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PASTOR'S PEN

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who helped to make our July 8:39 worship service such a wonderful experience. The choir, the adult and youth Praise teams, the pianists and the organist each enhanced our time with God! As a congregation, you have expressed to me in countless ways how much you have been blessed. As a pastor, it is always gratifying to hear someone say that they “almost” wished they were not going on vacation because they hated to miss out on what was going to occur during the Sunday morning worship. As I reflected on our powerful worship time and your testimonies, I was reminded of the days from my childhood when it was common for a church to have its annual revival services and it was obvious God was doing something wonderful and the pastor would say, “God is doing a mighty work! We can’t stop now, so we are going to extend it for one more week just to see what else God is going to do!” After consulting with some of our church leadership, we believe this is true of what is occurring at First UMC. In a spirit of wanting to see what else God is going to do we are going to extend our early worship time into August. In addition the 11:00 service will return. The earlier service will once again be guided by a passage of scripture which will be Acts 8:35. It is based on Philip sharing the story of Jesus with an Ethiopian. Acts 8:35 says:

So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

This verse is a clear statement of why we are a church. We have Good News that cannot be kept to ourselves. So announcements and prayer concerns will be given at 8:30 and worship will commence at 8:35. Depending on how God may direct we may continue into the future with two worship services until such a time when we may need an additional third service.

As we make this journey I would suggest we begin to move away from such words as “traditional,” “contemporary” or even “blended” to identify our worship. I believe each of these words has become fixed in our minds and such labels can be restrictive. If we feel we must attach a term I would suggest two new ones.

Almost six years ago I stopped drinking carbonated sodas. But every now and again I still get a craving for an ice-cold Coca-Cola. Not a diet coke or a Coke Zero but a real Coke—a Coke Classic. I would suggest we think of our 11:00 as “Classic.” For the earlier service, I would suggest, Modern. A modern service may include Jazz music, southern gospel, bluegrass instruments, drama, and puppets preaching a sermon, a video illustration or even sacred dance. I hope we will find these modern elements tools to help us express our heart to God.

I invite you to experience worship at 8:35 or at 11:00 in the historic sanctuary during the month of August. I hope we will be so stirred by the Holy Spirit that we can hardly wait for Sunday to get here so that we can come together and worship!



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steve



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
CHURCHWIDE PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH
5-7PM
WINCHESTER SWIMPLEX
Bar-b-que and all the trimming will be provided. Bring a dessert, homemade ice cream to share (no glass containers) Come join the FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!

MISSION COMMITTEE MONTHLY FOOD ITEM

The Mission Committee will be collecting **CANNED FRUIT** (any kind, any size) for Good Samaritan during the month of August. Good Sam has requested this as a needed item. Bring your donation any Sunday in August. Thanks



STEWARDSHIP IS A LIFESTYLE, YTD AVERAGES 2018

Sunday School Average: 135 Worship Average: 238
Weekly Needed: \$10,327.00 Weekly Average Received: \$9517.00

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 1
Russell Barnett, Brandi Scott
Chris & Teresa Barnhill

August 2
Carol Fulmer, Cole Scott

August 3
Bubba Carson,
Murray & Cheryl King

August 4
Randy & Amy Foster

August 5
Emilia Carson

August 6
Jim & Kay Wiseman

August 7
Joe Carter, Michelle Perkins,
Barry Whitsett, Mary Kerman

August 8
Rachael Petry, Stephen Smith,
Linda Carson, Lee Woodward

August 9
Julia Warmbrod, Connor Olsen,
Wendi Weaver

August 10
Stephanie Payne
Thomas & Kay Grant

August 11
Scott King, Evyonne Smith
Eddie & Ursula Brashier

August 12
Pastor Steve Angus,
Peggy Cash, Sally Davis,
Morgan Barnett, Sherry Dodson
Mike & Laura Rowland
Caleb & Carolyn Burgoyne

August 13
Gary Hopkins, Racheel Carson
Greg & Jeanne Vaughn

August 14
Jane Smith

August 15
Murray King, Edna Jacobs,
Sandy Davis, Leah Harrell
Brent & Karen Petry

August 16
Ed & Fran Crenshaw
Dave & Jeannetta Henley

August 17
Tori Hinshaw, Joy Gallagher

August 18
Megan Davis
Bud & Cindy Stovall

August 20
Steve & Dixie Swann

August 21
Donna Hughes,
Brandon Nichols,
Madison Taylor, Chloe Counts
Eric & Theresa Cates

August 22
Donna Pickett, Nita Penland

August 23
Eli Stevenson

August 24
Linda Counts, Keith Michael Crouch
Allen & Mary Westerhof

August 25
Nadine Hinshaw, Ashley Stewart
Joe & Susie Herd
Jeff & Linda Stewart

August 26
Tappy Bailey
Nelson & Jennifer Crouch

August 27
John Stewart, Susie Herd
Sara Knight, Jeff Mallory

August 28
Christine Hopkins
Jeff & Carole Torell
Alex & Morgan Barnett

August 30
Lauren Ansley

August 31
Kristin Grant
Brian & Kelly Hall

PASTOR JIN

I am a big soccer fan. Not only to play, but I also love to watch the games. It is another benefit that I can learn a life lesson from soccer.

2018 world cup ended up with France's win. That result was what a majority of soccer fans expected, but not many thought of Croatia to go to the final. I thought they would end up in the quarter-final at best, but as you already know, they finished their race as the second-best team in the world. When they beat Messi's Argentina (people read Messi as Messiah!), people believed that's just their luck. But when they defeated England, our doubt started turning to a conviction: "these guys are something." I still believe that if they had not had three consecutive extended games till the final, they would have won the World Cup.

What made team Croatia the main actor of a successful underdog story? They don't have world-popular players, like Messi or Ronaldo. Except for a midfielder, Modric, you may not have heard of other players. Then, what happened to them? I found one clear reason, which is the team spirit. They were exhausted by the side effect of extended games, but they had run nonstop for 90 minutes like hungry lions. Their team play filled the gap of their relatively ordinary individual skill from top players of other teams. It is exactly opposite to the Argentine team. Needless to say about Messi, each player of Argentina is a world star and has great talents and skills. But the only problem of this seemingly perfect team was the lack of team spirit. I was very disappointed with Messi's play and arrogant attitude to others: very often walking around on the field during the game and ignoring his head-coach's leadership. I still have no doubt that he is the world best soccer player, but soccer is not the individual sport, but the team sport. There is no great player with no great team.

I'd like to apply the lesson from soccer to our ministry and church. What about the church? The church is the community of faith. We are all the church. We don't have to have Messi or Ronaldo. We need ordinary but faithful and diligent players who can finish the race of the call that God already assigned us to do. A good and healthy church is that all members work together in a team spirit with responsibility. Let's think about this question: "Am I one of them?"

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Renovations are well underway! We will have new and exciting volunteer opportunities in our Sunday School program and hope everyone will consider getting involved!

Fall Festival planning is also in the works. I am so grateful for the support last year and hope many of you will be involved again this year!

August 5th- Promotion Sunday

August 12th Church Picnic at the Swimplex 5-7pm

Thanks again to all who helped with VBS and the Adventure!

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

What an awesome and wonderful July it has been musically at Winchester FUMC! The blending of our musicians to provide both traditional and contemporary music to the congregation has been not only very enjoyable to most musicians, but it has been a blessing to us all! I can't help but believe that God has smiled down upon our worship.

As August begins, we will continue our modern worship at 8:35 with blended music and add back our classic service at 11:00. We will also begin to have our traditional choir practice on Wednesdays at 7:05 pm, likely starting on August 8.

Please pray about your call to the music ministry at WFUMC. We would love to add you to the choir, praise band, handbells, or any special music that you would like to talk about. Music has such a rich heritage here at our church, way back to the Purple People that were such an awesome part of our history (Purple People, I'm thinking a reunion is in order! Stay tuned!). I'm looking forward to some new faces in our choir on August 8! Please come join us. I promise that you won't regret the music or the friendships that develop!

Yours in Christ. Wanda Spencer

YOUTH NEWS

Day on the Lake

2-6 @ Daugherty's House 169 Brandi Way
Come out and have a blast on the lake. Bring a life jacket and friends.

August 5th Promotion Sunday

6th graders will move into youth Sunday school Class in the Youth Room

August 12th Church Picnic @ Swimplex 5-7PM

Yard Sale Fundraiser

August 23-25

Clean out your garages and closets!
Accepting donations starting August 5th.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WESLEY PRESCHOOL



Wow, summer has flown by. As I type this we are getting ready to start a new school year. We are excited to say all of our teachers will be returning to full classrooms.

Our open house will be August 2nd at 6 p.m. August 6th we will welcome 41 sweet little ones to begin our fall session. We are blessed to have all of our spots full currently. If you would like information about our waiting list please contact

Ms. Lisa Retherford, Administrator.