
PATHFINDER

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

As you know, our United Methodist denomination is preparing for a special called session of General Conference in just a couple weeks. From February 23rd to February 26th in St. Louis, delegates from all around the world will gather to pray, to worship, to discern, and to vote on a way forward. General Conference is our denomination-wide gathering where elected delegates discern revisions to our *Book of Discipline*, which is our denomination's book of law and policies. This month's special called Conference will be specifically centered around discernment of how the UMC will be in ministry with LGBTQ persons. This includes our denomination's stance on human sexuality, our wedding policy, and the ordination of clergy.

Last fall, many of you joined me for monthly Table Talks about this topic, where we listened and shared together. We learned together about our denomination's structure and the proposed plans that will be addressed at General Conference, we prayerfully discussed scriptures that inform our understanding of human sexuality, and we heard powerful testimonies from some of our brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so grateful that we had the chance to pray and listen and learn together, because by the end of our Table Talk series, I was reminded of how blessed we are at PUMC. We are blessed to be part of a loving, faithful, and deeply connected church family.

So as we approach General Conference, I invite us to join together again as a church family, this time specifically in prayer. *Praying Our Way Forward*, a denominational effort inviting every United Methodist in every place to join together in prayer, is calling us to pray four minutes every day leading up to General Conference. From 2:23pm through 2:26pm (in honor of General Conference dates 2/23-2/26), you're invited to pray for God's guidance in the hearts and minds of those participating in General Conference. (If that time of day doesn't work for you, don't worry! Pick a time that does.) Below, I am including a list of our NC Conference delegates so that you can pray for them by name.

Clergy Delegates: Gray Southern, Beth Hood, Tim Russell, Lisa Yebuah, Bob Bergland, Trish Archer, Tim Reaves, Laura Fine Ledford, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, and Herbert Lowry.

Laity Delegates: Gary Locklear, Emily Innes, Duncan McMillan, Christine Dodson, Mack Parker, Steve Taylor, Eston Brinkley, LaNella Smith, Jacob Beasley, and Ellen Beasley.

As I have considered this important work to which our delegates are called and the important decisions our denomination is facing, I am reminded of Jesus' Great Commission to his beloved disciples. He called them, just as he calls us, to make disciples of all people and to teach them everything Jesus has taught. Best of all, though, he makes them a promise: "And remember, I am with you always." Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Sara Beth



Children's Ministry



Kindness Mission:

This is by far one of my favorite projects of the year that the children work on. During January Kids on a Mission, we discussed how God wants us to clothe ourselves with kindness each and every day. Furthermore, these kids had some great ideas on how we did this through our words, actions, and attitudes! We then crafted "kindness hearts" that will be spread throughout downtown Pittsboro in attempts to spread kindness and God's love. My hopes are that the kids will be able to see how many people their small acts of kindness can affect and how far it can reach. Please keep your eyes peeled for these hearts! If you see them throughout Pittsboro take a picture of yourself with the heart and upload it to Facebook or Instagram with #pumckindness



Life is wild, but
God is good.

VBS 2019

SAVE THE DATE:

July 22nd-26th

PROJECT AGAPE

The word Agape is a Greco-Christian term referring to love, "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for man and of man for God."

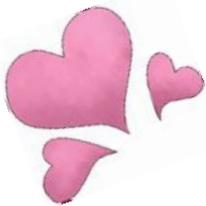
What an awesome opportunity we have at PUMC to share God's love with others in the country of Armenia, with those who need it most. Project Agape is off to a wonderful start this year, thanks to everyone willing to collect and donate items! The collection focus throughout the month of February is for our "baby" boxes. We will be collecting bibs, rattles, teething rings, cloth diapers, diaper pins, small board books for toddlers and more! Please see the bulletin board in the hallway for specific items and amounts needed.



During this month's Kids on a Mission we will be making heart shaped crayons to go into the Agape boxes. The children will be given broken pieces of crayons to use and will watch them transform into something whole and new again. Children will learn how when we are broken, God's love makes us whole again and transforms us into something new.

Please join the ***Pittsboro United Methodist Youth*** for an evening of fine dining & musical entertainment!

Dinner Seatings 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
\$15.00 per person



Childcare available ~ \$5.00 per child
(Child friendly dinner available)

All proceeds to benefit Youth Missions Fund
Sign up online or in the Johnson Room
Please purchase your tickets by February 10, 2019

Gluten Free & Vegetarian Options Available



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Traditional Worship: 8:45 & 11:00 am Contemporary Worship: 5:00 pm

Chili Bingo Night

Saturday, March 9

6pm

Mark your calendars!

½ Chicken Supper Plates

Saturday, March 23

Take Out Only

More details to come!

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