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From Our Pastor

Romans 16:10-11

“Greet Apelles, tested and approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus. Greet Herodian, my relative. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.”

At the end of his letter to the Romans, Paul mentions about 35 coworkers, colleagues, church folks, friends. Paul seems to have been a “people person!” But clearly the “church” is meant to be “interpersonal!” People relating to each other time and time again, not just on Sunday morning.

So, as of June 21 the church enters into Summer a season of vacation, leisure, picnics and travel. While out and about.....let’s stay in touch,

Some of us remember postcards! When was the last time you sent a postcard to a friend or relative? Email, texting, and other social media have limited the old-fashioned pen to paper communications. I challenge you all to connect with someone this Summer by means of a postcard! Surprise someone with a greeting on paper! Stay in touch with the church just as Paul did.

Having made a case for postcards from Gatlinburg or Florida or such, let me just say, stay in touch with your church people any way you want to.....just make the effort. We are all blessed together by God and we in turn should bless each other by our care and concern.

And last but not least, invite someone new to join us in worship or Wednesday or Saturday meals or mission outreach. You and they will be glad you did!

Have a great Summer 2019!

Prayers and blessings!

Pastor Barry

Fellowship Supper

Our July Covered-dish Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday, July 3. It is suggested that we have picnic foods such as sandwiches, salads, desserts, whatever you want to bring. We will eat at 6:30 p.m. for our indoor picnic.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, July 6. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Youth

Our Youth Faith Formation study group is active. There are several participants. Watch for news of their activities. They recently went to the Beersheba Springs United Methodist Center for the day.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group meets at his home on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. The address is 1215 Ledbury Dr., Smyrna.

Bucket Offerings

In July our bucket offerings at Sunday morning worship will be donated to the local food bank.

Thank You

Thanks to Delann Dunbar for writing our Father's Day program for the worship service. Thanks also to those who participated, and to John Vance for his video presentation. The program honored fathers in a very creative and inspiring performance.

Food Bank

You may bring food donations for the local food bank on the first and second Sundays of the month. Place the donations on the pew in the narthex. The food will be delivered to the food bank. The suggested items for July are pasta and pasta sauce. All non-perishable foods are accepted and appreciated.

Administrative Council

Our Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, July 14. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will meet on July 22 at Elder's Chapel UMC. The church address is 210 Front St., Smyrna. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner.

Who said this?

"Surely God is mighty and does not despise any; he is mighty in strength of understanding."

NRSV

(hint book of Job)

Psalm 100 verse 5 was the June newsletter quotation.

Happy Birthday to:

Arnold White	July 7
Lydia Rouse	July 11
Emily Rouse	July 23
John Vance	July 24
Peggy Lee	July 26

Happy Anniversary to:

Stephen & Kimberly McMillin July 5

A priest, on hearing children's confessions was puzzled to find child after child, after the confession of more familiar sins, confessing to throwing peanuts in the river. He wondered whether they were repenting of wasting school food or river pollution. He decided to press for a little more explanation when the last child came in. The penitent, however, failed to confess this. The priest asked if he had forgotten throwing peanuts in the river.

"But Father," said a bewildered voice, "I am Peanuts."



Living Aloha

The Hawaiian word *aloha* has many meanings. It is most often used as a greeting for both "hello" and "good-bye" but it is also the word for love, mercy, and for the biblical concept of shalom.

On the island of Kaua'i, aloha also refers to a unique program involving the Kapa'a Elementary School and Kapa'a United Church of Christ. The Aloha Peace Project began with the vision of former school teacher and church member, Laura Taylor. She envisioned the community working in harmony and peace, and realized if they were going to do that, they had to start with the children.

Taylor has written a curriculum that is used in the local elementary school and is supported by a resource center housed in a "peace room" at the church. A large number of church volunteers assist the school staff, support the project with prayer, and prepare craft materials. The curriculum includes a variety of interactive activities such as storytelling, puppet shows, and crafts to help build self-esteem, teach diversity, and develop relationship skills.

Fourth-grader Brylyn Aiwohi says, "I like Peace Project because I like how they can stop bullying." Other issues that are addressed are cliques, respect, teasing, and drug use.

The children learn a standard response – with both words and actions – of "stop, think peace." In a session on emotions, Laura Taylor tells the children, "We don't have to hide under happy faces. We can let people know how we're feeling. We know that when we have a problem we can..." and the children respond with enthusiasm "stop, think peace." It's good advice we could all learn.

July Calendar

Tuesday July 2:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, July 3:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, July 6:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, July 7:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, July 9:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, July 14:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday, July 16:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, July 21

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. August newsletter

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Monday, July 22:

6:30 p.m. Rutherford Co. Laity at

Elder's Chapel UMC

Tuesday, July 23:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

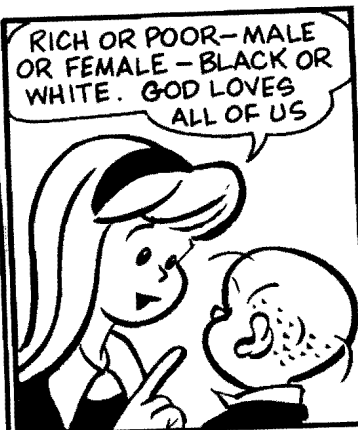
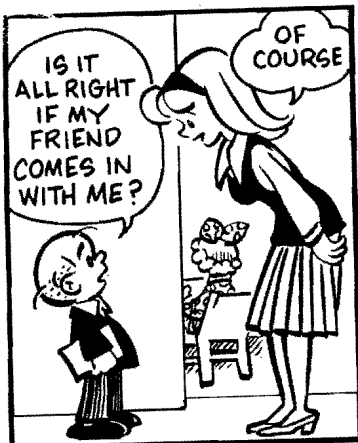
Sunday, July 28 :

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, July 30:

9:30 a.m. Bible Study



Think about These Things

Philippians 4:8 encourages us to think about certain things.

Circle traits mentioned in the Bible and find your way through the maze.

