

Global delegates gathered in Charlotte, NC to prayerfully discern the work before them beginning April 23 for the postponed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. That work concluded and the General Conference was adjourned last Friday. We have provided some resources on our website for your review at your convenience at www.calhounfirst.com/general-conference.

Some key items included:

- 1) Approving a regionalization plan (now needing to be approved by 2/3 of Annual Conferences) to allow for more effective kingdom building in our varied contexts. This offers local churches and the Annual Conferences greater authority in kingdom matters going forward.
- 2) Revisions to our Social Principles (including racism, human dignity, care for the world, other social and economic matters of daily life). These principles, while not church law, reflect on our character and how we might better lead the church in our context.
- 3) Removal of restrictive language related to LGBTQIA+ people. This includes local churches, like ours, deciding whether or not to host weddings of LGBTQIA+ individuals (currently not allowed at CFUMC per our wedding policy). Clergy will also have the authority to preside over or refuse to preside over such services. Churches will continue to work with our Conference's leadership regarding clergy appointments in the future.
- 4) A variety of other decisions, such as changes in the budget process, lower apportionments, and Deacons being given sacramental authority, among others.

You will find more information through the resources mentioned above on our website. Church leadership will also be reviewing and evaluating more details as they become available in the coming months. You can call the office with questions and I or another of our leaders will try to answer the best we can with the information we have. Continue praying for our denomination and our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Peace, Pastor Ed



Christmas in July will be here before you know it. We are collecting two items with a goal of at least 100 of each. The items to be collected and dates are below:

- o **May 19– June 9:** Men's & Ladies Deodorant
- o **June 16– June 30** Body Soap or Body Wash



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHEN: Monday, June 17 — Thursday, June 20

TIME: 6 — 8:30 pm

WHO: Kids age 3 years old through rising 6th graders

For registration information or to sign up to serve, contact Shea Walraven at 678-986-0454.



Peanut Butter Sunday is May 12. Arrangements have been made to purchase peanut butter monthly for the VAC. Financial donations can be made through the church by check (with "VAC-PB" in the memo line) or cash (placed in an envelope labeled "VAC-PB"). You may also donate additional jars of peanut butter by placing them in the giving tubs or seeing Alan Hathcox or Judy McEntyre for more info.

Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Our Faithfulness - Attendance

April	21	28	5/5	12	19
Worship	117	84	100		
Sunday School	61	45	61		

Giving

Date	Weekly Actual	Prior Year
April 21	\$10,612	\$6,168
28	\$4,560	\$5,251
May 5	\$14,377	\$16,092
12		
19		

May Anniversaries

5/12	Champ & Lynne Kelly
5/21	William & Becky Matthews
5/23	Chuck & Taunya Faulkner
5/29	Brady & Beth Grubbs



May Birthdays

5	Gale Thrantham
8	Dawn Townsend
9	Mark Leberman
10	L.P. Owens Rodney Mathis
13	Banks Hathcox
15	Todd Anderson
18	Terry Blair
20	Dana Hammond Scott Waters
21	Will Rawls
23	Sue Haney Max Parrott Ed Moyer
24	Casey Poole
26	Matt Rice Carol Outka
28	Matt Tallent
30	Marge Ware
31	Stella Arnold



Prayer List

*Names in bold have been added recently.
Names are subject to roll off if there are no updates.*

Our Members: Richard Arwood family, **Buddy Autry**, Louise Bond family, Jody Bryson, Philip Beamer, Lolita Conley, **Faye Honeycutt**, JoAnn Lewis family, Lee Linn, Amy Massey, Roy Matuska family, Margie McGowan family, Michelle Newton, Cheryl Parrott, Dr. Max Parrott, Angie Prater, Edna Quinn, Diane Rosencrance, Frank & Mary Alice Sullivan, Doug Todd, Larry Trimble

Assisted Living:

- Calhoun Health Care: Ronald Strickland
- Morning Pointe: Elmo Emily, Barbara Greeson, Sandra Landrum, Julie Moore, Faye Worley
- The Fountains: Ted & Anne Collins, LaBelle Lance, Pat Lewis, Judy Ray, Sid Tankersley, Robert Wages
- The Oaks, Fairmount: Nieta Arwood

Our Missionaries: Humphrey Kanga (Kenya)

Our Friends: **Willie Amerson family**, **Linda Baker**, Betty Butler family, **Glenda Carter**, **Rev. Theresa & Bill Coleman**, James Coleman family, Nancy Craze family, **Syble Gay**, **Johnny Hanns**, Karen Hart Family, Alvan Hite, Jeannie Hobgood, **Shirley Holland**, Susan Hyde, **Charles Johnson**, Dennis Jones family, J.J. Jones, Johnny Jones, Ashley Matthews, Paul Matuska family, David McKenzie, family, Shani McKoon, Diana Miller, **Mary Mobbs family**, Gris Montenegro, **Mario Montenegro**, Maria Morton family, Tonya Nichols, Phillip Nowak, W.A. Parrish family, Wilma Parrish family, Ellen Peterson, Frank Peterson, **Maria Peterson**, Henry Phillips family, Joyce Puckett family, **Pat Rae family**, Bob Scott, Annette Smith family, **Marilyn Stearman**, Patsy Stephens, Judy Tilley, **Ross Tipps family**, **Travis Utter**, Jana Willingham

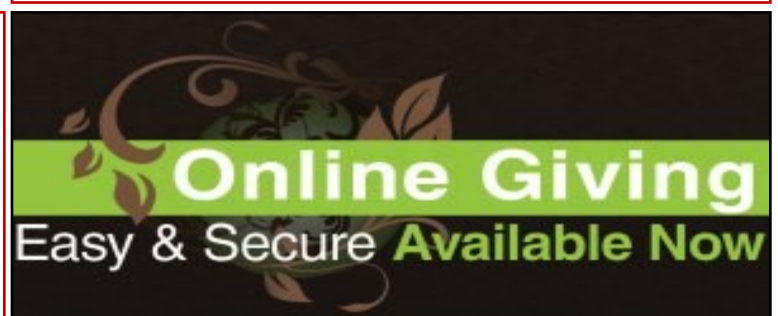
General Concerns: **World conflicts**, our country, **the United Methodist Church**, clergy and congregations during this season of moves, missionaries, **unspoken/confidential requests**

*If you have prayer requests, please let us know by writing them on your Connect Card or email prayer@calhounfirst.com. You can also call the church office at 706-629-2685.

*Congratulations to
Rebecca Hite &
Nathan Fitzgerald!*

*They were joined
in matrimony on
May 4, 2024.*

*May God bless your
marriage and your
future together.*



You are still able to give to the church when traveling this summer. You can simply and easily set up your gift to be given through the internet. Go to calhounfirst.com/give and click on "GIVE ONLINE" where you can choose to set up a one time or recurring gift. Should you have any questions or need assistance in setting up online giving, please call the church office at 706-629-2685 and we will be happy to help.