



**Sunday August 31, 2014**

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A Collection of Musings  
and Ideas from the Pastor

**Committee on Lay Leadership  
(Nominations) is Scheduled  
to Meet Next Sunday**

It's time for the Lay Leadership Team to begin meeting to complete the nominations process prior to Charge Conference. Our first meeting will be next Sunday night, Sept. 7th at 6:00 p.m. Members of the Committee are: Pastor Goodman, Chairperson, Paul Clark, Debbie Zirkle, Diane Botts, Sandra Rich, Alberta Mitchell, Kim Parsons, Cathy Galyean, Dell Williams, & Don Shorter

**September Fellowship Supper  
Rescheduled**

Our Fellowship Supper is typically on the first Wednesday of each month, however, since we have had such a busy weekend, I have postponed this meal to Wednesday the 10th at 6:30 p.m. This will be a potluck meal and everyone is invited to attend.

**Administrative Board will Meet Sept 14th**

The monthly meeting of the Administrative Board will be on Sunday September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Board are: Phil Robbins, Chairperson, Dr. Larry Fleenor, Becky Rogers, Donny Ratliff, Ben Allen, Spencer Quesenberry, Nancy Toney, Kathleen Gillespie, Rick Galyean, Paula Barton, Patty Lynn Cooper, Martha Spurlock, Pat Bowden, Chris Higgins, Patty Robbins, Angela Clendenon, John Hagan, Christy Smith, Bill Hendrick, Barbara Polly and Bill Cole.

**The Finance Committee Is Scheduled to  
Meet**

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday night September 16th at 6:30 p.m.: Members of the team are: Spencer Quesenberry- Chairperson, Becky Rogers, Bill Cole, Martha Spurlock, Pat Bowden, Phil Robbins, Donnie Ratliff, Nancy Toney, Ben Allen, Patty Lynn Cooper, Kathleen Gillespie, Christy Smith, Kim Parsons, Donna Mahan, Jim Abe Fleenor, Vicky Ratliff, Dianne Botts, Chris Higgins, and Barbara Hargrove.

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**HORIZON**

A Look at Upcoming Events

**Welcome to Homecoming 2014!!**

I am certainly glad that each of you are here this morning to celebrate Homecoming 2014! We are glad to have the Reverend Jeff Wright, our District Superintendent, as our preacher this morning. I also want to invite each of you to stay afterwards for our potluck meal in the fellowship hall. If you are a guest this morning, don't worry if you didn't bring anything. I am sure that there will be plenty of food for everyone. A special thanks goes out to the members of the United Methodist Women that are in charge of the meal. Preparations.

**A Big Thanks for all the Hard Work at  
the Community Block Party**

I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone that helped get us ready for the Community Block Party yesterday. I know that I will leave out names, but I want to thank Don Whittaker and all the folks that helped him prepare the food. I want to thank Alpha Natural Resources for their generous donation of the food. Thanks also go out to Food City for their donation of the buns. Dennis Ashley needs to be thanked for getting our stage set up and arranging our musical talent. Matt Carrol and Sam need to be thanked for the loan of their tables and for getting the folding chairs from the middle school. Thanks go out to Jim Vernon for the loan of the popcorn machine and the cotton candy machine. Thanks to Joe Toney for the snow cone machine. Thanks to Leonard Rogers for the corn hole boards.

**The Church Office Will be  
Closed Tomorrow in  
Observance of Labor Day**

Welcome



Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. Please feel free to join in any of the activities or events that you see mentioned. Please come back and worship with us again!

The Pastor's Ponderings is a weekly publication of Rev. Terry Goodman. It contains thoughts, ideas, articles, and other writings designed to inform and, hopefully, cause you to stop and ponder.

## The Romans 12 Project

### On a Spiritual Journey

Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia, uses a spiritual assessment survey to help people identify steps they can take to deepen their spiritual journeys. The survey questions cover three elements of discipleship—knowing God, loving God, and serving God. Based on their answers, respondents are provided with suggestions for individual and group opportunities that relate to their current spiritual needs.

In the knowing God area, for example, group opportunities include participating in a short-term class that focuses on basic Christian beliefs, joining an on-going Bible study, or participating in "Coffee With the Pastor." Individual suggestions include reading a recommended book, using Upper Room personal devotional resources, or journaling.

Opportunities that focus on loving God help people to be guided by the love of Christ in their daily lives. This might include joining a small group for accountable discipleship, engaging in both individual and corporate spiritual disciplines, or meditating daily on the "Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition." ("The United Methodist Hymnal," p.607)

Serving God involves direct action to benefit the lives of others and respond to the needs of the wider world. People are encouraged to address needs they are passionate about. A few of the wide range of possibilities include serving in the church's ministry with the growing immigrant community, helping neighborhood children succeed through the congregation's partnership with a local elementary school, or alleviating hunger by helping in the church garden.

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#### Questions for Discussion

- How does your congregation help people assess their individual needs for spiritual growth? How might you be more intentional about this?
- What individual and corporate opportunities for spiritual growth does your congregation offer for people who are investigating the Christian faith? new Christians? mature Christians?
- As you think about the ways your congregation helps people to grow in faith, what are the gaps that need to be addressed?

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### Financial Snapshot

The Administrative Board thinks that it is important that we give you a weekly Financial Snapshot. Here are some figures to ponder:

**Total Received Maintenance: .....\$ 13,697**  
**Maintenance Goal: .....\$ 15,000**

#### Money Given to General Fund

**Budgeted Need to Date .....\$ 111,089**  
**Actual Amount Given to Date.....\$ 99,557**

### The Pastor's Thoughts on Discipleship

#### Children and Youth Summit Produced Great Ideas—Let's Make Them a Reality!



The Children and Youth Summit last Sunday had over 20 persons in attendance and a lot of discussion was held in the hour and a half time that we were together. I want to highlight two main items:

Ministry to children up through 5th Grade—Kids In Christ--is about to begin. On the second Sunday of each month, from noon until 2:00 p.m. we are going to have a special time of ministry. We will be feeding the kids a meal and then engaging in Bible study, crafts, games, music and other activities. We have not had an active ministry with children of this age for quite a while and we feel the need to once again be intentionally reaching out to these children.

If you remember a couple of weeks back, I talked about the lack of a Youth Director, we still do not have a paid position, but we do have a volunteer youth coordinator. Christy Smith has agreed to begin regular meetings with the 6th-12th grade youth of our church and community. These meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday nights with a snack meal. From 5:30-6:30 pm, the group will then engage in various types of activities and service projects.

Both of these initiatives rely upon the power of volunteers. Both of these initiatives will, therefore, need each of us to be willing to step forward and do our part. We may not all be cut out to be leaders, but we can certainly help those that have taken on that leadership mantle. So when Christy, or whoever might be in charge of the Kids in Christ meeting, asks for your help, please give it. View that time as your act of service on the Kingdom's behalf.

**YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF EVENT Sunday September 7th at 5:00 p.m. A Snack Meal will be served to the youth. Open to all kids grades 6-12.**