

## Children & Family Ministries



The Day School is in need of some 'worker bees'. I have several 'baby trees' from the Arbor Foundation that were given to us to plant on the playground. This is completely and totally out of my scope of skills!!! If there is anyone willing to come plant these saplings, please let me know... they did come with instructions. Also, we are 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! We will begin collecting donations for our silent auction and our live auction in January. 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!

### YOUTH NEWS

**YOUTH REP MEETING:** Today at 5:00 pm! Bring any dates and schedules that can help with our planning!

**MYF:** We meet tonight at 6:00! Come enjoy a light dinner followed by some games and more! Don't miss out!

**YOUTH WINTER RETREAT ORIENTATION!** For ALL those going on the Youth Winter Retreat (and a Parent): We will have a brief Orientation tonight at 7:30 following Youth Group!! We will take some time to go over all the exciting details, and answer any questions. NEW 2017 Medical Release Forms will need to be completed and notarized. Please bring your current insurance information. Questions? Call or text Fred at 302-0624.

**BREAK THRU:** Join us this Wednesday for food, fellowship and more from 7:00 till 8:30 pm.

**YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Join us at Denise Williams' home this Thursday, Jan. 12th, for our Bible Study! Start time: 7:03! End time: 8:33 pm. Stick around afterwards if you can for some added fellowship & refreshments. 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!

### 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:

- individuals interested in doing **light reading and editing** of manuscripts for book manuscripts (see Pastor J.F. for more information),
- reading buddies** to give approximately 15-30 minutes per week to listen to students read at Lindley Park Elementary School or **math buddies**(see Pastor J.F. for more information).
- driver of the van** to pick up people at "The Summit" and bring them to church during the winter.
- 2 Bell Ringers** (Contact Bev Lawrence @ 336-302-5578 for more information)
- People to serve on **Prayer Ministry Team** (contact Wanda Tatum @ 336-953-1993for more information)

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### Budget

**Needed to Date \$12,571.32 Received to Date \$8,244.00**

### Year End Financial Wrap Up:

Thank you for your faithful financial support for our church in 2016. As of December 31,2016, we received a total of \$664,840.00 in projected revenues. As of December 31, 2016 we spent a total of \$643,405.00 in projected budget expenditures, leaving a projected net total of \$21,435.00. Our weekly budget need for 2017 is \$12,571.32. Thank you again for being faithful stewards of what God has given to you.

### Good Times Wisdom Keepers! Happy New Year!



Our 2017 January calendar starts with an on the road concert and luncheon event. On Thursday, January 26th, we will be back in the Charlotte area for a concert of music played on the internationally renowned Grand Organ at Calvary Church's 5,000 seat sanctuary. Built by the M.P. Moller Organ Company and dedicated in 1990, this pipe organ is history's fourth largest to be built at one time, the largest all-new church organ ever built, and ranks as the fourteenth largest pipe organ in the world. With 11,499 pipes, the Grand Organ sound will create a concert you won't want to miss. The church will also be providing a full luncheon for concert participants and will provide more entertainment during luncheon by The Heritage Quartet. The cost is \$12.00 for concert, luncheon and transportation. We will meet at FLC at 8:45am and return by 3:30pm. To get a seat, your payment and registration should be in by January 19th. Registration forms can be found in the Good Times letterbox in the office area. As always with CUMC Wisdom Keepers, expect great Christian fellowship, great food, and a Good Time!

### CUOC Item for January "creamy" soups

### YOUR CENTRAL CHURCH STAFF

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Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017



### "Everything New"

I know deep down inside it is a mere turn of the calendar from one day to the next, but I look forward to the start of a new year. I like everything about it—the idea of a new beginning; the promise of a fresh start; the closing out of one chapter and the turning of the page to another; making resolutions; and the opportunity of dreaming new dreams. I like that my calendar is clean and unspotted (at least for a little while).

The start of a new year is filled with such promise and potential. Usually early on New Year's Day I sit down with a notepad and review the old year and write down dreams for the new year. I enjoy setting goals and expectations for the 365 days ahead. I remind myself that God is about redeeming the old and making things new. I recall in the book of Revelation, the voice proclaiming from the throne of God, **"I am making everything new"** (Revelation 21:5a). I affirm that failures are not final; the past is the past; it is time to focus on the future.

Do you know what the top New Year's resolutions are each year? You can probably guess, can't you!

- Exercise Regularly
- Diet/Lose Weight/Eat Healthier
- Get Out Of Debt
- Stop Smoking
- Start Budgeting
- Get A New Job / Start A Business
- Spend More Time With Family
- Save Or Make More Money
- Get Better Organized
- Be More Generous

Helen Keller was a person of clear vision even though she lost her eyesight at 19 months of age. A reporter once asked Keller, "Is there anything worse than being blind?" "Yes," she said, "It is to have sight and no vision."

Do you have a vision for your life at the start of 2017? On New Year's Day, I review the goals for my life. These are spiritual, relational, intellectual, physical, and financial goals. I pray over these and ask for God's will to be done in each one. I ask that God would give me wisdom and guide me in the direction He wants for my life.

Don't be a person without a life vision.

Here are some biblical principles that guide me in this New Year:

**1) Learn from the past, then leave it in the past.**

*Philippians 3:13-14*

<sup>13</sup> ...But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Isaiah 43:18-19*

<sup>18</sup> Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

**2) Keep in mind that the grace of God is for redeeming the old and making things new.**

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

*Revelation 21:5*

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

**3) Make God the top priority (the first hour of every day; the first day of every week; the first dollar of every ten).**

*Matthew 6:33*

<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**4) Rather than asking God to bless our plans, find out where God is blessing and resolve to join God there.**

*Philippians 1:6*

<sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**5) Resolve to live an Acts 6:4 life.**

*Acts 6:4*

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

What do you think? What is your vision to make 2017 your best year ever?

Pastor J.F.

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2017	First Sunday after the Epiphany	8:45AM
WELCOME		Heather Cagle
OPENING PRAYER		Heather Cagle
WORSHIP SONGS	"Deep"(Way Down) "No Longer Slaves"	Praise Team
*TIME OF GREETING		Pastor J.F.
TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	John 6:5-10	Pastor J. F.
<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." ...So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.		
GIVING OF GIFTS		
OFFERTORY SPECIAL	"Your Love"	Praise Team
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 60:1-6(See insert)	
MESSAGE	Now is Your Time! SERIES: Shine!	Pastor J. F.
CLOSING SONG	"Shine Jesus Shine"	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**  
Jay Councilman, Tammie Walker, Tim Dunn, Rick Flickinger

**GREETERS 8:45 AM** - Tim & Debbie Setzer

**USHERS 11:00 AM**  
**CHAIRMAN** – Archie Priest  
**Captain** – Dr. John Matkins, Bill Beaver, Walker Moffitt, Ken Prochnau, Dr. Larry Simpson, Jerry Jeffers, Derrick Grantham, Randy Ferree, Rudy Rich

**CUMC Attendance**  
January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Total Worship 202  
Sunday School 21

**GREETERS 11:00 AM** - Jerry Tugwell, Wanda Tatum, Peter Brisley, Mary Lynn Brisley, Becky Cooper, Kaye Rich

## JANUARY SUBGROUP MEETINGS:



United Methodist Women

Followers---Monday, January 9 at 5:15pm  
FLC area  
Susannah Wesley---Monday, January 9 at 5:30pm  
FLC area

UMW UNIT MEETING ---MONDAY, JANUARY 9 at 6:00pm in  
FLC CONFERENCE ROOM (FOLLOWERS will serve)

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PRELUDE		Joy Menius
THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR		
CALL TO WORSHIP		Joy Menius
WELCOME		Fred Huffstetler
*HYMN OF PRAISE	"Fairest Lord Jesus"	#189(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)		Fred Huffstetler
<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;</i>		
*THE GLORIA PATRI		#70(UMH)
*A TIME OF GREETING		Fred Huffstetler
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT	John 6:5-10	Pastor J.F.
<sup>5</sup> Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." ...So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#95(UMH)
*TIME OF THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR OTHERS		Heather Cagle 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 th kingdom the power and the glory forever. Amen.</i>		
ANTHEM	"Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"	Boersma/Lantz
<i>Come, Holy Spirit, show us Your glory. Your people are here in this place. Sweet Holy Spirit, move now among us, and touch us with mercy and grace. Spirit Eternal, come in Your fullness, and breathe on Your people, we pray. Come, Holy Spirit, fresh wind of heaven, we long for Your presence today. Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with more of You. You are the breath of God, Promise of Heaven Spirit of Pentecost, fill us with life anew. You are the gift divine. Show us Your glory. Spirit Immortal, burn now within us, and purify us with Your flame. Transform Your people, fire of heaven. We live to bring praise to Your name. Spirit of Pentecost fall on your people now. Cleanse us and make us new. Come, Spirit, come! Spirit of Pentecost, kindle a flame of love. Make of our hearts-Your home. Come, Holy Spirit, come!</i>		
*Children leave for Children's Church		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 60:1-6	
MESSAGE	Now Is Your Time!	Pastor J.F.
SERIES:	Shine!	
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"This Is My Song"	#437 (UMH)
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*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION.		
*POSTLUDE		*Congregation please stand if you are able.

## Memorials & Gifts

**BUDGET FUND**  
**In Memory of Helen Powell**  
By Paula Keeter  
By Ed & Joyce Harrington  
**In Honor of the Agape Builders**  
By Ed & Joyce Harrington



## January

- 08 Ronda Morgan
- 09 Kim Bass  
Julia Griffin  
Kyle Robbins
- 10 Cecelia Pritchard  
Mike Skinner  
Ben Clauser
- 11 Geraldine Crawford  
Susan Swiers  
Paul Harris
- 12 Dr. John Matkins  
Austin Oliver  
Josh Faircloth  
Lacey Davis
- 13 Nan Kemp  
Benjamin Johnson
- 14 Keri Strickland  
Rosemary Bray  
Harvey Ferree  
Matt Hoover  
Holly Adams

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK...

### CUMC Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 AM – Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship

6:00 PM – MYF

**MONDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 PM – Chair Chicks

5:15 PM – Followers

5:30 PM – Susannah Wesley

6:00 PM – Unit Meeting

5:30 PM – Volleyball

**TUESDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

5:45 PM – Pilates

7:00 PM – Open Gym

**WEDNESDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – "Walk and Worship"

7:00 PM – Open Gym

**FRIDAY, January 13<sup>th</sup>**



The Martha Group will be sewing hospital gowns for the Dominican mission trip on Tuesday, January 17, at 9:00 am in the FLC conference room. Anyone interested in this missions project is encouraged to join us.

**Open dates for hosting Wednesday Night Suppers are January 25 & February 1. Please call the church office to sign up.**



Wednesday Night Dinner & Bible Study

When: Wednesday January 11th, 2017

Where: Family Life Center

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Good News Class

Breakfast Casserole, Grits, Fruit,

Muffins & 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: \_\_\_\_\_