



# Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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**August 1, 2023**

**Reverend Stephen K. Doyal, Pastor**

**Bailey Hueser**, Choir Director  
**Todd Spangler**, Pianist

**Edie Jo Hall**, Children's Director  
**Taylor Stephens**, Youth Director

*Sharing God's love with our neighbors,  
inviting them to share in the joy of Jesus Christ.*

## ARTICLE

July marked 30 years for me as a pastor under appointment in the United Methodist Church. Since July 1993 I have served 6 appointments comprised of 10 churches. This, of course, does not count the 4 years I worked with children and youth before entering the pulpit ministry. July also saw me turn 58 years old, so I have spent over half my life as a minister. I joke that I am still trying to decide what to be when I grow up.

Ministry is one of those professions wherein you do not always see immediate results. I literally must take it on faith most days that a difference is being made by me or my church. Given this span of time to reflect on the impact I have had through my vocation, I easily recognize what a difference other people have made in my life. From there I hope it has worked both ways.

**Steve**

## TRASH PICKUP

From the "That Seems Ridiculous To Me" files, we need everyone to be aware of one of the conditions of our trash pickup service. Apparently, the lid needs to be flat each week or they will not pick it up. In addition, they will charge us nearly \$300 for that month rather than the normal \$80. So even if you have not personally put anything in our dumpster, help us stay on top of this by watching to make sure the lids are closed. Thanks.



*The "Trash Cam" photo showing overflow*

## **CAMP IN THE COMMUNITY**

We had a great week of CITC and averaged close to 40 kids a day. Everyone seemed to have a fun and meaningful time. Thanks to everyone who supported this outreach financially, with their time, with their prayers or otherwise.

Special thanks to Rose Baker and her kitchen volunteers (Doris Dennison, Faye Kenney, Pat Newman, Edie Hall, Alicia McMillan, Pam Ferguson, Mary Mahoney, Tony Whaley, Howard and Jackie Darnell) who went above and beyond.



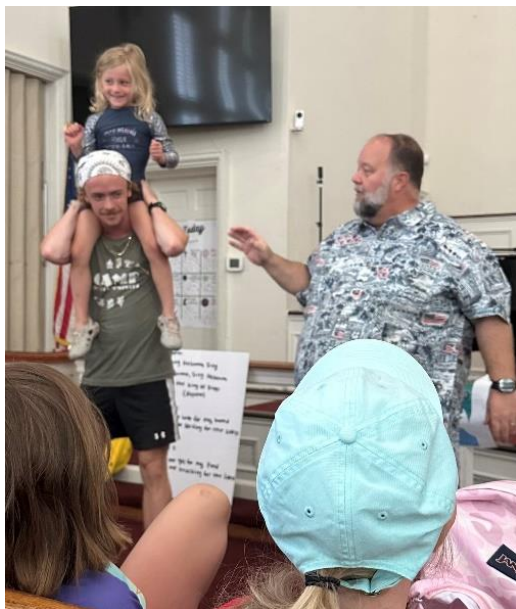
*Using their noodles*



*Gaga Ball*



*Kids gathering for Morning Watch*



*My little "Zacchaeus" up a sycamore tree*



*Slip sliding away*

## **PACK A BACKPACK**

A final reminder we are collecting glue sticks and red ink pens for Inskip Elementary this year. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Distribution Day is August 3 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.