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Faith Calls...

Pastor's Thoughts

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Annual Conference Time

Birthdays

- 6/2, Hannah Cozart
- 6/6, Mary Thielen
- 6/12, Kaitlin Hoffman
- 6/14, Jan Brummett
- 6/15, Pastor David
- 6/17, Donna Scroggin
- 6/19, Nicholas Cozart
- Mary Osburn
- 6/21, Bryan Cozart
- 6/22, Joyce Booth
- Mona Whitney
- 6/24, Cliff Coker
- 6/25, Courtney Traxler
- 6/26, Teresa Cozart

Anniversaries

- 6/12, Cliff & Cathy Coker
- 6/29, Cliff & Norma Stewart

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It is June and Annual Conference is just around the corner, June 17-21, at Hot Springs. I believe every United Methodist should attend at least part of Annual Conference once to see what it is like as the clergy members and lay delegates do the work of the conference and make our contribution to the greater connection. I hope this article will offer some insight as the business and operation of the conference event.

The Clergy and Laity will have their separate sessions on Sunday beginning at 3:30 p.m. The Clergy session will consider and vote on all candidates for commissioning and ordination.

This year, Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., resident bishop of the Great Plains Conference will be the preacher for opening worship. This service is at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 17. There will be plenty of room for any visitors.

Reverend Junius Dotson, General Secretary and CEO of Discipleship Ministries, will lead three sessions on developing intentional disciplining systems. The sessions are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Monday, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday.

Our Bishop, Gary Mueller, will

deliver his episcopal address at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. In his address, he talks about the state of the church, the recent past and looks forward into the coming year. Bishop Mueller will also preach at the Ordination Service at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Bishop will likely address the work of the Commission on the way forward and the report of the Council of Bishops in recommending a plan to the Called General Conference. The Conference is scheduled for February, 2019, in St. Louis. Our delegates are to be the same as for the 2016 General Conference.

There will be addresses from the Conference Lay Leader, Ms. Karon Mann, and from the Conference Youth by Rebecca Dodson. These addresses will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Business sessions will be scattered throughout the entire conference, beginning after the Bishop's address on Monday. We will also hear committee and agency reports where we will learn about the activities of our committees and consider any matters which require approval. We will debate and vote

on the Conference budget. We have a "consent calendar," which includes a number of matters that do not necessarily require debate before approval. These things are submitted in advance so that the delegates know what they are considering.

Several resolutions are to be considered this year. The Board of Pensions and Benefits has offered a resolution in response to the changes in the IRS regulations concerning the tax treatment of housing/rental allowances, particularly for persons receiving pension payments.

A resolution has been offered which is titled, "Resolution Supporting Just and Inclusive Policy for Lay Staff Employed in Local Church Ministry." This resolution asks the church to adopt a policy that prevents the termination of lay staff in the church solely on the basis of sexual orientation. The petitioners cite several provisions of the UM Discipline as the basis for their resolution.

Please pray for our church and the United Methodist Church in Arkansas and the world. There is a lot at stake worldwide and as Bishop Mueller said, "much remains uncertain." Again, pray for the process and for God's hope and grace.

Shalom,
Bro. David

Council on Ministries

A Council on Ministries has been organized by Bro. David. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate the programs, ministries, missions, and activities of the church. They will focus on evangelism, stewardship, worship, family ministries, and education.

SAVE THE DATE...

Each Monday, 10am, Prayer Watch

Each Wednesday, 11am, Dominoes

Each Thursday in June, "How to Pray and See Real Results", 6-7pm

6/3, Worship Service & Communion

6/8, 6:30pm, Parent's Night Out

6/15, 6:00pm, Fish Fry

6/17, Father's Day, Annual Conf. begins in Hot Springs

6/26, 11:30, UMW lunch at Bravo's

6/26, 6:30pm, Administrative Board meeting

Watch for fresh produce at our Markham St. parking lot. They plan to start on June 1, and will be open Thur., Fri., and Sat.



What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of the quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagles flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
the depth of family need,
Then God combined these qualities.

When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so,

He Called it.....DAD

"How to Pray and See Real Results"

Join us each Thursday evening in June, 6-7pm, at Faith UMC to find out more about prayer in your everyday life. Anita Rutt will be leading this study. Bring your Bible and learn more about prayers.



Brady Elementary School Receives Books

May 3rd was a busy day at the Scholastic Books in Maumelle. Faith UMC shoppers, Virginia McCastlain, Stephanie Traxler, Helen Carter, Ginny Ryan, and Kim Hoffman, had an exciting morning. Thanks to your generous donations the shoppers were able to purchase approximately \$600 worth of books. It was a "buy one, get one free" deal. Students at Brady will have a book to take home for summer reading.



Thank you, shoppers, for doing such a great job. This is a wonderful project that our church has been involved in for three years. We appreciate all of you who made a donation to help promote summer reading at Brady Elementary.

And the Work Continues

Many thanks to Kay Crutchfield and Sandra Metheny who stay busy keeping our lawn mowed and doing a lot of weed eating. It is already drying out and the sprinkler system will be needed soon. Both Kay and Sandra keep that system in good working order.

Some have expressed a

desire to help in the yard. Bro. David has purchased two "litter getters" and a bucket for anyone willing to help prepare the yard for mowing. Many plastic sacks wind up on our property. Stopping the mower to collect paper, plastic, cans, etc. slows the job down. So, anyone willing to help

with this clean-up task will be greatly appreciated.

We have a large yard and Kay and Sandra do a fabulous job keeping things in order.



April Stats

Date	Worship	Gen. Fund
4/1	99	\$ 6,227
4/8	61	2,989
4/15	60	1,352
4/22	47	1,826
4/29	49	<u>1,063</u>
Total		\$13,457
Noisy Offering		\$ 84
Lenten Gifts		\$ 567

Practice Kindness Every Day

1. Use your manners. Remember "please" and "thank you". Use it with a waiter, cashier, friend, random stranger.
2. Smile at a stranger. A smile is contagious.
3. Don't be stingy with hugs. This is a spirit lifter.
4. Use coins to make change. Place in a parking meter, a collection tin at the grocery store, etc.
5. Send "real" cards. A "just because" or "thinking of you" card is spirit lifting.
6. Help a stranger. Small actions can have great impact.
7. Bake cookies or buy doughnuts. Bring to a neighbor or to someone feeling down.
8. Let someone go ahead of you in line.
9. Keep a few snacks in your car. Many homeless are on street corners. Offer them something to eat or drink.
10. Call those who might need cheering up. Many are thrilled to be thought of by someone from church or from their office.
11. Compliment someone.
12. Encourage someone to pursue their dream.

By Maile Proctor, "Happify Daily"



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I am so grateful to have a church family like we have here at Faith. Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, visits, food and especially the prayers. Each one was special and made recovery easier. I appreciate you all.

Sincerely,

Jan Brummett



June, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 10:30 a.m. Church Picnic at Maumelle Park *children in need
<i>3</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Communion 3:00 Dist. Conf. meets Conway 1st	<i>4</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>7</i> 6:00 p.m., Prayer Study	<i>8</i> 6:30-9:30p.m., Parents' Night Out	<i>9</i> *caregivers
<i>10</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>11</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir	<i>14</i> 11:30 a.m., Sr. Networking (agencies) 6:00 p.m., Prayer Study	<i>15</i> 6:00 p.m., <i>Fish Fry</i>	<i>16</i> *those needing food & shelter
<i>17</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service <i>Annual Conf. begins in Hot Spr.</i>	<i>18</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are <i>Annual Conf.</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Annual Conf.</i>	<i>20</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice <i>Annual Conf. ends</i>	<i>21</i> 11:00 a.m., Cure PSP 6:00 p.m., Prayer Study	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> *safe travels for those on hwys.
<i>24</i> 9:45 a.m., Sunday School 11:00 a.m., Worship Service	<i>25</i> 10:00 a.m., Prayer Watch Ministry at Faith or wherever you are	<i>26</i> 11:30 a.m., UMW meeting - Bravo's 6:30 p.m., Administrative Board meeting	<i>27</i> 11:00 a.m., Dominoes/Bring your lunch 6:00 p.m., Choir Practice	<i>28</i> 6:00 p.m., Prayer Study	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> *Please pray for those listed above.

Scripture

*The Lord does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. —1 Samuel 16:7*