

Children & Family Ministries

I am excited to jump into **Sunday School and Children's Church** with the children in 2017! We have fresh curriculum that is fun, age appropriate and Christ centered! Please encourage your children to come and take part, as it is so important for them to learn about Jesus with their peers and to establish life-long connections!



The Day School is getting 100 tree cookies (2 inch tree slices) from the log shop in January. We plan to use the tree cookies to create a pathway on our playground, which means I need to place them in the ground, almost flush with the ground. If you are willing to help place the tree cookies in the ground, please let me know! Thanks so much!!!

The Day School's **9th Annual Dinner and Auction** will be here before you know it! Mark your calendars for Friday, March 24th...it will be an evening full of good food, fun and fellowship! Tickets can be purchased Sunday mornings or M-F before 1 pm. We are collecting donations for our silent auction and our live auction. Our church family has always been so faithful to give of what they have, and we are so grateful! If you have any items you would like to donate, please give me a call 336-963-2878!

As you all know, I have resigned as Day School Director effective June 2, 2017. The Day School Board is now accepting applications for the Day School Director position, and will continue to accept applications through February 28th.

YOUTH NEWS

MYF (Super Bowl Party): Join us tonight beginning at 6:00 pm. Please plan to stay thru Halftime or Game End! We've got "prizes" and more! Don't miss out on the FUN and fellowship!!

TBC (Prayer Breakfast): Rise and shine! We gather at Chick-fil-A Tuesday's at 6:54 for a warm breakfast and an encouraging word! \$3.25 gets you a chicken biscuit, hash browns and a refillable drink!

BREAK THRU: Wednesday, Feb. 8th! 6:30 till 8:00 pm! Snack dinner, fellowship, study & more...

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: We're meeting at the Williams' home this Thursday, Feb. 9th, from 7:03 till 8:33 pm. Afterwards we'll enjoy some refreshments and added time hanging out. Bring your Bible!

WEEK OF HOPE: June 23-30, 2017! Charleston, SC! Pre-register today by signing up and turning in your \$50.00 deposit to be part of this summer's Youth Mission Team! *Note: Available spots are going fast!!



Ministry Wish List:

From time to time we need to access the gifts, skills, talents, and abilities of our church family for ministry opportunities. Here are some wishes we currently have:

- a) **Driver of the Van** to pick up people at "The Summit" and bring them to church during the winter.
- b) **2 Bell Ringers** (Contact Bev Lawrence @ 336-302-5578 for more information)
- c) People to serve on **Prayer Ministry Team** (contact Wanda Tatum @ 336-953-1993)
- d) **Kitchen Supervisor** (Contact Shirley McNulty for more information)
- e) Volunteers for **Tape Ministry** to deliver CD's of the Service to shut-ins. (Contact Imogene Bulla)

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Share the love and give the gift of life!
Tuesday, February 14th, 2017
2:00 - 7:00pm in the FLC



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WISDOM KEEPERS

"VALENTINE'S DAY FESTIVAL OF FUN"

Tuesday, February 14th @ 11:30 am in the FLC Conference Room

Food, fun and laughter will be the theme of this program:

Bingo, games, token prizes, entertainment, photo session, selection of the King & Queen Valentine Sweethearts for 2017-2018, luncheon by Beth Richmond and Christian Fellowship for everyone.

As always bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

EXPERIENCE THE "WISDOM KEEPERS" DIFFERENCE AND HAVE A GOOD TIME!



Since 2007 the **Martha Group** has supported the Dominican Mission team by making hospital gowns, pillowcase dresses and jams (pj bottoms.) Meeting at the church, supported financially by Central's SS classes and donations of used bed linens from members, the Group this year sent 97 hospital gowns, 14 pillowcase dresses and 16 jams (pj bottoms) when the shipment left on January 23rd.

CUOC Item for February
Instant Potatoes

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Sunday, February 5th, 2017



Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world.
We are about making connections — connecting people to God and to each other.

The "One Thing"

The 1991 movie, "City Slickers" starring Billy Crystal and Jack Palance, contains one of my favorite scenes of all time. Crystal's character and a couple of friends go on a cattle drive "vacation" with Curly the cowboy (played by Palance). My favorite scene in the movie goes like this: Curly: Do you know what the secret of life is? [holds up one finger] This.

Mitch: Your finger?

Curly: One thing. Just one thing.

Mitch: But, what is the "one thing?"

Curly: [smiles] That's what you have to find out.

What is that "one thing" that is the secret of life? Years before the movie "City Slickers" the Apostle Paul considered the same question.

As Paul took stock of his life, he realized he had been wonderfully blessed. He came from a good family. He had a great heritage. He was highly educated. He was a leader in his field, and a very influential one at that. But when Paul thinks about his life, he realizes that none of those things, as wonderful as they are, is his "one thing."

Then Paul revealed his "one thing:"

⁸ ... "I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord... ¹⁰ I want to know Christ..." {Philippians 3:8b, 10a}

For the Apostle Paul, his "one thing"—that which mattered more than anything else, was to know Jesus Christ personally.

The Bible emphasizes over and over the importance of knowing Jesus personally. Jesus Himself stated the meaning of "eternal life" was to know Him and His Father in heaven:

³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. {John 17:3}

The Apostle Paul taught the church that the goal of Christian discipleship was to continue to grow up and into the faith,

¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. {Ephesians 4:13}

Jesus told His disciples that to know Him was to know God, and to see Him was to see God:

⁷ "If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." {John 14:7}

Do you know Jesus? Would you like to?

In Anne Graham Lotz's book, Pursuing More of Jesus, she lists a number of ways we can know Jesus on a deeper and more personal level. Here is what she recommends:

Go for the maximum, not the minimum.

Pursue more of His voice in your ear.

Pursue more of His tears on your face.

Pursue more of His praise on your lips.

Pursue more of His death in your life.

Pursue more of His dirt on your hands.

Pursue more of His hope in your grief.

Pursue more of His fruit in your service.

Pursue more of His love in your home.

Pursue more of His courage in your convictions.

Pursue more of His nearness in your loneliness.

Pursue more of His answers to your prayers.

Pursue more of His glory on your knees.

I think Paul is right. The most important thing in life is to know Jesus. Let's join together to seek the face of Jesus and grow to know Him closer and deeper than ever before!

Pastor J.F.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday February 5 th 2017	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"That's Why We Praise Him" "We Will Worship Him"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Fred Huffstetler
PRAYER		
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	II Corinthians 9:10-11	Pastor J. F.
¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Jesus He Loves Me"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5: 14-16 (See insert)	
MESSAGE	Poking Holes In The Darkness	
	SERIES: Shine!	Pastor J. F.
CLOSING SONG	" I Saw The Light "	Praise Team
AN INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP <i>The kneeling rail in the United Methodist Churches has traditionally been a place of prayer. If you have made a decision today that you would like to express publicly; if you would like to join this church on a profession of faith or by transferring your membership, or if you have a need for prayer, you are invited to come forward at this time. Decisions that could change your life are made at the altar.</i>		
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		Fred Huffstetler

USHERS 8:45 AM
Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Ross & Debbie Reaves

GREETERS 8:45 AM -
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USHERS 11:00 AM
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GREETERS 11:00 AM -
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Volunteer Recruitment
Volunteers are needed at Randolph Heath for various areas. Caring & compassionate volunteers are needed for our Gift Shops, Welcome Center, Outpatient Center, Service Excellence, Same day Surgery, Transition of Care, and several clerical areas. Are you service minded, dedicated and committed? Is your mission to serve others? We have a home for you at Randolph Health where our volunteers are continually rewarded by the service they give. Call 336-629-8886 to find out where your talents are needed.



Join us for fun at the upcoming Women's Health Fair!
Half Hour Fitness Classes
9:30-Pilates,
10:30-Yoga
11:30-Line Dance,
12:30-Cardio/Strength

February 11th 9:00 - 1:00pm

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PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Joy Menius
WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"We've A Story To Tell To The Nations"	#569(UMH)
*MISSION STATEMENT (In Unison)		Fred Huffstetler
<i>Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make disciples and transform the world. We are about making connections. Connecting people to God and to each other.</i>		
*THE APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)		#881 (UMH)
<i>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, *the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen</i>		
		*Univeral Church
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	II Corinthians 9:10-11	Pastor J.F.
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OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
TIME OF THANKSGIVING		Heather Cagle
PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle
THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)		#895 (UMH)
<i>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		
ANTHEM	"Be Thou My Vision"	Alice Parker
	Soloist, Paul Smith	
<i>Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.</i>		
*Children leave for Children's Church		
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:14-16 (See Insert)	
MESSAGE	Poking Holes In The Darkness	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	Shine!	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"Take My Life, And Let It Be"	#399(UMH)
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*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		Pastor J.F.
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able.

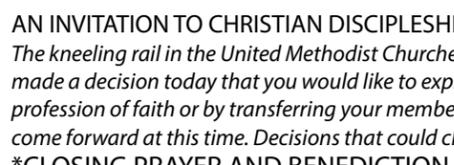
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Memorials & Gifts

LOCAL MISSIONS
In Memory of Helen Powell
By David & Dianne Leonard

BUDGET FUND
In Memory of Helen Powell
By Jack & Iris Ragland
In Memory of Barbara Barnette
By Jerry & Nancy Little

HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

CUMC Weekly Schedule
SUNDAY, February 5th
8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship
12:30 PM – Leadership Training
6:00 PM – MYF
MONDAY, February 6th
10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
1:30 PM – Susannah Wesley / Parlor
5:30 PM – Volleyball
TUESDAY, February 7th
10:30 AM – Followers / Staff Conf.
5:45 PM – Pilates
6:00 PM – Networx
7:00 PM – Open Gym
WEDNESDAY, February 8th
10:00 AM – Morning Prayer Group
1:00 PM – Chair Chicks
5:30 PM – Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study
6:30 PM – Hand Bells
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir
THURSDAY, February 9th
7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"
10:00 AM – Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM – Open Gym
FRIDAY, February 10th



February

- 05** Karen Tyler
- 06** Laura Harvey
- 07** Gregory Robinson
- 08** Teresa Henry
Gigi Skinner
JaAnna Winslow
Alecia Murray
Addie Schoenberger
- 09** Deborah Fullerton
Megan Spivey
Jordan Hammer
- 10** Dr. Larry Simpson
Joey Trogdon
Rob Clauser
Kelly Harris Jr.



Church Leader Training Event ...Super Sunday!
This Sunday, February 5th from 12:30 - 2:00pm in the FLC.
Stay for lunch and then spend time in leader training, visioning and motivation! Special session on how to have productive meetings!

Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study



When: Wednesday February 8th, 2017
Where: Family Life Center
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
The Agape / Builders Class
Baked Potato Bar with Fixin's
Chili, Dessert & Beverage
Cost: \$5 per person, \$15 per family
Tear this off or drop in the offering plate,

or call the church office by 12:00 noon on Monday.

NAME: _____

Attending: _____