



## HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

July 2018



### **Pastor's Message:**

We have just returned from our Arkansas ANNUAL CONFERENCE. I am tired, but also excited about all the excellent training, worship and hope that we received over the last few days. Yes! It is official that I am still retired and have been re-appointed as your Pastor. This will begin 14 years at Holiday Hills. WOW! We have done so much, yet there is so much more to do. I could just sit back and relish in all the wonders that God has done for us, but the lesson today is "How to Keep on Growing" for the kingdom. It is like becoming a Christian—that is only the beginning of a wonderful life. God rarely takes people to heaven the moment they become Christians. He has work for us to do here on earth. If we hit the ball over the fence, but we miss first base, none of the other bases count.

As I sit here thinking about my July message, my thoughts are still focused on the "Arkansas ANNUAL CONFERENCE" attended this week. Our Lay Leader, Kitty Weatherford will give you a full report. But, I think what really stands out for me is how the Conference has changed from primarily a business meeting to a "Worship & Training Event". This year, Rev. Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries, reminded us that discipleship is both personal and corporate, and it is something that for too long we have taken for granted. We have, in fact, not been intentional about discipling---not just others---but ourselves. If we are not discipling ourselves, we can't lead others in discipleship.

Focusing on our priorities, on our spiritual well-being, and on following God's teachings leads all of us to growth in the Holy Spirit. When we lose focus, earthly matters and cares easily distract us. Once distracted, we draw away from the paths that bring fulfillment and lead to faithful discipleship. It is certainly easy to lose focus in July surrounded by our beautiful lake area.

In this season after Pentecost (Ordinary time or Kingdomtide) we will emphasize Jesus' teachings concerning the kingdom of God starting with the Cost of Discipleship!

Ruth Anne and I are excited to continue here at Holiday Hills UMC and look forward to see what God has in store for each of our lives as we travel this road of faithful disciples together.

**Amen! Amen! & Amen!**

**Pastor Dan**



#### UMW NEWS:

As we approach the middle of 2018, we will celebrate the birth of our nation on July 4 which is our regular day to meet. So, mark your calendar for July 11 at 10 am. for coffee and fellowship with our meeting to begin promptly at 10:30 am. G.A.L.S. will meet the following Monday on July 16 at 6 pm.

That also means that we will need volunteers to make ice cream for our social on July 6. If you can bake cookies or make ice cream, please let me know by July 1, 2018. Summer is officially here!!!!

Ruth Anne Brand, President



The Holiday Hills Methodist Women cordially invite our ladies to the baby shower for: **Jude Daniel Stroud**

He is the son of **Spencer & Kaitlin Stroud**

The grandson of **Mark & Jenny Mathis**

He is to arrive on September 1, 2018

The shower brunch is **July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

And will be held in Holiday Hills Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to welcome our newest addition to our church family.

**UMM NEWS**-----Once again at our June gathering we were served a very delicious, plentiful meal by our Prayer, Care, Quilters group. The Arkansas Methodist Health representative presented a very informative program on all of the support & care that they do for the children in Arkansas. Our July gathering will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> with a presentation of Camp Aldersgate. We are learning this summer from all of the mission projects that we help support throughout the year. Everyone is invited. Come and enjoy great food, good fellowship and learn lots of valuable information.



7/02 Stella Brogdon  
7/08 Jim Steele  
7/19 Mitch Mitchell  
7/21 Mark Mathis  
7/26 Shirley Woods  
7/26 Robert Bradley  
7/29 Cindy Kimbro  
7/31 Keat Yeager



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7/04 Mark & Kathleen Johnson  
7/04 Brian & Connie Ponders  
7/21 Joe & Linda Lorenz



**Ice Cream Social**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 2:30 Choir Prayer 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5 pm Ice cream social	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship  Pot luck	<b>9</b> 4 pm Yacht Club	<b>10</b> 11:30 Book Club 2:30 Choir Prayer 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 8 am Prayer group 9 am Storehouse 10:30 UMW meeting 1 pm Quilters	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9-11 Storehouse 10:30 Baby Shower
<b>15</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship 8:30 pm Community Candlelight Prayer City Park	<b>16</b> 6 pm G.A.L.S meeting	<b>17</b> 2:30 Choir Prayer 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 8 am Prayer group	<b>19</b> 5:30 UMM meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 2:30 Choir Prayer 3 pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 8 am Prayer group 10 – 4 pm Quilters	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 pm Movie Night	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Worship	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Emmaus Reunion	<b>31</b> 2:30 Choir Prayer 3 pm Choir Practice				