

THE POINTER

August 4, 2026



When I hear it's camp meeting time, I have fond memories of a Boston vacation Lisa and I took a few years ago. We left our hotel early on Sunday morning for a bus ride followed by a ferry trip out to Martha's Vineyard to worship at the historic Iron Tabernacle in the Wesleyan Grove area of the island. The tents surrounding the Tabernacle were replaced with cottages long ago but it remains an ecumenical center of worship and spiritual life for the residents and visitors throughout the summer, all based on the camp meeting movement that began approximately 225 years ago.

According to the World Methodist Council, "Historic camp meetings are just one of the ways United Methodist churches and our predecessors have sought to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today United Methodists gather under tents, in tabernacles, on beaches, beside lakes, in town centers, and elsewhere to worship and invite others to come to know Jesus as their savior." Invite someone to join you at our Camp Meeting Worship throughout the month of August as we honor this tradition and share the Gospel at West Point First.

Peace, Pastor Ed



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Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 9
During 11 am Morning Worship
Join us as we pray over
our students and teachers
as they prepare for
a new school year!
All students are invited to bring
their backpacks.



Camp Meeting is under way!
Come prepared to be uplifted and
filled with joy each and every
Sunday! It will be the best hour
of your week for sure!!



Lemonade on the Lawn
Sundays in August
Immediately following
Morning Worship



Wednesday Night Supper
resumes on August 5 at 5:30 pm
August 5 Menu:
Hamburgers and Hot Dogs,
All the Fixin's, Salad Bar, Dessert



Handbell practice resumes Sunday, August 9.
Sundays 12:15 - 1:15 pm
Mondays 12:45 - 1:45 pm
If you are interested in joining the
Handbell Choir,
see Gail Douglas or call the church office.



**Lunch-In—Tuesday, August 11,
High Noon**

Come ready to enjoy the last
smoothies of the summer,
Terri and Tracy's Homemade
Pulled Pork and Brunswick Stew,
Chuck Wagon Baked Beans, Slaw,
Campfire Niblet Corn, Bread, and
Cherry Cobbler! Wear your boots,
jeans, plaid shirts or t-shirts,
and Stetson hats (if you dare!).
No six shooters allowed!



Game Night resumes
Thursday, August 13,
6:00 pm
Everyone is welcome!

Attendance

March	Week of 7/5	Week of 7/12	Week of 7/19	Week of 7/26
Worship	78	106	97	117
Small Groups	34	43	50	28

Number Served Through Food Ministries

	Soup Kitchen	# Served
	July 2	50
	July 9	34
	July 16	61
	July 23	49
	July 30	37

Food Closet
Families: 7
Individuals: 22

Giving

Date	Budget	Designated Offerings
July 5	\$3,852.00	540.00
July 12	4,776.00	355.00
July 19	11,520.00	1,268.00
July 26	4,654.00	240.00
Online	26,934.00	2,403.00

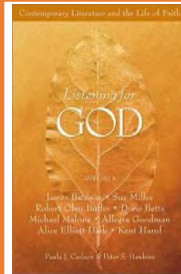
PRAYER list

Ellen Downs Beaulieu, Sarah Auler, Margaret Bartlett, J. R. Bowen, Bentley Bryant, Sharon Cowart, Robert and Debbie Eason, Hamp Ferguson, Jacob Grubbs, Al and Jackie Hammer, George and Diane Hester, Cindy Smith Huff, Don Mathena, Nell Oates, Katherine Parker, Laura Pratesi, Barbara Ruddick, Mona Sikander, Lisa Ann Soehnel, Julie Squire, Nelle Sturdivant, World Conflicts, Our Country, Unspoken Requests, Victims of violence, Victims of fire and natural disaster, Those suffering from dementia and their families



Rise Against Hunger meal packing event following worship on August 23 with a light lunch and setup activities followed by meal packaging beginning at 1:30 pm.

In addition to our own folks, we're hopeful that participants from LaGrange First and Pine Mountain UMCs will be able to attend as we grow that connection, along with others from the local community. More information coming soon...



Lunch and Learn: Listening for God, Vol. 4

Beginning Wednesday, September 2

Eight-week short story discussion group

Each story stands alone.

Call the office to sign up!

Books will be available in the office.

Lay Servant Ministries

The following 3 classes will be offered in person at Ben Hill UMC on Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 9am - 2pm.

Basic Lay Servant Class

Spiritual Gifts

Soul Reset:

Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life with God

These 2 classes will be offered via Zoom:

United Methodist Polity, October 6, 13, 20 - 6pm - 9pm

Justice In Everyday Life, October 10, 17 - 9am - 12 noon, and October 15 - 6pm - 9pm

Registration is required for all classes. There is a \$40 registration fee (plus processing fee) which does not include books. Books can be purchased from Cokesbury, Upper Room Books, Amazon or most book stores. You must attend or complete all sessions to receive credit for the course.

Questions, contact District Lay Servant Ministries Director, Cynthia Holland at cythinam@msn.com.

<https://northga-reg.brapp.com/LayServantMinistries2026Courses>

Opportunities to Learn and Grow



Mondays at 4:00 pm





Family Kayaking



Back to School Pool Party