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Judy Arrowood, Editor

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

January 15, 2012 marked a time of vision casting, goal setting, and being led by the Spirit at First United Methodist New Year Administrative Council meeting. I was excited to see the energy in the fellowship hall that evening. We committed to a New Year of:

1. **Anticipation:** The ability to view the congregation through seasons of spiritual experience. We will look at new trends, and opportunities. Anticipation is watching the future and applying these trends to the congregation's specific situation.
2. **Innovation:** Making change work for the good of the congregation. Innovation is searching for change and then using it to fuel new ideas and new ministries. It is doing better with what we have. Innovation is making something new out of existing resources, programs, and structures. It is the ability of letting past successes die after they have lived their day in order to make room for and release energies to grasp a new and better future.
3. **Excellence:** This is a commitment to quality. Excellence is a continuous improvement. It is paying attention to important things over and against the trivial. Excellence is continued improvement through ministry, evaluation, and feedback.

Many wonderful ideas for ministry were birth forth in this vision casting session. I view gathering together as the community of faith as the fueling ground. We gather to worship,

study, and fellowship. As we gather we encourage one another, stir up each other to love and good deeds in order to go out and make an impact in the local community and beyond. January 15th we were stirred up and now we are ready to impact our world for Christ. Plans are already in progress for many of the ideas shared in our vision session.

1. We are planning a Spring Revival! What is a revival? Revival means to live again. It means to rekindle the flame of a spark that has been extinguished. It is time for the churches and our community to experience a revival. When can a revival be expected? A revival is expected when Christians have a heart of prayer for revival. It was evident on January 15th many of you had a heart of prayer for a revival. Mark these dates in your calendar for our Spring Revival: **June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd beginning at 7:00 p.m.** June 2nd will be our youth night, but all are invited.
2. Revitalization of our Visitation Ministry.
3. Backpack Program. How can a child focus on solving a math problem or memorizing a new word when she or he is trying to ignore the persistent pangs of hunger? The Backpack Program help children in our school system get the nutrition they need over the course of a weekend.
4. Summer Feeding Program for our children in our local schools.
5. Clown Ministry
6. Duke Student Intern

7. Beautification Ministry focusing upon a flower garden and shrubbery.
8. Faith and Health Ministry which will help nurture the human spirit by wholistically promoting health and wellness for the body, mind and spirit through education, spiritual care and referral to community, congregational and health care resources.
9. Grief Support Ministry. We meet every last Thursday in each month at 11:00 a.m. in the library.
10. Divorce Care Ministry is a 13 week session for those who are going through divorce or separation to find help, discover hope and experience healing.

All of these and much more was generated from our vision casting session. My personal dream list includes a prayer ministry team and a core leadership team. Look for more information in these two areas to come soon. It will take all of us in ministry together to accomplish our vision. I am looking forward to a dynamic year in the Lord. If you are feeling a call in any of these areas of ministry contact me at revapleasants@yahoo.com or 704-827-4855 and leave a message.

Shalom,

Pastor Angela

Sources in this article were cited from "Marketing for Congregations" by Norman Shawchuck



THE PRAYER CHAIN:

To place a name on the prayer chain, please call
Angie: 704-608-6853

Jo: 704-822-3555 or Kathy: 704-827-7929



PRAYING FOR... Steve Cope, Vance Cheek, Charles Cloninger, Sam Hudson, Bob Connell, CRO of Mt. Holly, Our Nation, Shirley Brown, Amanda Smith, Blake Fallis, Coach Bo Smith, Marie Crum, Tommy Melton, Jewel Nixon, Debra Kimray, Angie Tindall, Leslie Shrum Howie, Cindy McFadden, C. J. Munday, Family of Bing Friday, Ruby Rhyne, Austin Kepley, Bill Melton, Tom Springs, Ran Henderson, Donna Blachford, Family of Bob Abercrombie, Martha Reinhardt, Susan Brown, Rita McElwaine Cheek, Evelyn Greene, Jim Guin, Teresa Harris, Margaret Anderson, Jan

Overstreet, Art, Camille & Dewey Glick, Constance Blocker, Tip Silvers, Teresa Anderson, Gene & Marie Seibert, Sharon Belcher, David & Jackie Dove, Peggy Streat, Evelyn Painter, Terry Grigg, Marty Owens, Family of Madge Hensley, Pauline Stilwell, Family of Russell O'Neal, Drew Hefner, Chloe



OUR HEARTFELT CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend our most sincere Christian sympathy to Mrs. Martha Reinhardt and Mickey Estridge and family in the death of Martha's sister and Mickey's aunt, Mrs. Ruth Carpenter.



A NOTE OF THANKS FROM SUSAN BROWN

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and flowers after my recent rotator cuff surgery. I am grateful for your friendship. Thanks Rev. Angela for coming to the hospital and visiting with my family during the surgery.

Sincerely, Susan Brown



A WORD FROM THE DCE

Thank you to Chris and John Lutz and Carol and Marc Smith for hosting the youth Super Bowl parties. Our youth will be participating in 30-Hour Famine this year. Each youth is trying to raise \$100 to help with the hunger crisis in the world. We will be spending 30 hours at the church and in the community fasting and praying to raise awareness of this global problem. Please be in prayer for our youth as they share in this ministry and if you have spare change, the youth will be collecting on Sundays after worship.

Confirmation Class for sixth graders is taking place each Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. If you have a child that age who is interested, please let Ms. Jerrienne know.

A new Ladies Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, March 6th. Information and a sign-up sheet will be in the hall. Everyone is welcome to give Bible Study a try with no commitment

Please be in prayer for the mission trip to Costa Rico. It is planned for June 23rd-July 1st.

Please remember to empty and place your recyclable cans, bottles, papers and containers in the recycling bins outside my office, outside the Middle High Sunday School Class, or next to the trash cans in the kitchen.

Save the Earth! Recycle! Jerrienne



EASTER IS COMING APRIL 8TH



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Activities

- 3:00 PM – Wesley Ringers
- 4:00 PM – Covenant Rock
- 5:00 PM – Youth Meal
- 5:30 PM – UMYF Meeting

Wednesday Night Bible Study

All Youth are invited on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM in the Senior High Youth Room. Please bring your Bibles

Thank You

To Carol & Marc Smith for hosting the Middle High's Super Bowl party and to Chris & John Lutz for hosting the Sr. Highs

30 Hours of Famine February 24th – 26th

We would like everyone to raise at least a \$100 for the homeless and those that are hungry. There are collection envelopes and a sign-up sheet on the table at Jerrienne's office. We will be at the church and in the community fasting and praying during this event. Please start getting your sponsors.

Covenant Rock to Sing

Sunday, February 19th for the 11:00 Worship Service

Easter Cantata

With the Chancel Choir, will be on Palm Sunday, April 1st at 11:00 AM
Please be at the church by 9:00 AM
Dress Rehearsal:
Saturday, March 31st – 9:00 AM to 12 noon.

Music and Arts Week at

Lake Junaluska

June 24th – 29th

You may start making monthly payments for this trip.

Information!!!

Please check the Youth Board for information and activities.

These activities, times and dates are subject to change. Please check your e-mails each Tuesday for activities, changes and additions.



Music Ministry Calendar:



- Ringers for Peace will meet at 9 AM on Sunday's on the 3rd Floor
- Covenant Rock will to meet on Sunday's in the Choir Room @ 4:00

- Melody Chimers under the direction of Samantha Miller & Amy Konecny, will meet on Wednesday's @ 6:15 PM on the 3rd Floor. This is for 3rd graders and up.
- Cherub Choir will meet Wednesday's at 6:15-6:30 PM under the direction of Glenda Painter, Lorie Mitchum and Judy Baker in the 3-4 year old Sunday School classroom.
- Music Makers (1st thru 5th grade) will meet at 4 – 5 PM on Sunday's in the Chapel under the direction of Allie Ingle & Melissa Price.
- Youth Handbells at 3 PM on Sunday's on 3rd floor
- Chancel Choir (ages 16 to 106) will meet on Wednesday's 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Choir Rm
- Men of Note will meet Wednesday's in the Choir Room at @ 8:00 PM

Sing'-cerely,

"Mr. Jeff" Ingle, Minister of Music



TO BE ON PASTOR ANGELA'S EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST:

To receive devotions and announcements from Pastor Angela, please send emails to revapleasants@yahoo.com.



TO SET UP A MEETING TIME WITH PASTOR ANGELA

If you would like to set up a meeting time with the pastor, please contact her personal assistant, Angela Mitchell at 704-913-8464 or amitchell1206@gmail.com



16th ANNUAL MEN WHO COOK

East Gaston High School
Sunday, February 26th

Sponsored by the Mount Holly Rotary Club See Missy Connell for tickets. Adults \$10; Children 10 and under \$5. The Mt. Holly Rotary Club sponsors this annual fund-raising activity to provide scholarship funds for graduates of East Gaston High School so that these students may further their education. All men are invited to participate. See the Bulletin Board for the responsibilities of each cook. We hope that you will accept this invitation to cook and of course the public is invited to join in an enjoyable meal; so come and join us on February 26th.



A NEW VISITATION MINISTRY TO BEGIN

Do you have a loving heart and caring spirit?

Do you have an enthusiastic desire to visit with a shut-in, homebound, or persons in assisted living?

If so, this ministry may be for you.

We are looking for persons to join our Care and Share Visitation Team at FUMC. This will consist of persons that are willing and passionate to take the church to the shut-in, to re-affirm Christ's continued presence in their lives and to re-affirm their continued presence in the Body of Christ.

If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Angela. Remember, you can make a difference in the lives of our shut-ins.



CHARLOTTE DISTRICT 2012 ANNUAL SPRING SEMINAR CHANGE CONFERENCE

This year the Change Conference will be held at Christ UMC in Hickory on Saturday, March 10th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Dr. Gary Royals, our Charlotte DS writes, "We live in changing times and must find new ways to reach out and bring people in. When you put this together, the two things churches should focus upon are evangelism and transition." This conference will offer tools to churches in accomplishing this task. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Angela know so she can complete the Registration Form. Registration Deadline is March 1 and the Cost is \$10. This will include materials received as well as a sandwich meal.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you could help feed the youth. supper on Sunday nights, please call or text Shellie King @ 704-860-0569. Thank you.



WE HAVE A 2ND WEBSITE ADDRESS

www.gbmg-umc.org/fumcmh



YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO PLEDGE FOR 2012

Just a reminder!! If you haven't done so, you can still pledge your financial support to our Lord and our church's future by filling out a loyalty card, placing it in a sealed envelope, and bringing it by (or mailing it to) the church office. If you pledged for 2011 and haven't done so for 2012, please prayerfully consider pledging again. Thank you,

Steve Painter,
Financial Secretary

2012 GIVING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Members and friends of the church may pick up next year's envelopes for tithes and giving . They can be found in the narthex, and two options are available:

- (1) a booklet containing weekly envelopes, or
- (2) a packet containing sixteen envelopes.

If anyone wishes to have envelopes for tithing and giving for 2012 mailed to him/her, please contact the church office. Let us know whether you desire a booklet or a packet of loose envelopes. We'll be glad to send what you need. Thanks, Steve Painter



EVANGELISM TEAM NEWS

The Evangelism Team is pleased to report that our church has received recognition as a Certified Welcoming Congregation of the United Methodist Church for the third consecutive year. This designation guarantees that our church will be specially recognized on the United Methodist Church "Find A Church" website. During 2011, dedicated laypersons participated in a variety of welcoming outreach ministry events including Spring Fest, National Night Out, Mt. Holly Days and the Mt. Holly Christmas Parade. Usher Training was provided to promote a welcoming, comfortable and secure atmosphere for all who worship within our doors. These welcoming efforts, combined with the newly formed Wellness Team, Separation and Divorce Care, and Outreach/Prayer Partners within our local school system are all great opportunities to communicate the gospel of Good News, create new disciples and equip them to transform the world. If you would like to assist in any of these efforts, pray for God's guidance and make your decision known to Pastor Angela, Lay Leader Clay Jones, or Church Council Leader Pete Rutledge. Thanks to all who participated this past year and helped make our church a warm center of *Radical Hospitality*. Let's strive to make 2012 even better!

Rich blessings upon you, Clay Jones



A LATE CHRISTMAS GREETING FROM THE PERRY'S

A Happy & Blessed Christmas to you all. We are settling into retirement well, but still seems like a "holiday" – expected a "tap on the shoulder" when we were in Stratford on Avon on a Wednesday last week asking us to get back to work on a weekday!!! Tony & Fran



BECOME A VISITATION SPECIALIST!!

The Evangelism Team has seen a distinct increase in the number of visitors in worship services in the last 6 months. While our Pastor makes every effort to contact them in a timely fashion, one person can't do it all. The Evangelism team is now recruiting teams of two persons who will make a personal effort to contact visitors who give us their name and address (and many have). The Evangelism Team will provide you with a token gift to leave with the family when you call on them. All that is needed is a smiling face and a desire to extend a welcome and invitation to come again and fellowship with us. Would you like to follow God's call to go, and extend to these visitors the opportunity to find fellowship and support in a vibrant, faith community? Pray for God's guidance and be looking for an upcoming announcement on how you can participate in this vital ministry.

Clay Jones, Evangelism Team Leader



HUGH GRANT, ULYSSES S. GRANT,
CARY GRANT...

But these are not the Grants that we are interested in. Since we have renovated and need to pay for the third floor, we are looking for any grants that come from companies, foundations, etc.

Do you know of any? If so, please contact either Jane Hollar (Trustees) or Melanie Abernathy (Finance).



NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM will meet on February 19th at 8 AM in the FH. All men and boys are invited to attend this full, delicious breakfast, enjoy the special speaker, Rev. Mitchell Murrow, take care of the UMM business and have a good time of fellowship. Charles Domokos, UMM President



MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MARCH 6

Please include information for March 14 – April 22. *The Messenger* will be mailed and e-mailed on March 14th.

Thank you for your information. If you have your information earlier than March 6th, you may send it to me by e-mail at judyarrowood@carolina.rr.com or by fax at 704-827-4867 or drop it by the church office. Judy



CHURCH LAITY AWARD

We are still accepting nominations for Layperson of the Year 2011 until FEBRUARY 26th. There are Nomination Forms in the Narthex which you may complete and return to either Clay Jones or Pastor Angela. Please note that the Nomination Form is 2 pages (front and back). This award is based on ones contribution to our church, our community, and our world. While nominees need not meet all these criteria, please make an effort to list specific reasons why you believe your nominee is worthy of this honor. A committee composed of the Lay Leader, UMM and UMW presidents, a youth representative and the Church Council leader will review nominations and make a choice by March 1st.

For your information the previous award winners are:

- 2004 – Bill Chavers
- 2005 – Dot Stilwell
- 2006 – Larry Grant
- 2007 – Peggy Frazier
- 2008 – No one was chosen this year
- 2009 – Peggy Putnam
- 2010 – Jane Hollar
- 2011 – Josh Motes & Ed Pyles

The award winner will be announced in church on the first Sunday of May.

Clay Jones, Lay Leader



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S NEWS

Sunday, February 19

4 PM - UMW Executive Board in the Library

Wednesday, February 22

We will be hosting the annual Lenten Luncheons for the community, consisting of soups and sandwiches at 12 noon, every Wednesday for 7 weeks, starting February 22

Saturday, March 17

District Prayer Breakfast
Deadline: Registration & Breakfast
Give money to Mary Harris
Location: Mouzon UMC
Carpool from FUMC at 8 AM

Sunday, March 18

Call to Prayer and Self Denial from 2 – 4 PM
Location: Mt. Holly First UMC – Chapel

4 PM – UMW Executive Board in the Library

We hope you will join us at these events. If you're not currently a member of UMW, you are welcome to visit us at any time.

Jo Lindsay, UMW President



THE MOUNT HOLLY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are continuing with the Oral Histories Project. If you know of other folks over 80 years of age who want to be interviewed, please contact Cindy Michael, our Project leader at 704-827-2697.

The next meeting will be held February 28th at 7 PM at our new home in the Municipal Building at 131 S. Main Street. The program, "Protecting our Valuable Built Environment" will be given by Ted Alexander, Director of Preservation NC Western Regional Office. Light refreshments will be served.

The Society still has for sale at \$21.99 + tax a book entitled "Mount Holly" a fascinating pictorial documentary of the town's history and is part of the "Images of America" series.

The book is the work of Dr. Lee Beatty, Jim Love and Charles A. Rhyne, Jr.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Carter at (704) 827-7552 or send email queries to her at smc1221@bellsouth.net.



CAROLYN MUNDY RETIRES

On January 29th, Carolyn retired after 8 years as Infant Nursery Attendant. Carolyn has served the position well here at FUMC and we certainly appreciate the dedication and attention she has given to her job.

Thank you, Carolyn, for a job well done.

Staff-Parish Committee



NEW INFANT NURSERY ATTENDANT HIRED

Staff-Parish Committee has hired a new Infant Nursery Attendant. Her name is Jeannie Marie Wood Ingle from Gastonia. Jeannie is the sister-in-law of Jeff & Lori Ingle and is married to Jeff's brother, Walker. We welcome Jeannie as a new member of our staff here at FUMC.

Her duties begin Sunday, February 19th.

Fred Hefner, Staff Parish Chairman



**BUS FUND CONTRIBUTIONS AS
FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

\$ 25,924.94



**MT HOLLY CRO STILL
DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!**

ANY AND ALL ITEMS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS AND PLACE THEM IN THE COLLECTION BOXES IN THE WESLEY CLASS AND IN THE HALLWAY OR TAKE

THEM TO OUR TEMPORARY LOCATION IN THE BASEMENT OF THE OLD CITY HALL. (YOU CAN GET TO THE OLD CITY HALL BY COMING DOWN MAIN STREET, TURNING RIGHT AT WELLS FARGO BANK AND TURNING RIGHT ON MUNICIPAL DRIVE. DRIVE AROUND THE ROAD AND LOOK FOR THE CRO SIGN ON THE DOOR.) IF YOU HAVE CLOTHING TO DONATE, PLEASE TAKE IT TO THE OLD LOCATION AT 117 WEST CENTRAL AVE. THANK YOU.



ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY, 2012:

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| January 1 | S. S. 82 | Worship: 170 |
| January 8 | 127 | 226 |
| January 15 | 111 | 236 |
| January 22 | 121 | 224 |
| January 29 | 120 | 221 |



Save the Date

On Saturday April 21, 2012 at 8:00 AM the Run For The Money at the Rotary Pavilion in Downtown Gastonia. This event is organized by the *Community Foundation of Gaston County* and supports the Community Relief Organization of Mount Holly. Since the inception, Run for the Money has raised \$9.1 million for local non-profits with \$2 million in grants from the Community Foundation. Come out and participate in the 5K Run or the 2K Walk.

For more information call Bill Brown 704-820-2826 or go online www.cfgaston.org.

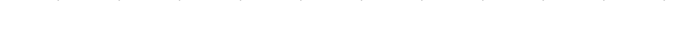


In Memory of...

Bobby Abercrombie.....James & Evelyn Beatty
Ruth Carpenter.....Anne K. Brinkley

In Honor Of

Pauline Stilwell.....Steve & Pam Painter



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

On Sunday, March 11th at 2 AM, Daylight Savings Time begins. So, on Saturday night, March 10th, before going to bed, remember to **SPRING FORWARD** and turn your clocks **FORWARD 1 HOUR**. This will insure that you will be on time for church services.



THE DIVORCE CARE CLASSES

The Regular Divorce Care Classes began February 2 and will continue each Thursday through May 3 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. There is a \$25 fee for the class. If you have missed this class; another one will be offered in the Fall.



STEWARDSHIP – ADOPT A FUND

New Ministries and missions are off and running in 2012. Pastor Angela recently challenged us to “find our passion” and go for it! How many of us have a passion for Apportionments? How many of us even know what our Conference Apportionment funds go towards? Apportionment is the term used in the United Methodist Church to describe the local churches share of support to international, national and regional mission.

Some funds speak for themselves like the “Lake Junaluska Dam and Lake Restoration Fund”, while others like the “World Service Fund” may need more of an explanation. The “World Service Fund” supports the church’s agencies to be in mission and ministry at home and around the world to make sure God’s work is done.

In the coming weeks, we will provide booklets with detailed explanations of each of the Apportionment Funds. Our hope is to educate and motivate each of us to support our fair share apportionments as members of the United Methodist Church. Think of it as FUMC’s tithe to the greater Church.

This month, we kick-off a special program called “Adopt a Fund” where you can commit to support one of the Conference Apportionment funds. Does Lake Junaluska hold a special place in your heart? Are world missions a passion for you? If you are interested, please see the bulletin board outside of Jerrienne’s office for instructions and commitment cards on how you can “Adopt a Fund” or contact me for more information.

Our Vision for Stewardship is to build a fellowship of Godly stewards following Godly principles that arrive at Godly results. If we accomplish this, all our needs will be met through our faith in Christ.

Ed Pyles, Stewardship Chairperson



LENTEN LUNCHES BEGIN FEBRUARY 22

Come and join us each Wednesday throughout the season of Lent preparing our heart and deepening our devotion to mark the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Community Meal at 11:45 AM
Lenten Message at 12:20 PM

Our Special Lenten Lunch Speakers:
February 22 – Rev. Kenn Brown, Retired

February 29 – Rev. Kendell Cameron
First Baptist Church, Mt. Holly

March 7 – Rev. Jason Marlowe
Tuckaseege Baptist Church, Mt. Holly

March 14 – Rev. Scott Anderson,
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Mt. Holly

March 21 – Rev. Bruce Bradley
Second Baptist Church, Mt. Holly

March 28 – Rev. Gary Richardson
Park Street UMC, Belmont

April 4 – Rev. Jeremiah Robinson Retired



February Birthdays

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| 15 | Karsyn Felton |
| 15 | Kendyl Felton |
| 17 | Julian Chappel |
| 19 | Doug Reiner |
| 20 | Kayla Besser |
| 20 | Chris Chavers |
| 20 | Walter Cope |
| 20 | Gini B. Moore |
| 21 | Catherine Rutledge |
| 22 | Martha Reinhardt |
| 24 | Shannon Baker |
| 24 | Ashley Harris |
| 24 | Emily Ingle |
| 24 | Heather S. Moore |
| 24 | Mark Painter |
| 26 | Tom Hubbard |
| 26 | John Leatherwood |
| 27 | Ethan Frazier |
| 27 | Rodney Williams |
| 28 | Karen Hefner |
| 28 | Diana Herms |
| 28 | Jeremy Rembowski |

February Anniversaries

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| 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Bob Mitchum |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Brown |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Stilwell |

March Anniversaries

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| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Probst |
| 10 | Mr. & Mrs. John Leatherwood |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Cunningham |
| 20 | Mr. & Mrs. Ian Blachford |



MEGAN MAKES DEAN’S LIST AT ASU

Congratulations to Megan Boughman for making the Dean’s List for the 2011Fall Semester at Appalachian State University. A sophomore, her Major is Biology, cellular/molecular biology. We’re proud of you!

JANUARY, 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT:

JANUARY 1:

General Budget\$3,893.00
 Apportionment184.16
 *Raise the Roof.....256.50
 *Mission Trip230.00
 *Upper Room7.00
 Total Received.....4,570.66
 Less: Non-Budget.....- 493.50
 Total Budget Received\$ 4,077.16
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JANUARY 8:

General Budget\$7,501.73
 Apportionment865.00
 *Raise the Roof.....2,011.50
 *Church Bus.....140.00
 *SS/Study Literature.....79.70
 *Annual Mission Trip.....140.00
 * Upper Room.....2.00
 Total Received10,739.93
 Less: Non-Budget.....-2,373.20
 Total Budget Received.....\$ 8,366.73
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JANUARY 15:

General Budget\$ 4,115.00
 Apportionment45.00
 *Raise the Roof.....481.67
 *SS/Study Literature.....60.00
 *Annual Mission Trip.....697.00
 Total Received5,398.67
 Less: Non-Budget.....-1,238.67
 Total Budget Received.....\$ 4,160.00
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JANUARY 22:

General Budget\$ 6,062.07
 Apportionment100.00
 *Raise the Roof.....296.50
 *SS/Study Literature.....20.00
 *Mission Trip.....1,355.00
 Total Received.....7,833.57
 Less: Non-Budget.....- 1,671.50
 Total Budget Received.....\$ 6,162.07
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JANUARY 29:

General Budget\$ 4,278.62
 Apportionment316.18
 *Raise the Roof.....491.50
 *Annual Mission Trip.....1,715.00
 *Upper Room.....1.00
 *Copies.....1.00
 Total Received.....6,803.30
 Less: Non-Budget.....-2,208.50
 Total Budget Received.....\$4,594.80
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SUMMARY OF JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Received for January\$35,346.13
 Non-Budget Amount Received.....- 7,985.37
 Budget Received for Jan.....\$ 27,360.76

January Raise the Roof Giving \$ 3,537.67
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EVENTS

- FEB. 15 – Newsletter Mailed
- FEB. 16 @ 6:30 PM - DivorceCare - Parlor
- FEB. 17 – 8 AM – 12 N – UMM Cooking – FH & Kit.
- FEB. 18 @ 7 AM – 4:30 PM –Tres Dias – FH
- FEB. 19 @ 8 AM – FUMC UMMen’s Breakfast & Meeting – FH
- FEB. 19 @ 4 PM – UMWomen’s Executive Board - Library
- FEB. 22 @ 11:45 AM – Lenten Lunch – FH
Rev. Kenn Brown, Retired, FUMC, MH
- FEB. 22 @ 6:30 PM–Ash Wednesday Serv. –Sanct
- FEB. 23 @ 11:00 AM–Grief Support & Lunch – Lib.
- FEB. 23 @ 6:30 PM - DivorceCare - Parlor
- FEB. 25 @ 7 AM – 4:30 PM –Tres Dias – FH
- FEB. 25 @ 6 AM – 30 Hours of Famine – Youth
- FEB. 28 @ 7 PM – Mt. Holly Historical Society – Municipal Building
- FEB. 29 @ 11:45 AM – Lenten Lunch – FH
Rev. Kendell Cameron , First Baptist Church, MH
- MAR. 1 @ 6:30 PM – DivorceCare – Parlor
- MAR. 2 – World Day of Prayer
- MAR. 4 – 10 AM – Praise & Worship – Chapel
- MAR. 5 @ 11 AM – Circle # 2
- MAR. 5 @ 7 PM – Circle # 3 – FH
- MAR. 7 @ 10:30 AM – Circle # 5 – Pioneer Class
- MAR. 7 @ 10:30 AM – Circle # 6 - Parlor
- MAR. 7 @ 11:45 AM – Lenten Lunch – FH
Rev. Jason Marlowe,Tuckaseege Baptist Church
- MAR. 8 @ 6:30 PM – DivorceCare – Parlor
- MAR. 10 @ 8:30 – 4:30 – Charlotte District Change Conference at Christ UMC in Hickory
- MAR. 10 – SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR FOR DST
- MAR. 11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- MAR. 14 – Newsletter Mailed
- MAR. 14 @ 11:45 AM – Lenten Lunch – FH
Rev. Scott Anderson – Good Shepherd Lutheran
- MAR. 15 @ 6:30 PM – DivorceCare – Parlor
- MAR. 16 @ 8 AM–12 N – UMM Cooking – FH & Kit.
- MAR. 16 @ 6:30 PM – Circle # 4 – Parlor
- MAR. 17 @ 8 AM – Leave FUMC for Charlotte District Prayer Breakfast at Mouzon UMC
- MAR. 18 @ 8 AM – UMMen’s Breakfast & Mtg – FH
- MAR. 18 @ 2 PM – UMW Call to Prayer & Self-Denial at - Chapel
- MAR. 18 @ 4 PM – UMWomen’s Executive Board – Library

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SERVING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2012

USHERS: * Fred Hefner, Bill Chavers,
Richard Thompson, Melanie Abernathy,
Jeff Abernathy, Bonnie Seward, Clay Jones
GREETERS: Van & Rosemary Spencer
ACOLYTES: Megan McIntosh & Matthew Magennis
NURSERY: Preschool/Toddlers:

Amy Konecny & Glenda Painter

SOUND: Joey Munday
FLOWERS: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gallman
CHILDREN'S SERMON: Jerriane Pyles
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jerriane Pyles



SERVING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2012

USHERS: * Fred Hefner, Bill Chavers,
Richard Thompson, Melanie Abernathy,
Jeff Abernathy, Bonnie Seward, Clay Jones
GREETERS: Mary Harris & Dot Stilwell
ACOLYTES: MacKenzie Miller & Morgan Washam
NURSERY: Matt & Suzie Washam

SOUND: David Lutz
FLOWERS: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Domokos
CHILDREN'S SERMON: TBA
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Shellie King



SERVING ON MARCH 4, 2012

USHERS: * Bill Corall, Tom Cloninger,
Dianne Cloninger, Pete Rutledge, Jean Dellinger,
Richard Thompson, Herschel Ellis

GREETERS: Bob & Bonnie Seward
ACOLYTES: Becca Nixon & Kaden Mitchell
NURSERY: Ashley Harris
SOUND: Evan Currie
FLOWERS: Misses Dorothy, Mary & Lib Harris
CHILDREN'S SERMON: TBA
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Suzie Washam



SERVING ON MARCH 11, 2012

USHERS: * Bill Corall, Tom Cloninger,
Dianne Cloninger, Pete Rutledge, Jean Dellinger,
Richard Thompson, Herschel Ellis

GREETERS: Bobby John & Frances Rhyne
ACOLYTES: Megan McIntosh & Maddie Miller
NURSERY: Mark & Amanda Stallings
SOUND: Wesley Jones
FLOWERS: Family of Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Nixon
CHILDREN'S SERMON: TBA
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Allie Ingle



SERVING ON MARCH 18, 2012

USHERS: * Bill Corall, Tom Cloninger,
Dianne Cloninger, Pete Rutledge, Jean Dellinger,
Richard Thompson, Herschel Ellis

GREETERS: Shirley Robinson & Dorothy Wiles
ACOLYTES: Matthew Magennis & Morgan Washam

NURSERY: Joel & Carrie Lineberger
SOUND: Joey Munday
FLOWERS: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Grant
CHILDREN'S SERMON: TBA
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jennifer Cornette



March Birthdays

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| 1 | Tom Cloninger |
| 1 | Elaine Long |
| 1 | Chris Lutz |
| 2 | David Baker |
| 2 | David Rivers |
| 3 | Kayla Helms |
| 3 | Carrie Lineberger |
| 3 | Aaron Long |
| 3 | Cathy Whitley |
| 6 | Richard Dunn |
| 9 | Curtis Herms |
| 9 | Nick Payne |
| 11 | Lisa Horne |
| 11 | Edgar Stroupe |
| 13 | Sadie Painter |
| 14 | Donna Blachford |
| 18 | Sandy Carter |



The City of Mount Holly Invites You to join us for

The 9th Annual Black History Forum
Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3 PM
At the Mount Holly Municipal Complex
400 East Central Avenue, Mount Holly, NC

This Year's Theme: "Community Commitment"

Come Hear Guest Speaker
Reverend Angela Pleasants, Pastor of
First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly

For more information, please contact John Hope,
Chairman of the Black History Committee
At 980-522-0248

Free Refreshments & Live Entertainment



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15 **NEWSLETTER MAILED**
5:30 PM..... Fellowship Meal / UMW / FH
6:15 PM..... Cherubs 3&4 SS Class
6:15 PM..... Melody Chimers / Handbell Room
6:30 PM..... Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM..... Youth Bible Study / Sr. High Youth Room
6:30 PM..... Chancel Choir / Choir Room
8:00 PM..... Men of Note / Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
6:30 PM.....Divorce Care Class / Parlor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8:00 AM – 12 Noon ... UMMen Cooking / FH & Kit. Res.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM.....Mid-Carolina Tres Dias / FH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 AM....UMMen Breakfast & Meeting / FH & Kitchen
9:00 AM..... Casting Bronze / Handbell Room
9:15 AM.....Early Refreshments / FH
9:45 AM.....Sunday School
9:45 AM..... Covenant Rock in Choir Loft
11:00 AM.....Worship Service / Sanctuary
12 Noon – 5:00 PM.....FH Reserved
3:00 PM..... Youth Handbells / Handbell Room
4:00 PM.....Covenant Rock / Choir Room
4:00 PM.....Music Makers / Chapel
4:00 PM..... UMW Executive Board / Library
5:00 PM..... Finance Committee / Library
5:00 PM...UMYF Meal / FH followed by UMYF Meeting
6:30 PM..... Church Council / Pioneer

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY

7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts / VFW

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
9:30 AM.....Ladies Bible Study / Library
7:00 PM..... Cub Scouts / 2nd, 3rd & FH

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
LENTEN LUNCHESES BEGIN**

11:45 AM..... Lenten Lunch / FH
Rev. Kenn Brown, Retired
5:45 PM..... Fellowship Meal / JAMS / FH
6:15 PM..... No Cherubs & No Melody Chimers
6:30 PM..... No Adult & No Youth Bible Studies
6:30 PM..... Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary
After Service...Chancel Choir & Men of Note /Choir Rm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 AM... Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
11:00 AM..... Grief Support with Lunch / Library
6:30 PM..... Girl Scouts / 3rd Floor
6:30 PM.....DivorceCare / Parlor

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 – 11:00 AM.....Preschool Pajama Day / FH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:00 AM.....30 Hours of Famine Begins
7:00 AM – 4:30 PM.....Mid-Carolina Tres Dias / FH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00 AM..... Casting Bronze / Handbell Room
9:15 AM.....Early Refreshments / FH
9:45 AM.....Sunday School
11:00 AM.....Worship Service / Sanctuary
12:00 Noon..... 30 Hours of Famine Ends
3:00 PM..... Youth Handbells / Handbell Room
4:00 PM.....Covenant Rock / Choir Room
4:00 PM.....Music Makers / Chapel

4:00 PM..... Children's Council / Library
5:00 PM..... UMYF Meal / FH
5:30 PM..... UMYF Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts / VFW

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
9:30 PM.....Ladies Bible Study / Library
7:00 PM..... Cub Scouts / 2nd, 3rd & FH
7:00 PM....Mt. Holly Historical Society / Municipal Bldg.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

11:45 AM.....Lenten Lunch / FH
Rev. Kendell Cameron, First Baptist Church
5:00 PM..... Worship Sub-Committee / Library
5:45 PM..... Fellowship Meal / Young Adults / FH
6:15 PM.....Cherubs 3 & 4 SS Class
6:15 PM.....Melody Chimers / Handbell Room
6:30 PM.....Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM..... Youth Bible Study / Sr. Hi Youth Room
6:30 PM..... Chancel Choir / Choir Room
8:00 PM.....Men of Note / Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
6:30 PM.....Divorce Care / Parlor

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM..... Casting Bronze / Handbell Room
9:15 AM.....Early Refreshments / FH
9:45 AM.....Sunday School
10:00 AM,..... Praise & Worship / Chapel
11:00 AM.....Worship Service / Sanctuary
3:00 PM..... Youth Handbells / Handbell Room
4:00 PM.....Covenant Rock / Choir Room
4:00 PM.....Music Makers / Chapel
5:00 PM..... UMYF Meal / FH
5:30 PM..... UMYF Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 5

11:00 AM.....Circle # 2
7:00 PM..... Circle # 3 / FH
7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts / VFW

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 NEWSLETTER INFO. DUE

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
9:30 AM.....Ladies Bible Study / Library
7:00 PM..... Cub Scouts / 2nd, 3rd & FH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

10:30 AM.....Circle # 5 / Pioneer Class
10:30 AM..... Circle # 6 / Parlor
11:45 AM.....Lenten Lunch / FH
Rev. Jason Marlowe, Tuckaseege Baptist Church
5:45 PM..... Fellowship Meal / Children's Council / FH
6:15 PM.....Cherubs / 3 & 4 SS Class
6:15 PM.....Melody Chimers / Handbell Room
6:30 PM.....Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM..... Youth Bible Study / Sr. Hi Youth Room
6:30 PM..... Chancel Choir / Choir Room
8:00 PM.....Men of Note / Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
6:30 PM..... Girl Scouts / 3rd Floor
6:30 PM.....DivorceCare / Parlor

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM..... Charlotte District Change
Conference / Christ UMC in Hickory
12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM.....FH Reserved

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

9:00 AM..... Casting Bronze / Handbell Room
9:15 AM..... Early Refreshments / FH
9:45 AM..... Sunday School
11:00 AM..... Worship Service / Sanctuary
3:00 PM..... Youth Handbells / Handbell Room
4:00 PM Covenant Rock / Choir Room
4:00 PM..... Music Makers / Chapel
5:00 PM..... Trustees / Library
5:00 PM..... UMYF Meal / FH
5:30 PM..... UMYF Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 PM..... Boy Scouts /VFW

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
9:30 AM.....Ladies Bible Study / Library
7:00 PM..... Cub Scouts / 2nd, 3rd & FH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 NEWSLETTER MAILED

11:45 AM..... Lenten Lunch / FH
Rev. Scott Anderson, Good Shepherd Lutheran
5:45 PM..... Fellowship Meal / Costa Rica Team / FH
6:15 PM..... Cherubs / 3 & 4 SS Class

6:15 PM..... Melody Chimers / Handbell Room
6:30 PM..... Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM..... Youth Bible Study / Sr. Hi Youth Room
6:30 PM..... Chancel Choir / Choir Room
8:00 PM..... Men of Note / Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

8:30 AM.....Movers & Shakers / Pioneer
6:30 PM.....Divorce/Care / Parlor

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM – 12 Noon.....UMMen Cooking / Kitchen & FH
6:30 PM..... Circle 4 / Parlor

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY

8:00 AM..... Leave from FUMC to Charlotte District
Prayer Breakfast / Mouzon UMC

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:00 AM..... UMMen's Breakfast & Mtg / FH
9:00 AM..... Casting Bronze / Handbell Room
9:15 AM..... Early Refreshments / FH
9:45 AM..... Sunday School
11:00 AM..... Worship Service / Sanctuary
2:00 – 4:00 PM..... UMW Call to Prayer & Self-Denial /
Chapel
3:00 PM..... Youth Handbells / Handbell Rm
4:00 PM..... Covenant Rock / Choir Room
4:00 PM..... Music Makers / Chapel
4:00 PM..... UMW Executive Board / Library
5:00 PM..... Finance / Library
5:00 PM..... UMYF Meal / FH
5:30 PM..... UMYF Meeting
6:30 PM..... Church Council / Pioneer



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