

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The regularly scheduled meeting was held April 13, 2023 with 7 members present.

### Lay Leadership

- On hiatus until Fall 2023

### Strategic Planning/Sound System

- Choir microphone is working well
- Piano microphone to be installed after consulting with piano tuner

### Lay Leader

- No report

### Worship

- Discussed organizations to receive donations in honor of Mother's Day & Father's Day
- Discussed status of people playing the piano

### Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC)

- Pastor Barre's vacation is approved for weeks of July 9, July 16, and July 23

### Trustee's

- Clean-up day to be scheduled
- Replacement of roof shingles at parsonage pending
- Additional information needed for storage of cheerleading mats

### Men's Fellowship

- Men's Fellowship is encouraged with 5-6 there each week
- Great discussions
- Additional people always welcome

### Finance Committee

- No report
- Special thanks to Ron for doing outstanding job of AUMC Treasurer

### Membership Committee

- Current membership is 77
- Membership status letters will be issued in April or May 2023

### Ramp Committee

- No. 661 completed
- 11 ramps are pending

### Puppets

- Participated in Mitchellsville Kids Easter party April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Ruth, Geraldine & other puppets will be incorporated into some future puppet presentations

### Chatter on the Ladder

- Self-sustaining financially
- Average attendance 10-15 each day

### Lighthouse Christmas

- 2023 Lighthouse Christmas will be Dec 16<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 11 AM
- Lounge throws will be given to all family members ages 4 and older

## OLD BUSINESS

- Safe Sanctuary Policy – when Robin is not here, the children's class will be in the Narthex. All roamers are asked to check the Sunday school area more frequently
- Active Shooter Policy – on hold
- No scout is interested in updating the Memorial Bricks as his Eagle Scout project
- Identifying alternate Sunday School teachers is in process
- Security cameras are being tweaked to get rid of the glare on white license plates
- Purchase of replacement garment bags for choir robes – pending
- Purchase of Child & Adult pads for AED equipment – Child pads have been purchased. Adult pads will be purchased in September when current pads expire.

## NEW BUSINESS

- CPR and AED recertification training – currently 9 members have signed up for this training. Glenn Davis will see when the instructor can conduct training.
- Chicken BBQ – Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Dan McConnell from Wheeler will do the chicken. Tickets will be sold in advance at \$12 each.
- Pork BBQ – Date to be determined. Earl & Dave Sherwood will prepare the pork.

## FUNDRAISERS

- Merchant and Tops cards - \$356.46 for the year
- Many thanks to everyone who participates in this project during the year

## **2023 SPECIAL SERVICES @ Avoca**

- Paul Gibbs – Sunday, May 21, 11AM – Combined service with Mitchellsville with potluck dinner to follow (AUMC providing pulled pork)
- The Dunneman’s – Sunday, July 30, 10AM – Combined service with Mitchellsville

## **2023 CONCERTS**

- August 24, Thursday, 5:30 PM AUMC picnic; 7:00 PM Concert – The Puffers
- December 16, Saturday, 3PM – Dave Burdick concert, dinner to follow

## **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**Ron Salles**

We continue to carry a reserve in the General Fund. The size of the reserve fluctuates from month to month, depending on the income and debts occurred, but most of the time there is enough working capital to keep our bills paid as they are received, along with any unexpected expenses that suddenly appear. The General Fund is the money we use to pay the everyday bills, like power and heat, pastor’s salary, insurance, office expenses, etc. I continue to pay our bills on time. We also continue to be paid to date on our ministry shares to the conference. Praise God and thank you!

On the Mission Fund side, we are concentrating on our local missions this year as our missions’ projects; The Ramp Mission, aka, The Ramp Guys, and The Lighthouse Mission, aka The Lighthouse Christmas.

The Campership Fund is mainly earned from the empty bottle and can drive, and some direct donations. There is a very modest reserve that is slowly building.

Thank you and God bless you!

Thank you for remembering your United Methodist Church Membership Pledge, “To faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.”

If you have any questions please contact Ron Salles (ronald.salles@me.com).

## **MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION**

**Ron Salles**

Please visit our webpage at [avocaumc.com](http://avocaumc.com) and find the links to our Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

We record the Sunday Service and publish it on our YouTube Channel. Unfortunately, anything that is copyrighted must be removed from the recording and things that are private (like prayer requests) are also removed. I try to only record the pertinent parts of the service, but sometimes someone may be recorded incidentally. If you don’t want to be part of the YouTube recording, let me know and I’ll edit you out.

If you can’t attend, or are traveling, you can still see the service. I try to post it by that evening or the next day at the latest. The post goes to the church’s Facebook account as well as the YouTube account. If you are a YouTube subscriber, you should get notification when you log on to YouTube. Please share with your family and friends.

We also record the service on DVD, so if you can’t attend for any reason or you want to see the entire service with the prayers and music, etc., (or until the DVD is full, a little more than an hour), let me know and we will get a copy to you at no cost to you.

We are working on some enhancements for the congregation and DVD experience.

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## **MEN’S FELLOWSHIP**

**Fred Groner**

CHANGE ? - Men's Fellowship completed the study guide "Favorite Bible Passages Vol 1." This study guide included 26 lessons. As usual the group expands upon the study guide with very thought provoking discussions, and that should be what Bible study should be all about. We discuss Bible Passages as they apply during Bible times, the present time in which we live, and even as we relate to them in our personal Life experiences. As we studied this particular study guide, the group as a whole came to an interesting conclusion. The problems and conflicts people

have with GOD's wishes and commands today are identical to the problems and conflicts people had with GOD's wishes and commands way back in Biblical times.

History has a way of repeating itself. People today have not learned from sins committed by people in the past and consequently have not learned the importance of obeying the wishes of GOD. What are we to conclude?

The word of GOD written in the Bible applies to us today just as it applied to people even at the time of the Book of Genesis. You cannot, as some people think, ignore the wishes and commands of GOD and rewrite the Bible to satisfy the wishes and low standards of people living in present day society.

The wishes and commands of GOD have not changed through the ages and are to be obeyed today. This is why GOD says in 2 Peter 1:20 that no personal interpretation of scripture is possible since the Word of GOD did not in the past and does not even today originate in the human mind. The wishes and commands of GOD cannot be changed by man.

Men's Fellowship meets almost every Sunday at 9:30am. Welcome

### **PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY** **June 4, 2023**

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice. Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation.

Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan, *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He*

*has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—and experienced by—the poor. Thanks be to God!

### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** **May 4, 2023**

The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

| <b><u>May</u></b>   | <b><u>June</u></b>  |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Glenn Davis       | 6 Donna Miller      |
| 7 Rosemary Loveland | 13 Kathy Ballinger  |
| 12 Shelly Cagle     | 20 Cheyenne Capezza |
| 16 Joyce McKeown    | 20 Lois Daniels     |
| 17 Judy Wightman    | 21 Heather Dodds    |
| 26 Rob Gerych       | 24 Nick Rogers      |
| 27 Gary Weldy       | 27 Lynn Anderson    |
| 29 Bill Thomas      | 30 Debra Dodds      |

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

| <b><u>May</u></b>            | <b><u>June</u></b>     |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Ron & Jane Salles          | 8 Chuck & Shelly Cagle |
| 18 Glenn & Linda Davis       | 15 Fred & Marge Wood   |
| 25 Dale & Marguerite English |                        |

### **RECIPE CORNER**

#### **POTATO-ONION BISQUE**

**Mike Wasserman**

For 4 Servings

#### **Ingredients**

3 Cups Peeled Sliced Potatoes  
1 Cup Sliced Green Onions  
1 Cup Sliced White Onion  
1 ¼ Quarts Chicken Broth  
2-3 Sprigs Fresh Thyme  
1 ½ Teaspoon Salt  
Dash Ground Pepper  
3 Tablespoon Chopped Parsley  
1 Cup Half-and-Half  
Shredded Cheddar (Optional)  
Paprika (Optional)

## Directions

1. In large saucepan heat the chicken broth
2. Add potatoes, bring to a boil, and cook for 10 minutes
3. Add green and white onions, bring to a boil
4. Add thyme
5. Cook under medium heat for 20 minutes until potatoes and onions are soft
6. Add salt, pepper and chopped parsley
7. (optional) Wisk or puree in blender or food processor
8. Add half-and-half and stir to combine
9. Warm over low to medium heat until heated
10. Serve in soup bowls, sprinkle with cheddar and paprika if used.

## Note

Bisque basically means Puree. This step can be skipped and will still be really good. If you do step 7, you may need to do it in parts and then recombine it in the pots.

## HAMBURG & NOODLES

Linda Davis

- 1 # Hamburg
- 1 Green Pepper
- 1 Bag of Noodles – 16 ounce
- 1 Can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 Soup Can of Water
- 1 Can of Cream Corn
- Grated Cheese for Topping – your choice

Cook hamburg and chopped green pepper until done.

Pre heat water to a boil and cook noodles until done, then set aside.

Use large dish to mix soups and water together.

Add the can of cream corn & stir well.

Add hamburg & chopped green pepper & mix well.

Then add noodles & mix well.

Add salt & pepper to taste.

Put in a greased 9 x 13 pan.

Preheat oven to 350<sup>o</sup>

Cover with aluminum foil and bake 40 to 45 minutes.

Remove from oven & remove aluminum foil.

Top with grated cheese.

Place in oven to melt cheese.

ENJOY !!!!!

## You Lovers of the English Language

might enjoy this . . .

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is “UP”.

It’s easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends.

And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.

We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has a real special meaning.

People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special. A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP. To be knowledgeable about the proper use of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary.

In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used.

It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don’t give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP.

When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP. When it doesn’t rain for a while, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I’ll wrap it UP for now – my time is UP, so . . . it is time to shut UP. Now it’s UP to you what you do with this.

**A MOTHER'S LOVE**  
**(Mother's Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>)**

No gift on earth is greater,  
No treasure held above,  
The joy that comes from knowing  
A Mother's endless love.

In spite of how it's tested,  
It grows from year to year,  
Providing strength and comfort,  
It "gently" draws us near.

It warms and it protects us,  
And guides us from afar,  
Shedding light upon us,  
Like a bright and shining star.

And when all things are measured,  
Not one shall rise above,  
Or be compared in value  
To a Mother's endless love.

**IN MEMORY OF YOU**  
**M.S. Loundes**  
**(Memorial Day – May 29<sup>th</sup>)**

We want to always remember  
The beautiful life you lived  
And keep alive the memories we have  
Through remembering what you did.

For you're so special to all of us,  
A wonderful person indeed  
Your love, laughter, and warm smile  
Reflected a heart that believed.

Just in the everyday things we do  
We remember your faith and love  
In the words you spoke to help us through  
Is a continued reminder for us.

Although we miss you so very much  
We know we'll see you once more,  
For this is the hope we have in God,  
Being re-united in the Lord.

As we gather we'll continue to share  
Special times we went through,  
For these are memories that warm our hearts  
As we honor the memory of you.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**  
**(Father's Day – June 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Bicycle flats, dolls with no heads,  
And radios that won't sing,  
You are my Dad, my hero,  
And you can fix anything.

I loved to see the weekends come,  
You cooked dinner on the grill.  
Burgers, steaks, and chops you cooked,  
All my favorite meals.

You told me funny bedtime stories,  
That made me laugh out loud,  
I told my friends the tales you told,  
Because I was so proud.

A strong man, yet gentle and kind,  
I always knew I was loved,  
When it comes down to the King of Dad's,  
You're always a cut above.

I am grateful to you, Dad,  
For teaching me right from wrong,  
But especially for fixing my radio,  
That wouldn't sing a song.

**"THE LINE"**

Every minute someone leaves this world behind.  
We are all in "the line" without knowing it.  
We never know how many people are before us.  
We can not move to the back of the line.  
We can not step out of the line.  
We can not avoid the line.

So, while we wait in line –

Make moments count.  
Make priorities.  
Make the time.  
Make your gifts known.  
Make a nobody feel like a somebody.  
Make your voice heard.  
Make the small things big.  
Make someone smile.  
Make the change.  
Make love.  
Make up.  
Make peace.  
Make sure to tell your people they are loved.  
Make sure to have no regrets.  
Make sure you are ready.

## UPSTATE NEW YORK

Here is what Jeff Foxworthy has to say about people who live in Upstate New York.....

Forget Rednecks.....

- If someone in Home Depot offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in Upstate New York
- If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, you live in Upstate New York
- If vacation means going anywhere south of New York City for the weekend, you live in Upstate New York
- If you measure distance in hours, you live in Upstate New York
- If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once, you live in Upstate New York
- If you switched from 'heat' to 'A/C' on the same day and back again, you live in Upstate New York
- If you can drive 75 mph through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching, you live in Upstate New York
- If you install security lights on your house and garage but leave both unlocked, you live in Upstate New York
- If you carry jumpers in your car and your wife knows how to use them, you live in Upstate New York
- If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, you live in Upstate New York
- If the speed limit on the highway is 55 mph, you're going 80 and everybody is passing you, you live in Upstate New York
- If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in Upstate New York
- If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, you live in Upstate New York
- If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car, you live in Upstate New York
- If you find 10 degrees 'a little chilly'; you live in Upstate New York
- If there's a Dunkin Donuts on every corner, you live in Upstate New York
- If you think everyone else has a funny accent, you live in Upstate New York

- If you actually understand these jokes and share them with your Upstate New York friends, you live or have lived in Upstate New York.

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| <p><b>THURSDAY<br/>MAY 4<br/>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b></p>          |
| <p><b>SUNDAY<br/>MAY 14<br/>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>                     |
| <p><b>SUNDAY<br/>MAY 21<br/>SERVICE WITH PAUL GIBBS</b></p>          |
| <p><b>SUNDAY<br/>MAY 28<br/>PENTECOST<br/>(wear red)</b></p>         |
| <p><b>MONDAY<br/>MAY 29<br/>MEMORIAL DAY CHICKEN BBQ</b></p>         |
| <p><b>THURSDAY-SATURDAY<br/>JUNE 1 - 3<br/>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b></p> |
| <p><b>SUNDAY<br/>JUNE 4<br/>PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY</b></p>        |
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