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Parson to Person

The late Barbara Johnson collected funny sayings and improper uses of words, sometimes called malapropisms. Here is part of her list: I have included the correct word at the end of each sentence or saying.

Every clown has a silver lining. (cloud)

Run it up the flagpole and see who sits on it. (salutes)

Am I my brother's beeper? (keeper)

Rome wasn't burned in a day. (built)

It's on the fork of my tongue. (tip)

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw sour grapes. (stones)

While it seems a silly thing to consider...it is true that people often get things wrong. Long years ago the movie *Love Story* had a character who said "Love means never having to say you're sorry." How ridiculous, but since it came from Hollywood some folks believed it. Even with the best of intentions people can get it wrong. Look at some of the things people think are true even when it comes to faith.

God helps those who help themselves.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness.

A little white lie is not truly a lie.

Temptation is a sin.

Some folks believe such teachings to be Biblical and they are not. It is especially true concerning temptation. It is not a sin to be tempted. Human beings will always be tempted. The "evil one" tempts people to "dream dreams that one should never dream"..."to pursue avenues better left untraveled"..."to say things best left unspoken"..."to love

things more than people"..."to be more interested in our neighbor's property than our neighbor (Wendell Berry)..."to think hatred or anger are positive responses." Sin is an action and though tempted to do things that are not in humankinds best interest...until we actually do what life "tempts" us to do...there is no sin.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus speaks of "not being led into temptation." Temptation is understood to be a "time of trial." We ask God to stand with us as we are led into the times of trial...and to deliver us from evil. Jesus provides the strength to withstand temptations by example and teaching. The challenge is that temptation does not lack thrills and fun and possibilities. Temptation speaks to where we live and makes us believe that life will be better if we did certain things...even things that go against God's will and teachings. Lent is just around the corner and it starts a journey that will ask us to look within ourselves and to open our hearts to the One who can bring lasting change and great conviction.

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COMING UP

*UMW Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, Mar. 5, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMM Breakfast, Sun., Mar. 12, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

*Life Line Screening, Mon. Mar. 13, Fellowship Hall

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*UMW Circle #4, Tuesday, Mar. 14, 3:00pm, Parlor

*UMW Circle #3, Tuesday, Mar. 14, 7:00pm *J.O.Y. Club, Mar. 16, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

*Ken to speak at Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, Cheraw First Baptist Church

*Newsletter Deadline, Thurs., Mar, 23, 12:00pm *Blood Drive, Mon., Mar. 27, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

IN MEMORY OF EDDIE STUBBS

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Roger Wolfe, M&M Harold Lomas, Jerry Carter

IN MEMORY OF BRANT THOMPSON

M&M Harold Lomas, Russell Dean & Darlene Smith, Alice & Frank Alley, M&M Rhett Butler, M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Ellison Outen, Jim Bennett, M&M Paul Miles, M&M John Moore, M&M Steven Humphries, M&M Jeff Johnson, Sue Lee, M&M Mickey Sullivan, M&M Manfred Kollitz

IN MEMORY OF LISTON ARD

M&M Keith Smith

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

M&M Jim Crawford, M&M Keith Smith, M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Manfred Kollitz

IN MEMORY OF DOT WATSON

M&M Jeff Johnson, M&M Roger Fisher

IN MEMORY OF DOUG WILSON

Syble Sanerson, M&M Robert Calhoun, M&M Thomas McKinnon

IN MEMORY OF BECKY MAYHEW CASSIDY

M&M Jeff Johnson

IN MEMORY OF LANNY RAYFIELD

Irva Smith Maddox

IN MEMORY OF EDDIE STUBBS

Methodist Men's Bible Class, M&M Ellison Outen

From the Director of Youth and Children

What a great time everyone had at the Valentine Banquet! Thank you to all of the youth who served at this event, and we thank UMM who cooked and prepared the food.

UMYF meetings are going great! Our meeting time is Sundays 5:00-6:30. Please contact me at 843-910-7987 if you would like to prepare a meal for our youth. I would like to thank Jim Bennett and Syble Sanderson for volunteering for Safe Sanctuary in February. THANK YOU! I would also like to thank Gailya Wilson, Penny Quick, Betty Hurst, Patty Fisher, Trina Mills, and Jenny Keefe for serving the youth sup-

per...all of the meals have been TERRIFIC! THANK YOU!!!



Youth...Please remember to sell luminaries! Once a year we are asked by the Relay for Life team to help raise money for the fight for cancer. This is a very worthy cause. The Relay for life event will be held on May 5th at the Chesterfield High Football field. We always have such a great time working at this event. If you have never signed up to help the Methodist Team you have missed out on a lot

of fun! I have a schedule for our youth, and Jim Bennett has a schedule for the rest of you.

Confirmation classes began on February 19th. Classes are being held in the classroom adjacent from the K-5 Sunday school room upstairs. The schedule for confirmation classes: February 26th, March 12th, March 26th, April 9th, May 7th, May 21st @ 10:00 a.m. The confirmation retreat weekend will be held on April 21-23, 2017 at Lake Junaluska N.C.

Sara

Paraments and the Christian Year

It has been asked for a word about the colors of the paraments and what they represent. Each Season of the year represents Jesus Christ and the colors correspond to the theme of said season. It begins in December with Advent which signals the preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. The color is PURPLE which signifies royalty is coming and purple is the royal color. Some churches choose to use **BLUE** to signify HOPE. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and the color is WHITE signifying new birth and new life. The first Christmas Day Mass was celebrated in Rome sometime between 336 and 354 A.D. Epiphany means manifestation and its color is WHITE, again, signifying new life and hope. Epiphany celebrates Christ's begin revealed to the world and the visit of the magi. Gentiles were among the first to whom he was made known. Originally, it was the time for Christmas celebrations. The season after Epiphany is known as Ordinary Time. It has no central theme and its color is **GREEN.** Worship during ordinary time lifts up Christ being made know

and his light shining in the darkness. Lent is the season of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is a journey to the cross and a time of deep inner reflection about faith. At first Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism on Easter Eve. Lent is a time of renewal, a time to remember Jesus, and to walk with him. The color is PURPLE because of his royalty and our sorrow in his death on the cross. Easter, also known as The Great Fifty Days, begins at sunset on Easter Eve and continues through the Day of Pentecost. According to Venerable Bede the word EASTER came from Easter, the Anglo-Saxon goddess whose holiday was on the spring equinox. The color for Easter is WHITE signifying the resurrection of Jesus and the new life he brings. Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, tells of fearful disciples who received the Holy Spirit and the fire it sparked within them to share the Gospel and the faith. The color is Red for the fire of God's Spirit and marks the birth of the church. The Season after Pentecost used to be called Kingdomtide with the emphasis on the growth of

the church and the loving God's Spirit. It is now called Ordinary Time and the color remains RED until the fall when the church alters its color to GREEN. The two colors used represent the fire of God's Spirit and the Growth of the church. (Personal note: I still prefer Kingdomtide. I like that tradition and disagree with the "wisdom" that changed Kingdomtide to Sundays in Ordinary Time.) Then, we return to Advent and the cycle of the Christian Year retells the story of the life of Iesus who is the reason for the church's life.

Ken Timmerman

Perfect Attendance for January

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Martha Bentley, Anne Bryan, Jerry Carter, Lyle Coffy, Bonnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Scott Eddins, Curtis Jones, Julia Jones, Jenny Keefe, Henrietta Kollitz, Amy Lewis, Harold Lomas, Paul Miles, Trina Mills, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Michelle Rohde, Thomas Samuel, John Sanderson, Renie Seel, Linda Smith, Sarah Margaret Therrell, Betty Thrailkill, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Herbert Watts.

WORSHIP

Debbie Adams, Allison Becker, Ashton Becker, Leighton Becker, Sawyer Becker, Todd Becker, Jim Bennett, Jerry Carter, Lyle Coffy, Bonnie Cundiff, Ronnie Cundiff, Judy Dixon, Jimmy Duffy, Scott Eddins, Debbie Elmore, Michael Elmore, Gail Eubanks, Sam Eunbanks, Johnnie Johnson, Kathryn Johnson, Mary Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Jenny Keefe, Amy Lewis, Farrah Lewis, Harold Lomas, Sharon McKinnon, Thomas McKinnon, Joev Mills, Trina Mills, Vincent Prevatte, Penny Quick, Sammy Quick, David Rohde, Jacob Rohde, Thomas Samuel, John Sanderson, Syble Sanderson, Betty Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, Anne

Townsend, David Townsend, Jerry Turner, Druie Walker, Herbert Watts.



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What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Endowment Fund Memorial Fund Music Fund Red Bird Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First
(WATF)
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand.

This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

..help change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard,.....

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")



Giving to those less fortunate

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Little Methodist

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to Julia Nancy Watson, infant daughter of Leslie Jean and Chase Watson, on Jancuary 29, 2017. Her older sister, Carley, was an important part of this moment of celebration.



Serving in March

Altar Guild

Bonnie Cundiff & Ruth Ann Jones

Hostess

Lib Norton

Head Usher

Theodore Burns

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Sawyer Becker (A) Leighton Becker (CB)

Greeters

Mar. 5 Betty Thrailkill

Mar. 12 M&M Harold Lomas

Mar. 19 Linda Smith

Mar. 26 M&M Jerry Therrell

Lobby Door Greeters

Mar. 5 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

Mar. 12 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

Mar 19 Jim Crawford, Rhett Butler

Mar. 26 Herbert Watts

Nursery

Mar. 5 Sarah Allen

Mar. 12 Michelle Rohde

Mar. 19 Amanda Carabo

Mar. 26 Erika Kollitz

Lay Readers

Mar. 5 Sammy Quick

Mar. 12 Jacob Rohde

Mar. 19 Sophia Prevatte

Mar. 27 Sara M. Therrell

Flowers

Mar. 5 Debbie & Ray McManus

Mar. 12 Gini Eddins

Mar. 19 Communion

Mar. 26 OPEN

Counters

Mar. 5 Jane Mayhew, John Moore

Alternate: Mary Burr

Mar. 12 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,

Sammy Quick

Alternates: John Straughn

Mar. 19 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,

Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter

Crosby

Mar. 27 Robert Calhoun, Herbert

Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

McArn Items

Mar. 5 Canned vegetables

Mar. 12 Canned milk

Mar. 19 Canned meats

Mar. 26 Baby food

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

The Child Development Ministry has 80 children enrolled at this time. The waiting list continues to grow, making us wish we had enough space for them all. The summer care waiting list is already almost full, so if you know anyone who needs care for a child 5-7 years old this summer, tell them to call now.

The four year old class

will be going to Theater on the Green on March 15 to see the play, *The Emperor's New Clothes*. This is a play by Porkchop Productions. The play is free for adults, so if you would like to walk with us to see it, meet us at the school at 8:55 am. We welcome chaperones!

Elaine Barnette will be here March 21-24 for spring pictures. If anyone would like to schedule a sitting with her, call us. We will be happy to schedule a time.

Please come see us, and see what your school is doing with the children of our community. We would love to see you!

In His Service, *Mimi*

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January 22

Bill Caughman, Ginger Caughman, Ok Yo Chang, Ashleigh Elvington, Patti Elvington, Kappie Griggs, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thrailkill, Steve Townsend, Becky Wetternek, Elizabeth Wetternek

January 29

Drew Copeland, John Folger, Laura Folger, Judy Hall, Roger Hall, Angela Holliday, Sybil Ingram, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Becky Jordan, Suzanne Jordan, Hunter Lee, Sue Lee, Eryne McLaughlin, Lola Iane Meares, Dale Milam, Bill Myers, Erica Pace, Jan Rogers, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thrailkill, Steve Townsend, Brad Wasserman, James Wasserman, Wasserman, Scott Wasserman, Charles Watson, Jean Page Watson, Phil Watson, Sofie Wetternek, Gloria Williams

February 5

Polly Atkinson, Slade Avent, Hope Byles, Ok Yo Chang, Elexys Davis, Angela Holliday, Brent Humann, Emma Humann, Lauren Humann, Marc Humann, Chappell Hurst, IV., Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Walker Jones, Sue Lee, Keyshawn Melton, Thomas Samuel, Tony Thrailkill, Steve Townsend, Becky Wetternek, Elizabeth Wetternek, Taylor Williams

February 12

Douglas Anderson, George Anderson, Ok Yo Chang, Drew Copeland, Carson Crosby, Erin Crosby, Gregory Crosby, Lana Crosby, Neil Crowley, Brendon Eskridge, Margaret Griggs, Chappel Hurst, IV., Jack Johnson, Johnnie Johnson, Mary Johnson, Michael Johnson, Walker Jones, Katelyn Knight, Jan Rogers, Thomas Samuel, Angie Smith, Michael Smith, Robert Smith, Brie Suggs, R.J. Suggs, Rodney Suggs, Tami Suggs, Adlay Tapp, Austin Tapp, Bethany Tapp, Larry Tapp, Tony Thrailkill, Steve Townsend, Aland Wallace, Colby Wallace, Daphane Wallace, Madeline Wallace, Sofie Wetternek

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 2 Jake Crouse, Christopher Frazier

Mar. 3 Noah Williams

Mar. 4 Trina Mills

Mar. 5 George Adams

Mar. 8 Alice Seel

Mar. 10 Beulah Threatte

Mar. 14 Lois Baker, Ashton Becker

Mar. 20 Mabel Foster, R. Walker Laney

Mar. 21 Paul Miles

Mar. 22 Margaret Stanton

Mar. 23 Leighton Becker

Mar. 24 Laura Adams McGriff

Mar. 26 Jackson Rushing, Gabriel Watson

Mar. 27 Kathryn Johnson

Mar. 28 John Straughn

Mar. 29 Rob Calhoun

Mar. 30 Sandra Barbour



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary

ANNIVERSARIES

Mar. 3 M&M C.C. Quick,

M&M John Straughn

Mar. 10 M&M Homer Stanton

Mar. 16 M&M Mike Starling

Mar. 17 M&M George Adams,

M&M Ron Cundiff

Mar. 21 M&M Doug Carabo

Mar. 27 M&M Jimmy Outen

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March Calendar

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Sunday, March 5 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm.

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 5, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

U MW Quarterly Meeting, 3:00pm, Parlor

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

Monday, March 6, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Sunday, March 12 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 12, 2017

United Methodist Men's Breakfast, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 11:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

Monday, March 13, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Life Line Screening, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Sunday, March 19 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30, Fellowship

Thursday, March 16, 2017

J.O.Y Club Lunch, 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

Monday, March 20, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

March 26 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

Ken to speak at Lenten Lunch, 12:00pm, Cheraw First Baptist Church

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am

Worship, 10:00am

UMYF, 5:00-6:30pm, Youth Hut

Monday, March 27, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office

Griefshare, 2:00pm, Parlor

Blood Drive, 2:00-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall

YMKF (K-5), 3:30pm, Kid's Nook

Boy Scouts, $6:00\,pm$, Scout Hut

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

April 2 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm

WATF Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

April Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, March 23, 2017

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