



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

“For Everything There is a Season”

June Edition

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

Office Details

Hours: 8:00-1:00

(Emails answered throughout the day)

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We count on certain signs to confirm the season. This Memorial weekend did not feel like the start of summer. It was cool and rainy not hot and sunny. It may not feel like August when it is hot, but children are back in school.

Brooke and I notice the difference that summer makes at church too. It is quiet during June, busier in July with VBS, and by September we know that Fall is in the air as we get ready for the Pumpkin Patch. There are also other signs of summer at church. At Aldersgate one of the most obvious changes is the attendance drop. This slower time might make us feel like things are falling apart, or as the author of Ecclesiastes might say, “All is vanity.” (Ecclesiastes 1:1)

The good news is that what we do is not in vain, if we are seeking to do God’s will. We are still part of the mission of Boat Church. We are still giving people an opportunity to encounter God’s word while they are at the lake rather than missing church all together. Boat church provides the paper, and we prepare their bulletins each week. This is the church in mission. This is a form of evangelism.

All though the author of Ecclesiastes starts by declaring that everything is futile. He continues to proclaim that, everything has its season in Chapter 3.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

In our final Disciple Bible Study, we discussed that we all have spiritual gifts and seasons in our own lives. Some of those times when we are not busy are times of Sabbath or preparation. We will be busy again. We will host children from the YMCA at VBS. We will be moving toward final plans to share space as the first Liberty STEAM Early Learning Center. We will have pumpkins arriving and children on our campus. We will also have to let go of our attachment to the past so that we can step into our future.

You can help us prepare for our future. Seek to find the place where you are gifted and called to serve. Invite someone to church. Spread the word that we are looking for a part-time music director and a part-time Family Ministries Director. We can all pray for our future.

Let’s pray for God to show us what we need to be doing during this season and live into the next season.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Laura



Vacation Bible School takes a tremendous amount of volunteer support. This year VBS will be July 10th-13th from 9:30AM-12:30PM, our theme is Hero Hotline. We're starting preparation, if you can help in any way, please let Brooke know ASAP!



Annual Conference will be Sunday, June 4th-Wednesday, June 7th. Pastor Laura will be out of office and in attendance at the conference this week. Your delegates are Emily Becker & Tanya Sari, please be in prayer as they all attend in Florence.



In support of the Sumter Pregnancy Center, bottles for baby bottle boomerang are in the Narthex. These can be filled with loose coins, bills, or you can write a check and stick it in the bottle. Bottles should be returned by Father's Day, please consider filling one if you are able.



Our next 4th Friday lunch will be Friday, June 23rd. We will send out emails/calls and put out sign up sheets as we get closer to the date. Be on the lookout so you can come join the fun!!



The UMM have gathered a team to help with Habitat for Humanity on June 24th. They're still in need of another 4-5 members, please reach out to Jim Jennings if you're interested in helping (men and women welcomed), and he will give you more information.



Though the summer time can get a little quiet around our church, please reach out to us and let us know if you'd like to come and join us during the weeks to work on projects that we may have going on. We always enjoy the company and there are always things that can be done. Come spend some time with us, we'll be happy to see you.

OUR PRAYERS:

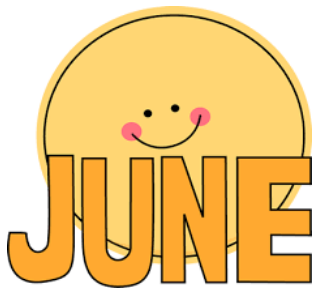
- Lynn Boan
- Family of Pat Boozer
- Family of Connie Snow
- Griffin Family
- Scott/Stephanie Smith
- Betty Hodges
- Betty Heacker
- Larry & Garland Nettles
- Allen Prescott
- Gene Hunter
- Ed & Carolyn Hudson
- Everett Burroughs
- Bill Fleury
- Rex Riddle
- Sandy Richardson
- Christy Richardson
- Arawana
- Bill Reither
- Sam Crawford
- Sarah Sari
- All Homebound Members

Please let us know when we need to remove someone from this list.



JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Trinity Sun.	5 WOW 5:30P	6	7 UMM 7:00A	8 Knitters 10A	9	10
11	12 WOW 5:30P Salkhatchie Meal 6:00P	13	14 UMM 7:00A	15	16	17
18	19 WOW 5:30P	20	21 UMM 7:00A	22 Knitters 10A	23 4th Friday Lunch 12P	24
25	26 WOW 5:30P	27 SPRC 5:30P	28 UMM 1:00P	29	30	



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Jennings	15 Madison Cox	21 Chandler Heriot
3 Barb Nichol	15 Louise Fudger	22 Mariean Northrup
5 Susan Petty	16 Charles McFaddin	22 Jim Wilkinson
6 Bill Lynam	18 Clark Newsom	25 Mary Dallery
10 Bonnie Brown	18 Luke Harding	27 Ellie White

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Year to date - through May 2023

Actual revenue	Actual Expenses	Budgeted revenue	Budgeted expenses
\$ 159,000.00	\$ 173,000.00	\$ 222,000.00	\$ 222,000.00