



# *Wilmington Island Witness*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WIUMC

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## Third-Class Tickets

One of my popular writers for brain breaks is Louis L'Amour. His western stories paint a great picture of the time and of the people.

In one short story he shared about life aboard a stagecoach. There were three types of tickets for those riding the stagecoach.

The "first-class" ticket holders allowed you to sit down no matter what happened during the ride. If a breakdown occurred (wheel stuck, or horse injured) you could remain in your seat.

The "second-class" ticket holders were allowed to remain seated until there was a problem. You were required to get off the stage and wait to re-board until the problem was resolved.

The "third-class" ticket holders were in for a wild ride. Your ticket allowed you sit in the carriage only if there was room. If not, then you were to sit up top with the wrangler and assist him. If a problem occurred, you were expected to help resolve the situation. The third-class rider was to get out and help push when needed.

While the stagecoach days are long gone, in the life of the church we too need more third-class ticket holders. All of us need to be about helping one another. We each can make a difference in the life of the church.

Go visit our nursing home residents. Give a ride to someone in need. Take communion to a shut-in. If we see a dirty baseboard, instead of seeking a staff person, get some cleaner and clean it. Offer to help service the coffee station. Serve as a greeter to welcome all to worship.

When someone is in need of prayer, stop and say a prayer right then.

Lend a hand to those needing assistance. Your act of love will aid many hearts and lives.

Let us all keep an eye out for how we can be of help to others.

Your third-class ticket awaits you at Wilmington Island United Methodist Church.  
Rob

## Church Events

- **May 31 - Jun 2 - Dr. Jim Fleming**
- **June 2 - 5 - South Georgia Annual Conference**
- **June 4 & 18 - Lions' Club**
- **June 4 - Widows' Luncheon**
- **June 5 - Missions Mtg.**
- **June 8 - Hearts and Hands**
- **June 9 - Communion**
- **June 10 - Alzheimer's Mtg.**
- **June 15 - Family Day Putt-Putt**
- **June 16 - Father's Day**
- **June 17 - 21 - Youth @ MFuge**
- **June 30 - 5th Sunday Combined Worship at 10am followed by a cookout**

## YOUTH NEWSFEED by Nick Zichettella

There are still a few spots for MFuge (June 17-21) and Hinton (July 21-26). The cost for MFuge is \$265.00 per person, and Hinton is \$300.00 per person. A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve your spot. If you are interested in either, or both, of these summer ministry opportunities, please let me know ASAP. You can also invite your friends. Spots are open to anyone who has completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade, through seniors in High School.

Several students have expressed an interest in having a weekly Bible Study over the summer. We will be studying the Book of Revelation. If you would like to be a part of this study, please let me know so we can figure out a day and time that works for everyone. We will start the middle of June, and will continue into the beginning of the school year.

We will meet offsite for MYF over the summer. Times and places will vary. Watch your emails or text messages for details on when and where we will meet.

Also, please go ahead and put the following dates on your calendar;

June 16<sup>th</sup> – No MYF (Father's Day)  
June 23<sup>th</sup> - Inner City Night Shelter  
June 30<sup>th</sup>- The Gathering Place (Epworth)  
July 7<sup>th</sup> – Tubing At Wesley Gardens  
July 8-12 - VBS  
July 21<sup>st</sup> – NO MYF (Hinton)  
July 28<sup>th</sup> – Inner City Night Shelter  
August 4<sup>th</sup>-Tubing at Wesley Gardens



### Missions

Thanks to everyone that came to the Missions Dinner on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your support helps to make our International

Mission trips possible. Thanks to Diane Reeder for sharing about NAMI, and Cathy McGowan for talking about the Blessing Bags.

Our Mission Trip to Honduras will be June 6-13, 2020. If you are interested in being a part of this amazing experience, please let Nick know. We will need to begin the planning stages in the next month or two. Cost will be around \$1000 out of pocket per person. It's never too early to start raising support.



## KID'S CORNER by Kellie Jernigan

Mark 10:14 - When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Our children's ministry is such a blessing and we are thankful for the parents and children.

Only have two things are planned for the Summer at this point.

**June 30<sup>th</sup>** - Combined church service with lots of fun to follow. Bring your bathing suits!!

**July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** - **VBS - To Mars and Beyond!**  
Look for sign up and ways you can help coming soon!

Sunday school and children's church will continue at 8:30-9:45-11:00.

Hope to have a few surprises during the summer!!!



WIUMC hosted a total of four families last week in our Family Promise mission. We served a total of twelve people. One family found a place to live after being with us just for Sunday night, but another family came on Wednesday and stayed the rest of the week. Each of those families consisted of mother and child. Two other families stayed with us the entire week. One was a family of five; the other a family of three. Our church graciously provided evening meals, lunches and snacks for our guests. We had members who were on hand each evening to welcome our guests and others who stayed with them at night. There were church members who cleaned the Sunday School rooms and set up beds after Sunday School on the first Sunday in preparation for our guests. And we then had members who worked on the next Sunday morning after our guests left to clean the rooms, store the bedding, and set up tables and chairs for Sunday School. Church members took used bed linens home and washed them. Our church greeters went to the play ground with the families and helped watch over and play with the children, and they spent time talking with our adult guests. The Family Promise Center case manager visited us on two occasions and complimented the help provided by our church volunteers. Well earned thanks to our church members who gave their time, work, prayer and gifts for this worthy mission. We hope to see our volunteers again the week of September 22 when we again host families in our Family Promise program. We also invite those who have not experienced the joy in this work to join us.

In his service, Marshall Acree



## FROM THE PULPIT JUNE SERMONS

Choir is to out for month of June. No robes for June, July or August.

### June

**2** Dr. Jim Fleming to speak, archaeologist, theme is "Acts and the Early Church" (\*No Communion\*)

**9 John 20:19-23 Communion Sunday - Pentecost Sunday! "Breath of Heaven"** In John's gospel Jesus breaths on the disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

**16 Romans 8:12-17 "Abba Day!"** It is Father's Day so we are looking at God's adopting us into God's family. We are to cry "Abba, Father."

**23 Luke 8:26-39 "My Name is Legion"** Jesus heals a demon possessed man. He is changed... "dressed and in his right mind" (RSV).

**30 \*\*\*\*Combined Worship\*\*\* 10:00 a.m.** Hamburger and hot dog cook out following. **Luke 9:51-56 "Hospitality?"** A Samaritan village refused to give Jesus and the disciples hospitality. The disciples in turn wanted to send down fire on them.



**The South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church** will take place **June 2-5** in Columbus, Georgia.

Each church is to be represented by

their appointed clergy and one lay person per clergy.

**Rob Grotheer** is our appointed pastor while **Connie Stephenson** will serve as our lay delegate. The work of the Annual Conference will be to worship, hear reports from various committees, vote on any issues related to the life of the South Georgia Conference, and to receive those coming before the body for ordination as elders and deacons. **Be in prayer as the work of the church brings glory to God.**

## **MUSIC MUSINGS** by Ben Strong



Hey folks! Summer has arrived in spades; it's almost as bad as Alabama. So here are a couple of updates for y'all:

Much like last year, the choir will again be on hiatus for the month of June. They deserve a little extra time due to the mass of music they've run thru in the last several months.

Instead of choir specials that month, we will have perhaps a few guest soloists. Only time can tell. In theory, the choir will resume as normal the first week of July... Hey, July would be a great time to join us if you've ever had the inklin' to come up and sing with us. I promise that it'll be fun.

We have already ordered Christmas music! The cantata will probably be more over-the-top than last year. Hopefully, we will have more participation from the community either by official church involvement (like Trinity Chapel UMC) or just individuals. In theory, I also want to open it up to the local schools so that this could possibly spill over into a future youth choir (Everybody sing at Christmas, but have a more youth-focused "community" choir (in which adults are still more than welcome to participate) in the spring that may/probably culminate into a spring break or an early summer trip/choir-tour (because you have to dangle a carrot) (it really depends on the interest as well as the different school systems that could possibly be represented).

That being said, I am still actively in search of singers to fill our scholarchipped positions within the choir. If you know of anyone between the ages of 15 and 25 that can read music, will sing out, and can attend on Wednesday nights and Sundays, please pester them to contact us.

The organ... It's happening. As you may recall, our local representative for Viscount Organ loaned to us a smaller model than what is recommended just so we could demonstrate what a new organ is capable of when compared to our current organ (that is, itself, in a near state of disrepair). Currently, our organist, George, has loaned the church his personal organ on a temporary basis. At the moment, we're just waiting for the official kick-off of the campaign.

The model that we are considering is the all-new American model, the Unico 370 by Viscount. It is a much larger unit than the loaner, but there is a reason for needing a larger organ. The general rule is that many organ pieces can be played on a two manual (two keyboards) instrument; however, almost any organ piece ever written can be comfortably presented with a three-manual (three keyboards) instrument. Also, thinking into the future, organists are now more than ever able to be picky about where they play due to so few people knowing how to operate them. If we want to keep, attract, and acquire high-caliber musicians, we need something that they will want to use. To add, while Viscount is not the most expensive brand when it comes to organs, it is one of the foremost premium brands in the world. It has also become one of the most reliable and user-friendly organs in the world that (unlike our current organ) will be forever upgradable due to the computer system it utilizes.

A new, world-class organ would not only add greatly to our general church functions and services, but it can also make us an important stop for Savannah area recitals and performances.

A fund has already been started. If you have any questions, please just call me or shoot me an email: [ben@islandmethodist.com](mailto:ben@islandmethodist.com).

I feel like I'm probably forgetting something. Rest assured though, I'll let y'all know after it happens.

With a backbeat and a smile,

-Ben

*"Making disciples of Jesus Christ by inviting, incorporating, nurturing, and serving."*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY**

**July 4** - Happy 4th of July - Church office closed

**July 11** - Faith and Family Night at the Savannah Bananas

**July 8-12** - Vacation Bible School

**July 14-19** - Rob & Gayle will be in Bryson City, NC for Deep Creek, a July family retreat

**July 21-26** - Our students will go to the Hinton Rural Life Center

**July 28** - Youth serve at Inner City Night Shelter

**July 29** - We will be providing breakfast for our teachers at May Howard