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From the Pastor

Reflections on this year's Salkehatchie Bishopville camp ~

This year we registered 85 participants/servants for the camp, which meant, out of over 40 applicants who needed help, only seven homes/families were chosen. We ended up working with seven sites this year at camp.

Out of the seven homes, we were able to:

- ☑ serve a woman with two disabled children with a new roof and two bedrooms fully furnished with newly blown insulation.
- ☑ put on a new roof and floor covering for a Native American wheelchair-bound widow named Shelby.
- ☑ build freestanding floors (dens and bathrooms) in two homes so people could safely walk in their homes.
- ☑ help a daughter and her nephew restore a home that her father had hand built with 2 exterior, one screened and four interior doors, new floor covering, new walls, new electrical lines run, kitchen and bathroom plumbing, cabinets and countertops in the kitchen.
- ☑ serve two disabled adults with at least 7 children/grands living in home with a new roof and kitchen overhaul.
- ☑ re-pitch a roof to stop leaks/ repair kitchen floor, repair ceilings and install screen in a porch and a screen door for a woman who houses 7 grandchildren.
- ☑ In one week, we were able to be instruments of change for the lives of the above and in the process it changed us. In one week we were able to go through over \$20,000 plus donations in this effort.



Mission:

We, the congregation, in humble and selfless service to God, will go forth joyfully, empowered and enabled by the Holy Spirit, to seek out, welcome, accept, and nurture persons to become faithful and effective disciples for Jesus Christ.



From the Pastor, continued

On the fun side, we also went bowling, heard a bluegrass band at the Opera House in Bishopville, ate a lot of ice cream, were served meals by some 11 churches, attended 7 houses of worship from 6 different denominations. We had reflections three nights of the seven nights on ultimate issues of life, love and service. We celebrated worship as a group twice and had communion twice. We sang songs like *Lean on Me, If I Had a Hammer, Desperado, Prince of Peace and Here I Am Lord*. We had a talent show and heard Bohemian Rhapsody Salkehatchie Style, Carolina on My Mind, I've Been Changed, Hallelujah and many others. We went swimming in pools, played games like cards and *spoons* at night, went to the Button Museum in Bishopville, ate a lot of good food and slept on blow up mattresses in high school classrooms.

We also rose at 5:30am in the morning and worked in over 100 degree heat Monday through Friday from 7-4pm, Roofed 4 homes, fixed floors, hung multiple doors, put down linoleum in multiple houses, painted, did sheetrock on walls and ceilings, bought and installed bedroom sets, stoves, cabinets, countertops, tubs, sinks, did electrical and plumbing etc..

I heard these quotes this year "I'm 65 and I just don't know if I can take it in this heat", "Please Don't Leave", "I'm exhausted", "I'm hot", "I'm freezing/ note the school is set on 60 degrees in some rooms", "I can't wait to get to Salkehatchie," "I will be glad when Salkehatchie is over", "I cannot wait till next year", "I see Jesus at Salkehatchie", "this experience makes me so thankful for my family."

During the week, I heard kids explain and understand the Poverty Cycle, I heard youth encouraging youth to live, I saw kids and adults laugh, cry, bleed, sweat, get dirty, hug, fall asleep of exhaustion and reluctantly wake for work. This week I saw the Body of Christ at Work. I would call this a wonderful year of Salkehatchie. Until Next Year ~ **Joy and Peace, Rev. Tommy Wilkes (Camp Director of Bishopville Salkehatchie)** PS/ I love getting to know your kids at camp ~ they are AWESOME!

Thanks FUMC for being attentive as you listened to the 26 people who attending some 4 camps this year from our Church at Salkehatchie Sunday. Thanks Participants for being willing to Share your experience. Thanks to those Sunday School Classes who sacrificed your rooms for the Clover Camp. Thanks Men's Prayer Breakfast for fixing breakfast for the Clover Camp. Mrs. Evelyn for running the Clover Camp. Thanks to the Missions Team for paying ½ of our camp expenses for us to go and all the Adults who volunteered to attend.

Just to let you know about who attends camp: At Bishopville Salkehatchie were people from : Little River UMC, Northeast UMC in Columbia, Trinity, Blythewood, Red Bank, Lexington, Wesley Grove, Orangeburg, Christ UMC, Bennettsville, Manning UMC, Manning, Salem UMC, Greenville, First Presbyterian, Sumter and First UMC, Clover. You may view pictures from Salkehatchie Bishopville on our Facebook webpage. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/387202891340670/>



SALKEHATCHIE REFLECTIONS

from one of our missionaries

Hi, my name is Jessica Killian, I went to the Shaw-Dalzell camp for the 5th year this year, and I was on Site 1 with Mr. Dee and Katie.

My big take away from this week was about hurting. The world is full of hurting. Every year at Shaw-Dalzell Salkehatchie we have what we call Fish Bowl. Fish Bowl is when the stage is opened up for anyone to go up to speak about whatever in their spiritual lives. For example, share their testimony, their struggles, their god moments, and absolutely anything else they need to share. Anyone is welcome and no one is judged.

This year it really broke my heart to hear what most people had to say. What people said ranged from “my dad is an alcoholic”, to “my mom physically and verbally abuses me”, to “I’ve lost someone in my life and I’ll never be the same”, to “I, myself am hooked on drugs and alcohol”.

Y’all, it genuinely broke my heart because I am so blessed. I live in a nice household where my parents are happily married. No one smokes, no one drinks, and I am always treated respectfully. To continue, my parents have always supported me a 100 % (even when I’m allegedly choosing the wrong team) and have made it possible for me to attend the wonderful Clemson University (Go Tigers!) in 20 days. At Clemson, I will be studying to become a veterinarian, which I firmly believe is my God-given purpose, to protect His creation by working on animals. I don’t really have much hurt in my life, so it broke my heart to hear all these struggles and pains of people my age.

Fish Bowl is Friday evening, fast forward to Saturday morning at the tour of homes.

We’re showing off our work to other campers, taking pictures, and saying our final good bye to our home owner and I’ll never forget what our homeowner’s last words were. She said, and I quote, “If I said thank-you a thousand times it wouldn’t be enough. I am so grateful to walk into my house and not worry about falling through the floor, to lay in my bed during the next rain storm and listen to the rain slide off my roof, and to not worry about the leaks that caused my bedroom ceiling to fall.

How many times have you rushed through your home and not thought about the floor you’re walking on?

How many times have you slept, warm and dry while it rained with no worries?

Aren’t we so blessed?

People are hurting, physically, financially, emotionally...and what do we do? We’re quick to judge, roll our eyeballs, or ignore it.

The Bible says in Galatians 6:2 “Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

That’s what we did this week and it was truly an amazing experience. I encourage you to participate in Salkehatchie in one of many ways this upcoming year. I assure you that you will be more blessed than you ever imagined possible. All you have to do is be willing and the Lord will make you able. Thank you!

2018 SALKEHATCHIE CAMPERS

Blair Abernathy	Shaw	Emma Scott Livingston	Bishopville
Alexis Bono	Bishopville	Neal McCain	Shaw
Katie Bono	Bishopville	Randi Payseur	Bishopville
Megan Bono	Bishopville & Shaw	Anna Pettus	Bishopville
Hannah Burton	Bishopville	Jeannette Stabler	Shaw
Evelyn Cameron	Clover	Drew Sullivan	Bishopville
Jeremie Connor	Shaw	Jon Valentine	Bishopville
Zoe Dubiski	Bishopville & Shaw	Olivia Vogt	Bishopville
Emily Eakes	Camden	Lydia Wilkes	Bishopville
Sam Jackson	Clover	Tommy Wilkes	Bishopville
Bryan Killian	Shaw	Victoria Wilson	Bishopville
Jessica Killian	Shaw	Dee Wise	Shaw
Alan Livingston	Bishopville	Katie Wise	Bishopville & Shaw



Forever Young & Friends

The Group going to the Wisdom & Grace Conference will meet at the church at 9:00 AM on Monday, August 13 & will leave for Lake Junaluska shortly after 9:00.

The Forever Young & Friends will meet on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 10:30 in room 104. After the meeting we will go out to eat at a local restaurant.

FULL CHOICE PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clover Area Assistance Center is in need of volunteers who can assist clients in the pantry. Volunteers basically walk alongside clients while they make selections in the pantry, and advise them of what is available to them based on the family size shopping lists. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old and can commit to once a week or once a month. All shifts are three hours in length.

The CAAC Volunteer Application can be found on the website (www.cloverareaassistance.org) or by calling Cynthia at 803.222.4837.

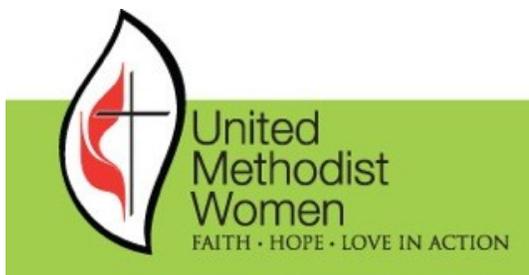


UMW Meeting is August 5 after the church service about 12:15.

UMW Day is August 12. The speaker is Rev. Donna Lollis who is in charge of Killingsworth in Columbia, SC. She is the wife of our former Associate Pastor Rev. Chris Lollis. Some of church members will receive special recognition.

Many women in the church will be taking a part in the service such as ushers and greeters, etc. Please let us know which you want to do.

Esther Circle will meet Monday, August 13 at 10:00 in the Steve Camp Class. Judy Miller is presenting a program. Please bring school supplies for the children. We will deliver them to the Clover School District.





Those Who Serve August 2018

8:30

Joe Hourihan, Head
Dick James
Mike Allen
Evelyn Cameron

11:00

Mack McCarter, Head
Chris Wilson
Christine Payseur
Todd Blanton



August 5

Addie Yarbrough &
Jackie Abernathy

August 12

Renee Farris & Candy McCain

August 19

Sarah Dover &
Meredith McDaniel

August 26

TBD



8:30

Lobby - Hope Millward
Elevator - Jeannette Stabler

11:00

Lobby - Margaret Bowman
Elevator - Beverly Alsobrooks



August 5 Denise Bono
August 12 Geoff Dubiski
August 19 Bob Grindle
August 26 Tim Lyda

11:00 Service



Lay Readers



8:30

8/5 Lindee Dover, Hope Long
8/12 Sarah Dover, Hope Long
8/19 Susan Killian, Hope Long
8/26 Evelyn Cameron, Hope Long

10:50/11:00

Jackie Abernathy, Kim Eleazer
Becky Jackson, Kelly Nellums
Janet Harding, Christine Payseur
Ann Grindle, Meredith McDaniel

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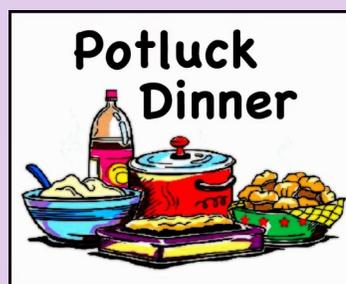


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UMW Sunday will be observed on August 12, 2018 with Donna Lollis as the speaker. She is the wife of a former Associate Pastor Chris Lollis and Director of Killingsworth Home in Columbia. Killingsworth is a wonderful outreach with a mission statement to support, empower, and advocate for women who have been in crisis situations. This facility is one of UMW's missions.

A covered dish lunch will follow the 11 AM service. UMW will furnish the meat and tea and members are asked to bring covered dishes. Everyone is invited to attend and visit with Donna, Chris, and Sarah.



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