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YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO EDISTO, SC

Once again, it is time to pack our bags and head to Edisto, South Carolina for the annual Mission Trip.

The youth and adults will depart on June 6th, and will be staying at Edisto Presbyterian Church. The room will be divided and air mattresses will be going up. There is so much laughter and fun!

Our construction team is led by Captain Billy Joe Russell. Over the years, he has taught youth and adults alike to work on roofs, hang sheet rock, paint, lay flooring, as well as how to use the tools necessary to get the jobs done. Sometimes our days start on site by 8 am, but often we have gone earlier to beat the heat on roofing jobs.

At night, we have some free time for games, singing and devotions led by the youth. I am blessed when they lead us. Prayer time is always big — no request is too big or too small.

As a church, you can be extremely proud of your youth as they venture out and become the hands and feet of Jesus. As always, we ask for your prayers as we go this year.

Thank you for all the love and support you give. We'll see you when we return on June 13th!

Mary Ann Clark

Church Family News

Sympathy to Jean Cope on the death of her husband, Jack, 86 years of age

Congratulations to Adam & Susan Whitson on the birth of son David on March 27

Congratulations to Sam & Velma Tomlin, who were married April 18

Congratulations to Laura Blair & Justin Romans, who were married April 25

Congratulations to Tim Morgenstern, named a Leader in Christian Service by Milligan College April 7

Welcome to new members Anne & Jim Reel, who joined JUMC



I believe the children are our NOW! . . .

Above are pictures of the kids performing on Children's Sunday. They really did a great job! We are so fortunate to have this wonderful children's ministry.

SAVE THE DATE**2015 Holston Annual Conference**

May 1 Diane's
Closet clothing col-
lection

May 2 Diane's
Closet clothing
giveaway

May 3 Senior Day

May 24 Backpacks
due back to church

June 6-13 Youth
Mission Trip

June 7-11 Annual
Conference

June 14 Confirma-
tion Day

In late May each year, the ritual of annual conference meetings throughout the United Methodist connection in the U.S. begins and continues through early July. An equal number of clergy and lay members from the churches and districts in each conference gather to celebrate local, conference, and worldwide ministries; celebrate retirements; ordain new clergy and lay professionals; adopt ministry plans and budgets for the next calendar year; worship and pray and sing; take offerings for mission projects; dedicate mission supply kits and buckets for international distribution; conduct the general business of the annual conference; and appoint clergy and lay professionals to their churches and ministry assignments for the ensuing fiscal year.

For most annual conferences, in the year before General Conference, persons are nominated and elected as members representing the conference to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. In 2015, nearly 2,000 lay and clergy members of The Holston Conference, meeting at Lake Junaluska, NC June 7-11, will elect 6 lay and 6 clergy members to attend General Conference in Portland, Oregon in May 2016 and a few additional lay and clergy members to attend the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska in July 2016. The balloting usually takes a while, so an extra day has been added to allow for the election process. All qualified clergy are eligible for election. The names of the lay nominees can be seen at the Holston Conference 2015 Annual Conference website, if you are interested in knowing who they are.

What can we do here at JUMC? We can pray, put together our school supplies for Liberia, and contribute generously to the conference missions offering.

Join us for the JAMA Spring Revival "Watch and Pray" — Nightly at 7 pm

Sunday, May 3 at JUMC: Rev. Vincent Dial
Music by Terry Counterline, Glen Rose, Lynda Carter and Barbara Smith

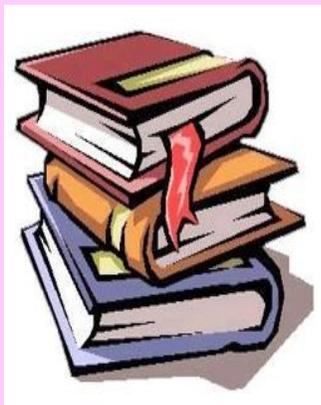
Monday, May 4 at Central Christian — Rev. Karen Lane

Tuesday, May 5 at Jackson Park — Rev. Bob Roberson

Wednesday, May 6 at Bethel Christian — Rev. Jeremy Dykes — This is Youth Night!

Library News

The following books have been given to the library: Why Genesis Matters, The Relationship Principles of Jesus, How Good is Good Enough?, The Purpose Driven Life, and Chasing Daylight. If anyone needs help finding a book, please call 753-6955.



Thank you . . .

Thanks to the Mission Team for your donations of foodstuffs, and/or your help in serving and clean up for the dinner we provided to the WESLEY Foundation students on April 28th. It was very much appreciated.

Sandee Degner

Backpacks for our schools in Liberia

Beginning Sunday, May 3, there will be fifty backpacks in the narthex that need your help! Bibles and notebooks have already been provided. To complete our part of the Conference Mission Project, just pick one up, purchase the remaining items (a list is inside), and return it to the Open Door Classroom by May 24 for delivery to the Conference Office.



Vacation Bible School —June 22-25, 2015

“Bible Blast to the Past” will be the theme for this year’s program. Kids will get to know what God’s love is, explore His everlasting love and serve God by loving others. We will have stories at the “Truthful Tent” about Moses, Rahab, David and Goliath, and lots more. We will have super crafts and science activities, too! Kids will learn songs, visit the “Backtrack Bazaar” for snacks and Bible verses and check out “Discovery Ruins” for crafts and science.

“Past Ports,” complete with pictures, will be stamped for each daily theme. Blast to the Past Bible pals will be given out as reminders of each lesson. Families will be given music CD’s several weeks prior to VBS so kids can become familiar with the songs. We will be working on the songs during Children’s Church and Sunday school, as well.

It’s going to be a fun-filled week, starting on Monday, June 22, going through Thursday, June 25. Watch your bulletin for times and more details on the program. Meals will be provided each night. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss a minute!

~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Barbara G. Smith
3 Confirmation Class 4-6p JAMA Revival - JUMC 7p Joyce Snodgrass	4 JAMA Revival - Central 7p Storytellers (GN) 5p	5 JAMA Revival - Jackson Park 7p Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p	6 JAMA Revival - Bethel 7p Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	7 John & Carolyn Tomko Jr. Luke Carter National Day of Prayer - Courthouse - 12noon	8 Josh Conger Karen Lane	9 Rachel Squibb Shower (PH) 1-5p
10 Mother's Day Confirmation Class 4-6p Larry & Sharon Moore	11 Debra Blair Girl Scouts (GN) 6p	12 John & Rachel Conger UMW (GN) 2p	13 Evangelism Committee (Lib) 6:15p Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	14 CYB Elizabeth Bradley Old Town Quilt Guild (GN) 5:30-8p	15	16 Armed Forces Day James Rice Patrick Ward Winnie Black
17 Confirmation Class 4-6p	18 Addison Gregg Brett Bearfield Communications Team (Lib) 7p Finance Committee (PH) 6:30p Girl Scouts (GN) 6p	19 Dawson Miller Yarns With a Purpose (Lib) 10a-12p	20 Harry Conger Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p	21 Seekers Small Group (GN) 3p	22 Raymond Bridwell	23
24 Chad Marshall Confirmation Class 4-6p Glen & Jackie Rose	25 Memorial Day Mary Blair	26 Boy Scouts (GN) 6:30p Joan Webb Joe Diehl	27 Charles Barnette Kiwanis (GN) 11:30a-1:30p Lois Zimmerman	28 CYB	29 Cherrie Cloyd Melissa Cloyd	30
31 Confirmation Class 4-6p Family Promise Jewel Bowden Tom & Renee McNeess	Notes:					

Sunday Activities: 8:45am & 10:45am – Worship; 9:45am – Sunday School; 4:00 pm -6:00 pm Confirmation Class; 5:00 – Youth
 Wednesday Activities: No Wednesday Night Light During May: 7:30pm – Choir

Events

Birthdays

Anniversaries

May Missions Emphasis

2015 Annual Conference Mission Offering — Project #826 - Holston Conference: Children in Poverty

Please generously support the 2015 Project for helping children within Holston's borders. JUMC's May Mission challenge is HUGE...\$10 per person/average attendance...\$2,300.

Write "*#826 Project*" on the envelope memo line and drop it in the offering plate. Bishop Taylor challenges us: "Let's bring it home, Holston. We do not have to look to Africa to find situations of poverty and great need."

The second challenge from Bishop Taylor: commit ourselves to 10 hours of service on behalf of *Children and Poverty* in our own community. We will have the opportunity to apply for grant money to help JUMC promote

JAMA Item for May

Detergent & Household Cleaners



Please give generously to Jonesborough Area Ministerial Association.

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