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June 2017

Responsively Yours: It's Complicated

by Harriett Jane Olson

Participating in a community requires togetherness, connection and relationship. It also requires that the community includes space for different needs, interests and cultures and for spaces of comfort. We often speak of this as “unity without uniformity.” One challenge about unity without uniformity is that what seems essential to unity for me may look like enforcement of uniformity to you.

We may be surprised when folks who share common faith, commitments and passions approach things differently than we do. Perhaps you've had this experience, when worship meaningful for you leaves others yearning for something different, or when someone interprets a Bible passage in a way that downplays women in the text. Experiences of difference in our core community can lead to misunderstanding, concern and distancing—especially if we do not find ways to learn more.

Another challenge is that sometimes we need to gather in ways and with people whose cultures, experiences, needs and challenges are like our own. Because of our shameful history of racial segregation, versions of which continue today, and perhaps because of being accustomed to setting the norms of interaction, majority culture (white) people are often uncomfortable with spaces based on race and ethnicity.

Of course, we want to learn from our past and not repeat practices of racism and bigotry. But we must learn the right things. This means being willing to sit with some discomfort and hear persons who want to worship in their first language and who long for familiar worship patterns. It means making continued efforts to frame supportive, creative fellowship in ways that allow me to be myself and in places in which I can grow, broaden my experience, expand my repertoire of music and language that moves me to love and follow Jesus and find companions on the journey who reflect more than my own race, first language, generation and socioeconomic class—and allowing others the space to do the same.

As we study the missionary conferences, we may find an uncomfortable degree of separation, or we may find special communities whose cultures were and are honored and that need different approaches to being Church. Likely you will see some of each. As we look at these past and present designs, we should ask: What can we learn from these organizing and equipping plans that would help us today? Are there hints for how we might respect and honor one another's needs and organizing capacities in our efforts to follow Jesus and journey together along the path toward abundant life?

Building a community of faith where I am honored and my traditions are reflected that stretches me and urges me toward becoming more perfect in love is complicated. It is even more complicated now with so many ways to isolate ourselves and listen only to people with whom we agree. But building this kind of community is our task and our privilege. Thanks be to God that God goes before us. May we have strength, wisdom and humility to follow.

Harriett Jane Olson
General Secretary
United Methodist Women

Schedule of Committee Meetings

Administrative Council: July 12th, October 11th

Finance Committee: August 9th, November 8th

Trustee Committee: June 14th, September 13th, December 13th

Trustees Committee Meeting

The Trustee Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 P.M. in the Ruth Bible Class.

Congratulations to the following Graduates:

PollyRose McDaniel Philpot graduated from Furman University on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Irvin H. (Bo) Philpot, IV graduated from the Charleston School of Law on Sunday, May 7, 2017.

Paul Henry (Bubba) Philpot will graduate from Travelers Rest High School on Friday, June 2, 2017.

John Michael Concannon, son of Nancy McWhite Concannon and Douglas Concannon, graduated May 19, 2017 from Coastal Christian Preparatory School in Mount Pleasant, SC. Michael is the grandson of Martha A. McWhite and the late Benson C. McWhite.

Kathryn Blair Junco upon her graduated from the University of Georgia on Friday, May 5th. Kathryn is the daughter of Kim & Jose' Junco of Jefferson, Georgia, and granddaughter of Bill & Pat Teat. Bill and I have been blessed to be able to see all three of our granddaughters graduate from UGA.

Sympathy.

The Pastor and congregation express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bob Cehen who passed away on May 7, 2017.

Father's Day Prayer

Father, it Your commandment that we should honor our fathers; Hear the prayers we offer You for them. Grant them many years on earth and keep them I health of mind and body. Bless their word and all thy do. Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us. Inspire them with Your love and help them to fulfill Your holy law. One day, may we be their comfort and support, So that having enjoyed their affection on earth we may have the joy of being with them forever in Your home in Heaven. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The congregation would like to congratulate Brenda Benton on having the honor of the book, *Berea A Look Back*, dedicated to her.

The caption reads, "For her many years of unselfish devotion, the countless lives she has touched and inspired at Berea High School, in the Berea community and beyond, we proudly dedicate this book to Ms. Brenda Benton.

Brenda spent many hours working on the book, interviewing people, collecting photos, compiling information and editing the book. It was truly a labor of love on her part and all who read and enjoy the book can thank her for the time spent on this project.

The mural and the book that are sponsored by the Berea Station Events have a wonderful lady as a member of their group.

June Ministry Workers Ushers

June 04 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

June 11 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

June 18 Steve Capps, Rick Greer, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

June 25 Steve Capps, Corky Holman Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter



Those who serve in June

Altar Guild for June Bobbie Bogan

Stewardship for June Tony Earnest

Trustee for June Brenda Benton

Children's Message For June

June 04 Terri McCloud

June 11 Terri McCloud

June 18 Terri McCloud

June 25 Terri McCloud

Nursery for June

June 04 Vickie Failor & Lynnsey Nalley

June 11 Jane Walker & Kristie Argo

June 18 Debbie Capps & Lynne Dyson

June 25 Becky Philpot & Melissa or Mark Miller



Acolyte Schedule for June

June 04 Debbie Gissendanner

June 11 Lynnsey Nalley

June 18 Debbie Gissendanner

June 25 Lynnsey Nalley

Children's Church for

June 04 Terri McCloud & Melissa Miller

June 11 Terri McCloud & Carolyn Earnest

June 18 Melissa Miller

June 25 Terri McCloud & Linda Crouch

Covered Dish Lunch.

No Covered Dish Lunch in June



OUR CDC NEWS

Another school year is gone and we are ready for summer fun. We had a wonderful appreciation week as parents filled us with tons of food and desserts. A big thanks to Ms. Debbie and Ms. Pat for all that they did for us. They are near and dear to our hearts. We would also like to thank Pastor Gordon for the special coffee cups with candy for everyone. We are very blessed to have all of their support. The children enjoyed singing for the inspiration group in April where we would like to thank them all for their contribution. You are all so kind. The children always love getting new surprises. We also enjoyed performing for the morning circle in May. Its such good practice for graduation. We wish you all a wonderful summer.

June 01 Dawn Bryant Stewart
 June 02 Michael Hughes
 June 05 Shannon Finley-Newbill
 Hope Stone
 June 07 Christopher Mann
 June 12 Katrina Earnest Collins
 June 13 Mike Brown
 June 17 Stephanie Brown Martin
 Millie Dunn
 June 20 Melissa Disher
 Leslie Evans
 Dot Nichols
 June 24 Carolyn Earnest
 Adell Gordon
 June 26 Pam Bowers
 June 28 Lillian Paxton
 June 29 Gene Vaughan
 June 30 Kathleen Griffin
 Denise McCloud



Mildred Bray
 Mary Childs
 Troy Clements
 Jane-Hunt Grady
 Kathleen Griffin
 Vera Hunt
 Donna Helms
 Carolyn Hunter
 Jackie Lumsden
 Bobby Nalley
 Willie Nalley
 Andi Nichols
 Dot Nichols
 Joe Philpot
 Mildred Pollard
 Glenn Wells
 Allen Zorn



Special prayers for Glenn Wells who is at Heartland Health in Rm. 500. Kathleen Griffin and Kathleen's son Randall. Rick Greer as he heals from knee surgery. Special prayers for Lee Wright's brother, Floyd Roach who has colon cancer., Willie and Bobby Nalley.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 12 Lillian & John Paxton
 June 18 Donna & Bob Helms
 June 18 Pat & Bill Teat
 June 23 Diane & Rick Greer
 June 29 Bobby & Willie Nalley



PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.

Father's Day Recognition

On Father's Day, we will have a special recognition bulletin insert, recognizing the special men in our lives. If you would like to recognize someone special, you can fill out the pew slip and place it in the collection plate along with \$1.00. The money collected will be used to fund our mission outreach programs. We appreciate the church supporting our mission projects.

Church Window. The Trustees have completed the installation of our new window and the old one is up for sale as is. If you or someone you know is interested in buying, please let Ron Failor know.

Upcoming District and Conference Events

Mission U	July 27-29	Spartanburg Methodist College
Greenville District Annual Meeting	September 23 rd	St. Mark UMC, Taylors, SC
Annual Meeting of SC UMW	October 27-28	Union UMC, Columbia, SC

Please watch the newsletter for more details on these events.

Prayer Focus

Our prayer focus for the month of June is on the Neighborhood Services Organization in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Founded in 1920 by a group of Methodist Women to help meet the needs of low-income families, today they partner with the United Way and serve many people in the Oklahoma City area. They have received a rating of 4.8 out of a possible 5 stars. Their mission statement reads "transforming lives and encouraging independence through safe, healthy homes, dental care, and nutrition." Some of their successful programs today include WIC (women, infant, children) clinic for children up to age 5, dental clinic for the uninsured, a rental assistance program, medical transportation, permanent housing for adults with mental illness, the Carolyn Williams center for transitional living for men ages 18-22, Martha's House for transitional living for families with young children, and Gatewood Home for pregnant women and new mothers. Birthday cards will be sent to missionaries Virginia Baker in Louisiana and Becky Warnock in Ohio.

United Methodist Women
Our Circles

Morning Circle

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Huckaby Class Room to work on a project.

Shalom Circle

The Shalom Circle will meet on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at noon at Mama Maria's. We will have a short devotional and work on our shut in mission project.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	2	3
4 <i>S.S. - 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Annual conference</i> 4-8 at the TD Center <i>Esperanza</i> 1:00 p.m.	5 <i>Ordination</i> <i>Service</i> <i>for Pastor Enrique</i> <i>will be at</i> 7:00 p.m. <i>At the Annual</i> <i>Conference</i>	6 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 p.m.	7	8 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	9	10
11 <i>S.S. - 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Esperanza</i> 1:00 p.m.	12	13 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 p.m.	14 <i>Trustees meet at</i> 6:00 p.m.	15 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	16	17 <i>UMW Shalom</i> <i>Circle will meet</i> <i>at Mama Maria's</i> <i>at noon for a</i> <i>short devotional</i> <i>& to work on</i> <i>shut in project.</i> <i>United Methodist</i> <i>Men 8:00</i>
18 <i>S.S. - 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>No Covered Dish</i> <i>Lunch</i> <i>Esperanza</i> 1:00 p.m. <i>Father's Day</i> <i>New Window</i> <i>Recognition</i>	19	20 <i>Morning</i> <i>Circle 10:00</i> <i>a.m. in the</i> <i>Huckaby Class</i> <i>Room to work</i> <i>on a project</i> <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 p.m.	21	22 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	23	24
25 <i>S.S. - 9:30 a.m.</i> <i>Worship</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Esperanza</i> 1:00 p.m.	26	27 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m. <i>Quilters</i> 7:00 p.m.	28	29 <i>Quilters</i> 10:00 a.m.	30	