

THE METHODIST MESSENGER

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Everyone in Ministry

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On August 13th we started a new sermon series overviewing our Core Values at Hamlin Memorial Methodist Church. I encourage you if you have missed any of the messages to go check them online on Facebook or Youtube. I thought I would give an early taste of one of the core values I will be speaking about on September 3rd called Everyone in Ministry. As Protestants we believe in the "priesthood of all believers" which is a reference to 1 Peter 2:9. There is this myth that there are only a select few who are called into ministry. Os Guinness defines calling by saying "Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism, and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service." In other words, all people have been called by God, to God, and for God. There is no distinction between clergy and laity in regard to ministry. God has called all his people to be priests, to minister to one another. This idea is that when someone gives their lives to God then they need to be brought to the church for the pastor to begin discipleship. Or the idea that the church's children and youth ministry are solely responsible for the discipleship of our children, is false. We all have roles to play, and we all have a responsibility to minister to one another. Even as a pastor I need to be ministered to by people in my congregation and others. We are called to the work of ministry no matter where we are in our journey of faith, whether young or old, and no matter how much we know we are all in ministry together and in the power of the Holy Spirit!

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." -Ephesians 4:11-16

Birthdays

5th - Mack Heald
14th - Ashley Nichols
15th - Jordan Christian
15th - Sharon Menning
18th - Cooper Nichols
23rd - Bonnie Howard
24th - Mitch Terry
25th - Robin Gregory
25th - Sara Joplin
30th - Michele Kirkland

Anniversaries

2nd - Logan & Ashley Nichols
22nd - Joe & Camilla
Osterkamp
27th - Jack & Michelle Kirkland

Upcoming September Events

4th - Labor Day (Office Closed)
13th - Epic Kids begins 5:30 pm (will be every Wednesday following)
21st - Lighthouse Mission 12:30 pm (NM)
23rd - Snack Pack Fundraiser 6 pm
24th - Potluck after service
Youth every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

"Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." -
Proverbs 16:24

Lessons from the "Bee" attitudes



Bee wise (Proverbs 8:33)

Bee strong (Ephesians 6:10)

Bee glad (32:11)

Bee merciful (Luke 6:36)

Bee content (Hebrews 13:5)

Bee courteous (1 Peter 3:8)

Bee faithful (Revelation 2:10)

Bee kind (Ephesians 4:32)

Bee thankful (Psalm 100:4)

Disaffiliation Costs

Initial: \$122,577.90

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