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### The Epistle

News For The Weeks Of  
June 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2024

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## The Pastor's Pen

As you are aware, the postponed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church has wrapped up its business for the extended quadrennium. With this work now completed, I want to share the highlights with you.

Several changes were made to the Book of Discipline, including:

- . Deacons are granted sacramental authority in their context. This means that Deacons may baptize and preside over Holy Communion in the places they serve.
- . The harmful language regarding sexual orientation that had been added to the Book of Discipline forty years ago has been removed, allowing all persons full participation in the life of the Church.
- . Regionalization was approved, which allows the Central Conferences to make revisions to the Book of Discipline to speak to their culture. Regionalization also sets up the United States as a Central Conference.

In addition, the budget for the work of General Conference was reduced by 40%. This takes into account the approximately 25% of congregations across the denomination that have withdrawn.

Obviously, it will take time to determine what these changes will look like as we seek to be the Church of "Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors." As we move forward as a church and as a denomination, let's recommit to working and serving Christ and his Church, together.

Blessings,

*Rev. Sandra*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 6:00 UMM	3	4 Deb Teagan	5 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	6 5:45 PS Board Meeting	7 10:00 Threads of Agape	8 Raelynn Cooke
9 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Peggy Grant	10 VBS	11 VBS	12 VBS 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Doug Remeta	13 VBS Amy Schanen	14	15
16 Father's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Kaylene Wilber Candice Thomason	17 9:30 Blanche Greer Circle Newsletter Deadline	18 Ashley Cooksey Rob Metts	19 Juneteenth 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Sam Whitt	20	21 10:00 Threads of Agape Teri Antonio-Librado	22 Debbie Whitt
23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Walt Ratliff Dale King	24 Jim Harrison	25	26 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	27 5:30 Fellowship Meal Karen Harpe	28	29 Chip Steele
30 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members Connie Muzzy						

## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the glory of God by Kemp Sigmon in memory of Kathy Sigmon.



**Narthex Flowers** are given on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the glory of God by Fern Powell in memory of Sandra Powell's birthday.

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Kathy Angle in memory of her parents, Gerald and Donna Angle..

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 16<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Michael Greer on behalf of her family of his mother, Caroline Greer..

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the glory of God by Jack and Karen Moyer in loving memory of Karen's parents, Earl and Thelma Lewis..

**Altar Flowers** are given on June 30<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Phil and Judy Womble in honor of their grandchildren.

## Vacation Bible School - June 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>

Dive into a world of wonder at our Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School! Join us from June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, for an unforgettable adventure beneath the waves. Discover hidden treasures, make new friends, and explore the depths of God's love. All children aged 3-10 years old are welcome! Please fill out a Registration form (found in the area outside the Narthex) and turn in to the Church Office to sign up for a week filled with fun, faith, and deep sea excitement! Charlie Faris

**Our June Fellowship Meal** will be on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in Poston Hall. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time together.

## Financials & Attendance

	April 28	May 5	May 12
Received	\$3,335	\$12,421	\$6,874
Non-Restricted	\$332	\$115	\$7
Restricted	\$922	\$46	\$491
Total	\$4,589	\$12,582	\$7,372
Sunday School	31	26	32
Worship	92	93	115

\*If you would like to put church-related information in the Newsletter, please send an email with your "blurb" to churchsecretary@stpumc.org before the Newsletter deadline date, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!