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August 2023

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**YOUTH SUNDAY!**  
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**AUGUST 6TH**  
**10:30 aM**



BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS



*BEGINS AUGUST 17!*

# GOT

# QUESTIONS?

*Come ask our pastor. Thursdays @ 7 pm*

## From the Pastor

Dear ones,

It occurred to me this week that most people in The United Methodist Church probably do not know the questions that their pastors who are ordained as Elders are asked before they are presented to the Clergy Session of the Annual Conference for approval to be ordained. So, I am sharing with you the questions that Bishop L. Jonathan Holston asked of me as a condition of ordination. The questions are in bold and are followed by my answers as of this writing! There are additional questions that are asked during the ordination service itself (I have those posted to my office door if you are interested in reading them).

¶ 336. *Historic Examination for Admission into Full Connection*—The bishop as chief pastor shall engage those seeking to be admitted in serious self-searching and prayer to prepare them for their examination before the conference. At the time of the examination the bishop shall also explain to the conference the historic nature of the following questions and seek to interpret their spirit and intent. The questions are these and any others that may be thought necessary:

### **Have you faith in Christ?**

I do. I am deeply in love with Jesus and trust him to save me from Sin and Death. He is my hope.

### **Are you going on to perfection?**

With God's help, by grace, through faith, I find myself loving God and my neighbor.

### **Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?**

Yes, but not by my own efforts. I expect that one day I will love God and others out of pure habit.

### **Are you earnestly striving after it?**

I am, as I trust that the Holy Spirit is conforming me to the image of Christ, making me more like him, so that this is possible.

### **Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?**

Yes. In some ways, I see everything I am and do that is good as being fitted for this purpose.

### **Do you know the General Rules of our Church?**

I do! I read them a long time ago and thought they were a bit quirky. But the gist is "Do no harm. Do good. Attend to the ordinances of God." The ordinances of God are those things we believe were commanded by God including:

Public worship

The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded

The Supper of the Lord (Holy Communion)

Family and private prayer

Searching the Scriptures

Fasting or abstinence

Some people have started calling the third rule "Stay in Love with God" but I reject that as these are all bodily practices engaging the will, the spirit, and the heart and are meant to be ways that God gives grace to us. But, they do help us stay in love with God.

### **Will you keep them?**

With God's help I will (even the part about not speaking ill of magistrates and ministers).

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**Do you approve our Church government and polity?**

Yes, enough so that I agreed to teach it to lay people for 6 years or so in the Lay Servants program of the Rock Hill District.

**Will you support and maintain them?**

I will and do.

**Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?**

I love telling children about God and how much they are loved by God and by the Church.

**Will you visit from house to house?**

Absolutely. Give me call and invite me over! This has been a hard skill to remember since, due to COVID-19, I spent three years being unable to visit folks in their homes and have probably gotten too used to not being able to do so. So, please do consider calling me for a visit. I would love to learn your story.

**Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?**

I have, but this is the most difficult of these. Once, I was part of a group fast. The men of the Swansea Charge United Methodist Men agreed to fast on Fridays at lunch time. The money we would have spent we saved and brought to our meetings. We used that money to pay for one of the men's prescriptions. I was deeply impacted by that show of devotion and love.

**Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?**

I was wondering if I would still be able to fish when the Bishop asked this... but I said yes.

**Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?**

I am not. I worked hard in Seminary to leave with as little debt as possible. I was fairly successful and we were able to finish paying for my education at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary fairly quickly.

**Will you observe the following directions?**

**a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.**

I think about this question once in a while as I am watching YouTube videos. I tell myself it's productive because I am learning about things that keep me happy.

**b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.**

Yes.

I hope that these questions, and my answers, will give you some insight as to why I do the things that I do, in the ways that I do them. May the Holy Spirit work within us together, that having been born through water and the Spirit, we may both live and love as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ!

**Kay Kirkpatrick**

Given By:  
Sonny & Ann Sanders  
Larry & Pamela Cantey  
Jan & Cliff Toner  
Mitch & Cathy Gardner  
Libby Perry  
Dianne & Buck Sprott  
Harriet & Jimmy Holladay  
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse  
Joann Feltman  
Christina Stallings  
Sandra Rutherford  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney  
AB & Sue Jordan  
Jo Gamble

**Nick Meistrell**

Given By:  
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse

**Nita Denny**

Given By:  
Ann & Bill Mockton  
Jan & Cliff Toner  
Anna Polston  
Page Renger  
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney  
AB & Sue Jordan

**Ernie Mahoney**

given by:  
Lauri & Fuzzy Furse, Donnie &  
Neal Mahoney

**Dory Judy**

given by:  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Bob Spigner**

given by:  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Bob Tucker**

Given by:  
Artie & Beverly Felder  
Jim Black  
Annette Browder  
Mary Edith Eaddy

**Cynthia Whitaker**

Given By:  
Jim Black

**Bill Rogers**

given by:  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Foye Shelton**

given by:  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

**Zachary Geddings**

given by:  
Donnie & Neal Mahoney

Honorariums:

**Sharon Cramer**

Given By:  
Dianne & Buck Sprott  
AB & Sue Jordan

**Jim Black**

given by:  
AB & Sue Jordan

**Garson Taylor**

given by:  
AB & Sue Jordan

**Gerri Ann Danilowicz**

given by:  
Tommy & Jane Benton

The Flower Calendar for the 2024 year is in a note book in the church office.

All the yellow highlighted days are open for arrangements. If you wish to have flowers on any of these Sunday's please call or email the church office.

**2023 Flower Calendar**

August	6	13	20	27	
September	3	10	17	24	
October	1	8	15	22	29
November	5	12	19	26	
December	3	10	17	24	31

**2024 Flower Calendar**

January	7	14	21	28	
February	4	11	18	25	
March	3	10	17	24	31
April	7	14	21	28	
May	5	12	19	26	
June	2	9	16	23	30
July	7	14	21	28	
August	4	11	18	25	
September	1	8	15	22	29
October	6	13	20	27	
November	3	10	17	24	
December	1	8	15	22	29



CIA  
Water  
Day  
was a  
blast!!



**Our Prayer List** Please remember the people below in your prayers. This list is in continuous rotation, if you do not see your loved one on this list please call the church office and update us on their health.

Carrie Blanchard	Kathy Gatlin	Walter Peacock
Blane Brown	Courtney Holladay	Ann Plowden
Chuck Buddin	Harriet Holladay	Jean Prothro
Paul Butler	Joe Huffman	George Ridenour
Lynn Collins	Christine Hutto	Tim Russ
Ann Cutter	Paulette Jackson	J.B. Sinclair
June Davis	Spencer Jordan	Family of Bob Tucker
Phyllis Dickason	Onnie Kendall	Jan Toner
Hazel Erickson	Lamar Kennedy	Kathy Tittle
Lindsay Furse	Jackie Lamb	Wayne Vincent
Hattie Furse	Ken Lovorn	Leighton Weiskopf
		Rebecca Whitehead

**Please remember to Pray for our members who are living away from home, in the military, or who have limited mobility:**

Nancy Andrews	Woody Haynes
Joyce Bowers	Bettye Johnson
Deedee Clark	Margaret Lee
Rosella Daniels	Wilson Lepp
Liz Denny	Neal Mahoney
Jared Dube`	Joan Odom
William Gamble	Jean Schmelzle
Anne Haley	Cliff Toner



Attendance	Worship Attendance	FB Live
June 25	9:30 am Sunday School—46 Worship 10:30 am — 84	Views 253
July 2	9:30 am Sunday School—57 Worship 10:30 am — 78	Views 277
July 9	9:30 am Sunday School— 53 Worship 10:30 am — 94	Views 226
July 16	9:30 am Sunday School— 56 Worship 10:30 am — 97	Views 287

2023 Tithes & Offering		
Needed Each Week	\$ 9,773.56	
	Received Weekly	
June 25	\$ 3,937.71	
July 2	\$ 9,375.93	
July 9	\$ 6,444.31	
July 16	\$ 17,192.00	
Total Received	\$	
Needed Year to Date		\$ 273,659.58
Total Received YTD		\$ 214,174.28
Overage or (Deficit)		(\$ 59,485.30)



8/21-Jody & Terri Ard  
 8/23-Kem & Rita Thomas  
 8/26-Larry & Edna Ellis  
 8/27-Ashley and Lou Holladay  
 8/28 -Stan & Lu Nickell

8/12- Jim & JoAnn Eaddy  
 8/14-Winston & Genie Hodge  
 Julien & Pam Weinberg  
 8/16-Ted & Barbara Johnson  
 8/17- O'neil & Sherrille Ward

8/1-Michael & Peggy Windham  
 8/3-Cal & Kimberly Land  
 8/8-Arthur & Sue Jordan  
 8/10-Jerry & Margaret Robertson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Youth Carrigan Farm Trip	2	3 5:30 Pilot Club	4	5
6 Back To School Blessing 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	7 10:30am Prayer Team	8 Blood Drive	9 6:00 Trustee Com.	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	14 10:30am Prayer Team 6:30-United Meth. Men Supper	15 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	16 6:00 pm Finance Com.	17 7:00 pm Got Questions	18	19
20 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	21 8-12 MUMC Day School 10:30am Prayer Team	22 8-12 MUMC Day School	23 8-12 MUMC Day School 6:00 pm Choir Covered Dish	24 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm Got Questions	25 8-12 MUMC Day School	26
27 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm UMYF	28 8-12 MUMC Day School	29 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm Chior Rehearsal 7:00 pm Stephen Ministries	30 8-12 MUMC Day School Witness Wednesday 6:30 pm Ken Sexton	31 8-12 MUMC Day School 7:00 pm Got Questions		

8/22-William Elmore  
 8/24-Judy Hooks  
 8/25-Michael Windham  
 8/26-Debbie Rowell  
 8/27-Pam Weinberg, Dave Harrison, Jody Taylor  
 8/28-Ashley Holladay, Graycen Gainey  
 8/29- Maggie Gamble  
 8/30-Tami Harrison, Jonathan Brewer

8/15-Marshall Black  
 8/16-Mike Terry  
 8/17-Vicki Ouzts  
 8/18-Jayson Browder  
 8/19-Gerald Robertson, Bill Brewer,  
 Jonathan McLellan  
 8/20-Johnny Odom  
 8/21-Charlie Gavin

8/3-Jody Ard, Jr., Taylor Lowder  
 8/4-Michelle Lee, Ruthie Odom, Anne Little, Donald Mahoney  
 8/6-Larry Ellis, Ray Ward, Kitty Stephens  
 8/7-Mickey Brewer, Carolyn Allen  
 8/8- Shannon Barwick, Ginny Flynn  
 8/9-Sam Stewart  
 8/12-Barney Brewer, Sylvia Clark  
 8/14-Katherine Coffey, Thad Kennedy





# The Back Page August 2023



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**AUGUST 6TH**  
**10:30 AM**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!**

**BACK<sup>2</sup>SCHOOL**

BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS



**We Challenge You!**

**Everyone Welcome**

Pickleball Tournament

August 7th 6pm

See Kelly to Sign up



August 1

Trip to Carrigan Farms

See Kelly for details



 **THE BLOOD CONNECTION**  
Your Community Blood Center

Blood Drive August

6th

10am-3pm