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Dandelion Hill calendar:

August 29 (Mon)

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
 class Mon-Thurs 9-1

September 5 (Mon)

NO SCHOOL- Labor Day

September Field Trip-

Autumn Outing- date tba

September 22 (Thurs)-

Seasonal Tea- Welcome
 Autumn! (in class)

September 29 (Thurs)

Parent Evening- parent
 attendance strongly
 encouraged

We set another record!

28 families were helped the first Wed. of August.

This is really wonderful we are here to fulfill that need!

Our third Wed. opening also set a record this past month!

We need help so we can keep up. We'd like to set up a workday. Is there anyone who can come to help on another day that we can set as a workday for that? Please consider volunteering for our Christ-centered mission in God's love. Call Nancy Moore 254-9102.

Bear Closet is open-

1st Wed of month noon-6 pm, 3rd Wed 9am-noon -

Plant-a-Row donations:

July 1 - 49 pounds, July 11 - 35 pounds, August 1 - 127 pounds!

I hoped for at least 100 lbs from the garden at the beginning of the year. Clearly some of you have helped with delivery and adding your harvest to the effort. **A big thanks to all.**



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THANK YOU ABERNETHY

I greatly appreciate being selected as the "Laity" person for Abernethy. I'm not sure what I did to deserve it, but it was and is an honor that I'll always remember. But if you look around the Church the real success of the Pumpkin Patch are all the workers that help unload, and work in the rain, cold to actually sell the pumpkins. Those are the real ones that need to be recognized.

Thanks again.
 Ronny Lowe

From the Editor

Have you ever thought about sending something to be included in the newsletter? Maybe you have a story you thought people would be interested in. I urge you to give it a try. It's a huge help to the Pastor if you share the writing and content workload with him. So I thought I'd give you an example of how easy it is to contribute a short story about God and his influence in your life. Here's one of those simple moments that strikes me as a personal connection to God.

One Saturday afternoon this spring I was at home and resting from having just cut the grass. While thinking about what chore I might, or might not do next, the door bell rang. Its always a little awkward when someone comes to our front door because the glass door stays locked. We don't get a lot of visitors since our street is a dead end and it takes a few seconds to open it. While I fiddled with the lock I could see two gentlemen on the other side, both smiling. I knew they were selling something and even before I got the door open I knew what it was – God. They were Latter Day Saints handing out brochures door to door. We smiled at each other through the door for a moment, long enough for me to notice something else happening out in the street behind them. Two young squirrels were in the middle of the road. I gave them a quick glance as I did when I was out in the

front yard about 20 minutes earlier. This time it was clear however that one had been run over and lay motionless in the road. It looked peacefully asleep. Its partner or sibling was curiously investigating, hesitantly approaching and backing away. It must have happened within a few minutes of the knock on the door. I didn't remember seeing the squirrel in the road while I was cutting the grass. I wondered if I overlooked it. How many times do I pass them in our neighborhood in the same condition? I did remember that these two squirrels were a team of acrobats, racing up and down the twin Maples in our front yard after each other in a dizzying spiral pattern. It immediately hit me that they never caught each other. As ferocious as it looked, they were playing. Just being squirrels. Spring has its icons of nature. This was one I took for granted.

As my mind thought this through, the two missionaries spoke to me about my soul. I truly don't remember what they said. I do remember mentioning that "Yes, I did go to church and that I was a Methodist." They must have thought I was also a bit of a space-case. They had not recognized the situation going on right behind them. However the squirrel, and its partner had me transfixed. I stared right passed the two Missionaries, just nodding my head and taking the brochure they handed me. All the

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Memorials

Abernethy would like to thank the following people for their gifts:

For Grace Green

by Ronny & Martha Lowe

For Billy Spradley

by Phil and Evelyn DiLavore

You're invited to our 38th Annual Meeting UMW Western North Carolina Conference

A Celebration of United Methodist Women

When:

September 9, 10 & 11

Where:

Lake Junaluska, Stuart Auditorium

Theme:

JUMP INTO MISSION!

Complete information about Annual Meeting is available on our website: www.wnccumw.org

Mark your calendar! Register ONLINE!

Also visit us on [facebook.com/wnccumw](https://www.facebook.com/wnccumw)

From the Editor. Continued from front.

while I watched the young squirrel revisit its partner in the middle of the road two or three times. I know it looked at me each time with the obvious questions on its mind. "What happened?" "Will my friend be ok?" "What can I do?"

Survival was the most important thing to the young squirrel. It didn't linger very long in the road each time. And each time it left its partner with what seemed to me to be an agonizing reluctance, retreating to one of our Maples to sit on a branch overlooking the road, waiting.

Finally the missionaries said goodbye and walked down the road to the next house. They made no notice of the squirrel in the road. I thought it strange how God brought two events together in such a way. Both seemed related, but eerily disconnected. I wondered if I should've said something to the Missionaries. What would they have done? What could they have done? I went to the shed and got my flat shovel. I walked out to the road and lifted the young squirrel carefully, reverently off the road, and under the watchful eye of the other squirrel sitting on a tree limb. I hoped my display would help it understand and move on. I buried the squirrel in the back yard with a prayer for the squirrels, me, the driver and the Missionaries.

We still have squirrels (plural) in our front yard. Thank you God.

Additional notes: My job is to be creative in an effort to sell things. It requires me to look for not just inspiration, but passion. This is not a talent. Anyone can do it. Over the years I've realized its just a matter of opening my heart, my eyes, my head, to what is all around me,

and connecting in some relevant way, a product or service with the passions of the customers. If I do connect to a customer in a relevant way, I've given them a reason to believe in the message or value of the product. If, however, they don't have the same passion, it's no sale. You can't make someone truly want something without connecting with them emotionally. Needs are easy to sell. Desire is about passion. Proclaiming your faith in God also requires passion. If you are faithful, what is your passion? Yes, you come to church and pray, but why? You can pray at home, at work, in the car, anywhere. When you pray at church, what do you pray for? What do you wish for? When you're not at church, what inspires you? Where do you see God? Make note. Don't hesitate to tell someone. Do it before you forget. You might just connect with someone else. You might also connect them with God.

Thanks for reading,
Richard

²⁶"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."
Matthew 10:26-31

SEPTEMBER AROUND ABERNETHY

September Birthdays:

- 1 Nancy Nickel, Steve Waugh
- 5 Zane Smith
- 6 Cynthia Reeves
- 8 Hayley Ellison
- 10 Mary Dalton, Justin Holmes
- 11 Susan Groce
- 12 Donna Frazier
- 14 Hugh Groce
- 15 John Moore
- 16 Steven Adams
- 17 Mike Davis
- 19 Susan Greene
- 20 Jack Bell, Natalie Gabriel
- 21 Eloise Landes, Douglas Martin
- 23 Richard Gabriel
- 24 Martha Lowe
- 28 William Nail III
- 29 Patrick Fowler
- 30 Lucien Gibbs

September Anniversaries:

- 8 JoDean & Edwin Galloway, Christy & Vinay Gowda
- 11 Jo & Ken Larsen
- 13 John & Nancy Moore
- 17 Leo & Nancy Smith
- 19 Donna & Nelson Frazier
- 27 Edith & Mike Walker

AUG DATES AT PRINTING:

- SEPT 1st - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Family Share
10 am - Yarn winders/Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- SEPT 3rd - 8 pm - AA
- SEPT 5th - 6 pm - Trustee meeting in Growing Christians classroom
- SEPT 6th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
- SEPT 7th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
12 pm - 6 pm - BEAR Closet
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 8th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Family Share
10 am - Yarn winders/Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- SEPT 10th - 8 pm - AA
- SEPT 11th - 8 am - UMM Breakfast
Noon - Ladies on the GO donation lunch. Everyone is invited.
- SEPT 12th - 6 pm - Finance meeting
- SEPT 13th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - A.M. Group
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
- SEPT 14th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 15th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Family Share
10 am - Yarn winders/Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
12pm - Happy Abernethy
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- SEPT 17th - 9 am - Trustee workday
1-3 pm Overeater's Anonymus
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 19th - 6 pm - Administrative Board
- SEPT 20th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
- SEPT 21st - 9am - 12pm - BEAR Closet
9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 22nd - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Family Share
10 am - Yarn winders/Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
6:30 - J.O.Y. Band
7 pm - Cub Scouts
- SEPT 24th - 5:30pm-6:30pm - Ladies On The G.O.
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 26th - 6pm - Men's Supper Group
- SEPT 27th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
- SEPT 28th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
7 pm - Chancel Choir
8 pm - AA
- SEPT 29th - 9 am - 1 pm - Dandelion Hill
10 am - Family Share
10 am - Yarn winders/Quilters
10 am - Bulletin deadline
7 pm - Cub Scouts

REGULAR SERVICE TIME

- 9:30 am - Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 am - Sunday School
- 10:45 am - Gathering Music
- 11 am - Worship
- 4 pm - Confirmation Class
- 5:00 pm - United Methodist Youth

Church Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12:30 pm

Don't Forget About Our CD Ministry You can order a CD of our services by filling out the form in the memorial room in the wooden CD box or call the church office. CDs are only \$2 per copy.

Trustee Lock Up Schedule for September - Richard Erwin

Bulletin and Newsletter reminder

Let everyone know whats going on at Abernethy, not just a select few in your group. After all, we're a church family. Get your news in on time. Email or call the church office.

Bulletin news deadline is Thursday at 9am of each week.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

Please Remember to sign up for flowers to be placed at the altar. The Flower calendar is located outside the church office.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Begins September 13th and will continue on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. This year we will be studying:

DISCIPLE III-REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

Several themes weave their way through the study: the call to remember, the call to repentance, the need for renewed vision (eyes to see, ears to hear) and the place of community. **REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE** concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul. The prophets of Paul are continually calling hearers and readers back to their God and to a sense of who they are as “a people set apart”. The prophets and the community cannot be separated. The prophets spoke to God, out of the community, and to the community. Paul’s experience with the risen Lord, his relationship to the community, his Jewish traditions, and the Greco-Roman culture of his day, merged in his writing of the letters. Paul used the language of his culture to carry the message that arose out of his roots in the Hebrew Scriptures and Judaism.

Please see Pastor Wes or Ms. Jo Dean Galloway for more information.

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us

2 so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

3 May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

5 May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

6 The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

7 May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Psalm 67:1-7

HOW DOES \$12,000.00 SOUND FOR ONE MONTHS WORK???

If we can sell \$30,001.00 (and we can) in the month of October, that’s what we’ll receive. We would get 30% rather than the lesser amount we normally receive. We received confirmation that the 1st load will be here September 25th, the last Sunday of the month. The 2nd load will be in about 2 1/2 weeks later. We are coming up with some other ideas to help get to our goal and hope if you have any ideas that you’ll please share them. **IT IS A LOT OF WORK. IT IS ALWAYS FUN AND WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO TO EARN \$ 12,000 IN ONE MONTH.** Please let us know when you can help. The calendar is ready for sign up, so please join us.