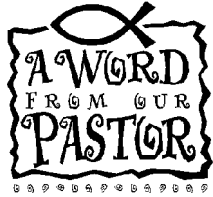


# THE MESSENGER

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I can't believe that summer is almost over! I feel hypocritical writing that as today is June 19<sup>th</sup>. In less than a month, Joy and I will be taking our vacation and this article is due the day after I leave. Every summer that I can remember has gone by before I can take it all in. I love summers! Long days and lunches with my wife, getaways, vacation and just a little easier pace. We turn off the alarms most days, but of course still wake on an "almost" school schedule. In general, I love life, but summer is special even though I go to work most days, the same as the school year.

Retirement hasn't begun to call out to me, but for the first time in my life, I can imagine it. I love to preach and visit and just doing ministry. In retirement, I will miss being the leader of a team of people who seek to follow Christ. Therefore, I am going to keep on keeping on for as long as I can or until working becomes a drudgery. There is a line that I have heard over the years, "Find a job that you enjoy doing and you will never have to work a day in your life." I have seen it attributed to Mark Twain and Confucius, but whoever said it first, it is true.

It also can apply to following Christ. "Love God, others and yourself. Forgive as you go and life will be a joy as long as you live." We never retire from following Christ and loving God. It is the best preparation for heaven, where we will never have to work for eternity!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

United Methodist Women will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of UMW on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our new Atlantic Central District Superintendent, Rev. Dionne Hammond, has accepted the invitation to deliver the sermon for that occasion. All are invited to attend the luncheon following the worship service.



The Missions Committee is collecting donations of school supplies to support our teachers as they go back to school. If you are able to help, we are in need of: Notebook paper, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, Expo markers, tissues, glue, colored pencils, markers, rulers, protractors, two-prong pocket folders, composition notebooks, binders and copy paper. We try to assemble a bag for every teacher who attends the luncheon and your donation is appreciated! All items need to be in no later than Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION WOMEN:**  
Please mark your calendars  
for the following dates:



August 5, 6:00 p.m. - Executive Committee -  
2020 Planning Session  
August 14, 11:30 a.m. - UMW Lunch at the  
Landing Strip (Airport)

Our annual New Teacher's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall serving 80-90 people. Please fill out this form (extra forms are available on the table in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall) and place it in the offering plate so we can plan. We ask all foods to be in 9"x13" disposable serving pans which can be purchased at Dollar Stores. Meat will be provided, please bring the sides – cakes, pies, casseroles, veggies of all kinds, tuna, potato and tossed salads, fresh fruit/fruit salads, applesauce – NO slaw or beans. Please have them at the church before 10:00 a.m. Contact Opal (763-4393) or the Church Office (763-4021) with questions.



- 1<sup>st</sup> - Emma Spangler
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Patricia White
- 4<sup>th</sup> - M/M Jim Tenniswood, Teresa Bishop, Jody Raulerson, Heaven Peacock

- 6<sup>th</sup> - John Waite
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Priscilla Rhodes, Tara Threewits, Gene Gorham
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Totty Davis
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Joyce Elmore
- 12<sup>th</sup> - M/M Gene Lenfest
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Sheryl Yackamouih
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Margaret Hamric
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Corey Krum
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Theresa Moodsbaugh, M/M Thomas Plant
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Kathleen Taylor
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Gene Lenfest
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - M/M Gene Gorham
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Patricia Jenkins, Catherine Lodge
- 27<sup>th</sup> - M/M Dowling Watford, Jr., Laverne Holbrook
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Al Young
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Barbara Brown, M/M Jim Barnhart

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted, please contact the Church Office.

I will bring a 9"x13" pan of \_\_\_\_\_

for the Teacher's Luncheon on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> BEFORE 10:00 a.m. (We can keep it warm or cold)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will help serve \_\_\_ I will help clean up \_\_\_ (We need you)



Thanks to your generous giving, we have been able to maintain a positive balance through the summer months! We have also been able to make payments on the parsonage loan and our Conference apportionments. We have now paid 34% of our Conference apportionments.

**SECURITY TEAM** - Our Security Team continues to function well and recent medical issues have been efficiently handled. We are still in need of members or volunteers (especially to cover the Fellowship Hall during services). Please contact Dowling Watford for information.

The UMM have continued to meet during the summer months. We had our two scholarship recipients at our June meeting and July and August meetings were just dinner meetings with devotions. In September we will resume our programs. The men also hosted the Great American Picnic and thank everyone who joined us. We have put our hymnal replacement project on hold until any current changes are made to the Methodist Hymnal. All men are invited to join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

