

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

I brought up a potential change at our last Church Council meeting. My experience is that my suggestion could get some people up in arms or be met with a shrug. I asked about the logic behind our 10:45 AM worship time with an eye to potentially changing it to 11 AM. The idea is to give a little more time for Sunday school which seems to be over about as soon as it starts. Plus, there is a certain symmetry to saying we have Sunday School at 10 and Worship at 11.

Of course, this is not a done deal and we only discussed it a little bit. It is not something I am going to push, but I think it would be nice if enough people agree. As it turns out, the reason for this choice of worship time actually dates back to when Bookwalter had Sunday school AFTER worship. There was also an assembly of some kind at that time. So as far as the "logic" goes, everything else has already changed but the time.

So, other than humorously saying we want to start earlier in order to "beat the Baptists" to the restaurants, the only real reason not to embrace such a change is because you hate change. We have done this "as long as I can remember" so we will keep on doing it no matter what. If you have strong feelings about this, I will certainly welcome your input and consider any reasonable objections. Steve

Again this Sunday, you are asked to contribute to a special offering for our Conference initiative mission projects. These are school supplies for Ishe Anesu in Zimbabwe, Africa and for those South

Sudanese living in exile. Make any checks out to Bookwalter UMC and designate them as such.

As I was saddened to share last week, this coming Sunday (May 27) will be the last for John Bawcum to serve as our organist. We have been blessed to have a musician of such talent for the years he has been with us, but we wish him the best as he moves on. We will have a brief reception for him in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship to express our gratitude for his service. John will continue to be a part of our extended Bookwalter family even though he is not on our staff because he will always be in our hearts. Steve

Sunday: Grief Support Group meeting 3:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

UMW Meeting, May 31, B.I.G. Room, 7:00 p.m.

Bookwalter Family, Camp In the Community (CIC) is almost here (June 18-22!) We are so excited. Since CIC is not as volunteer intensive as VBS, many are asking what they can do to help. We are serving 2 meals and a snack per day at CIC because it is an all-day event. If you or your group would like to help, you can sponsor meals for a child. It will cost approximately \$5.00 per day to feed and hydrate each participant. You can sponsor a child per day, for the week, or several children. If you feel God is leading you to help, please

