

THE CONNECTION

CHEROKEE SPRINGS UMC

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August 2023

Dear Cherokee Springs Family,

It seems like the summers go by more quickly with every passing year. I don't know if it's because I'm getting older, if work makes it go more quickly, or if it's something else entirely. All I know is I don't like it! While I don't have to prepare myself to go back to school, I still miss the excitement that came along with "starting a new year." I might still take a trip to Office Depot and buy a few office supplies just for nostalgia's sake.

This might sound crazy, but I'm looking forward to being forced to get up early again to take Livi Mae to preschool. I thought Fatherhood was supposed to bring at least two things with it: 1) Dad Jokes that could make dice roll their eyes, and 2) Getting up before the roosters. I'm getting pretty good in the dad joke department, but waking up is still a struggle. I suppose I'm getting pretty good at the afternoon nap though!

Rest is important. But rather unfortunately, it's something we in the United States, among others, haven't made a priority. The opposite is true actually. We have made productivity our priority. If we aren't being productive or creative in some way, we're lazy. That's the false dichotomy we live in. Hustle or die.

If you want to get into a good college or university, you'd better have the money, and also the time for extracurriculars that show the depth and breadth of your character—Athletic, Academic, and Civic. If you want to provide for your family, you'd better stay late at work to make an impression, so you get that promotion. And with people living longer and longer, you'd better find a job after you're forced to retire if you want the money to be there when you really need it.

We're all barreling toward burnout. And I think church attendance is a reflection of that. Folks don't have time to rest with all that's expected of them and their kids. If we're being honest with ourselves—and Scripture is honest with us—discipleship takes work. If we want folks to have time for discipleship, we have to start advocating for rest. We need to start teaching rest as a subject along with math, science, and literature. And perhaps that curriculum is a perfect one for the Church to embrace.



With Love,
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15am

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00am

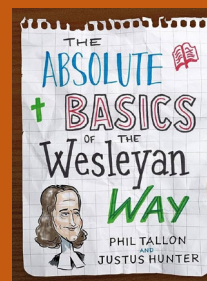
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bible Study: Tuesday 6:30pm

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:30pm

Youth: Sundays 5-7pm

- August 13th - Blessing of the Backbacks
- August 15th - Worship and Witness 7:30pm
- August 27th - Church Potluck



**Bible Study starts back
Tuesday, August 15th
"The Absolute Basics of
the Wesleyan Way"**

Virtual services offered through our
Facebook page.



*Calendar changes will be announced during
Sunday services and on the
CSUMC Facebook page.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11 – Karen McEntire
21 – Judy Cantrell
23 – Pam Brown

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

21 – Gene and Judy Cantrell

Sunday Servers

Ushers: Gene Cantrell Dennis Bidy

Alt: Rick Van Vleet

Counters: Randy Brown and Mike Webber

Acolyte: Patricia Meyers

READERS

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| Aug 6 | Dean Hartsoe |
| Aug 13 | Gail Durant |
| Aug 20 | Mena Codespoti |
| Aug 27 | Rick Van Vleet |

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

We are Family: Discipleship from Age to Age

August 6th – Children 1-12

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Matthew 18:1-3, 19:13-15

August 13th – Adolescents/Youth (13-17)

Ecclesiastes 11:7-10

1 Timothy 4:12-16

August 20th – Adults (18-65)

Ephesians 4:7-16

Luke 2:41-52

August 27th – Older Adults (65+)

Psalms 71:5-9, 15-18

Luke 2:22-38

Mark those
Calendars



August 6- Youth- St. James
 August 13- No Youth
 August 20- Youth - St. James
 August 27- Youth - St. James

*Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list.
 If you have a new prayer request or update, please text them to 864-921-0662.*

*Deadline to submit next month's newsletter info is: August 21
 Updates . . . Corrections . . . Changes . . . to the newsletter? Email info@cherokeespringsumc.org*