



Weekly CHATTER

MAY 2ND, 2021

Sunday, May 2nd, Worship In-Person and Online.

WORSHIP UPDATE - This Sunday's worship on May 2nd will be in-person and online. Please bring your own camp chairs and gather on the church parking lot. Sundays May 9th, and 23rd, will be **both online and in-person**. May 16th and May 30th will be **online only**. Please sign-up on the following link for the in-person services at: <http://www.tinyurl.com/SAUMCWorship>

FROM THE PASTOR

God is good, all the time and all the time God is Good! And how good it is that this is our statement of hope and promise when times are good and when times are . . . not so good! I can claim that God is good when all is right with the world, in the welcome of a new family member, a new employment opportunity, a medical test that offers healing. But I also cling to the hope and promise when a family member is lost, when an opportunity falls through or a medical test reveals trials to come. God's goodness and faithfulness is constant, and his steadfast love endures forever.

As we turn our attention this week to Wesley's admonition to Give, we do so with God's goodness as the foundation for our response. We do not Give to avoid punishment. We do not Give out of obligation. We do not Give as we choose. We do not Give so others will offer us praise. We Give in response to the one who has Given us everything. As Paul wrote, the point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Join us in person or online this week, May 2nd to learn more about Giving. SAUMC's family and friends will be invited to make a commitment to Giving to support, strengthen, and expand the ministry and kingdom work to which we are called. Watch next week for a special stewardship edition of the Chatter. And thanks, for God is Good, all the time and all the time God is Good!

Pastor Sherri

CHURCH NEWS

YOUTH MISSION MEAL FUNDRAISER/COOKOUT

Sunday, May 2nd, following the in-person outdoor worship service. Our youth will be hosting a cookout and accepting donations to help offset the cost of our youth mission trip in June/July! Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/MissionMeal> to register! Hotdogs, Hamburgers, baked beans, slaw, chips, and cookies will be on the menu! Thank you for your support!

ONLINE ZOOM HOST NEEDED. We are looking for folks who are willing to help host our online Zoom worship! As we begin to return to hybridized worship, with both an online and in-person option, we will need folks willing to help with this act of hospitality! The main host needs to have proficient computer skills and the co-host role does not need to be as skilled on a computer! Contact Kevin Ward (kjw2517@gmail.com or 704-553-1327 ext. 105) if you would like to help out or have questions!

NEW BOOK STUDY.

Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Meredith Barnes' **"All the Time: Daily Devotions, Finding Faith in the Everyday Moments"**. This book of daily devotionals will help us expand our understanding of time and how that impacts our faith. Kevin Ward has books available. This group will currently meet via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86808715088> or type in the meeting ID: 868 0871 5088. Amy Ward is the facilitator. Please email Kevin Ward at kjw2517@gmail.com or Amy at amy.ward3511@gmail.com for more information!



JAMES HARNISH'S "EARN.SAVE. GIVE." NOW THROUGH – MAY 4TH.

Option #1 - Join the Pathseekers on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. **in-person** in the Commons Room (#1) on May 2nd, **online** April 25th and May 2nd. Click link for Pathseekers conversation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84078813663?pwd=WWdHekRnWfdEQXYSSTF0a0RkOWFvQT09>

Option #2 - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Kevin Ward for Tuesday group information at 704-553-1327, ext. 105 or kjw2517@gmail.com.

LABOR DAY TEKOA FAMILY RETREAT. It is time to register for the September 3rd-6th, 2021 Tekoa Family Retreat! Please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/TekoaFamily2021> to fill out a registration form! Questions? Please email Kevin Ward at kjw2517@gmail.com or call 704-553-1327 ext 105 .

SUMMER CAMP. We are blessed here in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church to have some amazing summer camps for young and old alike to attend! Summer camp experiences can be incredible springboard for our young people's faith! It is not too late to get registered for each camp! Visit www.camptekoa.org to register for camp at either Camp Tekoa or Camp Tekoa Foothills (they even have an awesome family camp scheduled). Visit www.mtshepherd.org to register for camp at Mt. Shepherd Camp and Retreat Center! Camp Tekoa, Camp Tekoa Foothills, and Mt. Shepherd all provide excellent summer camp experiences for young people!

NEED HELP FINDING A LOCATION TO GET

VACCINATED? Please click on the following link: <https://vaccinefinder.org> for a step-by step-guide to assist you in your hunt. We hope this Vaccination resource link will be helpful to you and your family.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS JULY 11TH - 14TH FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

Discovery on Adventure Island Kindergarten through grade 5. Registrations will be available soon.

CHILDRENS COUNCIL/VBS MEETING Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Interested in childrens' council or VBS? Join us as we work on summer and fall plans.



- 2 Deborah Hemenway
- 3 Shirley Clontz
- 3 Vicki Robinson
- 5 Pat Madar
- 7 Reed Battin
- 7 Hannah Connell
- 7 Dennis Evans
- 7 Martha Little
- 7 Rhett Taber
- 7 William Schrader
- 7 Will Yokeley



WORSHIP SERVICES

MAY 2ND, 10:00 a.m. In-person and Online.

Please bring your own camp chair we will gather in the church parking lot.

Scripture Reading for May 2nd.

1 Peter 4:10

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

MAY 9TH, 10:00 a.m. MOTHER'S DAY

In-person Sanctuary and Online.

MAY 16TH, 10:00 a.m. Online Only.

23RD, 10:00 a.m. In-person Outdoors and Online.

MAY 30TH, 10:00 a.m. Online Only.



REGULAR CHURCH HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays.