

Kurt's Corner

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Hooray! It's my favorite time of the year. Fall is just around the corner. It should get cooler and the leaves should start to change their colors. Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks have already begun to serve pumpkin spiced goodies. Football season is underway and the weekends just seem different. The only bad part about this time of the year is that we are in the middle of hurricane season. We know that feeling all too well!

Fall is also a busy time for our church. This season calls for our annual Charge Conference paperwork to be filled out and meetings to be held to see where we have been and to also plan for the future. It's a whole lot of work, but worth it. Please remember, everyone is invited to attend our Charge Conference on November 10 at 5:00 PM.

Fall is also a time to focus on special events and observances. During the month of September we are collecting money for scholarships for children in Haiti. We also have a Tag Sale in September that our community loves to attend. On October 20 we will have Homecoming Sunday with Pastor Ray Smith and his wife Sarah back as our special guests. On Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and remember those members of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant. In November we will also have our Commitment Sunday with a special meal together. And there is always a feast on Thanksgiving Day at the church if you so desire to join in.

Of course, this all leads into the Advent season which officially begins December 1. Those four Sundays are so unique and lead us up to my favorite church service of the year, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. I can hardly wait!

I hope to see you around at church this very special season of the year. God bless you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Kurt



As we prepared for our July riverboat cruise on the Ohio River, there was some nervousness about it because this was the time Hurricane Barry was making its way very near where we were to be. As it turns out, the only effect we felt from it was that because the water level was so high in St. Louis, instead of boarding the boat in St. Louis, they bussed us from there to Paducah, Kentucky for boarding.



That was the first stop that we were to make anyway, so we didn't really lose anything. We did have rain that day but it didn't affect us much and actually that was pretty much the extent of rain for the duration of the trip.

As we traveled the almost 1000 miles along the Ohio, I couldn't help but be reminded that God's hand was evident during the whole trip, particularly with the weather. Initially, the river wasn't that pretty but after we left Louisville, KY, the countryside became quite beautiful. There were lots of lush, green trees and the curves and bends in the river made it very scenic. During the entire trip, we went through 22 locks!!!! And as another interesting note, there was a brass plaque on a wall in the boat which revealed that the hull of the boat had been made by the Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp in Salisbury, Maryland. That is my hometown, folks!!! That was a goosebump moment for me!

I must also comment that we met some wonderful people on the trip. There were two couples, one from Florida and one from Arizona, that we ate every meal with and they were so much fun. We laughed so much and so heartily that other folks were coming to our table wanting to join us. So, that was a blessing. It's nice to know that people are basically the same no matter where they're from. One interesting aside is that I noticed on the passenger list there was a couple from Easton, MD. When I looked at the name, I was fairly certain that he had worked where I had even though I had not known him personally. When I had the chance, I introduced myself and sure enough, I was right. Small world for sure. Now, let's go to Paducah.



Paducah, Kentucky's quilt museum featured quilts that were absolutely breathtaking. I am not a quilter but I have 3 or 4 quilts that I treasure, so I can appreciate the handiwork. God gives each of us different abilities and the quilters, whose work comprised this collection, have definitely been blessed by Him. In fact, many of them were so good, they looked like paintings.

Other stops along the way were Henderson, KY, which has a riverwalk spanning the bluffs with views of the Ohio, the fields beyond, and the thick forests on the Indiana side. John James Audubon spent nine years there studying and painting. Before WWI, Henderson had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world, and at one time, the world's largest dark tobacco producer. After Henderson, we went to Louisville, KY. Did you know that at the Louisville Slugger Factory they make a bat every 48 seconds? It was a great experience seeing the different phases of producing bats. We also visited Churchill Downs; I wasn't prepared for just how beautiful it is. We were able to watch a few horses running the track, another of God's blessings (both the horses and the chance to see them). Across the Ohio is Clarksville, where in 1803 Lewis and Clark organized their expedition across America. Next was Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the most beautiful and cleanest cities we've seen. Perched on the

Ohio River, it has an absolutely beautiful waterfront. Ten percent of their land has to be dedicated to parks. It was just beautiful seeing all the little parks everywhere. The architecture is just beautiful and in the late 1800's it was called the Paris of the America. Next was Maysville, KY, a picturesque town nestled in the hills on the southern banks of the Ohio. It is where Daniel Boone (a founding father of the town) set up an outpost and was an important stop on the Underground Railroad. It was an important port town, exporting whiskey, hemp, and burly tobacco and was once a center of wrought iron manufacturing. Rosemary Clooney was the town's most famous resident. There is a beautiful mural painted on the floodwall which depicts the history of Maysville. Marietta, Ohio (named after Marie Antoinette) was our next stop. It was a charming town and also very old, established in 1788. It was an important river port town and like Maysville, a station on the Underground Railroad. It's the site of the prehistoric Marietta earthworks, with mounds by the Hopewell Indians who lived in that area more than 1500 years ago. At one time there were brick factories, sawmills, and an iron mill. Oil was discovered in 1875 and 1910 and made many very rich. It is now the home of the longest running ferromanganese refinery in North America, producing nickel, superalloys, and



high performance steel. Next stop was Wheeling, WV. We saw two ends of an economic spectrum - the town, in general, looked unbelievably impoverished. Drab, rundown buildings that had seen better days, it was like taking a step back in time. However, one of the places we visited was the Oglebay Mansion and glass museum and the most beautiful gardens, with rolling hillsides, and a true mansion that was stunningly beautiful. Such a contrast. Our last stop, and where we disembarked was Pittsburgh, PA. I have visited Pittsburgh before and have thought it to be a beautiful city. It is where the Ohio, Monongahela, and Allegheny Rivers converge. There are so many beautiful bridges and buildings. Once a steel town, it is now flourishing with culture, medical centers, and colleges. There is much to do and see.

We were so blessed to have been able to take this trip. As I said before, we saw God's hand in so much: the people, the scenery, the history, and the wonderful weather that we enjoyed. We were so thankful for His blessings upon us.

Dee Horton

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Back Porch Meditations: Follow the Leader

As I was watering my trees out back, I heard honking coming from the front of my house. Startled and curious, I meandered barefoot back to my driveway, pink watering can still in hand, and to my surprise, I saw almost twenty geese walking straight in a row. As they waddled onto the grass and away from the little pond



behind my house, I smiled, imagining they were playing follow the leader. I wondered if the lead goose knew where to go? Was it somewhere they've been before? And how could they trust him to get to where they were going?

Geese, like swans, mate for life, and their young, when hatched, stay with the parents for a year or so before venturing on their own. A flock is a very tight knit group. And if you have been around geese, especially mother geese, you know how protective and territorial they can be. They love to graze in wide open fields because it's easier to look out for any threats or predators. Then, as they

search for new land to settle in, they will fly in a V formation, with the more experienced geese taking turns in leading the front.

Similarly, our church, though made up of many different families, is also one body, one flock. We have many different leaders here who guide us – Pastor Kurt, the lay leaders, and the Sunday school teachers to name a few. But leading us all, the point of our V, is Jesus. We can trust Him to lead us even when we may not know our destination, because He is the more experienced goose. He knows the best places to rest and guards the flock in the open fields.

Trust the geese in your life that help guide you. Psalm 23:2 says, "He lets me rest in grassy meadows, he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive" (Common English Bible). In this Psalm, David, as a shepherd, compares himself to sheep, which as a former shepherd, he knows much about. But what you may not know, is that for sheep to lay down, as they do in this Psalm, they must be free of all fear. They must feel at peace. And they must be full or satisfied. Sometimes, we, like sheep, are unable to rest because we are fearful, we aren't at peace, or we hunger. However, and I love this version for this reason, this verse states that the Lord keeps us alive! As long as we trust Him, we will have no fear, we will have peace, and we will be satisfied. But to do this, we must break down the barriers that keep us from experiencing the fullness of the Lord. Often, we may feel the need to be strong, protect ourselves, and be our own guides. In a Bible study I am going through, I read that we must allow ourselves to be needy. So allow yourself to be vulnerable. Allow yourself to be carried. You can't do it all on your own. God knew that from the very beginning. Trust in Jesus, our Shepherd, and follow the Leader.

Upcoming Events for Adults and Families

I am excited to announce so many new and fun fall activities for adults and families!

Join the women here at Socastee UMC for Bible study on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM. We meet in the Fellowship Hall in room 201.

We have started Saturday Night Live for the school year! We meet the second Saturday of every month, 6:00-8:00 PM, from September to May.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets once a month, on Wednesday Nights from 5:00-7:00 PM. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Check the church calendar for specific dates.

Lastly, since it was such a blast last year, we will be hosting Trunk or Treat again on Wednesday, October 30, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Join us for pumpkin decorating, a safe trick or treating environment, cider, and more!

Lauren Higgins, Director of Christian Education

October Birthdays

Steve Harmon	1	Scott Hover	15	Lillie McPherson	28
Jacob Bartlett	2	Donna Yeadon	15	Peggy Muravnick	28
Logan Cooper	2	Sue Cardarelli	16	Kaitlin Flowers	29
Dick Silvis	2	Marianne Eaton	16	Gleora Jones	29
Jean Bates	3	Marie Zakrzewski	16	Bill Donevant	30
Pat Chandler	3	Hayley Musgrave	17	Brandi Love	30
Kathy Silfer	3	Christy Roberts	17	Sherri Thompson	30
Don Bates	5	Nelson Bartlett	18	Dave Williamson	30
Jean Hover	5	Dayle Grimsley	20	Jacob Fry	31
Tina Shuppy	5	Allyson Jenkinson	21		
Del DellaVecchia	6	David Williamson,IV	21		
Kate Eley	6	Tom Jurasko	22		
Glenn Leigh	6	Sarge Smoak [Finch]	22		
Ronald Schloesser	7	Stella Smoak [Finch]	22		
Diane Tillery	7	Ann Watson	23		
Joe Allen	8	Carolyn Petrick	24		
Jackson Higgins	8	Melissa Ward	24		
Jonah Livingston	9	Vicky Winson	24		
Loretta Lowe	10	Doug Vining	25		
John McLaughlin	12	Whitney Crislip	26		
Kathleen Twomey	13	Robbie Haselden	26		
Aleksander Wright	13	Bayliss Johnson	26		
Richard Costner	14	Roy Johnson	26		
Tasha Hall	14	Marjorie Singleton	26		
Robert Schroder	14	Evelyn Combs	27		
James Flowers	15	Martha Allen	28		



October Anniversaries

Raymond & Barbara Harter	3
Mike & Pam Moyers	3
John & Janet McLaughlin	5
Dustin & Layla Ewald	7
Tim & Elaine Zachary	7
Joe & Martha Allen	9
Steve & Kathy Harmon	11
George & Shirley Mullen	12
Matt & Sunny Fry	13
George & Suzanne Grzeszkowiak	20
Tim & Teresa Turbeville	20
Tony & Margaret Hudson	21
Carlos & Janice Manen	22
Jimmy & Cynthia White	23
Forest & Kate Eley	27
Gregory & Sherri Thompson	29



November Birthdays

DJ Bohannon	1
Dorothy Miller	1
Jay Quiggle	1
Gail Collins	2
Gail Golder	2
Ray Rickan	3
Doris Troy	4
Jim Fields	5
Melanie Rogers	5
James Herring	6
Jacqueline Petrick	6
PJ McPherson	9
Cindy Johnson	11
Morgan Hall	12
Don Layton	14
J.Bice Ward	14
Debbie DellaVecchia	15
Grace Karnes	15
Cheyenne Singleton	15
Mark Hall	16
Tom King	17
Rod Schroder	17

Jim Silfer	19
Lanny Ard	20
Gaye Cox	20
George Mullen	20
Kody Ruff	20
Corinn Smith	20
Denise Thomas	20
Amy Weaver	20
Dee Horton	22
Annabel McIntyre	22
Sherry Montgomery	22
Jimmy White	22
Amanda Ambrose	23
Sally Crickmore	23
Nancy Faulkner	23
Lucas Grinnell	25
Al Wood	25
Garnet Ferguson	26
Autumn McGaha	26
Mike Leigh	27
Bob Douglas	29
Hannah Rowell	29
Karyn Edmonds	30

November Anniversaries

Bruce & Leslie Smith	4
Tom & Shirley Mahoney	8
Dave & Marcia Williamson	16
Johnny & Gail Collins	17
Bob & Dorothy Miller	25
Butch & Carole Williamson	26
Sam & Susan Gortney	27
Syd & Sandy Putnam	29

**December Birthdays**

Christian Moore	2
Steve Shuppy	2
Sue Ewald	4
Peyton Hall	4
Dylan Zachary	4
Layna Dalton	5
Matt Fry	6
Bill Juckett	6
Leigh Smith	6
Katie Ward	6
Helen Crisman-Janssen	7
Sandy Himstedt	8
Preston Turbeville	8
Ashleigh McGaha	9
Emily Robertson	9
Candice Todd	9
Sara Tucker	9
Miles Ard	11
Brett Dabbs	11
Jane Truitt	12

Alan Koch	13
Jeff Zachary	15
Ronda Joiner	16
Richard Ward	16
Pat Wood	17
Jim Finch	18
Ann Marie Lewin	18
Carolyn Vest	18
Sarah Flowers	19
Neal Smith	20
Tim Turbeville	20
Amy Jarvis	22
Linda Peterson	22
Charlotte Loiselle	24
Chuck Muravnick	24
Jerry Loiselle	25
Addison Owens	26
Ronald Campbell	29
Haley Wentz	29
Marlin Fry	30
Tammy Heilman	30

December Anniversaries

Whitney & Tyler Crislip	13
Michael & Erinn Bullock	16
Tony & Loretta Lowe	19
Mitchell & Martha Strickland	20
Coy & Joyce Waters	20
Jim & Kathy Silfer	26
Frank & Marianne Eaton	30
Gene & Susan Posey	30

Sunday Morning Worship



Our Sunday morning service is a traditional service with hymns, choir, bible reading, prayer, and a sermon. It is held each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM

in the main Sanctuary.

Sunday Evening Prayer And Praise Service



Our evening Prayer and Praise service is held each Sunday at 4:30 PM in the 1875 Sanctuary. Join us for singing, praying for others, and Bible Study.

Saturday Night Live (SNL)



We have started Saturday Night Live for the school year! We meet the second Saturday of every month, 6:00-8:00 PM, from

September to May.

Wonderful Wednesday

Bring the entire family on the second Wednesday of each month (October through May) for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

Bring your favorite game and a dish to share. Supper is served from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall followed by game night. The cost is adults \$6, children \$3, or family \$13.

Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF)



The Methodist Youth Fellowship meets once a month, on Wednesday Nights from 5:00-7:00pm. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Check the church calendar for specific dates.

United Methodist Men (UMM)



The UMM meet on the third Tuesday of each month (except July, August, and December) at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

Hope Circle (UMW)

Hope Circle (UMW) meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall, Room 105, at 12:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month for a snack, fellowship, and a meeting.



Bible Studies



Join us on Thursday mornings for Bible study led by Pastor Kurt. The group meets at 10:30 AM in the John Wesley Room in the Meeting House. All are welcome.

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8:45-9:45 AM

Nursery

We care for the littlest ones here.
Location: Fellowship Hall

Kindergarten & Up

Kindergarten and up to middle school meet in the Fellowship Hall.
Ages 3—middle school
Location: Room 203

Middle & High Schoolers

Main focus is on growth in Biblical knowledge and growing closer to Jesus.
Location: 1875 Sanctuary

John Wesley

We follow the lectionary of the church
Five teachers alternate leading weekly class discussions, based on quarterly lessons from Cokesbury.
Location: John Wesley Room

Aldersgate

Adult class that studies and discusses different books of the Bible.
Location: 1875 Sanctuary

Sarah Page Cooper

Adult class using the works of J. Vernon McGee to take an in-depth look at the books of the Bible.
Location: 1875 Sanctuary

Covenant Keepers (Starts at 9 AM)

Open discussion class for adults of all ages
This study focuses on the Bible and using it to instruct us in the right living and covenant relationships.
Location: Room 105

Deadline for Winter Newsletter

The deadline for the Winter newsletter will be December 8. Please email all your events or announcements to sumc@socasteeumc.org.

Realm is Coming!

Coming on September 29!! What is Realm you maybe asking? Here are just a few items you can do in Realm:

- Look up members in the church directory
- Update your personal information
- Give online
- View giving history and print your own statements
- Make and keep track of pledges
- Communicate with groups and teams
- Register and sign up to bring items for events



This is just a few ways Realm will help the church stay connected between Sundays. Realm is safe, private, and secure. We will have a Realm team that will be available after the morning worship on Sunday, September 29, in the Fellowship Hall to show you how it works and to help you get set up if you need help. There will be coffee and dessert available. Eat dessert before heading out to lunch!

Operation Christmas Child

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication. Stay tuned for more information on this wonderful mission



Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee

An effective committee builds a strong positive relationship between staff and congregation so that the congregation makes disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Individuals of the committee should have one or more of the following spiritual gifts: exhortation (encouragement), wisdom, discernment, administration, shepherding, helping, servanthood, and leadership. It should be diverse in age, experience, and interests. Some experience in human relations, personnel management, and communications is helpful. These individuals must listen well to both staff and people of all ages in the congregation, while keeping a focus on the mission of the church. THE COMMITTEE MUST BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY.

The Chair is the congregation's primary connection with the district superintendent and bishop related to the appointed leadership of the congregation.

Primary Responsibilities of the Committee:

Members maintain a healthy and growing personal spiritual life. They engage in biblical and theological reflection about the mission of the church and biblical leadership.

To encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor and staff and their families. Members confer regularly about the personnel conditions and issues that affect the congregation's total ministry, including healthy life-work balance.

To communicate openly and regularly with the pastor, staff, and congregation.

To recommend needed staff positions and develop and approve written job descriptions and titles for staff.

To recommend compensation, travel, housing, and other financial matters to the church council through the finance committee.

To recommend to the church council, in consultation with the pastor, a written statement of policy and procedures for hiring, evaluating, promoting, retiring, and dismissing staff members who are not subject to episcopal appointment (procedures must comply with local and state laws.)

To properly screen (including background checks) for lay employees and volunteer staff.

To provide an annual evaluation of the pastor and other staff for ongoing effective ministry.

Attractions Dining and Value Guide

Dee Horton will be selling the Attractions Dining and Value Guide starting in September. So, if you want one (or more) be sure to get them through SUMC, because the proceeds will be used to pay down the Fellowship Hall debt. They make great gifts!



Homecoming Sunday

Mark your calendar for Homecoming Sunday on October 20, Pastor Ray Smith will be our guest minister. After the service all are invited to a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Trunk or Treat



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October 30, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Join us for pumpkin decorating, a safe trick or treating environment, cider, and more!

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Time to turn the clocks back an hour on November 3 and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



UMM Spaghetti Lunch

The SUMC Men in Ministry will host a spaghetti luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service

on Sunday, November 3. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$15 for families. Everyone is invited.

Blood Drive

Socastee United Methodist Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on, Tuesday, November 5, from 2 PM until 7 PM. To book an appointment go online to RedCross/appointment.org or call Ruth Berckart at 843-650-4764.



American Red Cross

Giving desperately needed blood is just one way we can give of ourselves to others.

Annual Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be on Sunday, November 10 at 5 PM in the main sanctuary. All are invited to this meeting, however, only members are able to vote.

Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving lunch will be November 28, Thanksgiving Day, at 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come fellowship and share their thankfulness. Anyone wishing to attend please see the menu list in the narthex and sign up to bring your favorite dish or dishes for everyone to enjoy.

Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata will be on December 1 at the 10:00 AM Service and at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendar and plan to invite people to share in this experience and celebration of Jesus' birth!

Hope Circle/Men's Ministry Christmas Party



The Hope Circle will be hosting a Christmas Dinner Party on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM. We will have musicians performing

after dinner from the Jazz Band section of the Pawleys Island Concert Band. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone in our church that would like to attend. Please bring a covered dish or dessert and help us get into the holiday spirit!

The following new members have joined the church since our last Newsletter publication.

Scott Boster

Scott joined SUMC on June 16, 2019.

He is from Delaware, Ohio but moved to Myrtle Beach in 2006 when he was 5 years old.

He currently works with SOS Healthcare providing services for children with autism.

He likes running, learning about history, and swimming at the beach.

He leaves for basic training in November to become an infantryman with the National Guard. He then plans to do ROTC with CCU when he comes back from training so he can enter the active duty Army as an officer.



Michael & Irene Hanselman with baby Jack.

Baby Jake was baptized on June 23, 2019 and parents Michael & Irene joined the church on the same day. Jake is the grandson of Jackie Singleton and the great grandson of Linda Singleton.



Grace Alice Karnes

Grace Alice Karnes was baptized on June 16, 2019. She is the daughter of Colt and Madison Karnes, and the granddaughter of Melissa and Richard Ward.

Adrianna Alyson Wright

Adrianna was baptized on August 4. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Elena Wright, and granddaughter of Georgia O'Connor.

Diane Tillery

Diane is from Potomac, MD originally. She bought her house in the MB area in March and officially moved July 2.

Diane is a retired police officer/detective from Montgomery County, Maryland, having served for 30 years. She was on the D.C. sniper task force. After retiring she went to work as a homicide investigator for the Frederick County State's Attorney's office for seven years. She is now officially retired.

Diane is currently legally separated. She has three adult children - Matthew 33 who is engaged to Sevan, Kyle 30 who is married to Brittany, and Kellie 26. She has no grandbabies yet.

Diane loves the sun, reading, poker, and travel. She is also a dog person, having three golden retrievers who made the trip from Maryland with her.

She looks forward to serving the community.

Terry Eaddy

Terry was baptized on July 28, 2019. She is the sister of Marcia Williamson.

