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From the Pastor

Dear ones,

Many people have been important to the formation of Protestant Christianity. In our tribe of evangelical and sacramental Methodism, we claim influence by the brothers, Rev. John and Rev. Charles. John Wesley was a brilliant, practical theologian and preacher. Charles Wesley you may recognize as a tremendous hymn writer. He penned several of my favorites including "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

We are also indirectly influenced by the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, who died in 1546, and is credited with beginning the Protestant Reformation by sending a list of reforms (Ninety-Five Theses) for debate to the Archbishop and may have nailed them to the door at All Saint's Church and others in Wittenberg, Germany.

The Rev. John Wesley had what some refer to as his conversion experience while Luther's commentary on the book of Romans was being read in a home on Aldersgate St. in London. He described the experience in his Journal by writing, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

I read a quote on Facebook which was attributed to Martin Luther. It was in regard to his ministry during the Black Plague. I share that with you below:

I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I will fumigate, purify the air, administer medicine, and take medicine. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order to not become contaminated, and thus perchance inflict and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me. But, I have done what he expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely. This is a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy, and does not tempt God.

This is Luther's response to the Black Plague in a time when he had no idea how it was being transmitted or even what may have been its cause. I find it simply amazing and resolutely an attitude of one who must have trusted in Christ. I share it with you as we face the upsurge of an albeit lesser plague because I find it utterly faithful, it reminds us to trust in Christ, and it warms my heart.

Press on in faith,

FRANK DAVID

Prayers for Teachers, Students, and Administrators as they begin this school year!



Our Church has Gifts! Thank you!



EPWORTH MOMENT: In 1915 Epworth Children's Home was a working farm on the edge of the city of Columbia and consisted of only 4 buildings. The campus needed to expand to serve the growing number of children coming to Epworth. The Methodist people of South Carolina stepped up and began a campaign. The campaign was that each Methodist would work one day for the children at Epworth and bring that day's wages to the offering plate of the local church on the following Sunday in September. At that time the average wage in America was about \$1.75 per day. By 1916, more that \$ 9,000.00 was raised annually on Epworth Work Day,

enough to balance the budget and provide for the expansion of 6 buildings to better serve the children. In 2016 if every United Methodist in South Carolina answered the call of the original Work Day Offering and gave one day's wages to the children at Epworth, approximately \$ 26 million would be given in a single day. Since Epworth Children's Home does not receive apportionments, Epworth's children depend on the generosity of United Methodists through the annual Mother's Day and Work Day offerings. Thank you, Manning UMC, for always being so generous in your giving to Epworth for the Work Day Offering each year. The Epworth Work Day for 2021 is on September 12th. Please give your offering at the church service or bring it or mail it to the church office.

September



9/4 Penny Windham
 9/5 Nash Kosinski
 9/6 Jenna Still
 9/7 Michelle Coker
 9/9 Bo King, Cathy Kennedy, Kelli Brunson,
 Mickey Jordan, Samantha Coffey
 9/11 Robin Page, Elizabeth Brock
 9/12 Mickey Sexton, Davis Felder

9/13 Ellen McFaddin, Elizabeth Denny, Patrick Burns
 9/14 Ann Alderman, Cindy McInnis,
 JoAnn Eaddy, Bennett Stephens
 9/15 Genie Hodge
 9/17 Barbara Flowers, Tony Norris,
 Richard Anderson
 9/19 Steve Brunson, Avery Kate Herod
 9/20 Sue Jordan

9/23 Joe Witt, Ikey Brunson
 9/24 Laura Brogdon
 9/26 Bobby Stewart, Arthur B. Jordan,
 Mary Michael Walker, Katherine Burns
 9/27 Linda Younts, David Lee
 9/28 Amanda Taylor
 9/29 Kem Thomas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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EDISTO ARTS & CRAFT TRIP: **Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021** Church Bus leaves at 8 am. Shopping from 10 am—12 pm. Then a Dutch Treat Lunch! Return approximately around 3:30. Sign up with Kelly.

CPR & First Aid Training: Is available this **Sunday Aug. 29, 2021 at 1:00 pm.** In the Fellowship Hall Come and join us if you would like this training.

Church Yard Sale: The Church yard sale will be **Saturday Oct. 2, 2021 at 8 am– 12 pm.** Drop Off dates are **Sept. 27 & 28.**



Dates to Remember:

Sept. 6 – Labor day Church Office Closed

Sept. 8 —Trustees Meeting 6 pm

Sept. 12 — Epworth Work Day Offering

Sept. 13 — Nelle Wells Circle Meeting 10 am

Sept. 13 – United Methodist Men’s Supper 6:30 pm

Sept. 14 — SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm

Sept. 15 — Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Sept. 16 — Book Club Meeting (Shirley Miller)

Sept. 27 — Stephen Ministries Meeting 7 pm