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FEBRUARY THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Precious Gifts

Have you ever seen those signs dangling on the back window of a car that reads, "Caution baby on Board"? It tells the reader immediately there is a baby in that vehicle. In fact, it says something of precious worth is in that nearby car! I don't know if it makes anyone drive any safer, but it does draw one's attention. I was thinking of that sign the other day and thought maybe "precious cargo" would be a better rendering.

In fact, I think that's a perfect idea for all cars and especially churches. We are now through our Fall Family Nights we call *Humpday Hoopla*. Many have attended and it has been a great experience for all ages. Family Ministries along with Doyle and Sheila prepared the first week's meal and other classes have supplied the other meals. Others have led the children and youth classes. Think about all the precious souls who have served us! We begin a new time of fellowship Wednesday, February 12.

A few weeks ago, our Sunday school superintendents honored all the teachers with a fantastic meal. Think of all the precious volunteers who served and cooked. I was thinking of all the precious saints who attend each Sunday school class every week and support their teacher. Yes, teachers, you make a difference. Every Sunday dedicated unpaid workers walk to the basement to minister to our kids and yes to kids they have never met. Volunteers keep the nursery during Sunday school and at worship. These volunteers are seldom seen but show young families they are precious at Center. More importantly, they are precious to God.

Our newest Sunday school class serves and is making a difference. They are precious. They walk among us learning their new place among the Center family. Already they are valuing the newest among us.

From meals for the homeless, to meals for our shut-ins and oldest among us; you show how precious they are to our Lord. Many of you serve your Lord through the various civic organizations. From the Scouts to American Heritage Girls, to Civitan, and to the Lions Club among a few. Many of you serve other mission agencies. Others serve quietly and do what is needed to keep the church building functional. Each of you is sharing your precious gifts of time and energy. You are making a difference for the youth of the future and to make our world a better place.

Others lead us in worship. Your voices and music bless us all. There is no way we could pay each of you for the countless hours you serve. I just wonder how many other ways you precious people bless the Lord every day. Just remember every act of mercy you perform in His name is precious to our Lord.

I will see you at the precious place Sunday.

Grace and peace, Pastor Mitch



January 14, 2020

Elizabeth Baker, Lisa Bates, Lucinda Black, Ruby Blackmon, Tammy Broadway, Ruby Combs, Kim Craver, Kathy Hamilton, Kay Hedrick, Karri Hollingsworth, Karen Koontz, Holly Leatherman, Angie Leonard, Linda Leonard, Molly Long, Rene Meredith, Heather Noel, Audrey Wagner, Debbie Williams, Marlene Wood, Terri Nichols, Elizabeth Shillinglaw, Sydney May

The CUMW met on Tuesday, January 14, with 23 present. Debbie welcomed everyone and recognized January birthdays. She congratulated Heather Noel and Deena Tolley on their UMW awards. Holly Leatherman had our devotions. The minutes were approved. Elizabeth gave the treasure report for December and January.

December opening balance \$6581.06/closing balance \$6470.16.

January opening balance \$6470.16/closing balance &5437.22.

Audrey Wagner introduced our speaker, Gina Autry, social worker for Davidson County schools. Ruby Combs made a motion we continue to give \$100.00 (August - May) to Davidson County schools (North Davidson middle & high school) for hygiene products. Heather Noel seconded it and the motion carried.

No old business

New business:

Sydney May volunteered to replace Marlene Wood to contact people about chicken pie sale. A question was asked about thinking of you cards. They are to be sent to members within our unit. A list is in the UMW handbook. Ruby Combs reminded members to purchase \$1.00 items for the children Christmas shop and bring your receipt to be reimbursed.

Prayer request were lifted up in prayer by Debbie.

The next meeting is on February 11. Program coordinator, Kim Craver; Hostesses, Marcia Craver and Kim Craver; Devotion, Kim Craver; Program, Heather Noel; thinking of you cards, Cindy Leonard; Brooks Howell cards, Elizabeth Baker. The community outreach project: personal hygiene - toothbrushes, combs, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, nail clippers, etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Williams, President
Kim Craver, Secretary



THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

On January 5, 2020, nine men met for our first meeting of the year. We enjoyed a breakfast of country ham, pork tenderloin, scrambled eggs, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, toast and jelly. Whewww! IT WAS GREAT! We welcome all men of our church to come and join us. You will be blessed.

Items discussed:

Feb. 8 Valentines Breakfast (\$7 tickets will be dispersed to individual members next Sunday. Cost is \$8 at the door)

Feb. 16 will be Scout Sunday and the Methodist Men will serve the evening hot dog meal.

April 10 will be our Easter "Boston Butt" sale (butt, dip, and slaw for \$40). Tell your clients now.

We will not have the graduation "breakfast" this year, but will help with the graduation "dinner". Date to be determined later.

We also discussed the possibility of taking on an outside project to help our community. We'll talk about this at a later date.

Our "impromptu" program was given by our pastor, Mitch Wilson, who encouraged us to read more scripture as we go through our daily lives. Pastor Mitch said, "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything!" It will strengthen your faith. Everyone in our meeting was lifted! Yes!

Willie Everhart adjourned us with prayer.

Rod Loflin reporting

January 5, 2020

DATE:**DATE: January 12, 2020****Center United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting**

The Board met with 38 members present. Molly Long opened the meeting with a devotional reading relating how gratitude leads to serving. The minutes were reviewed and motion to accept made by Heather Noel and second by Charles Richardson. The vote held and motion carried. The finance report was given Marlene Wood who made a motion to accept, seconded by Jeff Mendenhall, vote held, motion carried. Mitch Wilson, Nominations Chair, asked that Tommy Henderson and Eric McCrary be added to the board roster.

Old Business:

Mike Craver will make a presentation to the congregation regarding online giving to the church.

Committee Reports:

COM - Karen Tysinger reported that they will be creating small groups that will meet at homes. The group leaders will receive training before starting. Mitch Wilson added that there will be 6-8 leaders who will receive training and then in the spring the groups will start. Mitch will meet with the leaders monthly.

The Jamaica Mission team will be leaving for their trip this week.

The church members/classes are staying the second weekend of each month at the Crisis Ministries homeless shelter, and also providing meals the third weekend of each month.

Scout Sunday will be 2/16/2020

Ash Wednesday service will be on 2/26/2020

Palm Sunday/Easter Cantata will be on 4/5/2020

Maundy Thursday/Easter drama will be on 4/9/2020

Easter Sunday is 4/12/2020

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 8/2 – 8/6

Women's Banquet is scheduled for 10/10/20 but may be changed to 9/12 or 10/24 due to a request to use the CFC – they will determine what the funds from the banquet will go toward at a later date

Breakfast with Santa will be on 12/19/2020

Youth – Deena Tolley reported that the middle and high school youth will split into two groups. The middle school will meet at the church from 6-7pm, and the high school will meet at MoJo's from 7-8pm. Upcoming events include a Toby Mac concert and a ski trip.

Children's Committee –

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be 3/28/2020

Children's Sunday will be 9/13/2020

Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Friday 10/30/2020

Christmas Program will be on 12/6/2020

Tina Fulcher made a motion for the Children's' Committee to make the float for the Easter parade this year. Rocky Hedrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Evangelism – no report

Centered Service - Eddie Evans reported that Katherine and Charles have been providing the music. They have removed the tables for the service. Next Sunday they will start a new focus on core values of the church. They will also be starting a children's time next Sunday.

Trustees – Richard Bates reported that the trustees meet the last Wednesday of each month, but they did not meet in December.

They are working on a camera system

The church sign has been repaired

One of the basketball goals in the CFC is not working. They are checking into repairs.

They are updating the drivers list for the church buses

Long Range Planning/Building Committee – They have spoken to an architect regarding the addition of a new building which has already been approved. They will be meeting with the architect this coming Thursday.

New Business - Molly Long reported that a new vice chair for the administrative board needs to be elected. The vice chair will serve a two year term then take over as the chair for the 2022-2024 term. Mitch Wilson made the motion to delay this until the February meeting. Eddie Evans stated that he will check with someone who may be willing to serve.

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Eddie Evans made a motion to allow a member of Arcadia United Methodist Church to use the CUMC sanctuary, fellowship hall and CFC at member rates for a wedding. The dates for use will be 10/9/2020 and 10/10/2020. JC Johnson seconded, motion carried. Lisa Bates made a motion to allow Jamie Hester to use the CFC to hold fund raisers for a school trip to Europe scheduled for 2021. Six students who are going on the trip are church members. Heather Noel added to the motion to waive the fees for use of the CFC. Angie Leonard seconded the motion and it carried. Mitch Wilson passed out the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation FAQ. He plans to hold an information session regarding the upcoming events in the UMC. He stated that our church needs to be having discussions regarding the upcoming changes. The new church superintendents will have more control over ministries. The Bishops will only serve 8 year terms and either retire or return to the ministry after their terms expire. More meetings will be held after the vote in May. Molly Long closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Long – Chair
Leslie Craver – Recording Secretary

ADULT PAINTING CLASS!
COME PAINT A PICTURE AND ENJOY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
TWO CLASSES ARE OFFERED SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
TO ACCOMMODATE ALL WHO SIGNED UP FOR CLASSES
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
1:30 – 4:00 PM
LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
SHEILA MCKINNEY, INSTRUCTOR

NORTH DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE – 2020

WEEK 8: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – FIRST ALLIANCE

6:30 PM CENTER VS, FRIEDBERG GRAY

WEEK 9: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – LIGHTHOUSE

8:30 PM CENTER VS. FRIEDBERG BLUE

TOURNAMENT DATES:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - #6-11 TEAMS AT END OF THE SEASON

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – 2ND ROUND

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – 3RD ROUND

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH DAVIDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CHURCH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE – 2020

WEEK 8 – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – FAITH

8:30 PM FAITH VS. CENTER

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

FEBRUARY 11- FIRST ROUND (#1 AND #2 TEAMS GET A BYE)

FEBRUARY 18 – 2ND ROUND

FEBRUARY 25 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

NOTES:

- 1. If Davidson County schools are canceled because of weather, no games will be played regardless of the actual weather that evening.**
- 2. The first team listed is the home team. They are responsible for a 2-3 minute devotional at halftime.**
- 3. Games held at 3 different churches: Faith Church, 1078 Gumtree Rd. Winston-Salem; First Alliance Church, 1370 Arnold Rd., Lexington; Lighthouse Baptist, 221 Meadowview Rd., Lexington**

SHARING SESSION-FEBRUARY 2-5:00 PM

There will be a sharing session for all members and non-members of the division of the United Methodist Church that has been ongoing for several months. Please plan to attend on Sunday, February 2, at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans now to attend.

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Report from Finance

I would like to share with the church an overview of the 2019 church General Fund operating budget. Our budget for 2019 was \$396,841. This is what the finance committee projected to spend in 2019. Our actual expenses for 2019 were \$373,645, so we under spent the budget by \$23,195. Our total deposits were \$388,979, so we received \$7,861 less than was budgeted, but \$15,333 more than we spent.

The bottom line, we had a good year! Our income was \$15,333 more than we spent in the General fund.

We also have a lot of miscellaneous funds that are in addition to our general fund operating budget. The total spent from all funds (General fund plus all miscellaneous funds) was \$494,213. Total receipts for all funds were \$475,118. (The reason for the difference is that we started the year with \$45,255 in the Facility repair fund.)

As you can see, this is a very active church!

Thank you all for being a faithful and generous church! God has truly blessed us in many ways!

Mike Craver,
Finance Committee Chairman



NEWS FROM THE MALOYS

We are honored to again lead the Quito Summer Mission in 2020! Please pray for Dan, Shay & Shannon to walk in unity as a leadership team & to be receptive to the Lord's plans for us in helping to reach this great city. We also ask for prayer for all the other summer mission team leaders who will be busy this spring planning missions all over the globe.

All our campuses are back in session this week. Please pray for a fruitful Spring semester as we engage students with the Gospel, teach students about deeper discipleship with Christ, & mobilize students to Spring Break & summer missions opportunities (in Ecuador, and elsewhere!)

Blessings,
Dan, Shannon, Hadley & Daniel Jr.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY

This month's needed items are accessories... examples: sunglasses, necklaces, bracelets, rings, hair accessories, etc. (all age appropriate). There will be a box near the bathroom at the sanctuary for the items Operation Christmas Child Donations. Please contact Angie Leonard with any questions at [336.250.7033](tel:336.250.7033). Thank you!

THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT HUMPDAY HOOPLA MEALS;

<i>February 12 - Doyle Leonard</i>	<i>April 1- Goodwill Sunday School Class</i>
<i>February 19 - United Methodist Men</i>	<i>April 8 - United Methodist Women</i>
<i>February 26 - Faith Seekers Class</i>	<i>April 15 - Doyle Leonard</i>
<i>March 4- - Good Samaritan Class</i>	
<i>March 11- Christians Under Construction Class</i>	
<i>March 18 - Simple Servants Class</i>	
<i>March 25- Youth</i>	

SERVING DURING FEBRUARY...

February 2

Acolyte	Graylin Snyder
Cross of Christ Bearer	Hamilton Kepley
Bible Bearer	Ann-Marie Kurtzman
Toddler Nursery	Elizabeth Shillinglaw
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Amy Brauser
Early Service Greeters	Robert & Lisa Bates
Early Service Connectors	Aaron Whitfield
Ushers	Robert Bates (Head)
	Nathan Nifong, Monty Pendry,
	Lee Sadler, Jim Scott
Financial Counters	Alan Broadway, Steve Long
Traditional Service Greeters	Steve & Molly Long
Traditional Service Connectors	Doyle Leonard & Sheila McKinney
Children's Time	Anna Shillinglaw
Children's Church	Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron
Flowers	Date Available

February 9

Acolyte	Aubrey Adkins
Cross of Christ Bearer	Autumn Johnson
Bible Bearer	Micah Hollingsworth
Toddler Nursery	Karri Hollingsworth
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Wendy Talley
Early Service Greeters	Aaron Whitfield
Early Service Connectors	Brian & Emily Weavil
Ushers	Robert Bates (Head)
	Craig Shillinglaw, Dean Slabach,
	Blake Smith, John Snyder
Financial Counters	Randy Black, Gray Boger, Dustin Hobbs
Traditional Service Greeters	Dustin & Brittany Hobbs
Traditional Service Connectors	Ron & Nancy Cheek
Children's Time	Dawn Essick
Children's Church	Tina Fulcher & Karri Hollingsworth
Flowers	Date Available

February 16

Acolyte	Mycah Kepley
Cross of Christ Bearer	Isabelle Johnson
Bible Bearer	Katlyn Leonard
Toddler Nursery	Brittany Hobbs
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Tess McCrary Warren
Early Service Greeters	Corbin & Kelsey Shook
	Aaron Whitfield
Early Service Connectors	Debbie and/or Tim Williams
Ushers	Robert Bates (Head)
	Wayne Snyder, Gregg Stabler,
	Craig Thrift, Jackie Thrift
Financial Counters	Gary Brinkley, Jeff Mendenhall
Traditional Service Greeters	Mark & Tracy Bean
Traditional Service Connectors	Pete & Rita Jones
Children's Time	Jennifer Brinkley
Children's Church	Angie Leonard and Karen Hodge
Flowers	Date Available

DAILY E-NEWS UPDATES

Please check e-news for updates on joys, concerns, and announcements. If you do not receive daily e-news, please contact Henrietta Hayes to be added at:
cumcw.churchenews@gmail.com or
hhayes.eneews@gmail.com.

February 23

Acolyte	Hadley Smith
Cross of Christ Bearer	Graylin Snyder
Bible Bearer	Morgan Wood
Toddler Nursery	Beth Wilson
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Cindy Leonard
Early Service Greeters	Tim & Debbie Williams
	Aaron Whitfield
Early Service Connectors	Heather and/or Rubin Noel
Ushers	Sunday School Showcase
Financial Counters	Donald Hamilton, Gregg Stabler
Traditional Service Greeters	Lannie & Vicki Sink
Traditional Service Connectors	Ed & Becky Wassum
Children's Time	Sunday School Showcase
Children's Church	Children's Ministry
Flowers	Date Available

UNITED MEHTODIST MEN
 VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020
 7:00 -10:00 AM
 ADULTS: \$8.00
 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER: \$4.00



FLOWER CALENDAR!!!

Your help in this ministry is most appreciated.


The flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please mark the date/dates you would like to put flowers on the altar in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Please include the name of the contact person for our Administrative Assistant and let her know prior to your Sunday how you would like the announcement printed.

TOO MANY BLANKS ON 2020 CALENDAR!

NOTE: Please fill out a "Prayer Request" card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or into the pastor's hand.

**MARCH, 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 12:00 PM**

FEBRUARY, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Youth Toby Mac Concert
2-Groundhog Day 7:30 AM UMM Meeting (CFC) 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:30 PM Staff Meeting 4:00 PM Youth Council (FH) 5:00 PM Youth Singers Practice 5:00 PM UMC Sharing Session 6:00 Youth 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	3 2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Sanctuary)	4 12:00 PM ND Chamber of Commerce (FH)	5 All Day Set Up for Master Gardner (CFC, FH, Classes) 6:00 PM Youth 6:00 PM Children's Council Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	6 All Day Master Gardner (CFC, FH, Classes) 6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH)	7 5:30-8:30 PM Martial Arts (CFC)	8 7:00 -10:00 AM UMM Valentine BREAKFAST. (CFC) Youth Ski Trip
9 Youth Return 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Singers Practice 6:00 PM Admin. Board Mtg. (FH) 6:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	10 2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 PM UMW (FH)	12 5:15 PM Hoopla Meal-Doyle Leonard(CFC) 6:15 PM Bible Study (FH) 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	13 6:15 PM AHG Valentine's Day Party (FH)	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 3-11:00 PM NDHS Students Fund Raiser (CFC) Kairos 	15-Kairos 8:00AM-12 PM AHG Martial Arts (CFC) 2-5:00 PM Feeding the Homeless Shelter (CFC-Kitchen)
16-Scout Sunday 8:45 AM CenTered Service (CFC) 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC) 3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement) 5:00 PM Youth Singers Practice 6:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	17 2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18	19 5:15 PM Hoopla Meal UMM (CFC) 6:15 PM Bible Study (FH) 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	20 6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH)	21	22 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Adult Painting Classes (FH) 12:00 PM Youth leave for Winterjam
23-Children's Showcase 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Singers Practice 6:00 PM Youth (CFC) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	24 2-5:00 PM Meals of Love (CFC-Kitchen) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	25 3-9:00 PM P&G Set up and Practice (CFC) 6:00 PM Threads of Love	26 Ash Wed. 5:15 PM Hoopla Meal Faith Seekers Class (CFC) 6:15 PM Bible Study (FH) 6:00 PM Youth 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (CFC) After Service Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (FH)	27 3-6 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' Set Up (CFC) 6:15 PM AHG (Basement & FH) 6 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC) 7 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)	28	29
<p>MISSION OFFERING</p> <p>First Sunday – Community Mission Offering</p> <p>Second Sunday - Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering</p> <p>Third & Fourth Sundays - Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center</p> <p>Fifth Sunday – Crisis Ministry Cash Offering</p>						

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HUMPDAY HOOPLAH!
FREE MEAL & BIBLE
STUDY TO FOLLOW AT
5:30 PM

Each Wednesday night starting February 12, we will meet in the Christian Fellowship Center for a FREE meal for the family and Bible study to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center
Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the
Christian Fellowship Center on
Thursday, FEBRUARY 27, at 7:00 PM

A Hot Dog Meal will be sold for \$5 starting at 6:00 pm
The Offering this month will be given to:
Pastor's Pantry