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Can you believe we are a third of the way into calendar 2019! Last Sunday was Easter, following a week of Holy Week Services and the 40 day season of Lent. The flowering of the Cross on Easter is a wonderful experience. During Lent our Praise Band provided music each Sunday at our Contemporary Service. Then on Palm Sunday the choir loft was full with sopranos, alto, tenors, and bass singing a beautiful Easter Cantata. This week the Finance Committee reported that

FUMC was ahead in our budget for 2019 and that our checking account had grown since the beginning of year. We thank God for a healthy budget, which included installing a new floor in the vestibule / narthex area in March. We have another "Membership Sunday" this week which will add to our list of new members just four months into the year. We have other "visitors" at church who we hope will join our membership as well. Our Wednesday evening UM Kids program has grown to 30 children, and several groups within the church have stepped up to assist in preparing the weekly meal. A new Young Adult Sunday School class (Romans 12) began in January at FUMC, is one of our highlights in 2019. Two other Sunday Schools (Etheleen Dover and June Medlin) have ordered additional chairs for their classes. Our UM Women will host their annual "Spring Luncheon" / Fundraiser this coming Saturday. Last year our ladies had record attendance for this event. The FUMC Preschool, which sang during Worship last month and filled the sanctuary, remains the largest preschool program in the area (60 children). The Preschool is already full in accepting new registrations for next school year. VBS is scheduled for July 14-18, and our UMYF is signed up for their summer Mission Trip with Carolina Cross Connection. While we continue to advertise for a DCE staff position, both our children and youth ministries have not slowed down in 2019. FUMC is active once again in the Ministerial Association, and FUMC provided much of the leadership within the Association during the past two years. Our FUMC Evangelism Committee will be helping to provide leadership in a Cherryville "Block Party" on May 18th. Our Cub Scout program recently had almost 40 scouts and parents attend an overnight camp out a few weeks ago, and the Boy Scout recently had a camp out also. The newly formed Girl Scouts at FUMC continues to meet and grow.

Mother's Day Sunday is just around the corner, and on the first Sunday in June we will once again recognize our High School and College Graduates. The FUMC Scholarship Committee (representing six scholarships) meets in May to assist high school graduates who will soon be attending college.

What are your thoughts on the ministries of FUMC just a few months into 2019.

Pastor Joe



TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES: We need no more than 20 pictures of you to prepare the special video for graduation Sunday which

will be held on Sunday, June 2. *The deadline to submit these pictures is May 20.* You can either bring the photo's by the church office (preferably in digital format) or get them to M'Shel Bowen. **We will begin Sunday, June 2 with a breakfast** at the church. Please let us know how many will be attending the breakfast from your immediate family so that we will know how many to prepare for.



Can you believe we are already talking about VBS?

Save the dates of July 14 - July 18.

In a world that is always searching for “the next big thing”, some things never change and can never be improved upon. God, His Word, His Promises, and the Gospel will always remain unchanged and that is why we choose to kick it old school! We will reinforce this concept through an 80's “old school” rock and roll concert environment. We will start and end each day with a “concert” and “encore” time of worship. Children will then take their backstage VIP passes and their Bibles to explore all of the areas of Vacation Bible School.

If you would like to Volunteer in Ministering to Children through VBS please contact Chrystal Harmon or the Church Office.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It's so hard to believe that we are going into the last few weeks of this school year! What a year we have had – awesome students, great teachers, and super-supportive families, as well as the support from our church family. Thank you!

Our graduation program is scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. This program will include the children from all classes. Twenty-four children will graduate to move up to kindergarten - and we are so proud of them!

We will be saying “good-by” to two of our teachers. Ms. Sara Baity and Ms. Cassie Cahoon are leaving to pursue other opportunities. Good news is that Ms. Trinity Smith, who was a long-time teacher for our four year class, will be returning to work with Ms. Carol Cornwell and Ms. Emily Webb, who is returning from maternity leave. Ms. Haley Craft and Ms. Jaclyn Sours will return to our three year class. Ms. Kim Stout and Ms. Melody Bridges will return to our two year class.

Our four year class and our two year class for next year are already full and have waiting lists. Our three year class has only two spaces remaining.

Continue to pray for us as we come to the end of this school year and continue working to plan for the next year!

Ms. Millie

May Birthdays

1 Samantha Moss
3 Deborah DeVenny
4 Susan Beam
4 Nancy Pierce
6 Renee Allen
7 Betty Dellinger
8 Paige Sigmon
9 Audie McGinnis
11 Walter Putnam
12 Harry Putnam
13 Greyson Haynes
13 Pam Huffstetler
13 Bertha Maxey
13 Landis Moss
13 Robert Turner
14 Jim Eaton
16 Dawn Whitworth
19 Michelle Bingham
19 Jennifer Bradley
19 C.V. Thornburg
20 Lance Hudson
20 Rozzie Norwood
20 Bayne Phillips
20 Kevin Thornburg
21 Katherine Goins
21 Jerry Hudson
21 Nate Thornburg
22 M'Shel Bowen
22 Laura Gardo
22 Wayne Watts
24 Andrew Harmon
24 Lucas Smith
24 Ben Sneed
25 Eddie Pursley
25 Robert Sneed
25 Kim Young
28 Genea Moss
28 Hazeline Moss
28 Kaitlin Starling
30 Kent Ballard
30 Elisabeth Huss
30 Chelsea Thornburg



PRAYER LIST (Members)

Billy Alexander, Chris Barrett & Family, Mike Burgess, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Billy Crews, Deborah DeVenny, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, Sherie Harrelson, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Chad Thornburg & Family, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Maurice "Jim" Beam, Braiden Brown, Landen Jansen, Cornelia Moss, Myra Neill, Lyn Nettles, Jeff Schrum, Sandra Stallings, Sabra Thornburg, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

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

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



Rita Black Lorrey
 Lincolnton Rehab
 1410 East Gaston St.
 Lincolnton, NC 28092

Sunday, April 28

8:45am - Early Worship
 9:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship
 6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, May 1

5:30pm - UMK's
 6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
 7:15pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 2

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
 8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor
 12:00pm - National Day of Prayer Service at
 Community Building

Sunday, May 5

8:45am - Early Worship
 9:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship
 6:00pm - Youth

Monday, May 6

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
 6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
 6:00pm - Callie Beam Circle
 6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

Wednesday, May 8

5:30pm - UMK's
 6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
 6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 9

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
 8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)

8:45am - Early Worship
 9:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship

Wednesday, May 15

5:30pm - UMK's
 6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
 6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
 8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Saturday, May 18

12:00pm - Faith Fair/Block Party (on Main Street)
 (Those wishing to volunteer, please talk with
 Randy Baxter)

Sunday, May 19

8:45am - Early Worship
 9:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship
 6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, May 22

5:30pm - UMK's (last meeting this school year)
 6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
 7:15pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

7:00pm - Preschool Graduation

Sunday, May 26

8:45am - Early Worship
 9:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am - Worship

Monday, May 27

Church office closed

Wednesday, May 29

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 30

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
 8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 21, 2019

Previous Total \$86,368.22
 Total To Date \$117,432.22
 Needs To Date. \$115,156.96
 Over. \$2,275.26

ATTENDANCE, APRIL 21, 2019

Sunday School. 84
 Worship. 265

MAY USHERS:

Scott Beam, Allen Fraley, Chesley Walls,
 Tommy Allen, Danny Webb

NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
May 5	Robin Blackburn	Amy Tallent
May 12	Lynne Collins	Bess Thornburg
May 19	Chrystal Harmon	Chrystal Harmon
May 26	Maria Pruitt	Maria Pruitt