

The Springs

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SSUMC Mission Statement

Love God.

Love Others.

Change the World.



Bishop Jimmy Nunn shared this report in the last issue of Contact magazine and at Annual Conference. I hope that this will help our church better understand what is going on in the United Methodist Church and pray for their discernment and civility at

the upcoming meetings in 2019 and 2020.

Bishops get 'Way Forward' report

5/18/2018

BY BISHOP JIMMY NUNN

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church received a report from the Commission on a Way Forward during the Council's meeting April 30-May 4 in Chicago.

The Commission had been assigned to examine all paragraphs about human sexuality in the denomination's Book of Discipline and to explore options to maintain and strengthen the Church's unity amid conflicting theological views. The work of the Council and Commission was guided by the mission, vision, and scope of that task.

Emerging from this guidance, the Council's recommendation seeks to maximize the global presence of a United Methodist witness, allow for as much contextualization as possible, and create as much unity as possible.

The Council's discernment process was guided by its overarching desire to strategically help the General Conference do its work and to honor the request of the 2016 General Conference to help the Church find a way forward.

The Council of Bishops will submit a report that includes the following three points to the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference.

- (1) All three plans — the Traditionalist Plan, the One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan — will be submitted to that General Conference.
- (2) The Council of Bishops will recommend the One Church Plan.
- (3) The report will include an extensive historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding all three plans. The Council "will make all the information considered by the Commission and the Council of Bishops available to the delegates of the General Conference and acknowledges there is

support for each of the three plans within the Council. The values of our global church are reflected in all three plans," explains a May 4 public statement issued by the Council. The One Church Plan, which the Council will recommend, provides for differing practices and approaches to human sexuality. The plan allows for contextualization of language about human sexuality in support of the denomination's mission. It allows central conferences — the churches in Africa, Asia, and Europe — to retain traditional language and values. It achieves as much unity as possible to maximize the mission within a global, multicultural Church.

The Traditionalist Plan retains the current language of the 2016 Book of Discipline and adds various points of detail. The Connectional Conference Plan opens a way for the emergence of autonomous churches that are affiliated with one another yet have different approaches and policies related to human sexuality.

The three plans reflect the diverse hopes and passions across the Church.

The full report will be released by July 8. This deadline allows time to translate the report into the major languages spoken at the General Conference.

The members of the Council of Bishops have agreed to avoid discussing details or legislative proposals until documents are available to everyone. Information can be found on the Council of Bishops News & Statements webpage, which is the Council's official news site: <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/council-of-bishops-news-statements> - Please seek to balance what you read from other sources.

The Council of Bishops has made its recommendation. Bishops preside but do not vote at General Conference. It will be up to the 2019 General Conference delegates to act on the recommendation. That meeting will be Feb. 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri.

In the meantime, the 2016 Book of Discipline continues to guide the Church in matters of polity.

Let us continue to pray for The United Methodist Church.

YOU ARE INVITED

*Come celebrate Chuck Baldrige's
50th birthday with him
this Saturday, June 16, at the
Family Life Center from
3:00 to 4:30.*

*Nobody loves his birthday more
than Chuck and he would love to
have his church family join us.*

*No gifts—just your presence!
Come and go - or come and stay!
It's a Party!!*



Hey Kids

*It was great to see all of
you on Sunday. Hope that
all of you are enjoying your
Summer vacation.*

We are excited and getting ready for Vacation Bible School on July 15th-19th. Come join us for "Rolling River Rampage" as we go on a white water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Have a great week and see you next Sunday.

Miss Debbie and Miss Marty

Vacation Bible School

July 15-19

6:15pm to 8:30pm

Sunday-Wednesday-4th & Main St.

Thursday the 19th-Family Life Center

CATHY'S NOTES

It's that time of year again when our choir takes a well-deserved break. We will take the month of July off and return to rehearsals on August 1st. It is my pleasure to work with such dedicated musicians each week and prepare anthems for worship. We share our joys and concerns with each other and have a lot of laughs, too. We welcome anyone who has a desire to join us for worship and fellowship.

The month of July will feature special music each week. The Kingdom Kids will sing on July 22, sharing some of their songs from VBS. On July 29, we will have a Service of Song, consisting almost entirely of music.

"What a day of rejoicing that will be!"

The Kingdom Kids have been working on singing the books of the Bible, Old and New Testament. They memorize so much quicker than me. We've also talked about some of the hymns of Charles Wesley, who wrote over 6,000 hymns! Sunday, we learned an African song, playing along with instruments. Talk about a joyful noise!

See you in church Sunday,
Cathy

Mission Strategy Team Event

Friday, June 22

5:00pm

Family Life Center

Buy dinner from the food trucks outside and enjoy it inside where it's cool! Invite your friends, neighbors, family, strangers...

...THEN...

...Come back on Sunday evening the 24th at 6:00pm for a

Mission Strategy Team Worship Encounter.

It's not a usual Sunday worship.
Come see what it's all about!

What's Going On?

Head Ushers

8:45am-Amanda Honeycutt
11:00am-Eddie David

Children's Church

8:45am-Kingdom Kids
11:00am-Jami Warkentin
6/17-Amy Miller
6/24-Kat Katzung
7/1-Communion
7/8-Jo Fritts

Sunday Counters

6/17-Bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
6/24-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin
7/1-Diana Pond & Jack Vest
7/8-Betty or Howard Smith & Karen Wilder
July 15-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
July 22-bob Barnes & Jami Warkentin
July 29-Janie Moore & Kent Warkentin

Youth Dinners, Served 6:30, Wednesdays

6/13-Seniors In Action
6/20-No Youth
6/27-Priscilla Circle
July 4-No Youth
July 11-Noah/Searchers
July 18-CIA/Pathfinders
July 25-Faith Circle

Welcome Center

January & May & September-CIA/Pathfinders
February & June & October-Harmony
March & July & November-Discovery
April & August & December-TNT

Fourth Monday Community Dinner

6/25-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
7/23-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
8/27-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall
9/24-5:30pm-Fellowship Hall

All Church Mission Strategy Team Event

6/22 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-6/24-FLC-6:00pm
7/27 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-7/29-FLC-6:00pm
8/24 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-8/26-FLC-6:00pm
9/28 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-9/30-FLC-6:00pm
10/26 at 5:00pm
Worship Encounter-10/28-FLC-6:00pm

Prayer List

*Leonard Whisenhunt, Jim & Vi McAllister,
Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Andrew
Walczak, Charlene Reeves, June Brown, BW
Proft, Sue Shaw, Keri Bostwick, Greta Green,
Bob & Cathy Hula, Bill & Clare Caldwell, John
& Sylvia Johnson, Norma Jones, Barbara
McClintock, Montie Box, Owen Johnston, Ruth
Weaver, Unspoken Requests*

*If someone needs to be added to the prayer list
or someone was taken off too soon,
please contact Tracey in the front office
to update prayer list.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, June 11

10:00am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, June 12

7:00pm-Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, June 13

7:30am-Men’s Breakfast-Crescent Café
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth-FLC
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday, June 14

7:00pm-*Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, June 15

No Activities

Saturday, June 16

3:00pm-Chuck Baldridge’s 50th Birthday Party-FLC

Sunday, June 17

8:45am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00pm-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship

Monday, June 18

10am-Al-Anon-Upstairs
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, June 19

7:00pm-Praise Team

Wednesday, June 20

7:30am-Men’s Breakfast-Crescent Café
1:30pm-Mission to Stitch-Parlor
5:45pm-Y4Y
6:30pm-NO Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir

FLC-Family Life Center

*Not sponsored by SSUMC but welcome

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Sunday Worship Schedule
8:45am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
(Except 1st Sunday-Communion in Worship)
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship