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### **WHERE DOES YOUR FAMILY'S GPS LEAD**

After 36 years of working in higher education, I continue to be amazed that in the one class I teach during spring semesters, at least one student every year tells me that I am the first person of color she or he ever had for a teacher. This is 2017!

In higher education, we talk about the importance of exposure to diversity because we live in a world with problems of global proportions that require problem solving and innovation by people from different racial and ethnic and backgrounds working together from around the world.

I am equally surprised at the number of students who arrive on a college campus and tell us that they have never done volunteer work or have little knowledge that there are people in our communities who are homeless, starving and destitute. And what is more surprising is that some of our most privileged students have little understanding that the homeless, starving and destitute are also their brothers and sisters (in Christ).

When my dad was stationed in the Canal Zone in Panama and I was about 8 years old, I remember a village of homes burning to the ground in Panama City. The news traveled quickly that hundreds of Panamanians were living in a tent city. The Chapel on the Army Post where we lived started a food and clothing drive that many, many Americans supported. For the first week, my mom and dad would join in with other military service people to help take food and clothing to the tent city. I always accompanied my mom and helped give out food and play with the other little homeless girls my age. But when I asked my American friends who lived on the Army Post with me if they wanted to come along, they would tell me their parents did not want them to see the devastation or play with homeless kids who might have diseases.

That was probably the beginning of my education about the privilege I had as a little girl with a food, shelter and clothing and the importance of me giving away some of my clothes and helping to feed other children like me who had no food. I always remember my mom saying, "Zoila, there but for the grace of God, go I." In other words, my family's security could have vanished too.

As I reflect on that tragic experience of others so long ago and the experiences I have today with college age youth, I often wonder what are the ways in which parents are exposing their children to the rich diversity of our world so that they understand that there are differences not only in race and ethnicity but socio-economic status, religion and yes, the worldviews of others. And more important, that our humanity connects us to one another should never be forgotten.

The opportunity to provide exposure to difference and engage our children in discussions about equity and justice is an important way of preparing them for the inevitable - a world that is going to be so much more diverse and technologically advanced than ours is, even today.

On behalf of the Journeying Toward Justice Group, we hope that you and your family will make our Fall Speaker Series one of the many stops along the way to embracing diversity. We believe that you will find the Fall Speaker Series provocative, compelling and worthy of family conversations in your home.

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## SUNDAY, July 2, 2017

### 8:30 and 11:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: Rev. Karen H. Whitaker

Scripture: Genesis 22: 1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6: 12-23 Matthew 10: 40-42

Hymns "O God of Every Nation" "This Is My Song" "America, the Beautiful"  
"I Am Thine, O Lord"

### 9:00 Worship and Communion

Sermon: "Akedah" Rev. Dr. Sangwoo Kim

Scripture: "Genesis 22: 1-14"

Songs: "Enough" "The Heart of Worship" "Alleluia (Communion),  
"El Shaddai" "Down the Road to Emmaus"

Ushers: Bob Hodgins, Carl and Luisa Nordman, Johnie Joyce

Liturgists 8:30: Maureen Oakes 11:00 Jung Choi

Offering Counters Emily Dike, Chuck Darr

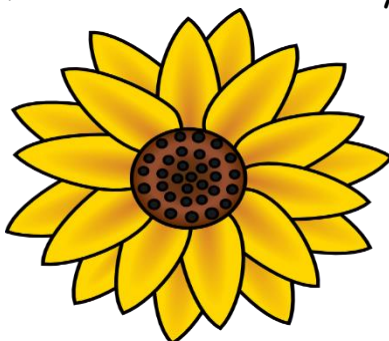
Altar Guild Meg Bass and Jane Hanson Bus Driver: Beth Armbruster

Nursery: Marcey Harp, Meredith Seagroves, Susan Armour, Joan Fletcher

Acolyte: Michael Mumford Youth Reader: Ian Kim

Crucifer: Erin Engel Greeters: Beth Armbruster and Steve Smith

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
their parents, Bob and Eve Kissinger, and Fred and Mildred Dewey,  
by Monte and Gloria Dewey.







**VBSS (Vacation Bible Second Saturdays)** continues on **July 8** and August 12, 9 a.m. - 12:30. Be sure your children are registered! Forms are available in the farthex and narthex.

**WISDOM AND GRACE** The Festival of Wisdom and Grace Conference will be August 7-10 at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center. Individuals, couples, or small groups in the second half of life seeking inspiration and fellowship are encouraged to attend. The theme is "Forgiveness, Living in Grace". This is a wonderful conference in a beautiful environment. Come and meet folks and make new friends with UMC members in the S.E. Jurisdictional Association. Contact Ruth Clausing, 919-381-5809, for more information.

**SEWING SISTERS** will meet on Saturday, July 15, 9:30 til noon in room 2/3. All are welcome!

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Marlin Lennon, Jr., Sexton



## YOUTH NEWS & NOTES



### U.M.Y.F.

### Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>: Dinner outing to Kanki...more details to follow!!

Reminder that due to vacations, camps and other travel opportunities over the summer for our youth and their families, AND so our counselors can have a well-deserved break, U.M.Y.F. will not meet every Sunday night. To stay connected during the summer, we will have some spontaneous luncheon outings following the 11:00 worship service, and we are planning for the following activities, so stay tuned for dates and more details:



Frankie's Fun Park  
Day at the Lake  
Summer Lock-In



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 2<sup>nd</sup>: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SAINTS FOR THE WEEK:

Ben Engel, Dalton McCurdy and Erin Engel for serving as acolyte/crucifer/youth reader during the 11:00 worship service! Erin Engel for leading the childrens time for the worship services! Anna Darr & Dalton McCurdy for singing in the Chancel Choir during the 11:00 worship service! The wonderful Mission Celebration Luncheon sponsored by the Engel family!!

### ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER/READER SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Reader</u>
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Michael Mumford	Erin Engel	Ian Kim
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Katherine Lantzy	Dalton McCurdy	Julia Boltz
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jerryl Christopher	Jerush Christopher	Elise Benware
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Anna Darr	Jerryl Christopher	Katherine Lantzy
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Henri Nadworny	Virginia Nadworny	Hayes Hunter
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Mumford	Dalton McCurdy	Peter Walker
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline Mumford	Virginia Nadworny	Elise Benware
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Kim	Ben Engel	Caleb Engel
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Darr	Hannah Morris	Julia Boltz

**WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUMMER SCHEDULES CAN CHANGE AND YOU MANY NOT BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON AN ASSIGNED DATE, SO PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE AND CONTACT JOYCE AND THE CHURCH OFFICE.**




Have a safe and **Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!**  
Remember to give thanks for the many freedoms we have,  
and the many God-given gifts bestowed upon us!!



Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! Relax, rejuvenate, and remember how special you are, and to share the gifts that God has given you to help make our world a better and safer place, the gifts of peace, joy, hope and love! Remember---God's love knows no boundaries...let's keep making those boundaries even wider!

## JULY 2017

2 8:30, 9:00, and 11:00 WORSHIP 9:50 Sunday School 10:15 Summer Choir	3	4 Church Office Closed 	5 3:30 Prayer Group  <u>No Etchings This week.</u>	6 7:00 AA	7	8 9:00 - 12:30 VBSS
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### URBAN MINISTRIES NEEDS:

CANNED MEATS

CANNED SOUPS

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*(Leave your donations in the baskets near the church office.)*