's gate. When all the sheep were in the pen, the shepherd would bed down on the ground across the gate entry to block out predators and prevent any sheep from wandering out of the pen.

What a privilege it is to be a sheep! What a privilege to have God as my Shepherd!

(These thoughts came from the book "God's Psychiatry" by Charles Allen, a Methodist Minister. We are currently discussing this book at our group meetings.)

Irene Crowley

Donation from the Bobo Circle

The members of the former Beatrice C. Bobo Circle decided to use the remaining \$325.00 in the treasury for clean up and emergency supplies for the Alabama tornado victims. A small portion was also used to purchase a Hymnal for the sanctuary in honor of the circle's namesake, Beatrice C. Bobo. Thanks to Joan Wessels for "getting the ball rolling" on this donation. Thanks to Frank and Shirlene Chewing for transport of the funds.

Sally Culpepper

BIRTHDAYS—JULY

July	3	Polly Prather
July	6	Doris Watts
July	8	Susan Segars
July	9	Nancy Mitchell
July	9	Jeff Bandy
July	9	Nada Ream
July	10	Sara Gantt
July	10	Dee Howell
July	10	Kay Kloppenburg
July	10	Joel Mitchell
July	11	Bobbie Taylor
July	12	Bet Dombrowski
July	13	Ross Glidewell
July	16	Candice B Ellis
July	18	Bob Struck
July	27	Mark Downtin
July	27	Mike Holmes
July	30	Joanne Wells

ANNIVERSARIES—JULY

July	1	Ursula & Chuck Henderson
July	1	Jen & Wayne Christman
July	6	Inez & Wayne Reifsnyder
July	8	Doris & John Watts
July	24	Carol & Bob Struck
July	24	Hilda & Gary Dorn
July	28	Nancy & Bill Richert
July	28	Nancy & Ed Mitchell
July	29	Betty & Bob Weiss
July	31	Carol & Bob Wieboldt

JULY COUNTERS

July 3—Dot Bandy
July 10—Carol Bailey
July 17—Betty Smith
July 24—Donn Groh
July 31—Shirley Garling

**JULY NURSERY SCHEDULE**

July 3— Shirley Garling, 391-3605; Sue Mitchell, 852-1023
July 10—Marcia Brown, 852-2769; Mary Thompson 391-5644
July 17—Emilee Groh, 391-4393; Cheri Kelber, 391-3512
July 24—Edith Arrant, 852-2137 ; Carol Struck , 391-8494
July 31—Madeline Toland, 391-5300; Faye Cotty , 391-5904

**JULY FLOWER CALENDAR**

July 3—OPEN
July 10—OPEN
July 17—OPEN
July 24—Ronnie and Linda Kidd
July 31—OPEN

**JULY RESPONSIVE READERS**

8:30—Sally Culpepper
11:00—Ed Bowser

**JULY USHERS—8:30 Service**

Joe and Nancy Gaffney

JULY USHERS—11:00 Service

*Lead Usher

July 3 *June & Jack Haffemen, Bill Richert, Byron Thompson
 July 10 Frank Clayton, Roger Simon, Arvid Perez, *Sam Krotzer,
 July 17 *Byron & Mary Thompson, Arvid Perez, Sam Krotzer
 July 24 Frank Clayton, *Bob Schade, Jimmy & Betty Smith



**COMMUNION
FIRST SUNDAY
EACH MONTH**
Lead Usher plans.
Ushers assist.

JULY 2011

**Coffee &
Fellowship**
every Wed
@ 10 am



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BIRTHDAYS—AUGUST

Aug	1	Michelle Haneys
Aug	3	Bud Stahlman
Aug	5	Edith Arant
Aug	5	Beverly Snyder
Aug	8	Harry Shelley
Aug	11	Sherry Kistler
Aug	12	Roger Wideman
Aug	15	Carolyn Adams
Aug	15	Kathryn Sheppard
Aug	16	Chad Wickes
Aug	18	Rich Dombrowski
Aug	20	Gene Graziano
Aug	21	Ursula Henderson
Aug	21	Mary Spence
Aug	22	Jerry Rohr
Aug	25	Betty Smith
Aug	26	Dorothy Tingley
Aug	29	Chuck Henderson
Aug	29	Jack Haffeman
Aug	31	Henry Burch
Aug	31	Donn Groh

ANNIVERSARIES—AUGUST

Aug	2	Mary & Ted Armstrong
Aug	2	Kathy & Mike Holmes
Aug	8	Martha & Ray Crace
Aug	8	Betty & Jimmy Smith
Aug	8	Mary & Byron Thompson
Aug	9	Susan & Chad Wickes
Aug	12	Jo & Gene Garziano
Aug	14	Dottie & Jack Dixon
Aug	20	Barb & Harry Shelley
Aug	21	Dorothy & Brad Tingley
Aug	29	Carolyn & Jake Trantham

**AUGUST COUNTERS**

August 7—Dot Bandy
 August 14—Carol Bailey
 August 21—Betty Smith
 August 28—Donn Groh

**AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE**

August 7—Nancy Richert, 391-5611; Sue Mitchell, 852-1023
 August 14—Toni Graham, 391-4257; Sally Culpepper, 229-1786
 August 21—Madge Krotzer, 391-3529; Lois Waugh, 391-3132
 August 28—Lois Waugh, 391-3132; Marilyn Meyer, 391-2074

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August and Sundee Ludecke

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South Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference Report 2011

The Annual Conference was held at the Civic Center in Florence, SC. It began on Wednesday, June 8th and the business session ended on Saturday evening. The theme of the conference was “The Wesleyan Way: Principles, Passion, and Practice.” The attendance was 846 Laity and 795 Clergy. Ron Taylor and Phil Bailey were the two delegates from our church, as we had two clergy attending, Athon and Bobbie.

The Service of Commissioning, Ordination, and Sending Forth began on Sunday at 10 a.m. and ended at 1:30 p.m. At that service there was one person commissioned as Provisional Deacon and 11 commissioned as Provisional Elders (provisional provides for an additional period of training within the UMC prior to ordination). Four were ordained as Deacons and 15 ordained as Elders.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 4-5 p.m. was Leader Development Teaching Time. These sessions covered the three P’s of the Principles of Leadership, the Passion of Leadership and the Practice of Leadership. These lessons applied to both the Clergy and the Laity.

During these sessions some challenging statements were brought forward in relation to the local churches. First, Laity and Clergy need to partner in the mission of the church. Second, we need to stop “policing” the Pastor and spend more time partnering with the Pastor.

One notable statement by Wesley is, “I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.”

Wesley also said, “Catch on fire with enthusiasm for your mission and people will come for miles to see you burn.” Each church needs to reflect on their mission and how it is carried out to see if people will “come for miles to see you burn” just because they can see God working in your midst.

As a reminder, our mission is on the front of each Sunday bulletin: Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Develop disciples who live lives that produce the fruit of the Spirit and Relieve suffering. How is our church doing in relation to this last statement by Wesley?

Over the last 40 years, the UMC has lost nearly 30% of its membership. UMC growth is in other parts of the world, especially Africa. So, the message was continually brought out during these leadership training sessions as to how the church is today and that the church should always be aware of the need for change as we see a changing world. The world is changing but Methodism as we have known and seen it in our churches is not.

Balloting For General Conference Delegates

The General Conference which occurs every four years is in Tampa, FL in 2012. Therefore the Annual Conference this year voted for the delegates, both Laity and Clergy to attend the conference. Nine Laity and nine Clergy will be delegates from the South Carolina Conference. Several ballots were taken each day where a majority of the votes was needed to elect a delegate. Clergy delegates were elected by the Clergy and Laity delegates by the Laity. Following the election of those delegates, nine additional Jurisdictional Conference delegates for Laity and Clergy were elected.

Budget

The estimated average net funds from 2012 Apportionments for the SC Conference is \$100.5 million. For 2012 the Conference Budget is approximately 17% of those estimated net funds. The Council of Finance and Administration has approved a goal of moving toward a reduced total Annual Conference Budget at or near 15%. With that in mind, the 2012 budget has been reduced by 1.3% from the 2011 budget.

Council on Connectional Ministries

The conference Council on Connectional Ministries has been working for several years to put a process in place that can improve the connection between local churches, the annual conference, and the general church. They have realized the necessity to be deliberate about being able to listen to the concerns of our local churches and to design and provide programming opportunities and training to address their needs.

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They have noted that it is essential that the UMC reclaims our mission to win disciples for Jesus Christ. In order to do this we must get people together to engage in conversations that will enable them to discover their spiritual gifts. The conference Council on Connectional Ministries will provide training opportunities for persons to grow spiritually utilizing their gifts. They are aware that denominationalism is not dying but is shifting its structure to address the spiritual needs of persons who are drawn to a church that is authentic about being in worship and in mission.

Congregational Specialists who have received extensive training in areas of Natural Church development, Spiritual Formation and Conflict Mediation are ready and willing to help discover and address the needs of our local churches. It is felt that when clergy and laity partner in the process of making disciples for Christ at all levels of the church, a variety of worship styles, training opportunities, and missional initiatives will emerge.

Commission on Equitable Compensation

The Commission states that each church shall place in its budget an amount of \$500 or more per year to be used by the pastor as a continuing education fund. If the full amount is not used in a given year, the unused portion may be carried forward from year to year during the tenure of a pastor, not to exceed a total amounting to three year's continuing education allowance.

Conference Districts

Currently the SC Conference has 12 districts. MUMC is in the Greenwood District. There is a study in progress to evaluate the current number of districts. Our districts are based on a 39 year model when the number of churches in the SC Conference was greater, the transportation issues were difficult and the internet communications abilities of the Conference and District leadership were non-existent. Population distribution has changed, and economic and unemployment crises have had a major impact on church budgets.

A Resolution for Immigration Reform

Senate Bill # 20 or SB20 would require law enforcement to check the immigration status of anyone they have "reasonable suspicion" is unlawfully in the United States. Currently, the law is in the Senate's Judiciary committee but will come up for a vote in the Senate soon. This bill has undergone many changes and the last was on June 14th of this year.

Passed by a narrow margin was that the SC Annual Conference of the United Methodist church discourage the South Carolina Legislature in passing and implementing SB 20 and that the SC Annual Conference of the UMC call upon all UM congregations to study the Biblical basis of Hospitality to all and to advocate for the comprehensive reform of the US immigration system.

The Annual Conference for 2012 is June 10 -13. If you have questions or would like to read 92 pages of reports and resolutions please contact Athon or me.

Phil Bailey

CALLING ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

Our next quarterly UMW meeting will be held on July 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Our theme will be, "Making Peace with Our Earth." In lieu of a speaker, we will have a wonderful skit taken from our UMW Program book. The skit will feature some of our UMW members in their first drama debut! We will have delightful singing as well as great food prepared by our wonderful UMW chefs! We are asking a minimum of \$7.00 donation for the meal. This will help us with our quarterly apportionments to missions. You may sign up at the UMW bulletin board at the ramp leading into the sanctuary, or you may call the church office at 852-2394. Thank you for your faithful attendance so far! Come out and enjoy a fun evening.

Sally Culpepper

MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Remembering is an act of resurrection, each repetition a vital layer of mourning, in memory of those we are sure to meet again.

~Nancy Cobb, in "In Lieu of Flowers"
Source: www.memories-are-forever.org

Memorial for Bertha Bouknight
(Mary Eddie Lindley's mother)
by Wesley Adult Study Class

Honorarium for LeAnn Snyder
by Beverly Snyder

UMW Reading Program

REMINDER: August 21 is the final day for entering the titles of the books you've read this year. At that time, the list will be compiled and sent to the district UMW Reading Chair.



Onalee Green

2011 STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEDULE

Sunday	September 11	8:15-10:45 am
Thursday	September 15	6:00-8:30 pm
Saturday	September 17	9:30 am-6:00 pm
Sunday	September 18	8:15-10:45 am
Sunday	September 25	8:15-10:45 am
Thursday	September 29	6:00-8:30 pm
Sunday	October 2	8:15-10:45 am
Thursday	October 6	6:00-8:30 pm
Sunday	October 9	8:15-10:45 am
Saturday	October 15	9:30 am-6:00 pm
Sunday	October 16	8:15-10:45 am
Thursday	October 20	6:00-8:30 pm

Stephen Ministry Corner

Summer!!! What a glorious time of the year (even if the temperatures are constantly in the 90's or higher!!!). Spring has brought new life to seemingly dead plants and trees. Seeds have sprouted and corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, etc., are growing in gardens and making for great summertime meals. Schools are out and children are playing outdoors. Swimming pools are packed...golf courses are busy...the boats are out on the lake...families are on vacations....



And yet, some of our friends are still struggling with the crises in their lives and having trouble seeing the glory of summer. Therefore, the Stephen Ministers at McCormick United Methodist Church are still visiting their care receivers and listening. We are still endeavoring, through the work of the Holy Spirit, to bring love, understanding, and peace to our care receivers.

God commands us to "bear ye one another's burdens" and that is what the Stephen Minister endeavors to do. Through Stephen Ministry, many of us are listening to others share their feelings and accepting those feelings with unconditional Christian Love. If you should need a person who will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care, please consider being in a relationship with a Stephen Minister at MUMC. To get the process started, please contact Paster Athon Arant through the church office (852-2394) or Beverly Western (391-5967).

Those of you who are considering taking the Stephen Ministry Training Class may turn you applications in anytime now, but please, no later than July 31. Please hand them to Beverly or Athon. Applications are still available on the Stephen Ministry Bulletin Board at the church and the confirmed schedule is also on the bulletin board. Classes start September 11. We pray that many of you will consider this caring, unique, one-on-one ministry.

Sundee Luedecke

2011 SM TRAINING SCHEDULE CONT'D

Sunday	October 23	8:15-10:45 am
Saturday	October 30	8:15-10:45 am
Sunday	November 3	6:00-8:30 pm
Thursday	November 6	8:15-10:45 am

OUTREACH MISSIONS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Shirlene and I went to Irmo on May 23 to pick up items collected by Union UM and Grace UM churches. We had a trailer stacked high and every inch of the truck filled by the time we added items collected from our church members. We also took \$600 in gift cards from Union and Grace. Our church contributed \$2500.

We left early for Alabama on May 25. Our first stop was Alabaster, AL at Alabaster UM Church. They have set up a distribution center in a building adjacent to the church, which used to be a Winn-Dixie store. They have turned the front of this building into a worship center but the back space is huge and it was organized into sections for different items, so it was easy to see exactly what they had when someone requested items.

After unloading and talking with the pastor and volunteers we proceeded to Tuscaloosa. The church office was closing by the time we got there but the secretary directed us to the areas that were hit so hard. This was the first devastation that we saw. There was debris everywhere with the only activity being debris removal.

The next morning we went to Pleasant Grove UM Church in Pleasant Grove, AL. This church was sitting on a hill and from that parking lot every direction we looked was leveled with only a few partial houses scattered. The church had some roof damage but was otherwise alright. We spent time there talking to Coordinators handling requests for clean-up, etc. They were sending out teams to do anything needed. The main job was getting debris to the streets so FEMA trucks could pick it up for disposal.

We then went to St. Andrews UM church in Cullman, AL. This church lost a few windows and had roof damage. Again, we toured the area and saw so much devastation. It was just overwhelming.

We had planned to visit a few more towns but decided we had enough information and contacts to make decisions as to areas we should take a work team to. Several of the churches are equipped for housing our team and have had teams already. I will be making a decision as to date and area as soon as I hear from some contacts as to what their needs are and how we can help.

Thank you so much for all your contributions of items and money. If you haven't had an opportunity to contribute, you can still write a check, mark it ATR and put in offering plate or give to Gaye in the church office.

Frank Chewing

Photos at right tell the story.

NOTE: MUMC received a letter of thanks from Pleasant Grove, AL UMC for our tornado disaster relief efforts . The following comments are from that letter:

"The Congregation and Staff of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church extend our deepest appreciation for your donation of \$1,000 for Disaster Relief for the victims of the April 27, 2011 tornado.... We will put this donation to work not only for our church members but also for the other residents of Pleasant Grove. ...we immediately opened a command center...to accept donations of baby supplies, clothing, cleaning supplies, food, yard cleanup supplies, etc. ...many teams of volunteers stay at our church.... We...have counselors available for those in distress. We served breakfast, lunch, and supper for volunteers, community residents, utility workers and many others for almost three weeks after the tornado.

In Christ,

*Virginia Johns,
Administrative Assistant"*





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July 4, 1776



"...one nation under God, indivisible..."

