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## A Letter from Pastor Jim

### Let Us Remember the Love

I have been thinking and praying about the events that have transpired recently, the shootings in South Carolina and the Governor's response by removing the Confederate flag. Now, I am not into politics too much, but I am struggling with this response.

Within the resolution given during the Annual Conference we were able to be united with our Brothers and Sisters of the EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

I am not going to quote the whole document, but wanted to share some of the preamble that speaks volumes as to how we can bring ourselves from the hurt over this tragic event and find healing from God.

The preamble reads as follows:

WHEREAS, this evil act against God and humanity is not isolated in one person, place, or time, but is part of the history and reality in which we live and participate; and, WHEREAS, we are called, not only to condemn this act as a heinous crime, but to respond to the higher call of our baptism "to resist evil in whatever form it presents itself,"

WHEREAS, United Methodists affirm our common Wesleyan heritage with the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and our shared calling to acts of mercy and justice with all Christians....

To put this short, I am reminded of

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that." ~ (Martin Luther King Jr)

Now, I was moved when I heard that some of the families of the victims in South Carolina have confronted this person and have already begun to forgive him, "In the name of Jesus". This is the light that we need to realize for our society. We cannot afford to hold onto the anger, the hurt or the hatred and expect our hearts to have the ability to heal when we are too busy holding onto the pain.

I had learned years ago that forgiving someone was not to free them from their doings or even condoning someone sinning against you. Rather, it is the act of letting go of the transgression so that we can continue our lives in the freedom of God's love.

While we condemn this heinous act and stand with our hearts broken over this violent show of hatred. We also need to look towards the cure of hatred and violence in our world. Let us not just treat the symptoms, let us demand a cure for the illness...We may ask God to help us find a new way to be a people of peace. We need to pray for the help to remove the violence and the hatred from our world. Finally, let us always remember the love of Christ that is in us.

### Church hours:

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Let us pray,

"God grant that as we go out and face life with all of its decisions, as we face the bitter cup which we will inevitably face from day to day, God grant that we will learn this one thing and that is, to make the transition from "this cup" to "nevertheless." ~ (Martin Luther King Jr)

This can be done by remembering those words of Martin Luther King Jr. With love we see the path that leads to God, not to evil. Let us be in solidarity and pray together for those that have suffered at the hands of violence and pray for ourselves to be vessels of bringing God's kingdom to earth.

*Shalom,*

*Jim*



## Church and Community News

### FOLLYWOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Danielson United Methodist Church

SATURDAY, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 1:00pm

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Lights! Camera! Action! Welcome to Big Picture Studios, an exciting movie studio where children will learn to be superstars for Jesus! Children will "tour" the back lots of a movie studio as they participate in all their fun VBS activities. The crafts projects, snacks, games and music will all follow the Hollywood theme, making children feel like they're part of



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### *Tending the Garden Luncheons*

Please join us for a monthly potluck so we may

#### **TEND THE GARDEN**

Join us for fellowship and good eats, on the second Sunday of every month directly following worship.

Join us for the next Tend the Garden Luncheon on **July 12th and August 9th!**

Please let Pastor Jim know if you would help

### UNITED METHODIST 101

On the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except when we engage in other projects and activities), come to **UNITED METHODISM 101**. It's interactive and is a blend of audio, video, written materials and group discussion.

A lifelong or long-term or new to the United Methodist traditions?" You may be surprised at what you can learn about our United Methodist Church and how it fits into the modern world.

Why are you United Methodist? What is your image of The United Methodist Church? How did that image develop? What would you like to learn about our church? You do not have to attend every one and can jump in any time! Come when you can.

**6:00pm**

*On Summer Break, see you in September.*

### MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

**March 3-12, 2016**

A Mission trip to Nicaragua is being planned. We are asking anyone interested in going to please contact Cathy McNeill at [cathymcneill@ymail.com](mailto:cathymcneill@ymail.com) or 860-230-6804. The trip will be 7-10 days long. The focus of the trip will be to continue a relationship that NE Connecticut United Methodist Churches has with the church in Nicaragua. We will be visiting the health program, feeding program and other programs that the New England Conference supports through our mission shares. We will also spend a few days sightseeing. The trip is open to anyone 16 years or older. We will be holding fund raising opportunities to offset the cost of the trip. Start praying about it. More information will be made available.

**Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:**

**JULY/AUG CALENDAR**

- July 22 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- July 24 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at 5:00pm
- July 29 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- July 31 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at 5:00pm
- Aug 5 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Aug 12 Community Kitchen 9 1 pm
- Aug 19 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Aug 21 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at 5:00pm
- Aug 26 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Aug 28 Be Our Guest  
Dinner at @5:00pm



**Monday morning breakfasts**

could use any of the following:

- Pancake mix, milk and eggs
- Hash browns
- Bacon/Ham/ Sausages
- Coffee, and Juice
- Or a monetary donation to purchase these items

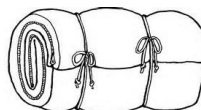
**The local shelter is** looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- \* children's underwear
- \* old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- \* Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- \* Campbell labels for educational supplies
- \* Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- \* Diapers for the local Diaper Bank

We are collecting used neck ties for the Golden Bees in Webster to use in making their sleeping bags.

The sleeping bags are distributed through out the Rte. 395 corridor. They also need donations of light blankets, material scraps, and thread.

Each sleeping bag comes with a health kit containing:



Wash cloth, hand towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, bible or inspirational book, shampoo, hand lotion, small pack tissues, etc.

Each sleeping bag also contains a small pillow, hat, scarf, mittens or gloves and socks.

They are always looking for donations of any of the above items. A collection box will be placed in the back of the Narthex.

Don't forget the homeless shelter in Danielson. They look for donations of a lot of the same

Dear Parishioners:

Your church has a request of you. Set aside a few moments to jot down some of the ways God has used you in the past. Can you think of a few? It's hard I know. Don't limit yourself to the past few years. Think back to your childhood.

Now analyze your opportunities for Christian service today. Note any foot-dragging for self-doubt. Also note the people who could help you as you serve.

Next, brainstorm for opportunities that lie open to you in the future. Don't stop with your service from the past. "Oh I already did that". You have a lot of service left in you. If you are new to church community life, you need to experience Christian service, it will light you up!

Finally, ask Jesus to guide you in saying yes to service as he leads you and strengthens your love. You do not need a written invitation do you? There are positions available right now, today! Tell Pastor Jim you are ready to serve. Once a month meetings, a smile with a little willingness is all it takes.

*Dear Savior,*

*It is all too easy to follow our own selfish path. You are always at work for my good through every circumstance of my life. Help me see the opportunities you give me to love others and then give me the strength to serve without hesitation.*

*Amen*

## **AD COUNCIL SECRETARY**

**Have you felt the call to become more involved in the "goings on" of the church?**

- Do you have a gift for administration?
- Or do you like to listen to people and take notes?

The Administrative Council needs your help. The Ad Council is a group of people who guide the church in the direction of its mission statement through the work of other committees, Christian education, and outreach and mission.

**The group seriously needs someone who can take notes (minutes) for the group.** A clear account of each meeting is kept by the secretary and sent out to members of the council. The secretary also has a voice on the council as well.

So - how about it?

Interested in knowing more?

Speak with any of the council members - Rick Hoskins, or Pastor Jim.

## **VARIOUS COMMITTEE SEATS**

***The Finance Committee***

***The Trustees***

***The Creative Angels***

All have openings for willing individuals to serve. Please make contact with any council member or let the office know your areas of interest.

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Come be a part of what we build together



July Scripture ReadingsJuly 5<sup>th</sup>

- 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
- Psalm 48 (UMH 782)
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6:1-13

July 12<sup>th</sup>

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
- Psalm 24 (UMH 755)
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

July 19<sup>th</sup>

- 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
- Psalm 89:20-37 (UMH 807)
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26<sup>th</sup>

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21

August Scripture ReadingsAugust 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a
- Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- John 6:24-35

August 9<sup>th</sup>

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

August 16<sup>th</sup>

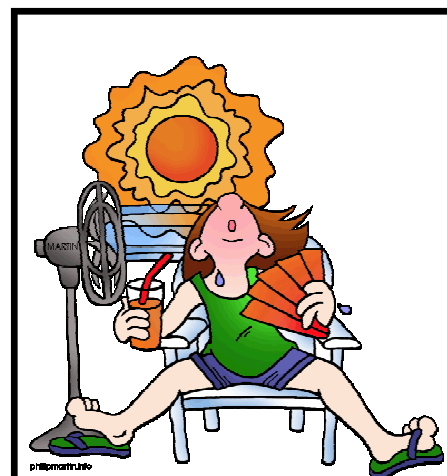
- 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
- Psalm 111 (UMH 832)
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

August 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
- Psalm 84 (UMH 804)
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 6:56-69

August 30<sup>th</sup>

- Song of Solomon 2:8-13
- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 (UMH 795)
- James 1:17-27
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Hot and Humid it might be but Fall is just around the corner!

Please take a moment to think about the newsletter and what you would like to see in the fall. News articles, recipes, interview each other, children's corner? Let the office know. 860.779.2018



July/August VOLUNTEERS

July 26

Liturgist: Cyndi Perkins  
 Usher: Anthony Castillo  
 Greeter: Amanda Soucy  
 Children's Message: Anthony Castillo  
 Tellers: Pam Bramlett & Betsy Kneeland

August 2

Greeter Cyndi Perkins  
 Tellers: Marsha Hardell & Nate Bramlett

August 9

Liturgist: Anthony Castillo  
 Usher: Amanda Soucy  
 Greeters: Betsy Kneeland & Joyce Davis  
 Tellers: Sue Theroux & Barbara Schreier

August 16

Liturgist: Dorothy Emblidge  
 Usher: Amanda Soucy  
 Greeters: Anthony Castillo  
 Tellers: Mildred Briggs

**TELLER LIST**

Week 1	Marsha Hardell + Nate Bramlett
Week 2	Sue Theroux + Barbara Schreier
Week 3	Jennelle Provencher + Mildred Briggs
Week 4	Pam Bramlett + Betsy Kneeland
Week 5	Del Tomasi + Nancy Wold
Floaters are:	Kendra Collins Cathy McNeill Barbara Schreier

**PLEASE USE THE SIGN UP SHEET ON  
 THE BULLETIN BOARD UPSTAIRS TO  
 CONTINUE VOLUNTEERING FOR  
 LITURGIST, USHERS AND GREETERS  
 AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.**

**Office Hours** Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 12:00pm

**Pastor meeting available upon request 860.779.2018**

