



THE METHODIST MESSENGER

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For August 2025

I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 24th of every month to get everything together for the following months newsletter. Unless someone wants me to edit something then I will, but if not then I will and paste as is.

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On Sunday August 3rd after the worship service is having a Hot Dogs luncheon.



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sales all profits will be donated to St John's.
Please call Jean Powell for more information.

Thank you for your support!



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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Celebrated

St. John's celebrated the children and youth and adult volunteers who participated in VBS this year with an ice cream and snack social after the service on July 20. Dudley Bowman created a slide show with music showcasing the science and craft activities as well as the Bible adventures and games the children participated in during the week. Thanks to Buddy Pennewell who organized a "make your own sundae" bar which was another part of the event. And special thanks to Judy Bennett for serving as VBS Director this year.

Ice cream treats and snacks were enjoyed by all.

Fellowship and great conversation

Mr. Dudley - our entertainment creator

Families and friends

Mr. Buddy - ice cream sundae wizard



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From the Pastor's Desk

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things that you do not know."

This is a scripture a past District Superintendent provided for us. This was used to spawn a desire to increase our prayer lives. I am joining the prayer revival that is desperately needed in my life and I hope you all will join me in this prayer time about our future. **"Hotline to God: J333!"**

I admit that I do not have a time set aside for prayer and that changes today. I have put an appointment in my calendar that will alert me every morning at 7 AM to pray. Will you join me? It does not have to be at 7 AM but set aside time so we do not push time with God out of our schedule.

As we begin to pray together, I am excited to see how God will work in our individual lives and the life of the church. God has been working in such amazing ways already. This past year has contained a lot of firsts for me, and I look forward to sharing many new firsts as we discern God's path for us as a congregation focused on being world changers:

- 1) Our personal world, growing in relationship with God
- 2) The world of the church, how we relate to each other and our dedication to ministry from this place
- 3) Our whole world, as we strive to be Christ's hands, feet and heart.

Sermon Titles and Scriptures

8/3- Keep the Main Thing- Colossians 3: 1-4, Ezra 7: 1-10, 27-28

8/10- Restorative Words of Life- Psalm 50: 1-7, Ezra 10:1-8

8/17- Restoration of Relationship- Nehemiah 1:4-11, 12-14, Hebrews 11:29-34

8/24- Rebuilding of Life and Ministry- Nehemiah 4: 1-6, 10-12, 14,

Synopsis of chapter 3

8/31- HEALING SERVICE-Rebuilding Community- Nehemiah 8:1-6, 7-12