The Messenger

South Hill United Methodist Church

June, 2017

The Pastor's Pen…

> *[12] I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father.*
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> *John 14: 12*

Easter is over, school is out, and summer is here. Now what?

As we take time this summer for family, vacations, and relaxation, let us not forget that the work of the church in our community continues. The mission arm through the Upper Room keeps going. The weekly Sunday School and worship times march onward, like clockwork. Behind the scenes, we are in the midst of planning summer experiences, fall kickoffs, and structure changes.

Wait, did the pastor just mention structure changes? Yes, I did. We are in the process of setting up teams of people to attend to specific ministries and church functions. By doing this, important work does not fall on one person and more people can be involved in the rewarding work of participating in God's work here and now. Teams also allow us to respond faster as the membership changes. We need everyone's help in accomplishing this shift. If you have a skill or hobby you enjoy, let me know so that we can find a way to utilize *your* passions in the work of the church. When we all use what God gave each of us together, we are stronger and more able to reach the world around us.

The work we have done, are doing, and will be doing is so exciting! So much is happening, and we are changing to address the changing world around us. This work of being nimble is difficult for established organizations, and we've been in South Hill 225 years. I believe we are up to the task. In the short time I have been here, I am consistently encouraged by positive motion and hearts passionate about ministry.

In the midst of all the positive, I know there is anxiety around a variety of discussions happening within the United Methodist Church, not the least of which is around human sexuality. The problem with most of the speculation is that it is fruitless and distracting. The Commission on the Way Forward is the body currently undertaking the guiding role and they need prayer to continue and complete their work. We need to support them in this way, and I believe, live into whatever they discern as our direction. While we wait for decisions, we need to continue doing God's work here, because what we do together is important. If we seriously let God guide us looking at who we are, what we are about, and what the community around us needs, then God will bless what we do in his name. I can't wait to see what God is bringing us.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Brian

Youth Group Presents Youth Sunday ….

Thank you to each and every one of you who have graciously supported the Youth Group this year. We are so proud of each of our youth and wish the very best to our seniors who will continue to share the light of Christ with others in their lives after high school. Be sure to come back and visit, Dylan, Jackson, and Sam - your futures are bright! Have a great summer!

-Angie Calhoun and Jeremy Lambert

The Staff Parrish Committee…

The Staff Parrish Committee along with the entire congregation is saddened to have Christy West leave our midst. She has been such an asset to our church as a whole and to its committees. We all will truly miss her but wish the very best as she moves on.

Now, on the happy end of this – we welcome Patsy Tucker as our new Administrative Assistant. Patsy comes to us well-qualified for this position. We are excited to have her here and look forward to working together. Please drop by the office and say "Hi"! Welcome, Patsy from South Hill United Methodist Church.

-Cammie R. Puckett, Chr. Staff Parrish Relations Committee

SHEEP Winds Down as it Gears Up…

The first year of the SHEEP program has ended with news trickling in as to SOL test results. There was much progress made in many areas. Together we accomplished sharing God's love in the community as well as academic success. Speaking of community, the new basketball backboard and ball have attracted as many as four area youth at a time!

The summer will be a busy time preparing for next year by reflecting on and improving the program. We already have more parents interested in sending their children so we will be reaching out for more volunteers and support.

Again, thanks to all who have prayed, donated snacks, other items, provided support and time volunteering. It wouldn't have worked as well without you!

A successful first year! We already have 8 students ready for next year!

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Merrel

SHEEP UPDATE:

STATISTICS that answer the question of "How Well Are Our SHEEP?"

- All seven students were promoted.
- After 2 years without glasses, one student received glasses thanks to the Lions Club. He passed all SOLs.
- Four students were added midyear.
- Overall SOL pass rate is sixty-five percent.
- Of our original 3 students, the SOL pass rate was 88 percent.
- One student who did not pass the reading SOL last year, passed this year.
- One student increased his reading score by more than 30 points. A big improvement!
- Two fifth grade students received the Music Award for playing all required songs on the recorder (the grant paid for one recorder).
- One student received a certificate as a safety patrol!

Have you seen the Parsonage Kitchen Renovation …

OLD

NEW

The parsonage kitchen upgrade is complete. Thanks to all that provided help with this project. Specifically to Stuart Taylor for his oversight and his assistance with the "as found" problems that came up. A big thanks to Katherine Crutchfield and the Memorials Committee that made a generous donation to cover the cost of the new kitchen countertops. Another significant contribution by an anonymous donor covered the cost of all the new kitchen appliances. Thanks to pastor Brian and his family. They did as much of the work as they could with painting and installing light fixtures. The contractor for installation was Heavenly Home Improvements. The total cost came in slightly under budget. The open-house was well received and enjoyed by many. Thank you to those who helped provide the delicious food for that event, as well.

-Rick Carroll, Treasurer

Other Opportunities for Growth and Service…

1- All God's Children Camp – There is a major need for mentors for All God's Children Camp for the Camp Overlook week, June 25-30. Please email Lori Smith at lttlelori@gmail.com for more information. (email received 5-11-17)

2- FARMVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE FOR CLERGY AND LAITY
Saturday, September 30, 2017 10:00 am to12:00 pm at the Kenbridge UMC
Speaker: Paulo Lopes, VA Conference Director of Ministries with Young People

3 - UMMen - Spiritual Advance - To be held at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, June 9-11 with your friends and acquaintances to experience great preaching, spiritual renewal, fun and relaxation! The featured speaker will be Rev. Max Blaylock. More information can be found at http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ee2nhmoy22f58354&llr=pjflbvcab

4- The **Raleigh Ringers**, a well-known hand bell choir, will be performing Sunday, June 11th in Raleigh, NC at Meymandi Concert Hall at 3 pm. Information on tickets or other scheduled events may be found by visiting www.rr.org/events/concerts.

5 – beYOUtiful, is a FREE conference for middle school girls sponsored by First Baptist Church in South Hill, VA on Saturday, June 19, 2017 at 9 am – 12 pm. This conference will include two speakers, hair and makeup sessions, self-image boosters, and many other fun activities! Registration and breakfast begins at 8:30 am and pick-up between 12 – 12:30 pm. For more information contact Sydney Green at 434-917-1082.

6 - UMWomen - Mission Encounter, to be held Jul. 28-29, is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board (formerly the Board of Global Ministry) and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to come alive to mission, by participating in this exciting weekend experience. There are classes for men, women, clergy and laity. The classes offered will be climate justice, living as a covenant community and the missionary conference of The UMC in the US (Red Bird, Oklahoma and Alaska). Contact Gail Sutcliffe with questions at (703) 490-3381. The event will be held at Bon Air UMC in Chesterfield.

7 – Grown Up Summer Camp: Outdoor Adventures Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon, GA to be held July 28-30, 2017. More information can be found at http://epworthbythesea.org/events/

8 - Festival of Wisdom and Grace, - Aug. 7-10, 2017 at Lake Junaluska, NC This is a time of renewal and inspiration for older adults. More information can be found at http://www.lakejunaluska.com/events/calendar/

From the Trustees: Sale of Crestview Memorial Park Lots…

There are still 4 of the 6 cemetery lots available for purchase. The lots are valued at $2400 each but the selling price to members is $1500 per lot. If interested, please contact Mickey Moore for more information.

-Mickey Moore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Easter 2017…

He is Risen

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: STROKE IDENTIFICATION…S.T.R

Remember the first 3 letters if stroke. A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within the first three hours, he can completely reverse the effects of a stroke, totally! He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE - Remember the 3 steps, STR. Read and learn.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:
S* Ask the individual to SMILE
T* Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK a simple sentence coherently.
R* Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call an emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

There is also a new sign of stroke. Ask the person to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is "crooked", if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

-Shirley Wetherbee

June 1	Sidney Burke
June 1	Ruthie Kinker
June 1	Bryant Reese
June 2	Stephanie Black
June 2	Kassidy Moore
June 2	Jaxton Shook
June 3	Jimmy Hardin
June 4	Carol Klinefelter
June 4	Paige Reese
June 5	Shirley Carrillo
June 5	Will Spencer
June 6	Phyllis Maslen
June 7	Susan Carroll
June 8	Amy Stapleton
June 11	Victoria Kinker
June 11	Janice Lewis
June 14	Daniel Bordsen
June 14	Ashley Hardee
June 14	Laura Liles
June 14	Anthony Matthews

June 14	Charles Wall
June 14	Betty Young
June 15	Jacob Gillispie
June 15	Michael Wright
June 15	Charles Young
June 17	Joe Howerton
June 19	Royall Boswell
June 20	Kristen Gwaltney
June 21	Carolyn Wagoner
June 22	Anne Banfield
June 22	Alyssa Brame
June 22	Alton Liles
June 22	Cammie Puckett
June 23	Lane Kinker
June 24	Gregg Harper
June 25	Christen Newsome
June 25	Jeanna Spears
June 27	Shannon Willis
June 29	Patricia Roberts

If your birthday is missing, please notify the church office so we may update our records.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Services: Sundays 8:45 a.m. (in the chapel) and 11:00 a.m. (in the sanctuary)
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Upcoming Events

Tuesday 5/30	Bible Study 10 am
Wednesday 5/31	Bible Study 6:30 pm
Saturday 6/3	Real God, Real People, Real Life Free Concert at 7 pm at Robert E. Lee Auditorium in Chase City, VA
Sunday 6/4	Day of Pentecost Pineview Chapel Service 3 pm
Tuesday 6/6	Bible Study 10:00 am (last) United Methodist Women 2 pm
Wednesday 6/7	Bible Study 6:30 pm (last)
Sunday 6/11	Blessing of the Bears 11am
Wednesday 6/14	Pineview Chapel Service 10 am
Friday – Sunday 6/16-18	Annual Conference
Sunday 6/18	Father's Day UN Men's Breakfast 8 am
Sunday 7/2	Pineview Chapel Service 3 pm
Tuesday 7/4	July 4th – Office Closed
Sunday 7/9	Staff Parrish Meeting 12 pm
Tuesday 7/11	Finance Meeting 5:30 pm
Sunday 7/16	UN Men's Breakfast 8 am COM 6 pm Administrative Board 7 pm
7/28 – 7/29	Overnight Bike Group
Sunday 7/30	Covered Dish Lunch 12 pm

Recurring Weekly Events:

Sundays: Regular Worship Services

Tuesdays: 7:00 pm Seekers in Prayer
7:30 pm Synago

Wednesdays:
6:30 pm Narcotics Anon.
8:00 pm Al-Anon & AA

Thursdays
10:45 am Hundley Service

Fridays: 7:00 pm Sobriety Group

Saturdays: 8-3 Community Service Sale at Upper Room
(1st, 2nd, & 3rd Saturday)

2nd and 4th Tuesdays: 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting

Church Staff
Pastor
Rev. Brian Siegle
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Jimmie Crowder, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
Patsy Tucker
Sexton
Cindy Parrish