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UPDATE ON 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE

At the 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church the delegates voted to form a “Committee For a Way Forward” to address the LGBT issues which confront our denomination. The Committee For a Way Forward met for two years and will be presenting 3 different proposals / options for the delegates to vote upon at the February 2019 General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The One Church model would remove the 1972 language (regarding homosexuality in the Book of Discipline). It would allow conferences who wanted too re-insert the 1972 language to do so in their standing rules. It would allow local churches who wanted to have traditionalist clergy to write that into their profiles and clergy who were traditionalists to write that into their profiles.

A second plan is the traditionalist plan. The traditionalist plan maintains the current language in the Book of Discipline about homosexuality being incompatible. But it greatly increases the accountability to certify that persons will uphold this at every level of the church, from the laity to district committees on ministry to boards of ordained ministry, to cabinets, to council and bishop. It is not maintaining the status quo. It is sharpening and making more pronounced, accountability for being a traditionalist church and providing an exit for people, whether they are centrists or traditionalists.

The third plan, connectional conference plan. Our relationships would be looser and we would really end up with an umbrella underneath it with sort of three branches of church, traditionalists, centrists -- this has 32 Constitutional amendments.

The WNC Annual Conference has elected delegates to represent our Annual Conference at General Conference. If you would like to give them your opinion as to how you would like for them to vote, you may do so by going to the following website: <https://www.wnccumc.org/wfcomments>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2018



Can you believe it is almost time for VBS (**July 8 - 12**)? This year we will travel back in time in our Time Lab to meet the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time and we will learn that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

****Supplies Needed****

We need your help in gathering supplies for Vacation Bible School. Please collect and clean the following items:

- vegetable cans
- plastic drink lids
- tabs off drink cans
- paper towel tubes (not toilet paper)

You can put your donations in the box by office window.

Community School Supply Drive

The new school year 2018 – 2019 school year will soon be upon us. Don't forget to call and register your child(ren) for a back pack filled with school supplies to be prepared for a fresh new start. To register your child, please contact St. John's Lutheran Church at 704-435-9264. The First Wesleyan Church will be the host church for the Saturday, August 18 event. If you are interested in assisting with this mission project, please contact the church office.



**United
Methodist
Kids**

Summer is underway and we have many activities planned for our children.

We started our summer off with Children's Choir Camp.

We had 8 children from our church to attend: Seth Harmon, Alayna Ross, Zachary Harmon, Cameryn Bell, Lauren Bell, Grayce Pruitt, Sophia Williams, and Amber Grace Brittain (also known as Dudleyanna). We also had two children associated with our UMK's attend: Aaron Moss, and Mary Ellis Upchurch. Several youth and adults helped to make this week a wonderful experience: Bo Baity and Michael Baity ran the sound; Chrystal Harmon taught hand chimes and was assisted by Gracie Dunn; Joyce Baxter wrangled children; Jeanna directed the drama, and Betsy Baity recorded the production. The children had their performance on Thursday night. It was a huge success.

Last week we went to the Splash Pad in Lincolnton and had a ball. This week we will be going to ride the train and the carousel at the Shelby Park. Check out our website for upcoming events. Be sure to wear your church shirts.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

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| July 4 | NO Wonderful Wednesday |
| July 8-12 | VBS nightly 6-8:30pm (Sunday Kick-off and Registration 4-5:45pm) |
| July 18 | Movies at Franklin (\$6-admission+ CiCi's Pizza, 8:30am-2pm) |
| July 25 | Creek Stomping and cook out (8:30am-3pm, \$3 for doughnuts and milk on way home) |
| August 1 | Swimming at Angela's (9am-1pm, lunch provided) |
| August 8 | Discovery Place Kids (\$10 admission) |

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The youth just got back from our annual mission trip. This year we planned and took our youth to Pennsylvania. During this trip we ministered to the congregation at the United Methodist Church at Schrader. On Sunday morning the youth did a puppet show for the children's time, sang the anthem, took up the offering, prayed, and read the Scripture lesson. Eric Packard delivered the message. In the afternoon we held a community outreach event for the church. The youth prepared games to play with the children. We had snow cones, cotton candy, hamburgers, hotdogs, cornhole, hula hoop contest, and karaoke. A fun time was had by all.

We visited various locations for our evangelism effort on two different days. The youth passed out Gospel tracks and talked with people sharing their faith. On these occasions we were met with tremendous opposition from the enemy. We were asked to leave from one location, and were met with sneers and contempt at another location. But, at the flea market we had better results. People enjoyed the puppet talking and singing with their children. They were more willing to accept a Gospel track and talk to. Some youth volunteered at the local thrift shop and did a puppet show for the residents of a local nursing home. Afterwards, they visited with the residents. Others from our team worked at the Scharder church doing some clean up and renovations.

While on this trip, we were invited to a Mennonite family's home for homemade ice cream. We were able to ask many questions and the girls even got to dress in Mennonite dresses and caps. BUT...the high lite of our trip was spending the day on the Amish Farm. The youth got up at 4:00am to milk the cow and shovel manure. They rode in the horse drawn buggy and some even got to steer it. They worked in the field with the hay and got to spread the manure. Some rode on a little pony and others got to herd goats. We churned butter, made soft pretzels, mopped the floor on hands and knees, and washed clothes in a wash tub with a wringer. We even got to use the "facilities" outside. Our hosts made us dinner, ham and dumplings to go along with the soft pretzels. Our evening was spent by the adults sitting on the porch discussing the Bible with the Amish adults and the youth playing in the yard with the Amish children. It was a wonderful time.

On this trip the youth also got to explore a cave with an underground lake, swim in a "cement pond" (reservoir), and go paddle boating and swimming at a local state park.

We would like to thank our church for providing us with this once in a life time experience.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JUNE 24, 2018

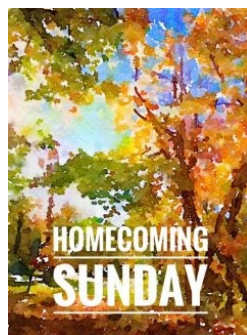
Year to Date Offering	\$157,696.62
Needs To Date.	\$177,378.25
Under.	\$19,681.63

ATTENDANCE – JUNE 24, 2018

Sunday School.	85
Worship.	175

JULY USHERS:

Bob Austell, Ed Pierce, Todd Sorenson,
Andrew Harmon, Chad Thornburg



Homecoming will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Worship will begin at 10:30am and Rev. Charles Turner will be our guest speaker. Rev. Turner served as Pastor of our church from 1993 - 1998.



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

In Loving Memory in the Month of their Birthdays:

KENNETH B. BEAM

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Larry & Juanita Gunnell

Ronnie & Janice Hovis

Bill & Chris Sneed

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Jack & Judy Bingham

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Pat McGinnis

DANNY MCSWAIN

Jack & Judy Bingham

DAVID MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Fund)

RONNIE MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Fund)

JOE SHULL

Jack & Judy Bingham

MARGARET SMITH

Janice Metcalf Hammond

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We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

Matt, Lori & Cooper Gibson

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

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Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Deborah DeVenny, The Gardo Family, Lori Gibson, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

Bill Allen, Jay Beam, Ray Branton, Shaunda Camp,
Paul & Carol Cornwell, Vivian Fite, Cornelia Moss,
Gail Packard, Mary Wheatley, Jack Whitworth and
our loved ones in the military.

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, *Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

10:30am

July 1 Jessica Thornburg

July 8 Sarah Fowler

July 15 Karen Freeman

July 22 Bobbi Ballard

July 29 Linda Brittain



July Birthdays

1	Brian Emerson
2	Sheri Sneed
3	Macie Beam
3	Taylor Paputseanos
6	Jason Ledford
7	Jace Brittain
7	Linda Mauney
9	Betsy Baity
9	Paitlyn Yount
10	Teresa Gardo
10	Sandra Howard
10	Deb Husen
10	Karleen Gaskins Price
12	Kaci Thornburg Beck
12	Tyler Buff
12	Gail Jenkins
12	Teci Webb
13	Blair Moss
14	Bobbi Conner
14	Zach Harmon
15	Michael Wright
16	Kristina Houser Haynes
16	Darin Webb
19	Jay Allen
19	Brian Gardo
20	Josh Skibo
20	Betsy Sneed
21	Richard Cornwell
22	Lydia Bradley
22	Cheryl Dobson
22	Kathy Kiser
23	Keith DeVenny
25	Kennedy Dellinger
27	Kelvin Brittain
27	Kristi Buff
27	Nell Griggs
28	Amanda Sorenson
29	Michael Baity
31	Shayne Turner



If your birthday is in July and not listed, please contact the church office.



Janet Carter
Carolina Care Center
111 Harrilson Rd.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, July 1

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
11:30am - Reception for Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
(60th Wedding Anniversary)
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, July 2

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Tuesday, July 3

12:00pm - Youth (lunch with Jim Eaton)

Wednesday, July 4

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, July 6

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, July 8

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
4:00pm - Vacation Bible School kickoff celebration
6:00pm - Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 9

8:30am - "Walk with God"
6:00 - Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 10

6:00pm - Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 11

8:30am - "Walk with God"
6:00pm - Vacation Bible School
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 12

6:00pm - Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 13

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, July 15

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, July 16

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Tuesday, July 17

Youth canoeing & cookout

Wednesday, July 18

8:30am - "Walk with God"
8:30am - UMK's to Movies
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, July 20

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, July 22

9:30am - Sunday School
10:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, July 23

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Tuesday, July 24

Youth work Community Garden
7:00pm - Finance Committee meeting

Wednesday, July 25

8:30am - "Walk with God"
8:30am - UMK's Creek Stomping
6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, July 27

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, July 29

9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-2