



THE CONNECTION
June 2022
Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

It's Moving Time!

Lots of people move in the summer while school is out.

This is a wonderful opportunity for evangelism. I would like to encourage you to watch out for "For Sale" signs in your neighborhood and then especially watch for moving trucks.

When a family moves in, be the friendly face that welcomes them to the neighborhood. Invite them to church and answer helpful questions (like when is garbage pick-up?). In past years, I made a yummy pie for my new neighbors and delivered it in person.



For the new neighbor who is feeling very lonely (maybe even depressed from losing their old friends) or who does not know Jesus as Savior, you never know when this simple act of kindness could change a person's life.

Stained Glass Cup Project

The initial stained glass coffee mug project has been completed. There are six variations, and all have been offered. If you do not have a complete set, then this is a great time to pick up the ones you are missing. We will keep a supply in the office, but if we run out, we can order more. This has been a great project to support Pastor Kris in Poland.

The Bishop wanted to highlight five churches in our Annual Conference in regard to missional fundraising. Our fundraising project of selling these mugs in order to raise money for a missionary was considered so unusual and successful, that I have been asked to share with all of our Annual Conference about this project. This is a great honor and I am thankful for your support.

Update on United Methodism

This will probably be a regular part of my monthly newsletter for the time being because more information is coming out at a faster rate than before.

If you didn't get a copy of the May Newsletter, we can email you a copy or print one in the office. My article had a lot of information in that issue.

This month I wanted to let you know a few more things.

First, a few weeks ago, the Judicial Council ruled that an entire Annual Conference in the United States cannot leave the denomination (this is permissible overseas, but not here). This seemed to be a reversal of one of their previous opinions and the option is now off the table.

Furthermore, a new Methodist denomination was officially started on May 1. Called the Global Methodist Church (GMC), this new denomination is Biblical and conservative. Its goal is to move away from the more progressive pressures and contingents of the United Methodist Church and return to the best expressions of our faithful heritage. See: <https://globalmethodist.org/>

I also wanted to report that there will be some informational meetings around our conference in the next few weeks. These meetings will explain some of the legislation that will come before our Annual Conference in the middle of June and the general status of the United Methodist Church. Some of this legislation will make it much harder for any local congregation to leave the United Methodist Church. Some would make it easier. These are all serious issues which are facing our churches and I have wanted as many people as possible to enter this time period on an informed basis.

One of those meetings is near us in Niceville: June 1 at 6 pm at Crosspoint Church in Niceville. Because this may be a very crowded meeting, they are asking people to register at no cost. Go to the following website: <http://movingforward.cc>

Then click the Register button at the bottom. Choose the location you wish to visit (one is in Niceville, and one is in Montgomery). You would then choose "laity" if you are not a Methodist pastor. I plan to attend this meeting.

By the time you read this newsletter, June 1 will be upon us (and space may be filled)- so register as soon as you can if you are interested in attending.

Next month, I'll report to you what happens on these issues at our Annual Conference Meeting in Montgomery, June 12-16. Margaret Larson and I will be representing our church.

In the last few weeks, I've spoken to several people in our church who have done what I asked last month. They have been reading and researching information about what's going on in the United Methodist Church and the issues, options and opportunities before us. In my conversations, I've met with people who are frustrated with what they find. Others are nervous about the future and what it holds. One person said, "I don't like change!" I said, "I understand. But one way or another, change will be upon us soon or the next few years whether we like it or not."

I am very sympathetic to all these emotions people are experiencing. However, in potentially uncertain times, I know I serve a Risen Savior who loves us and will help us into a brighter future of faithfulness to Him and His Word! My desire is to lift up Jesus as Lord and King, as well faithfully share the powerful Word of God which is able to pierce even stubborn hearts.

I've also had a few people ask if we in First Methodist in Crestview have done, or plan to do anything so far. At this point, the answer is no. I have felt there was too little information available and too many uncertainties at the time. Slowly, some of those uncertainties are becoming clearer. July will certainly provide a bit more information.

So once again, as we face the future together, my desire is to have an informed congregation. Last month, I provided a lot of resources for you to look up and follow (get the May newsletter if you didn't see it).

This month I'll add two more.

In order to follow the Liberal/Progressive side of these issues, a major group is called **UMC Next**. Their website is: <https://umcnext.com/> and you can see where they lay out their goals for the future of the United Methodist Church. Their goal is to radically change the church from where it stands today.

A long-standing Conservative/Renewal group is called **Good News**. Their website has regular news articles and commentary. <https://goodnewsmag.org/>

"My hope is built on nothing less

Than Jesus blood and righteousness.”

-Pastor Ronnie



Pentecost Sunday is June 5!

*'Through the Stained Glass'
Mug Series*

Need to round out your collection or beef it up?
Call the front office– we have just placed an order of all of
them!
All proceeds will go to Pastor Kris in Poland.



Community Hymn Sing

The Episcopal Church at 424 Garden St. will be the host on
Sun, **June 12** at 6:00PM. Everyone welcome! Call
850-652-3289 prompt #1 if you need to reserve their
organist for any song you'd like to share. See you there!



Vacation Bible School

Come ride the wave with us June 20-24!

Registration is now open at fumcrestview.com!

We look forward to having more fun with our outdoor
activities, snacks, and water games as we learn how to
Make Waves in life and all we do!



Donations are now being accepted.

Please stop by the VBS table in the CRC to pick up a tag listing the item we are in need of.

Rising Kindergarten through 5th grade: 6:00PM- 8:30PM

Pre-school: 2pm - 3:30pm

Please contact Angela Long at kidsstreetcrestview@gmail.com if you are interested in an option for toddlers during the day.

CommUNITY Dinner

Time to get those pedal pushers out and dippity doo the hair because we are traveling back to the 1950's on Wed, **July 13** at 5:30PM!

Diner fare is on the menu- hotdogs, hamburgers and all the fixin's.

We'll also be offering an ice cream float & sundae bar to belly up to.

Save the date & come ready to shoo-wop in for dinner!



Wesleyan Child Care Center

Wesleyan has completed yet another wonderful school year. Our year ended with 2 absolutely amazing VPK Graduation Ceremonies, and a very sweet and adorable sing-a-long concert performed by the 3-year-old classes. We are so blessed to have the most amazing families here at Wesleyan. We treasure every student and their families and are beyond thankful for them. As we say goodbye to our students and their families, we want to wish them a safe and healthy summer, filled with many fun memory making moments.

-Osa Bell, WCCC Director



Childrens Ministry

Save the Date:

Promotion Sunday will be held on June 5, 2022. We will recognize new children that are now attending the nursery class, those moving up to the Preschool Sunday school (age 3), rising Kindergarten students, Rising



3rd grade students, and those promoting to youth.



Don't forget we will be attending **Camp Baldwin** this summer from July 10 to July 14. We have several registered and look forward to this fun time together.

Blessing of the backpacks will be held in all services on August 7th. All children and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to the service of their choice to be prayed over. We will also recognize our teachers in the community on this date and invite our Wesleyan Child Care Center children and families to attend.

Kids Street 2021 Summer Fun Schedule

Registration for Kids Day will be located on line and in person on Kids Street

9:00 AM - Kids' Day Out Drop off at scheduled location (rising 1st to 5th Grade)

12:30 PM – Pick Up at Scheduled location

5:45 pm – Kids Night Out Check In begins (ages rising K to 5th Grade)

6:00 pm - Games/Opening Prayer

6:30 pm - Summer Fun Time Activity

7:30 pm - Parent Pick-up on Kid's Street

Note: Nursery is available in the evening for parents who are involved in a Bible Study

SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES:

May 25, 2022 (last day of school)

June 1, 2022 (summer session begins)

June 8, 2022

June 15, 2022

June 22, 2022

June 29, 2022

July 6, 2022

July 13, 2022– BOOK FAIR/Church Council

July 20, 2022

July 27, 2022

August 3, 2022

-Angela Long, Family Discipleship Coordinator
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Day Program

Evening Program

Movie Night 6:00 -7:30 PM

Bingo Night 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Kids Day – Roller world Skating

Domino Night 6:00-7:30 PM

VBS PREP WEEK

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Kids Day – Outdoor Games/Picnic (onsite)

Pizza and PJ's Game and movie

Uno and Ice Cream Sundae Night

SUMMER CAMP WEEK (3rd to 5thgrade)

Community Dinner- Book Fair- Craft Night (Asbury Room)

Kids Day –Emerald Coast Zoo Trip

Favorite Music and Favorite Game

Back to School Bash- WATER FUN

1st day of school 8/10

FUMC Youth

And just like that, we are halfway through 2022! School is out for the summer and we are excited to provide many fun opportunities for our youth to serve the Lord and grow closer to Him! To begin, I just want to say how successful our Discovery weekend was. 23 of the church's youth spent the whole weekend of April 29th-May 1st at the church growing closer to God and to one another. It was truly a blessing for them and



everyone else involved.

Next, our youth hosted the May community dinner, which was also a big success! With the help of the UMM, our youth prepared and served tacos to over 80 people in Wesley Hall on May 11th. We had many compliments on how delicious the tacos were, and we raised enough to cover the cost of the meal, plus a little extra to help fund future youth projects! We had 7 seniors graduate this year. It is sad to see some of the strongest, Christ-following, young leaders in our program go. But that is part of life, and indeed there is a beauty in seeing them begin a new chapter in their lives. Please be in prayer for our graduates as they prepare to leave for college and embark on this next part of their journey with Christ.

Lastly, we have a HUGE event coming up! Our summer trip to Camp Blue Lake!! Please sign up for this as quickly as possible. The trip will be from July 8th-July 10th. We are so excited to be able to travel again for the first time since Covid-19 and hope that all of our youth will be able to attend this trip. It is first come, first serve. We have 13 open spots for boys and 14 for girls. The trip is 100\$ per youth, but if finances are an issue, we have scholarships available. We do not want the cost to keep anyone from being able to go. And Saturday, July 31st, the youth will be serving in the soup kitchen and then going for a swim at the Bell's house! More details to come soon!

Please take a moment to review our **Important Dates – UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES** below.

Important Dates – UPCOMING EVENTS: -Mission Trip to Blue Lake Camp: 12pm on Friday, July 8th – 12pm Sunday, July 10th

-All 6th through 12th graders (including recently graduated high school seniors) are invited!
\$100 Registration due by June 20th - Text or email Paul Adams

Important Dates – SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- VBS: We invite and encourage many of our youth to help and volunteer during the week of Vacation Bible School. This year, VBS is from June 20th-June 24th. Mark your calendars for this week now so you can be sure to help serve when it gets here! If you have any specific questions about VBS this year or how you can help serve specifically, please contact Angela Long, our Children's Ministry Coordinator.

- Soup Kitchen: Youth hosting Saturday, July 31st, from 9am-12pm. After serving, we are going to Kim and Allen Bell's house to swim for the afternoon!

YOUTH MINISTRY CONTACT INFO: e-mail Paul Adams at fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com

In Christ,

-Paul Adams, Youth Director

Yarn Ministry

Yarnies are still hooking along!

Big thanks to Maryrose Scott for donating an afghan as the Yarn Ministry's contribution to the Mother's Day Tea silent auction!



It may be summer, but we're going to begin gearing up for our winter missions work very soon. It takes time to get those hats and scarves ready for when the cold weather hits!

We will meet on Tuesdays, **June 14 & 28** at 6:00PM in Rm 213.

All interested are welcome!

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17

"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight." Proverbs 31:13

Crestview Prayer Network

Prayer Network meets **June 1** at David's Catfish House 12 PM.
Come meet and pray with us.

All are invited!

-Kathleen Woodward



June Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters:

June 5: Alesha & Robert Dabbs

June 12: Lowell & Maryrose Scott

June 19: Debbie Watson

June 26: John & Cynthia Leitschuck

Ushers: Jacob Dabbs & Skipper Kemp

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists (In Sunday order): 1. Allen Bell 2. Dan Taylor 3. Nell Sutherland 4. Ronnie Bearden 5. Dan Taylor

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Front:

June 5: Youth

June 12: Youth

June 19: Viki & Terry Luster

June 26: Tiffany & Michael Kruger

Ushers: Front - Dax Reeves, Terry Luster

Greeter/Usher - Back: Darrell Smith

Liturgists- June: 19- Lee Thigpen, 26- Paul Adams

Important Dates In June

June 1- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM David's Catfish House

June 4- The Well Service Team 1:00PM CRC

June 5- Pentecost Sunday, Kid's Promotion Sunday

June 13- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH

June 14- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

June 19- Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm

June 20-24 VBS WEEK!!! July Newsletter Deadline

June 26- VBS Sunday 9:45 The Well service in the CRC / 8:30AM & 11:00AM services as normal

June 28- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

June 29- No Kid's Street or Youth Activities

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*

Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead to July

July 2- The Well Service Team 1:00PM CRC

July 3- Camp Meeting Month begins! Promotion Sunday

July 6- Crestview Prayer Network 12:00PM David's Catfish House

July 4- Church closed in observance of Independence Day

July 5- Worship Committee 5:30PM Conf Rm

July 6- No Children or Youth activities

July 8 through 10- Youth at Blue Lake Mission Summer Camp

July 10 through July 14- Children at Baldwin Summer Camp

July 10- Blood Drive 8:00AM-1:00PM, Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:15PM Rm 212

July 11- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH

July 12- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

July 13- CommUNITY Dinner 1950's Sock Hop 5:30PM CRC, 6:30PM Church Council

June 17- Children's Committee 12:15 Kid's St, Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm, Long

Range Planning 3:00PM CRC

July 19- Missions 6:30PM Conf Rm

July 25- August Newsletter Deadline

July 26- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213

July 27- Back to School Bash for Children

**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*

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Fathers in Our Lives

- Rev. Chuck Currie

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility
in the face of the task of parenting.
Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.
In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.
Amen.

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Morning Glory at 8:30AM
Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM
The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM
Main Sanctuary / FB Live

First United Methodist Office Schedule

Mon - Thurs / 9:00AM- 4:00PM
Staff Meetings / Mondays 9:30-11:30AM
Lunch / 12:00-1:00PM

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