

THE WEEKLY MESSENGER



1358 South Lake Drive Lexington, SC 29073

Week of July 16, 2017



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We heard about an amazing harvest last week but this week we discover there are weeds in the garden. Most of us weed our gardens to give the more valued plants room to thrive but here the farmer tells his workers to leave them and let them grow side by side! Why? Rooting out the weeds, might harm the good plants. So we live and work in the midst of those whose character or faith commitments we question but God chooses love over judgment. Something to ponder, indeed!



Family Movie Night

Join us on Friday July 21st @ 7 PM for our next Family Movie Night. We will be showing the classic “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”, the story of Charlie Bucket and his trip inside the wondrous world of Willy Wonka. We encourage you to bring your blankets and pillows and we’ll bring the popcorn.

Lutheran Theology Primer

Justified

“We are justified by grace through faith apart from works of the Law.” This is the very core of our theology. Luther said that this is the doctrine on which the Church stands or falls. Absolutely everything depends upon it. And it is absolutely simple and it is the hardest thing for Christians to understand: God had redeemed us in Jesus Christ freely. God has forgiven our sin, made us right with Him, returned us to the status of children, fellow heirs with Christ of eternal life... I could go on. And it is FREE, no strings attached. “Wait!” some people say, “don’t you have to repent, turn your life around and become a good person first?” No! Even if you wanted to, you cannot do it. No, God comes to you first. God moves in your heart. One way to think about it is that you were languishing in jail behind a rusted set of bars with a lock that was frozen shut and God pulled the bars down. You didn’t do it, God did. You didn’t wake up one morning and say, “Think I’ll leave this prison.” No. God opened the door. And before you say, “Yes, but I walked out on my own two feet. I had to do that myself.” No. God removed the whole prison and left you standing freely outside. Now what are you going to do? Find a way back in the prison so you can walk out on your own two feet? Not me! I am going to celebrate – wildly! I am going to act as freely as a child of God as I can. I am going to be the best person I can be, not because if I don’t I’ll end up back in prison but because I want to be who God created me to be, because living on the outside of the prison is joyous and I am now a person of joy. So I do not *have to* keep the 10 Commandment, I keep them because *I want to*. I do not have to come to worship, I come to

worship to lavish my thanks on the God who freed me. I do not have to love my neighbor, I love my neighbor because he or she is the image of God and I can worship God by helping him or her. Not all Christians think this way. Some think that I have to find it within me to beg for God's help and then he will help me but truth be told, even the desire to do the begging comes from God's great love. Some think that unless I do so many good works, God will not think me good enough for his Kingdom but the truth is God has made me good enough, now I can live like I believe it. Some think that God is a punishing judge. He is. So he punished Jesus on our behalf, Jesus paid the price for us and now we live free. If you meditate on this truth each day, you cannot help but be a joyful person!



Pastor Kevin on Vacation

Pastor Kevin and Jann are on vacation visiting their son, daughter-in-law and new grandson in British Columbia. They will be back on July 21st. In the event of any pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Mary Anderson (803) 210-5757 or Cheryl Austin (803) 351-5687 or the Church Office.

WORSHIP LEADERS IN JULY/AUGUST

Sunday, July 23

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister
Kevin Turner

Acolyte

Communion Assistants

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector
Cheryl Austin

Ushers

Sunday, July 30

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Gwen Freeman

Altar Guild
Lynnette Steele

Greeters
Tom Boozer
Glenda Boozer

Lector

Ushers

Sunday, August 6

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Cheryl Austin

Altar Guild
Kim Backman

Greeters
Dick Kyzer
Debbie Kyzer

Lector
Mary Browder

Ushers

Sunday, August 13

Presiding Minister
Pastor Kevin Ogilvie

Assisting Minister

Acolyte

Communion Assistants
Carolyn Steele

Altar Guild
Kim Backman

Greeters
Dick Kyzer
Debbie Kyzer

Lector

Ushers

With Heartfelt
Sympathy

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the Jeffords family. Gerry Jeffords passed away Sunday July 16th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Would you like to remember a loved one or honor someone special? Please consider a donation of flowers for our altar area on Sunday morning! A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You are asked to speak directly with the florist or to bring the arrangement yourself. Speak with Pastor Kevin for details.

Member Prayer List

Kathleen Smith
Sandra Chapman
Von Goff



Member Shut-ins

Bobby Frazier
Frank McLeod
Roberta Pound
Dollie Pounds
Anna Ree Roland
Kathleen Smith
Joan Leskoske
Norma Moore



Please keep **Tim Davis** in your thoughts and prayers. He had surgery at Lexington Medical Center on Monday July 17th.

Friends & Relatives of Church Members

David Ball - Father of Rosemary Davis
Randy Baker - Friend of the Freeman's
Emma Snelgrove - Mother of Cheryl Austin
Jacob Dooley-Uncle of Margaret and Allen Hollis
Clarence Davis - Father of Jason Davis
Barbara Eckard - Cousin of Mary Hines
Gracey Goodman - Great Niece of Henry Poplin
Mildred Gunter - Cousin of Anna Ree Roland
Lee Hamilton - Grandson of Norma Moore
Terri Moore Hamilton - Daughter of Norma Moore
Colene Hook - Mother of Kristie Joyner
Bob Florence - Father of Megan Joyner
Ann Addy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
Laurie Williams— Marshall O'Quinn Teacher
Calla Wood— Granddaughter of Adam and Carolyn Steele
Mickey Steele and Rita Cromer— Friends of the Austin Family.
Bill & Linda Dottery –Cousins & friends of Margaret Hollis

Lanell Hicks - Mother of Miranda West
Rick Kyzer - Son of Richard Kyzer
Roger Lindler - Brother of Mendel Lindler
Billy Long - Brother of Mike Long
Sandy Martin - Friend of Janet & Russell Taylor
Samantha Molnar - Sister of Carolyn Steele
Gerald Roof - Brother of Debbie Kyzer
Priscilla Shealy - Sister of Alice Raffa
Allie Snider- Granddaughter of the Freeman's
Johnny Starnes - Brother of Anna Ree Roland
Susan Russell - Friend of Brenda Poplin
Caleb Bratcher— Friend of Mary Hines
Sandra Voelker - Friend of Margaret Hollis
Lois Watson - Mother of Debbie Areheart
William Watson - Father of Debbie Areheart
Julia Shealy—Friend of Katrina Shealy
Mike and Janet Crumptions family
Gene Crumpton— Uncle

Military Workers

Michael Anderson - Friend of St. James
Dwight Barrs - Grandson Eunice Backman
Joseph Brown - Grandson of Kathryn Kyzer
Ryan Caulder - Son of Mot Caulder
Aaron Frazier— Grandson of Bobby and Jean Frazier

Daniel Herb - Son in Law of Mot Caulder
Jeremy Jolly - Grandson of Hazel Rawl
Wayne Watkins - Nephew of S. Jeffords
Keith Zeigler - Son of Tom Zeigler

This Week At St. James

Tuesday, July 18
6:30PM Girl Scouts

Thursday, July 20
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 21
7:00PM Family Movie Night

Sunday, July 23
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Holy Communion



We are sending out cards to Shut-ins once a week. If you would like to sign the card it will be placed in the Narthex on Sunday's and sent out on Mondays.

Meeting

The next planning for the Reformation Celebration will be July 31st at 7PM

No children's Sunday School in June, July and August.

Birthdays

7/24
Kyle Summer

7/25
Kristen Kraus

7/26
Dixie Dangerfield

7/27
Caleb Strickland

7/29
Bruce Dunlap
Michelle Feaster



The Owls— St. James OWLs will meet **July 27**, the third Thursday of July, at Creekside at the **old mill in Lexington on US 1 at 12 noon**. Please be seated and ready to order by 12 noon. As usual we expect to share in good fellowship and food. Looking forward to seeing you there

OWLs Planning Supper at Old McDonald Fish Camp

St. James OWLs are planning a supper at Old McDonald Fish Camp, tentatively **Friday, August 25**. If you are interested, please check for the sign-up sheet in the narthex and listen for more details. If you have questions, call Margaret at (803) 359-6633.

God's Grace and Peace to All of You.

Your **Mission Endowment Committee** has been at work during the last six months, and we offer this as our semi-annual report to the Congregation. We would like to thank everyone for their interest and commitment to this Ministry. We have met twice, given one Temple Talk, reviewed our position with the Fund, and determined where we would like to go with it.

Our emphasis this year is on education and letting you know not only what we are doing, but how you are able to support and make St. James grow in Mission. While money is an issue in growth, just as important, is supporting outreach into this community and area. There are so many places where God's Love needs to be shared and expanded. Last year, the Mission Endowment Fund approved grants for **additional support for our food pantry and our backpack program**. There were needy families and individuals who received fundamental assistance from these ministries because of this. But there are many other ways that we as Children of God can nourish the growth of the Mission of the Church. All of our standing committees and ministries have ways in which this can be done.

In August, the Committee will determine if we will be able to provide grants this year. Our prayer is that with your help, we can! We will let you know the application process as we draw near to that time. Also, we are beginning to develop plans for an educational workshop for the Congregation, probably in the Fall, on wills, powers of attorney, and other end-of-life decision making processes that we all will face in one way or another.

The word "legacy" has been used a good bit recently. The Mission Endowment Fund is a positive and continuing manner in which the legacy of an individual can be extended and perpetuated. Please give thought to contributing to the St. James Mission Endowment Fund by remembering or honoring someone dear to you. Contributions may be made through your weekly offering envelope, soon-to-be-placed pew envelopes, or by sending it to the church office with a note stating for whom you would like to show your love.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of the Committee -**Tom Boozer, Charlene Frye, John Harmon, Dale Hutto, or Kevin Turner.**

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15am Sunday School

10:30 Holy Communion

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



SISTERCARE

Freeing Families From Fear

As you all know our emergency shelters offer confidential space where survivors can escape violence and plan for their future. Individual and group counseling, supportive services, food, laundry, clothing, transportation and more are provided. *At this time our shelters are in need of women's body wash, deodorant, razors, children's DVDs, combs, and hair brushes.* If you or someone you know would like to donate please contact me directly for additional information. Thank you for your support of our mission we appreciate your efforts.

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A **donation box** is in the Narthex to assist with collections.
Thank you for your support.