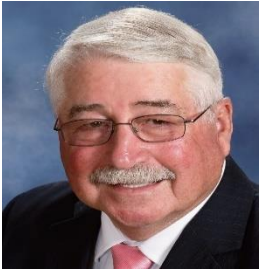




HOLIDAY HILLS UMC AUGUST NEWSLINK

Pastor's notes:



Well, it is the beginning of August and so far, we have had hot & cool weather and enough rain to keep the burn ban to a minimum. It is a wonderful place to live! When you think of what is going on around the world in other nations—at this very moment---we should be on our knees thanking God for such a wonderful life here in the Greers Ferry area.

Many people today have a hard time believing that God cares about nations and societies. They think God is solely concerned with individuals or with "HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE". But the Bible is very clear: God wants to redeem nations. His redemptive work on the cross is for nations as well as individuals. That's why HE said to go preach the gospel to all nations and to disciple nations. If you have not seen the movie "Son of God" take the time to view it. I was reminded in the movie that God gave "all authority in heaven and on earth" to the disciples to be used to disciple nations, not just individuals.

Have you ever wondered why God has such great respect for man's government? Why does GOD teach us to obey and respect them and submit to their authority? If God is only concerned with saving individuals, why doesn't HE tell us to simply ignore man's system of rule? The reason is that government is God's idea. He has a government of HIS own, and HE wants men to rule justly on the earth in their own governments. God wants to administer the earth in their own governments. God created governments as a system of justice for Himself. He wants to administer the earth with justice through kingdom-minded leaders.

Even if the government is being administered badly, it is still a God-ordained institution. That's why Paul said in Romans that every government is from God. We are not allowed to ignore governments, because they are established by God and are part of HIS plan for this earth. Our purpose is to make those governments act justly and according to all of the kingdom principles.

Many of our church reformers of the past wanted to bring nations to their knees before God. But today we want to separate God from our nations and that is not Biblical teaching. The destiny of our lands (local, regional and national) is in the hands of the church and our willingness to declare the position of God in the society.

"The one who comes from above is above all," Jesus said in John 3:31. HE operates from above and so should we! It is time for us to think and act boldly by using our faith in all of our church activities to promote the kingdom of God in every sphere of our nations.

Your servant in Christ!
Pastor Dan

Arkansas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ARVOAD) Host Long-Term Flood Recovery Summit, Seek Volunteers for Continued Flood Response

Almost two months have passed since the Arkansas River reached historic flood levels, displacing families across the state, but with thousands of homes still needing repairs, volunteers are needed now more than ever to assist with long-term flood recovery. The Arkansas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (ARVOAD) -- along with the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church's Disaster Response team, UMCOR, and other disaster response organizations -- is hosting a Long-Term Flood Recovery summit Friday, Aug. 2 in various locations across the state. Times, dates and locations for each summit event can be found in the schedule below.

The summit is for anyone, individuals or groups, who wants to assist with the long-term recovery support for victims of the Arkansas River flood. Disaster Response Coordinator Janice Mann said that despite the receding water, many individuals are still dealing with the long-term effects of flood damage in their homes; especially those who were uninsured or underinsured.

"The work is really just beginning through case management coordination, construction support, financial support, and volunteer coordination," Mann said. "This summit will provide training for any person or group to better understand how to help in all different areas. There is a place for everyone to provide support, whether it is hospitality, filing forms, answering phones, hammering nails, monetary support, organizing local church/civic groups, etc. ARVOAD is setting up five different case management groups in the areas most affected by the floodwaters: Fort Smith, Conway, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, and Dumas.

"Flood survivors can't recover without assistance. They need God's people to empower them to manage their own recovery, so that full-recovery may take place," added UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) disaster consultant, Christy Smith. To register for the summit, email disaster@arumc.org. Lunch will be served, so registrations are helpful. A schedule of events can be found below.

AR/OK River Valley Recovery Summit

Thursday, Aug. 1

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ben Geren Safe Shelter

7200 Zero St., Fort Smith, AR

Disaster Care Management Training

(For anyone wanting to serve as a disaster case manager)

Friday, Aug. 2

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wesley UMC

2310 E. Oak St., Conway, AR



Mission U: Learning Together for Transformation of the World

Stephenie Beene, UMW President, Aunt Jean Peterson, Shirley Johnson & Triston attended Mission U at the College of the Ozarks in Clarksville Arkansas.

Arkansas Conference Mission U is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society, based on recent mission study topics.

Mission U is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women.

Mission U offers classes on topics covering three themes: spiritual growth, social issues and geographic studies as well as studies for children and youth.

Care Caps Workshop



August 14th 9 am-2 pm
Lunch will be provided
Everyone is welcome



- 08/10 Marlene Williford
- 08/14 Jennifer Woody
- 08/14 Roxie Bradley
- 08/15 Shawn Rea
- 08/22 Everett Padgett
- 08/23 Mark Bogard
- 08/26 Anne Bryant
- 08/28 Thelma Steele
- 08/29 Mason Millner
- 08/30 Glenda Kennedy
- 08/30 Bob Murdock

Happy Anniversary

- 08/24 Pat & Robert Duncan
- 08/26 Anne & Bill Bryant

**Holiday Hills
United Methodist Church
Spaghetti Supper
Friday, Aug 2nd, 2019
5 pm till 6:30 pm
Supporting "Feed the Hungry"
Adults \$8 Children under 12 --\$3
Carry Outs Available**

We welcome, Lee and Lynne Albright,



He had me at first bite, literally. We met at a restaurant and he offered a taste of his fish. It was hook, line and sink “her” after that.

We’ve been blessed with three beautiful daughters together plus eleven grandchildren and our twelfth due in September.

Lee grew up in Newport with three brothers and sisters. Their family traveling Arkansas to camp, boat, swim and fish, which is why he ended up here in Greers Ferry. His father was in the grain bin construction business and brought Lee in. The silos they built stand throughout Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana. Later Lee and his brother bought a marine engine business, which is what he did until retirement in 2013. He still loves all water sports, playing golf and watching favorite football teams on television.

I grew up in the Catholic Church in Louisiana along with four siblings. My life long career has been in the medical field as an assistant. I love to serve, whether it is for a patient or as a volunteer in the community. I was active in our last church on the funeral committee, children’s ministry, women group, Walk to Emmaus and lay ministry training. I also sang in the choir, despite not being able to carry a tune. My hobbies are cooking, gardening and boating with Lee and the kids.

We both fell in love with Holiday Hills because of the welcoming spirit of the congregation.



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Teddy Bear Mission

We are in need of Teddy Bears Please bring small to medium size bears up to 14” to the fellowship hall or see Jody Leigh. These bears are taken to Hospital Emergency rooms, Camp Quality and given to Police Officers.

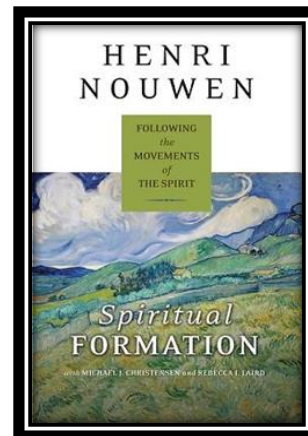


The Word of the Month:

“Covenant”

Most all references to covenant in the Bible say it is imposed by a Higher power (God) upon a lesser one (humans). God demands loyalty from us but also obligates itself to the protection of the lesser one.

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HOLIDAY HILLS UMC AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 5 pm Spaghetti Supper UMM 	3
4 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Communion	5	6 10-11 am CLASS	7 8 am Prayer group 10:30 UMW 3:30-5pm Choir Practice 5pm Prayer Group	8	9	10 9-11 am Storehouse
11 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Potluck	12 6 pm G.A.L.S.	13 10-11 am CLASS	14 8 am Prayer group 9-11 am Storehouse 9-2 Care Caps workshop 3:30-5pm Choir Practice 5pm Prayer Group	15	16	17
18 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	19 4 pm Yacht Club	20 10-11 am CLASS	21 8 am UMM Bentley's 11 am The call 3:30-5pm Choir Practice 5pm Prayer Group	22	23	24
25 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	26 5:30 Walk to Emmaus	27 10-11 am CLASS 6 pm Game Night 	28 8 am Prayer group 10-4 Quilters 3:30-5pm Choir Practice 5pm Prayer Group	29	30 5 pm White Elephant BINGO 	31