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WHY ARE WE HERE?

One of the most profound questions one can ever ask is, “Why am I here?” We know all the talk. We Christians have it down. We might say to glorify God or help other people, or to be servants. In reality, our actions most often do not mirror our talk. How much do we do in the church for us? Much planning goes into entertaining ourselves. If are not properly entertained, we create confusion and heartache for others. Much like kids in the play ground which shout out as both kids pull on a toy, “That’s mine”!

We protect our turf whatever that means. Usually it is your Sunday school class, a ministry, or a place of influence with little consideration for other ministry areas. Our protectionist mindset is poison. It usually comes down to power. The one with the most power wins. It looks much like Washington.

The church at Pentecost was propelled out of Jerusalem. The empowering of the Holy Spirit moved the church truly out into the world. It was that Godly discontent that was the catalyst for the explosive growth of the infant church. I wonder about the fire of those early believers that founded the various Methodist Churches of this land. From humble gatherings in homes led by the laity and fueled by sacrificial circuit riders preaching in hot brush arbors, thousands would come to Christ. Wesley admonished his preachers, “you have nothing to do but save souls”. It was the burden for the loss and the need to create churches to teach the scripture that led to the Methodist church’s awesome growth. We drive around and find small Methodist churches in so many out of the way places. But in their day many persons lived nearby. Those places were mission centers to reach the friends and neighbors. Decline occurs when we take our eye off the mission and focus it on ourselves.

I want you to think about a personal question, “What would this church be like if everyone thought just like me”?





May 8, 2018

Elizabeth Baker, Ruby Blackmon, Tammy Broadway, Kim Craver, Denise Dorwart, Danielle Heron, Karen Koontz, Libby Leonard, Molly Long, Rena Meredith, Faye Sablesen, Reida Snyder, Glenda Stabler, Debbie Williams, Marlene Wood, Heather Noel, Kathryn Bullins, Angie Leonard = 18 members.

The UMW met on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the home of Reida Snyder with 18 members present. Reida opened with a blessing. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship and a delicious meal. Debbie Williams had our devotion on Grace/Kindness.

We will put together the hygiene packets for Lake Junaluska next month.

June 3 Graduation Sunday

June 24 UMW Sunday

Denise Dorwart gave the treasurer's report. The opening balance was \$2451.54 and current balance is \$3470.55.

Debbie closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Craver, Secretary
Debbie Williams, President

Next meeting is June 12. Hostess: Faye Sablesen & Vickey Kepley, devotions: Mary Sue Martin, program: Lisa Bates, response moment: Ruby Combs, thinking of you cards: Kim Craver, Brooks Howell cards: Lisa Bates, community outreach project: towels and wash cloths.



THE UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, May 06, 2018 for our monthly breakfast meeting. Thirteen men were present, and Phillip Dorton opened us with prayer.

As reported earlier, the Boston Butt Sale was a huge success, so we will probably be doing another one down the road. Proceeds went to the bus fund.

We will be having a breakfast for our **14 GRADUATES !** on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018, which will also stand for our June meeting.

With summer vacations, we will not meet in July nor August, but start back on September 9th, 2018, after Labor Day weekend with our next meeting.

President Dustin Hobbs adjourned us

The next report will be published in the October newsletter.

Rick Griffin reporting
May 6, 2018

DATE: May 20, 2018

Center United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

27 members were present. Eddie Evans opened in prayer. Minutes were read without changes made. Heather Noel made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Marlene Wood. Minutes were approved. Marlene Wood presented the financial report. JC Johnson made the motion to accept the report, Heather Noel seconded the motion-report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Chris Clark was a guest speaker from Davidson County Honor Guards. He reported that the program provides services for visitation and funerals for those who die in the line of duty and outside the line of duty, similar to the military honor guard. These services are for those involved in the 911 system (firefighters, police officers, EMS workers). They average 1 service/month. They hold an annual spaghetti supper fund raiser. In the past this has been at Welcome Fire Department, but they can no longer use that facility. They are requesting to use the CFC but cannot afford the \$500 non-member fee. He requested that they be considered to use the CFC but at the member fee of \$100. They presently serve about 100 meals but would like to have a facility where they can grow and serve more. They provide dine in and take out meals and a silent auction. They are non-profit with a federal tax ID number. They desire to establish a location that they can use annually. Discussion was held about other organizations that can use the CFC at the member cost-and these included the Lions, Welcome Civitans, and Relay for Life. Also, discussed if the Fellowship Hall would be an option as the cost for the Fellowship Hall is \$50 for non-members. Chris stated it would work but they wanted to grow their fund raiser into a larger event. Discussion was based on if it would be allowed for him to use the CFC or FH at the non-member fees and their organization would be able to decide which they wanted. They would still need to pay for a facilitator for either facility. No sound equipment would be needed. JC Johnson made the motion to allow the DC Honor Guards to use the CFC at \$100 or the FH at \$25 plus the cost of the facilitator. Charles Richardson seconded the motion. Vote was held, and motion carried.

Old Business

Mike Craver from the finance committee was not present, but briefly mentioned that we are still behind on the budget and the finance committee and the trustees may be working on a campaign.

Committee Reports

Winnie McCrary reported for the COM.

Worship Committee-graduation Sunday is June 3rd. UMM will provide the graduates with breakfast that Sunday and the Banquet will be that evening.

Safe Sanctuaries-Angie Leonard has planned a class prior to VBS. She plans to send out letters to everyone who is on the safe sanctuary list to make sure they still want to be on the list. Security forms still need to be completed on all children even if they are visitors and only present one Sunday.

VBS-Still need teachers/shepherds. June 4 will be a family night to showcase VBS.

Youth-Mission trip will July 8-14 at Camp McCall; movie night is planned for July 28 & 29; Spiritus is August 4-6.

Evangelism-lunch and learn by Hospice was beneficial.

Missions-Aaron is looking for families to adopt for the summer months when the children are out of school; Clifton Beck is helping identify families in need.

UMM-\$2000 will be sent to the bus fund from the Boston Butt sale; UMM will provide breakfast to the graduates and will not meet in July and August.

Scouts-updated on activities; collecting clothing for the Operation Christmas Child next month.

Eddie Evans provided a handout about the mentorship program for the high school graduates. The goal is to build spiritual connection and growth during their transition. A list of graduates and mentors were provided but Eddie reminded everyone that the graduates will not know about their mentor until June 3 at the 11:00 service.

Tommy Henderson reported for the Trustees. The fire alarm system for the CFC was not made to encompass the entire church building. Fire codes dictate that only one system per building is allowed. To place a system in the older parts of the building, the control system in the CFC needs to be changed. They have received a cost of \$12,000 but that includes a fee for an electrical engineer that must approve the system. Chris Michael has found an engineer that will approve the plans for free and will save \$2500. The fire alarm system may be installed in 3 phases, but it was suggested that we raise the funds for the entire system at one time. The system we have in the CFC is connected to a monitoring system that notifies the fire department and 2-3 additional people. The monitoring system has a fee and it is unknown if the larger system will be the same monitoring fee. Also, unsure if our insurance will provide a discount if the entire building has a

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fire system.

There was an inspection last week about the hot water in the CFC. It was found that the recirculating pump was not working and that there were 2 leaks in the building. Kim Beck was recommended and will assess the system. Also mentioned was the steeple that has windows out-this has been an issue and the plan has been to paint the steeple and replace the windows at the same time. Discussed the bus situation. The insurance company says that no one over 75 can drive the bus and if you are between 70-75 you must have a physical. 18 people can drive the bus on the insurance, but this rule will eliminate some. The bus fund was initially left over from the first bus that was purchased and if the fund grows, then it will be assessed to determine if a second bus is needed. Presently there are no statistics that can show if a bus is needed or not or if a second bus would be used if it were available. The decision about a second bus and the need for a bus or shelter was deferred to the trustees.

There was discussion about the fire alarm system-whether to pursue a system and to provide the board with a final quote or leave the fire alarm system as it is. Heather Noel made the motion to allow the Trustees to investigate a system and finalize a quote; Jim Scott seconded the motion. Discussion included that the CFC monitor system would be removed and replaced with a larger unit that could be used for the entire church building. Doug Meredith questioned that if the Trustees are going to the congregation for the request for money that they also include the cost of a security system. There also needs to be funds to replace doors that are in need. Vote was made and carried. The Trustees will provide quotes to the Administrative Board.

The AC unit was temporarily fixed.

There was discussion over the CFC and waiving the cost of the facility for the DC Honor Guard and the rules that apply. The CFC/FH guidelines were updated March 2017. If fees are decreased or waived, then it is the decision by vote from the board that allows for alterations in the guidelines.

JC Johnson mentioned that the cemetery sign will be covered by insurance.

New Business

Mitch Wilson presented the handout from Wesleyan Covenant based on sexuality and the way forward. Mitch states there are basically three options: Traditionalist view-follow the Book of Discipline with stricter disciplinary responsibilities Juridical reconstruction-belong to a conference where your church believes-churches in the same area may hold different beliefs and belong to different conferences. Local church option-each church could develop their own stand on sexuality and marital arrangement. Judicial council meet this week-they do not yet know what the legislation will look like that will be voted on in February. Gary and Christine Brinkley will be district lay delegates and Willie Everhart and Steve Long will continue to be lay delegates for the church. Willie encouraged the congregation to speak with him and Steve about their views and they will vote accordingly to how the church believes. Mitch also spoke from the staff parish committee. The plan is to proceed slowly with the positions of music director and accompanist. Marty will fill in for the interim. Marlene will discuss with Marty how she would like to be paid-weekly vs monthly. She will be paid \$100 for the Centered service and \$100 for the traditional service.

Gary wanted to devote time to speaking about the great things that the church is doing.

These included: our ministers-Mitch and Eddie; the Lenten Services; the mission program; senior citizen program; youth program and the special needs prom; children's department. Mitch closed in prayer

Respectively submitted,

Gary Brinkley-Chair

Cindy Leonard-recording secretary

Parent/Guardian Rising 6th Graders

If you have a child who will be a 6th grader for the school year 2018-2019, please contact Deena Tolley (336) 239-0844 or Heather Noel (336) 403-5224 for some exciting information regarding a special event coming up on June 23, 2018. Deadline to sign up is June 10, 2018.

CALLING ALL RAFTERS!!

Save the Date... June 4th VBS kickoff Family Meal Night

We are getting ready for a white water adventure!! We will have preregistration for VBS, free food, dancing and lots of fun! Please join us on Monday, June 4, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Christian Fellowship Center. All are welcomed! Please email Tina with any questions:

vbs4cumc@gmail.com

CLOTHING ITEMS NEEDED FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The American Heritage Girls, the Scouts, and the Youth are teaming up for a great cause! This year, for Operation Christmas Child, the three groups are asking for your help. Each month we are asking for donations of certain items to help fill the boxes.

For the month of June, we are asking for clothing items for boys or girls of all ages and sizes. (examples: flip flops, shoes, socks, underwear, shirts, sundresses, pants, etc.)

We will have a bin at the narthex in the CFC as well as the sanctuary. After receiving the different items each month, we hope to have a large amount of items to be able to pack. In November, we will host a packing night for the entire church to come, fellowship and pack the donated items. Then the Youth will go and deliver all the boxes. Please note: we will still offer boxes for you to take home as well in fall. This is a great opportunity for the scouting programs and the youth to come together with our church family for a great cause! We will keep you updated monthly on what items are needed next. Thank you for your support and please contact Angie Leonard or Hunter Duncan with any questions.

ADULT SENIORS-POOL PARTY-SATURDAY, JUNE 30-1:00 PM

The Annual Senior's pool party will be Saturday, June 30, at the home of Charles and Shirley Richardson ([251 Long Meadow Drive](#) in Clemmons, NC 27012). Plan to be there at 1:00 PM to enjoy our cookout of hamburgers and hot dogs. Be sure to bring your swim suit! The pool is ready! We will pass around a condiments sign up sheet a week or so before the event.

Plan to join us! We will have a great time!!!

Safe Sanctuary Training Coming Soon!!

Thank you to all those who volunteer with our children and youth. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we are in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer and have not completed the Safe Sanctuary course/ background check, please contact Angie Leonard. We will be holding four Safe Sanctuary training sessions in June at 6:30 PM in the basement. Those dates are June 19, 21, 26 and 28. Please contact me at 336.250.7033 to schedule an appointment. Thank you!

CENTER UMC 2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIP – CAROLINA CROSS CONNECTION

JULY 8 – 14 0 \$50.00

SIGN UP BY JUNE 1!

Dates: July 8-14

Location: South Mountain Camp,

Casar, NC

Contact Hunter Duncan by phone or Email if you have any questions or need more information.

hunter.duncan@rocketmail.com

336-414-8728

SERVING DURING JUNE...

June 3

Acolyte	Gracin Hill
Cross of Christ Bearer	Ethan Snyder
Bible Bearer	Colby Williams
Toddler Nursery	Elizabeth Shillinglaw & Wendy Talley
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Wendy Talley
Ushers	Elwood Blackmon (Head)
	Craig Thrift, Jack Thrift,
	Britt Wagner, Aaron Whitfield
Greeters	Butch and Marlene Wood
	Alan and Tammy Broadway
Doorstep Visitation	Robert and Lisa Bates
Children's Time	Anna Shillinglaw
Children's Church	Wendy Talley & Danielle Herron
Flowers	Lisa Bates

June 10

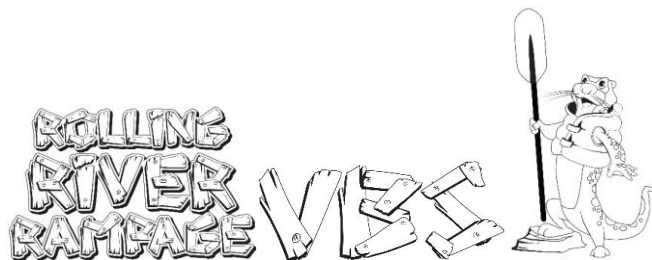
Acolyte	Lynlee Brinkley
Cross of Christ Bearer	Danielle Shillinglaw
Bible Bearer	Aubrey Adkins
Toddler Nursery	Ashley Snyder & Wendy Talley
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Tess McCrary
Ushers	Elwood Blackmon (Head)
	Tim Williams, Chris Wood,
	Butch Wood, Van Wood
Greeters	Van and Rita Wood
	Dean and Martha Slabach
Doorstep Visitation	Ed and Becky Wassum
Children's Time	Dawn Essick
Children's Church	Tina Fulcher & Karri Hollingsworth
Flowers	Date Available

June 17 – Father's Day

Acolyte	Will Anderson
Cross of Christ Bearer	Gracin Hill
Bible Bearer	Sadie Reid
Toddler Nursery	Joseph Talley & Wendy Talley
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Dawn Essick
Ushers	Elwood Blackmon (Head)
	Michael Anderson, Greg Baker,
	Larry Bailey, Brian Ball
Greeters	Mardie Broadway and Libby Michael
	Laverne Leonard and Libby Leonard
Doorstep Visitation	Carroll and Karen Tysinger
Children's Time	Jennifer Brinkley
Children's Church	Sarah Williams
Flowers	Christine Brinkley

June 24

Acolyte	Nicholas Brauser
Cross of Christ Bearer	Kate Anderson
Bible Bearer	Millie Margaret Talley
Toddler Nursery	Dawn Essick & Wendy Talley
Infant Nursery	Parenting Nursery
Early Service Nursery	Danielle Herron
Ushers	Elwood Blackmon (Head)
	Richard Bates, Robert Bates,
	Mark Bean, Clifton Beck
Greeters	Ron and Nancy Cheek
	William (Bill) Thompson
Doorstep Visitation	Lanny and Vicki Sink
Children's Time	Steve Long
Children's Church	Ruby Combs & Glenda Stabler
Flowers	Tim and Debbie Williams



VBS is coming to CUMC July 15th-19th!

Join us in a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace!

To participate or volunteer, contact Tina Fulcher at (336)250-9713, VBS4CUMC@GMAIL.COM or Register Online: <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/CUMCWelcomeNC>

VBS NEEDS CAMP LANTERNS:

VBS is looking for CAMP LANTERNS to borrow or for donation. Oil will need to be removed for use. Remember, VBS is July 15-19. You can PRE-REGISTER to volunteer or attend at:

<https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/CUMCWelcomeNC>



THE FLOWER CALENDAR HAS LOTS OF BLANK SUNDAYS

Please fill in the Sundays you will be putting flowers on the Altar. The information for the Sunday bulletin should be given to Joyce Rector by email cumcw.aa@gmail.com, by note or by phone (336-731-6616) the week before the flowers are to be placed in the church.

**JULY, 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
MONDAY, JUNE 18 - 12:00 PM**

All events are listed on the calendar. Formal announcements must be given to the church office. Ongoing events will be listed as scheduled unless changes are given to the church office.

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.

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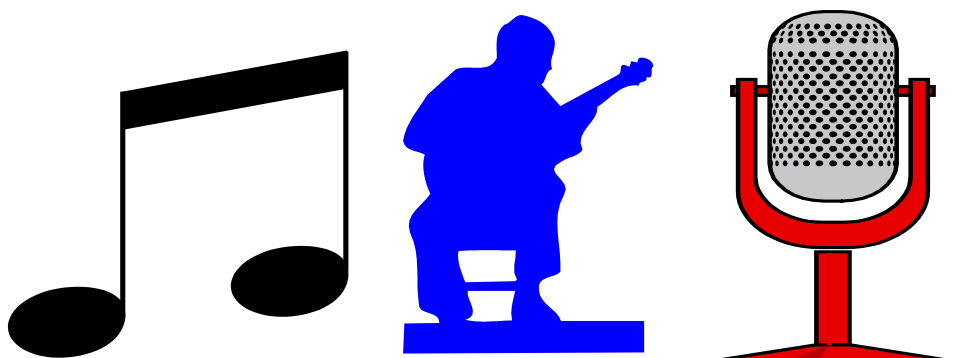
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 All Day Set Up for Graduate Banquet (CFC) 2-8:00 PM Rocky Hedrick (FH) 6:00 PM Banquet (CFC)
3-Graduation Sunday 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Youth Council Meeting (Sign In Room) 6:00 PM Youth (CFC) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	4 5:30 PM Family Night Meal & VBS Kick Off (Children's Committee) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 12:00 PM Chamber of Commerce (FH)	6 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	7 4-10:00 PM Set up Award Ceremony for American Heritage Girls (CFC)	8	9 All Day Deep Clean Ceramic Tile Floor (CFC)
10 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 6:00 PM Admin. Board Mtg. (FH) 6:00 PM Youth (CFC) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	11 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 7:00 PM UMW (FH)	13 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	14 6:15 PM American Heritage (Basement)	15	16 2-6 PM Feeding the Homeless Shelter (CFC-Kitchen)
17-Father's Day 8:45 AM CenTered Service (CFC) 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Sunday Servings (CFC) 3-5:00 PM JAM Kids (Basement) 3-5:00 PM JOY Kids (CFC) 6:00 PM Youth 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	18 7:00 PM Boy Scouts NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 6:00 PM Children's Committee Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	21 6:15 PM American Heritage Girls (Basement) Western Carolina Annual Conference Through June 24	22	23
24-UMW & Promotion Sunday 8:45 AM CenTered Service 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship – CUMW Sunday & Rising 3 rd Grader's Promotion 6:00 PM Youth (CFC) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 3-9 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' Set Up & Practice (CFC)	27 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 6:30 PM Youth (MoJoe Coffee House) 6:30 PM Children's Choir Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting (FH)	28 3-6 PM P & G Setup (CFC) 6:15 PM AHG (Basement) 6 PM Hot Dog Supper (CFC) 7 PM Pickin' & Grinnin' (CFC)	29	30 11:30 AM Adult Senior Swim Party (Richardson's Home)
MISSION OFFERING First Sunday – Community Mission Offering Second Sunday - Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering Third & Fourth Sundays - Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center Fifth Sunday – Crisis Ministry Cash Offering						

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**Happy
Father's
Day!**



Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center

**Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the
Christian Fellowship Center on**

Thursday, June 28, 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:

Hospice of Davidson County