

From the Pastor



Whew! It's August already. I have a friend on the Eastern Shore of Virginia that always said true summer is only between Memorial Day and July 4th. After July 4th everyone is usually done with vacations and begins winding down and getting ready for the upcoming school year. Also, it is usually the hottest and most humid time of the year. Unless you're a beach person, not much fun being outside.

August is also the time of year that United Methodist churches start getting notices about upcoming charge conferences and so plans for that annual event begin forming in people's minds. So, if you think about it, August is a time of preparation—groundwork, training, planning, organizing, etc.—for this new season rapidly approaching.

This means that this is the time the church needs to begin preparing for outreach. Asking ourselves questions, such as, “How are we going to introduce people to Jesus Christ in such a way that they will want to participate in the life of this church?” and “What can we do in and for the community so that we have great favorable name recognition?” and “How do we make our facility more welcoming to a new generation, especially with young children, so accustomed to comfort and convenience?” Questions such as these are serious, really do need to be asked, and their solutions need to be well thought out and implemented with intent.

Yes, it's August already. Time to invite the Holy Spirit to prepare us for this new season.

