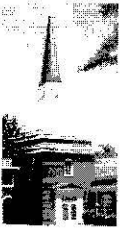




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NEWSLETTER

A Word from the Pastor:

We all know that growing deeper in our faith, having more confidence for our journey, involves spiritual formation. We have to set aside some time each day to read, reflect, pray. We need to participate in what John Wesley called the means of grace, which did include reading, reflecting and praying. But it also included worship and receiving communion.

So learning is a part of our faith journey. I also want to suggest to you that for many Christians unlearning is going to be just as important as learning. Now what I mean by this is many of us have heard scripture misquoted so much that even when we read it, we don't read it, we hear the misreading of it.

Let me share a couple of examples. "Give thanks for all things," was something I heard over and over again. It was supposed to have been a quote from Paul. And quite frankly I simply could not do that. Some things which happened in my life just didn't merit a "Thank You." I know you share that same feeling, right? Well what Paul actually said was, "give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess. 5:18 NRSV "in all circumstances," said Paul, not "For all things." I can give thanks "In" because I know I am not in them alone even if they are circumstances of my own making. Jesus has promised to be with me, and you, to the very end of the age.

The other thing we need to unlearn is this, when Jesus says we need to listen to his words, he is talking about his words not the entire corpus of scripture. "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." (Matthew 7:24 NRSV)

The followers of Jesus need to be sure that it is really Jesus they are following.

Grace,

Harrell

Book Review Luncheon

Date: Monday, July 11, 2016

Noon until 1pm

Book: The Nest by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

Reviewer: Rev. Harrell Nation

Menu: Rotel Chicken, fresh tossed salad, rolls and homemade desserts

Cost: \$7.00 – Tickets available in the church office

(Desserts needed for the luncheon, please contact Bobbie Clarke or sign the sheet on the welcome table to let us know that you will provide a pie or cake)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Time with Harrell will not meet during the month of July.

The study of the book of Romans will resume on Wednesday, August 3 at 10:00am

Ladies of the Yarn will resume meeting at 10am on Wednesday, July 6. Continue knitting and crocheting and bring your items to our gathering on the 6th of July.



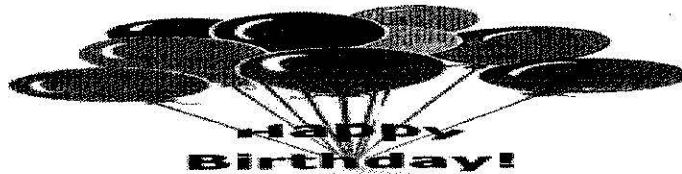
Recess will begin Wednesday, September 14. – Supper will be served at 5pm

Time with Harrell will begin at 5:40.

Fall *Recess* topic: “Comparative Religions – Commonalities and Differences”

Details in next Newsletter!

Happy Birthday to all our July Birthday folk



Norwood Jones - 7/10

Jack Foote - 7/11

Kayo Mullins - 7/15

Jimmie Dee McAdams - 7/23

David Thomas - 7/26

Gary Deaton - 7/30

Happy Wedding Anniversary to:

Mary Louise & Reggie Smith - 7/18

Dot & Bill Simpson - 7/21