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From The Pastor

When I was in middle school in the early 1970's I lived for several years on Talahi Island, near Wilmington Island, out from Savannah. And in the 1980's when I was in the Marines, I was stationed for a couple years in up in Beaufort, SC. Suffice it to say, I love the low-country.



I was pleased in 2001 when an given the opportunity to serve as an Associate Pastor at a Savannah church -- Skidaway Island UMC. I was at Skidaway for three wonderful years, met many remarkable people and made lots of good friends. Since leaving I have kept up with several members and I've kept up with the church. So it was very interesting to see this week that Skidaway Island UMC is no longer a UMC. They voted to disaffiliate; and they were among the 193 congregations in the South Georgia Conference to have their disaffiliations ratified by a Special Called Annual Conference in South Georgia last Sunday, May 21. Skidaway Methodist Church has now joined the Global Methodist Church. The pastor at Skidaway, Hale Bishop, is a friend of mine. When I was at Skidaway he served at Tybee and would call himself "the Bishop of Tybee." On occasion I would preach at Trinity UMC on Tybee when Hale was out of town. In their May newsletter, called "The Parish Voice," Hale wrote the following:

"While we have voted to leave the United Methodist Church and join the Global Methodist Church, I assure you that we remain thoroughly Methodist. We continue in the heritage of John Wesley. We hold the scriptures sacred, adhere to the discipline, affirm our creedal faith, hold true to the "Articles of Religion", and our history as Methodists. This congregation has always intentionally welcomed all to worship and to the community of faith. ... We have been and will continue to be a welcoming congregation.

Burns Memorial UMC is having a Called Church Conference to vote on disaffiliation at the church on Tuesday, July 11 at 6 PM. All Professing Members present may vote, and it requires a 2/3 vote of the members present in favor of disaffiliation to put Burns Memorial on the list of churches to be voted on at a November 18, Special Called North Georgia Annual Conference.

As with Skidaway, whatever the result – regardless of whether we vote to stay with the United Methodist Church, become an Independent Methodist Church, or join the Global Methodist

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UMM Summer Outings

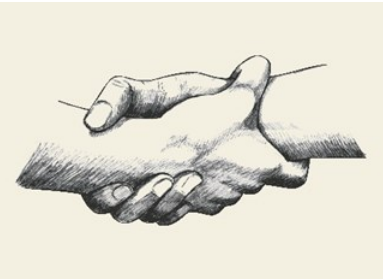


Once again it is time for our summer outings with the United Methodist Men. This summer we will be going to Goolsby's in Evans on June 22, Sconyers on July 27 and Old McDonald Fish Camp on August 24. We will meet at the restaurants at 6:30 PM. If you need transportation please call Carl Adams at 706-798-5254. Mark your calendar and make plans to have dinner out with everyone on these dates!

The Flame Deadline: June 21st

Church, we **will** continue to be Methodists. We will hold fast to the faith passed down to us, welcome all with love, and seek to live out our love of God by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor John*





MISSIONS

At Burns, we have a heart for the people who are struggling in our community, and we partner with ministries that give crisis care. Our Missions Committee met in May and voted to donate \$5000 to Augusta area ministries. We gave \$ 1000 each to Safe Homes, I-Care, Compass for Hope, Augusta Rescue Mission, and ReStart Augusta (a new ministry). May God bless these ministries as they give care to the hurting in our area.


BURNS IS #1 DAYCARE GARDEN IN GA


The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) is the department that certifies all the daycares in the state. They had a competition in 2022 to encourage daycares to have areas for children to have gardens so that the children can see where food actually comes from. Ashley Hammac (our Daycare Director) submitted pictures from the raised bed garden area that David Hobbs built for our children, and guess what! We won the best children’s garden in a daycare for the state of Georgia. You think they would give us a medal! But the recognition is nice anyway. A big thank you to David Hobbs, master gardener, for building and keeping up the raised bed gardens. Pictured here are the kids picking strawberries this spring. The tomatoes are really good too!





Speaking of our Daycare, we were pleased to have 7 graduates this year. We had 5 from the PreK class, and 3 from Kindergarten. May God bless, keep, and guide all of them in the next step of their journeys!





FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Plan ahead to stay after church on Sunday, June 11, for an enjoyable Fellowship Lunch. The meat this month is the Men’s Club World Famous Pork Chops. Sides are up to y’all! Ladies, bring plenty of vegetables!

- Note: Following the Fellowship Lunch the Board of Trustees will have a short meeting at one of the tables.



Father’s Day Word Search



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Find these words.

Father	son	love
Dad	daughter	hugs
Daddy	June	kisses
Papa	respect	family
Pa	thank	tools

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