

From The Desk of...

The Director of Ministry

...Susan Hurley

Vacation Bible School, Maker Fun Factory, this year will be hosted by Holy Redeemer. It starts Monday, July 10, and is for children ages 5-7th grade. Hours will be from 9:00am to noon, Monday-Friday. Registration forms are available in the church office and outside both entrances to the sanctuary. Please return these completed forms to the church office no later than July 7. By registering early we are able to have everything ready for your child on the first day. We will be setting up at Holy Redeemer on Sunday, July 9, at 3:00p.m. and would appreciate as many volunteers as possible.

PrimeTimers next trip will be to Petit Jean State Park for lunch at Mather Lodge on Friday, July 21. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

July is a 5th Sunday month. On Sunday, July 30, Sunday School will be at 9:30a.m. with church (one service only) following at 10:30 in the sanctuary. The service will be "Christmas in July." It will be a service of Christmas Carols, and dedication of the new Chrismons. Immediately following the conclusion of the service an end of summer, back to school celebration will be held. More information about this will follow later.

On Saturday, August 26, we will be hosting a "Created by God" workshop for our youth in grades 8-12. Some topics to be discussed will be dating issues, peer pressures, handling uncomfortable situations, etc. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Pastor-led Summer Study – "Restored"

Sometimes our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. In his book, *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to reflect and meditate through our own brokenness, showing us that it is only when we focus on the cross as a place to surrender control that we can leave our mess and find true redemption.

We will begin this 6-week study during the week of July 16th. I will lead two sessions each week – one on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 and one on Wednesdays at noon. Each session will last about 90 minutes.

Since books will need to be ordered (\$8.00), please email (larry.kelso@arumc.org), text (870-949-0499), or call the church office (754-2462) by July 3rd to let me know you will participate.

Grace and peace – Bro. Larry

We are looking for two good glider rockers to place in the back of the sanctuary for our babies. If you have one or would like to help purchase one, please let the church office know.

If you are working on a Chrismon, please have it completed and turned into either the church office, Brenda Payne or Janie Chappell on or before July 17th. Be sure to have your NAME attached to them. We are planning a dedication service July 30th.

Thanks, Janie Chappell

The United Methodist Youth (UMY) would like to thank everyone who has so graciously made, or provided, the delicious food and scrumptious desserts for our meetings on Sunday nights. Your service and dedication to our youth is greatly appreciated!!! If you have not been able to participate in providing a meal for UMY and would like to, just contact the church office.

Any Jr. or Sr. high youth interested in attending Jr. or Sr. High Assembly at Hendrix College in Conway, July 24-28, will need to register online at accym.org. Early bird registration cost is \$185 and ends July 3. Cost then increases to \$200. You may contact Ramanda Chappell for more information, 479-754-8404.

July Birthdays



- 7/1 Nila Talley
- 7/1 Bill Hanuska
- 7/1 Michael Broyles
- 7/2 B.J. Cooper
- 7/3 Brandon Cooper
- 7/4 Angie Bradley
- 7/5 Kim Ward
- 7/6 Emily Wollenberg
- 7/7 Anna Lou Ballew
- 7/8 Kaden Hull
- 7/9 Bill Ward
- 7/9 Kelly Hanuska
- 7/10 Rachel Johnson
- 7/13 Callie Smith
- 7/14 Cade Davis
- 7/14 Ronnie Terry
- 7/17 J.D. Jacobs
- 7/17 Cecelia Looper
- 7/17 Kole Jacobs
- 7/18 Debra Gray
- 7/19 Mary Margaret White
- 7/19 Phillip Sturdy
- 7/19 Christian Reynolds
- 7/19 Trevor Scaccia
- 7/20 Karen Wade
- 7/22 Sam Wish
- 7/23 Ethan White
- 7/24 Stephen McElmurry
- 7/24 Josh Nelson
- 7/24 Paden Cook
- 7/25 Ann Shafer
- 7/25 Isaac Chappell
- 7/27 Shay Morgan
- 7/28 Kim Taylor
- 7/29 Rev. John Palmer
- 7/29 William Dorney
- 7/30 Eddie Wollenberg
- 7/30 Chris Chappell

Vacation Bible School Holy Redeemer, July 10-14
Gear up for exciting adventure and find out more about how we are all CREATED for a PURPOSE.

We'll be searching for awesome builders to help make our VBS a huge success! If you have any questions (or if you already know you would like to volunteer to help) call the church office, 754-2642.

There is currently a staff vacancy in the Kid Care Toddler classroom. We will begin advertising this position in the church bulletin as well. The position will be part-time, with hours from 7:30-11:30a.m. Beginning salary is \$10 per hour. Employment will be contingent upon passing all background checks. Applications will be reviewed by the board prior to a final decision, and are available in the church office. Please return your application to the church office.

July

- *SUNDAY, JULY 2**
- Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
- United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM
- *TUESDAY, JULY 4**
- Office Closed
- *WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**
- Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
- Chancel Choir 7:00 PM
- *THURSDAY, JULY 6**
- Trustees Meeting 6:00 PM
- *SUNDAY, JULY 9**
- Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
- United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM
- *MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 10-14**
- VBS 9:00AM
- *WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**
- Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
- Chancel Choir 7:00 PM
- *THURSDAY, JULY 13**
- Mustard Seed Brd Meeting 3:30 PM
- Glory Circle 6:00 PM
- *SATURDAY, JULY 15**
- MOFIA 8:00 AM
- *SUNDAY, JULY 16**
- Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
- Ad Council 3:00 PM
- United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM
- *TUESDAY, JULY 18**
- Restored 6:00PM
- *WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**
- Restored Noon
- Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
- Chancel Choir 7:00 PM
- *THURSDAY, JULY 20**
- Grace Circle 10:00 AM
- Power Circle 2:00 PM
- Finance Meeting 5:30 PM
- *FRIDAY, JULY 21**
- PrimeTimers (Petit Jean Mtn)
- *SUNDAY, JULY 23**
- Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
- United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM
- *TUESDAY, JULY 25**
- Restored 6:00PM
- *WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**
- Restored Noon
- Prayer & Communion 6:00 PM
- Chancel Choir 7:00 PM
- *FRIDAY, JULY 28**
- Forrester Davis (FLC) 6-9:00PM
- *SUNDAY, JULY 30**
- Worship Service (Sanct) 8:30 AM
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service (Sanct) 11:00 AM
- United Methodist Youth 5:00 PM



The Focus

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Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
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On Track With Bro.Larry...

...Pastor Larry Kelso

It's an unforgettable photo.

The raising of the flag at Iwo Jima. You probably remember it, even if you're too young to remember World War II.

Iwo Jima is a dot in the Pacific where the United States needed a landing strip for bombers striking Japan during World War II. Some 70,000 marines were sent to take it from a dug-in enemy. "The thing I'll remember

forever," recounts retired Major General Fred Haynes, "was the courage and the guts of the kids ... and these were young kids."

They were kids. But also heroes.

God is always looking for heroes, for ordinary people willing to accept the challenge of following Christ. This is never easy, but our church – and our nation – can use a few more heroes. Now, more than ever, we need ordinary people to do the extraordinary work of love and compassion in a world being torn apart by hatred and self-interest.

Uncommon valor is a common virtue whenever people respond to the call of Christ. Heroism is seen whenever disciples walk in faith and proclaim the kingdom of God.

Victory over oppression and evil occurs whenever people carry the peace and the power of Christ with them into the world. None of this comes from any inborn human qualities, but from the authority that Jesus gives us. Amazing things will happen when we step out in faith on a mission from God.

Grace and peace – Bro. Larry