

March 2015



"Do this in remembrance of me." Jesus in Luke

The Pastor's Page

Lay Leader's



Pastor Darcey was away on a family emergency at publication time. In her absence Steve Wermer, our Lay Leader, stepped in and provided the opening message for this month's newsletter.

I just want to say it is an honor and privilege to do God's will.

Two years ago Janet and I moved back to Charles City and I can say we are glad to be home. I am excited to be back at MUMC Charles City. I am excited to see the church growing.

Part of my life experience has been in the construction industry and I still do projects. I am excited to see the new addition. I get excited at the sound of a circular saw. But what really excites me is to come to church and see all the people. I see servant hearts. I see people fully engaged in their spiritual gifts. I see the fruits of the spirit.

So exactly what does a Lay Leader do? My first request or command is for you to pray for me. Pray that I can work with Pastor Darcey, the other leaders and the church body in fulfilling the ministry and missions at MUMC Charles City. So much has happened in just the last few months. I am glad that God is the one in control and not me. I am thankful for his presence, his protection, and his intervention.

We serve a great God who loves us very much. As we start the season of lent help us to remember not only who we are but whose we are. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is a period of 40 days (not including Sundays) that precedes Easter. This Lent we will follow a worship series called "Going Deeper".

Let this be a time of preparation, self-reflection and repentance where we seek to literally "turn around" and realign and focus toward God. It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us to rid ourselves of distractions and our own selfish desires.

This Sunday our focus was on prayer. James wrote, "We have not because we ask not. Start Asking!!"

The next five weeks preceding Easter we will focus on giving, fasting, silence, scripture, and worship. Then comes Easter Sunday on April 4th, the Resurrection Celebration.



Save the Date: February 28



Proceeds benefit ASP mission and
sending children to camp
through the Taylor Hope Fund

Hope to see you there.

Steve Werner

United Methodist Church Mission Statement

To make disciples for Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world

Who's Who at MUMC (The Ones Who Make The Church Run)



David Hess Admin Council Chair

David Hess is in his second year as the chairman of the Administrative Council, which is the church equivalent of a corporate Board of Directors. Although he is chairman, he

sees himself more of a facilitator or "ringleader" whose job is to ensure that all other board members have the same goal in meeting the church's mission. In addition to this position, he is one of the Middlers Sunday School teachers and is a past member of the Trustees. He and Kristen are also "shopkeepers" each year at VBS.

He is a life-long Charles City resident. As a child he attended Memorial UMC then started attending MUMC again some 18 years ago when he and Kristen first started dating. The two of them have been married for 17 years now and have two boys, David and Kristopher.

David is an electrical engineer by trade. He said that as a child he often helped when his father did electrical repairs at Memorial. Now David's two boys are doing the same thing – helping him as he uses his professional skills to repair and improve much of the electrical circuitry in the church.

David says that he is very excited with the growth of Memorial and with the new church addition and is very happy to be working with so many great people.

Editor's Notes



Keep telling yourself, "Spring is coming...spring is coming...." It's been a long cold winter but spring really is just around the corner. Think warm thoughts.

We had a GREAT number of submissions for the January-February Messenger. Many thanks to Doris Fulwider, Janet Richardson, Michelle Black, Pastor Darcey, Kevin Slattum, Stephanie Rice, and Elva Yates, who all submitted articles or other input.

Gary Benedict - gary3113@gmail.com

Save the Date !!

May 16 : UMW second annual "Spring into Mission" Fashion Show at Wallace Manor, Providence Forge

Appalachia Service Project – 2015

Memorial UMC participants will be in western North Carolina July 5 - 11 for the 2015 ASP service project. This trip is open to any ninth through twelfth graders, as well as our faithful adult volunteer advisors. We have 16 reserved spaces as of now, but if you feel led to join us in going, we still have time to register more slots!



ASP provides life-changing short-term Christian mission trip opportunities, bringing youth, adult, and college volunteers into rural Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need.

The cost will be \$400 dollars a person. Adults are asked to contribute the full amount and each youth participant is asked to contribute \$200 toward the trip. MUMC will fund \$100 per youth and we hope to raise the remaining amount (about \$1000) through youth fundraisers.

For more information about ASP, visit ASP's website www.asphome.org or contact Karen Bates or Pastor Darcey Johnson.

Stamps Wanted !!!!!



The UMW is collecting stamps to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Stamps should be placed in the designated basket on the M&M table. Contact Doris Fulwider for additional information.

Monthly Verse

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.
Romans 12:2

Key Web Links

Appalachia Service Project: www.asphome.org

Capital Area Agency on Aging

(<http://sc-caaa.camp7.org/page-631270>)

Memorial UMC: <http://www.memorialumccc.org/>

Memorial UMC Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MUMCCharlesCityVA>

York River District: <http://www.yorkriverdistrict.org/>

Virginia Annual Conference: <http://www.vaumc.org/>

Small Groups

We have an engaging set of small group for folks of every age.

On Sunday morning at 9:45 am we offer three adult Small Groups:

- *Where do we Come from: History of the Christian Church* led by Drew Johnson.
- *The Singing Sunday School* led by Mark Daniel.
- A biblically based entitled "*The Names of God*" led by Mrs. Carolyn Bates, where you will understand the depth of God's nature by learning the background of the names that the Bible uses for God.

Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm at the church we have "Come-As-You-Are" bible study.



The youth group hosted a chili cook-off on January 25th. Several church members brought homemade chili with cornbread and fixings, others served as judges, and we all enjoyed a tasty meal with fellowship.

Drew Johnson took first place for his world-famous Gluten-Free Buffalo Chicken Chili.

Thanks to the church family, the Chili Cook-Off raised \$469 which will be support sending youth to camp (Taylor Hope Fund) and missions.



Lenten Mission Project

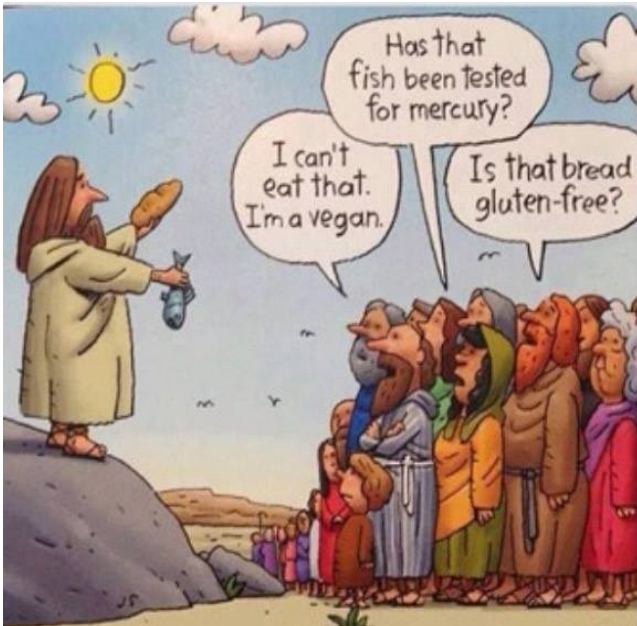
By Michelle Black

Greetings in Christ! The Lenten season is now upon us, and so is our Lenten missions project. Our 2014 Lenten giving focused on saving lives in Africa so we thought we would turn towards improving lives right here at home in 2015.

The Capital Area Agency on Aging (<http://sc-caaa.camp7.org/page-631270>) has a local office here in Charles City. Their "Support a Senior" program aids seniors who have urgent health and safety needs, such as walkway and home repair.

There are giving jars (our country church version of mite boxes*) available for each household. Please take one home and prayerfully consider your special offering during Lent then bring the jars back at Easter. Your spare change and other donations can have a tremendous impact on the lives of the needy. We are called to help when we can, as we are all God, and equally in need of His mercy and grace. Blessings to you all!

* A mite is a small coin or donation. A mite box (also called an alms box or poor box) is used to save coins for charitable purposes. Contemporary mite boxes are usually made of cardboard and given out to church congregations during the Lenten season.



If Jesus tried to feed the 5000 today

Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

A sixth grade child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Here is what he wrote:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell (Part 1 of 3)

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

(Continued in the April edition of the Memorial Messenger.)



Looking Forward

By Stephanie Rice

Mark 2:21-22: "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." (NRSV)

I had the honor of preaching on this passage at the United Methodist Church of Palm Springs on the first Sunday of Lent as part of an initiative of CST to reach out to local congregations. I thought, "Oh, it's in Palm Springs. It's mostly retired people and those who travel to warm weather during the winter. It's probably pretty low-key and easy going."

I was so wrong. This church was vibrant and loud and energetic. It helps that the pastor is a former actress and performer and the congregation loves music. I was so pleasantly surprised and was really able to gain some energy.

I was also surprised when I received great feedback on my sermon. Not because I thought it didn't go well but because I thought it wouldn't be well received. I told this congregation of mostly retired people that the church needs to for us all to come together, reflect, and change. Older people don't like change, right? Apparently that stereotype is just that because these people were excited to move forward and see where the United Methodist Church can go. It was an incredibly humbling, exciting, and encouraging experience. An excellent way to begin the season of Lent when we look forward with anticipation to the saving work of Jesus on the cross.

Stephanie's Update: I have a new job! I am now the Administrative Assistant for Communications and to Stephen Hundley, the Executive Director of Connectional Ministries for the California-Pacific Conference. (That's a mouthful!) Rev. Dr. Hundley recently moved from the Virginia conference and some of you may know him. I'm very excited about this job because it's a great opportunity and it takes away a lot of stress to have a job before graduation (which is in May!). It was great to see everyone in January and I look forward to another visit, hopefully not too long from now.

Thank you all so much for your prayers! Steph



We still have people in the community who do not have enough food. Help us help them by contributing canned goods and other non-perishables.

Food donation Sunday is always the first Sunday of the month.



Recipe of the Month

This month's recipe from the "Hallelujah" cookbook was contributed by **Sandy Breeden**.

See more great recipes in the Memorial UMW "Hallelujah It's Cooking Time" cookbook, now only \$10. This will be a GREAT gift. Contact Nancy Bates for your copy.

CINCINNATI CHILI

1 qt. water	½ oz. unsweetened chocolate
2 lbs. lean ground beef	4 whole garlic cloves
2 medium onions	2 Tbsp. vinegar
2 - 8oz. cans of tomato sauce	5 whole cloves
5 whole allspice	2 tsp. Worcestershire
½ tsp. red pepper flakes	1½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cumin	¼ tsp. cinnamon
4 Tbsp. chili powder	1 bay leaf

Add ground beef to the water. Stirring to a fine texture, boiling slowly for a half hour. Add all the other ingredients, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer for 3 hours. Refrigerate. Scrape off any fat, remove spices (whole cloves, etc.). Add kidney beans if desired serve with shredded cheese, sour cream, and chopped green onions.

Tax Deductions for In-Kind Donations

We are all familiar with getting a tax deduction for weekly church donations. You may not be familiar with is the ability to get a tax deduction for the things you purchase for the church and have a receipt and for items you donate to the church but do not have a receipt. These types of donations are called "In-Kind" contributions.



Examples of donations with supporting receipts might include items bought for Sunday School, or VBS, office supplies, food purchases for sponsored events, and similar items.

Undocumented donations might include kitchen appliances, furniture, building supplies, garden tools, and similar items.* For this type of donation, the individual or family making the contribution is responsible for determining the value of the donation but the church is not allowed to assign a value for donations without receipts.



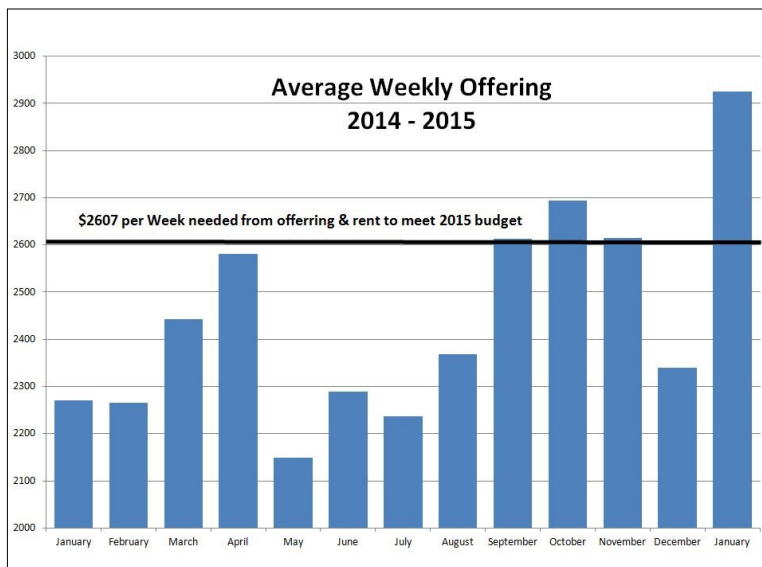
Upon request, the church will provide a receipt for either type of In-Kind donation. For income tax purposes, that receipt will state that you did not receive any goods or services in return for any of these contributions other than

"intangible religious benefits" (IRS terminology, not ours).

If you need a receipt for an In-Kind donation, please see Joanne Daniel or Kevin Slattum.

Memorial UMC thanks you for your generosity and commitment to Jesus Christ by making monetary and In-Kind donations.

*** Board of Trustees approval is required before the church may accept donation of furniture, major appliances, tools, and other large items.**



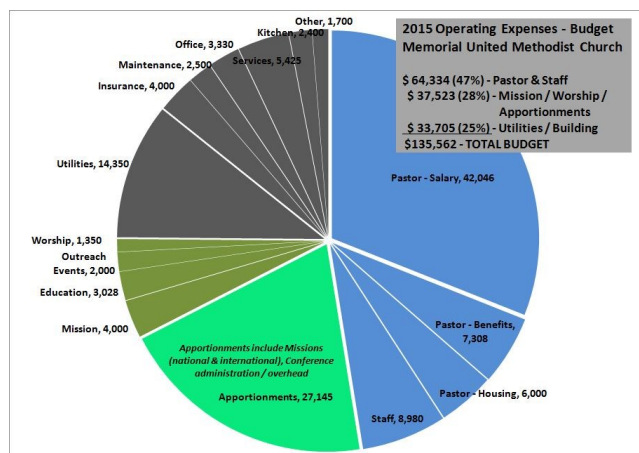
CHURCH SIGNS:

(Seen on actual church signs around the nation)

- Down in the mouth? It's time for a faith lift
- Don't have a prayer? Free refills inside
- Everybody welcome. Well ... Come!
- Get off Facebook and take out faith book
- Have you hugged your pastor today?
- Google doesn't have all the answers.
- Do not regret getting older. Many are denied the privilege

Church Budget Detail

This is not an eye chart. Kevin Slattum, Chair of the Stewardship and Finance Committee will give a detailed presentation about this and other important church budget information in the near future.



Attendance

Date	Total
Jan 25	72
Feb 1	92
Feb 8	98
Feb 15	No Church
Feb 22	79

Year to Date Avg 90

Saturday March 28 - 9 am



We need EVERYONE'S help for spring clean-up at the church. Bring your work gloves, garden tools, and lots of energy!

Among other chores, we will be

- Organizing the social hall attic and disposing of unneeded items.
- Cleaning out the garage/storage shed.
- Raking, trimming, pruning, and cleanup of the flower beds and church lawn.

We'll also need pickup trucks and drivers to make trips to the dump.

We'll have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with a more complete list of tasks and chores.

From the Church Archives ...

Excerpts from the Charles City Charge's "Youth Ship" July 21, 1945:

Miss Jane Copeland, who is attending high school in Madison, Wis, is now with her parents at North Bend.

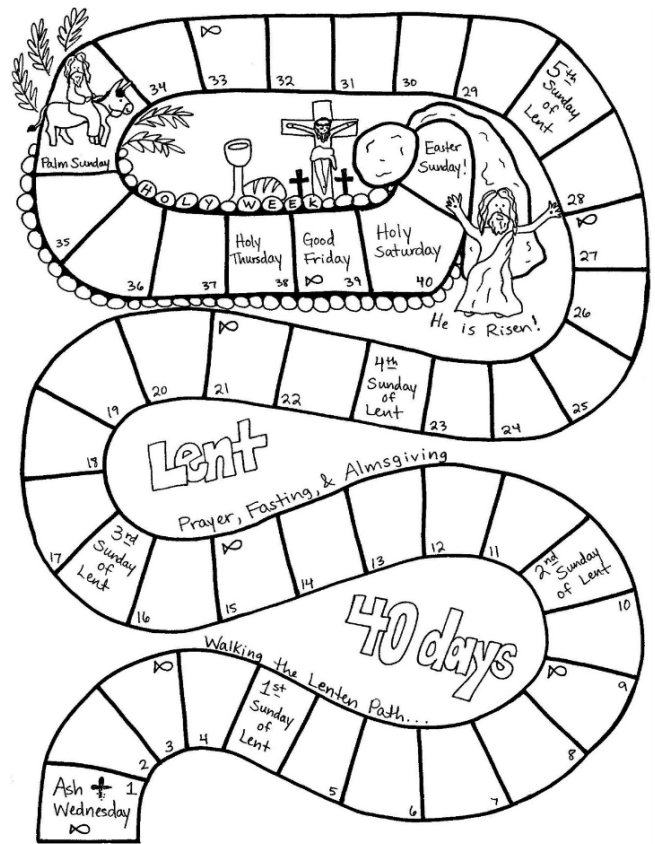
James Hudson Binns, Bobby and Alexander Yates were recent visitors in Washington.

Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Lamkin entertained on Jun 22, in honor of their son, R.T.'s fifteenth birthday. Many of R.T.'s friends and classmates attended.

Margaret Alexander Iris Smith, Ruth Hughes and Margaret Ann Smith have returned after spending a week at Swift Creek Youth Camp as delegates from the charge.

The Youth Fellowship held its regular meeting at the Providence Forge Fish and Hunt Club with Bobby and Youcky Yates as our Hosts.

Church Archive data provided by Elva Yates

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ACTS	JOHN	PHILIPPIANS
CVOLOSSIANS	LUDE	REVELATION
CORINTHIANS	LUKE	ROMANS
EPHESIANS	MARK	THESSALONIANS
GALLATIANS	MATTHEW	TIMOTHY
HEBREWS	PETER	TITUS
JAMES	PHILEMON	



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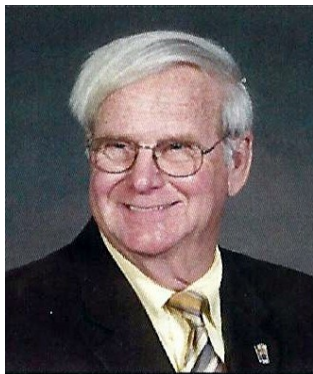
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Mar 1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
A - Gary & Joan	B - Doris Fulwider		6:30pm Bible Study	6:30pm Knit for Kids									
B - Benjamin Hager	5:30pm UMW												
Canned Goods Drop-off													
9:45am Small Groups													
11:00am Communion													
12:15pm Ad Council													
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B - Nick Robinson	B - Liz Talbert		6:30pm Bible Study	B - Mark Daniel									
8:45am Finance				6:30pm Knit for Kids									
9:45am Small Groups													
11:00am Worship													
12:15pm Choir Practice													
12:15pm Trustees													
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9:00am Men's Breakfast	B - David Ledbetter		B - Teresa Smart	6:30pm Knit for Kids		B - Holly Myers							
9:00am Missions			6:30pm Bible Study										
9:45am Small Groups													
11:00am Worship													
12:15pm Choir Practice													
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B - Stephanie Rice			6:30pm Bible Study	B - Alanna Nice		9:00am MUMC Spring Cleanup Day							
Newsletter Deadline				6:30pm Knit for Kids									
9:45am Small Groups													
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B - Joyce Lampkin													
9:45am Small Groups													
11:00am Worship													



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We are a growing multi-generational,
 multi-minded group of folks who hold
 one thing in common: Jesus.
 We offer ministries for all ages and
 demographics .
Small Groups 9:45
Sunday Service 11:00



Memorable Member: Billy Woodruff

One of the first people you meet when you walk into the sanctuary is Billy Woodruff, who is one of the church greeters.

Billy is one of the “travelers” of the church in that he drives a distance to attend church each week. He is originally from Chesterfield, VA and now lives in Hopewell, VA with Jackie, his wife of 20 years. Billy and Jackie have two children, Jennifer and Chris, and 8 grand-children.

He has been a member of the church since 1998 but most interesting are the circumstances behind his joining: A stranger knocked on his door one night and asked if he could use Billy’s phone because he needed a tire repair. Billy had a car jack and offered to help to do the repairs. The repairs did not quite work out as planned so Billy offered to drive the stranger home. He soon found that the individual was Chris Andrews, who was then pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church. They became friends and Bill started attending Memorial immediately afterward.

Billy worked for 31 years as the captain of the Chesapeake Fire Department and is now retired. He still works part time now on boats and enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time. He and Jackie have a summer home in Floyd City, in western Virginia and spend time there during the warmer months.

Billy says that he really enjoys the church, the people in it, and the pastor. He offers these words of wisdom to others: Believe in Christ.