

# Pioneers Newsletter

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## Upcoming Programs

June 10 Harry Clarke –  
Musical Program

July 8 Luncheon &  
FUN DAY

## Upcoming Trips

June 24 Jarrell Plantation  
& Whistle Stop  
Café, Juliette, GA  
**We leave TFUMC  
at 10 am!**

August 9-12: Older Adult  
Conference,  
Lake Junaluska

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Registration is required  
and your presence is  
appreciated!

To register, please call  
Marilyn Parsonson at  
678-985-9507.

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**The TFUMC Pioneers  
meet the second  
Thursday of each  
month for lunch and  
program at 11:30  
a.m. Day Trips are  
the fourth Thursday  
of each month...**

...except March  
because of XYZ Senior  
Day and August  
because of the trip to  
the Older Adult  
Conference at Lake  
Junaluska.

Pioneers are on the Web:  
<http://tfumc.org/pioneers>

## From The President

### Greetings Fellow Pioneers,

This month has just  
flown by. I can  
hardly believe it is  
only six more months  
until Christmas!!! We  
have had an  
interesting May with  
our program  
presented by Bren  
DuBay from Koinonia  
then the opportunity  
to see first hand what  
she was talking  
about. The farm and  
the meal we shared  
with the people of  
Koinonia were all  
very interesting. We  
saw a movie about  
the origins of  
Koinonia and the  
persecution they  
went through during  
the civil rights era.  
They are very

selfless and  
dedicated people.  
We topped the day  
off with a trip to a  
peach farm, where  
we all enjoyed ice  
cream and, believe it  
or not, bought ripe  
Georgia peaches.

We have more  
interesting things  
coming in June. At  
our meeting on June  
10, Harry Clarke, will  
present a musical  
program which I am  
sure will be very  
good. Our trip on  
June 24, will be to  
the Jarrell Plantation  
and lunch at the  
Whistle Stop Café.  
We leave the church  
at 10 a.m. I don't  
know about you, but I  
am looking forward to

some fried green  
tomatoes.

On July 8, we will  
have our "Fun Day"  
with the man of many  
hats, Dick  
Branscomb calling  
Bingo. We do not  
have a trip planned  
for July but if you  
think of anything or  
anywhere you would  
like to go, just let me  
know, and I'm sure it  
can be arranged.

I look forward to  
seeing all of you in  
June. Until then,  
stay well and be  
happy.

Love in Christ,  
Pat

"We do ourselves and others a disservice when we make old age something to be feared. Life is not a resource to be used up, so that the older we get, the less life we have left. Life is the accumulation of wisdom, love and experience of people encountered and obstacles overcome. The longer we live, the more life we possess."

-- Rabbi Harold Kushner, from his book *Conquering Fear: Living Boldly in an Uncertain World*



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Carlyn Greene

From your newsletter editor:

Hello Pioneers!

I hope you are still enjoying YOUR newsletter. I am having so much fun putting it together each month. Now, I need your help! Who is planning to go to Lake Junaluska in August? Please let me know! I need at least one "field reporter." Don't worry – the work is easy and the reward is great.

**Happy July birthday to:**

Carol Faulk  
Louise Hicks  
Merle Holstun  
Celia Jones  
Evelyn Morrison  
Bebe Osteen  
Marilyn Parsonson  
Dawn Patrick  
Dr. Albert Pick

Have you invited a friend to join you at a Pioneers lunch or trip lately? Don't be shy – invite someone new to join the fun and the Christian fellowship!

God bless!  
Evelyn Burkett  
[communications@tfumc.org](mailto:communications@tfumc.org)

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**Looking Ahead: Older Adult Conference at Lake Junaluska August 9-12**

Picture yourself at this year's Older Adult Conference. The drive to the conference will take you up the beautiful 441 Highway past Dillsboro to Lake Junaluska, NC.

The theme for the conference is:  
*Reaching Up, Reaching Out - Our Call to Spirituality and Mission.*

The Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center campus is directly on the lake. What a truly inspirational setting for a conference focusing on spirituality and mission!

The event includes worship, Bible study, workshops (on spirituality and mission), and lots of good fellowship.

Details for this special conference event may be found online at

[http://www.lakejunaluska.com/uploadedFiles/Lake\\_Junaluska/Upcoming\\_Events/Spiritual\\_Enrichment/Older\\_Adult/AOA\\_Brochure\\_2010.pdf](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/uploadedFiles/Lake_Junaluska/Upcoming_Events/Spiritual_Enrichment/Older_Adult/AOA_Brochure_2010.pdf)

