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GENERAL CONFERENCE NEWS

This week (February 24-26) elected delegates to The General Conference of the United Methodist Church in St. Louis voted 438 to 384 to pass what was called “The Traditional Plan,” which maintains the church’s current rules and restrictions on same sex marriages and the ordination of gay clergy. The delegates rejected the “One Church Plan,” a measure that would have eased restrictions on gay marriages and would have removed language in the UMC Book of Discipline which states that “the practice of homosexuality is inconsistent with Christian teachings.” Both plans had been presented to delegates by “The Committee on a Way Forward” which had been formed by the Council of Bishops of the UMC at the request of delegates at the 2016 General Conference. Over the past several years other denominations (Presbyterians, Episcopalian, Lutherans) have held similar national meetings to discuss the same topics addressed by our General Conference this week. Many had expected United Methodists to adopt the “One Church Plan” which was similar to what other denominations had done on the issue.

It should be noted some parts of The Traditional Plan could be ruled unconstitutional by the Judicial Council of the UMC in the coming weeks- specifically those parts which seek to tighten restrictions on certain bishops as well as Boards of Ordained Ministry in Conferences who have chosen in the past to ignore the Book and Discipline with respect to the ordination of gay and lesbian clergy in the United Methodist Church (as well as not holding some clergy accountable for officiating at “same sex marriages”).

What are possible consequences from this weeks General Conference? Since the topics voted upon at General Conference were such hot button issues for many United Methodists, the General Conference decisions could result in some congregations seeking to break away from the denomination (especially congregations and members that desired the “One Church Plan”). It could also result in a few of the more liberal United Methodist seminaries seeking to break from the denomination, as well as many Methodist students presently attending United Methodist seminaries to decide to serve in another denomination.

The United Methodist Church is the second largest Protestant denomination in the United States, but has become a global denomination over the past few decades. Moreover, 40% of the voting delegates at General Conference this week were comprised of Central Conference delegates which represent the United Methodist Church in Africa, the Philippines, central Russia, and other locations outside the United States. Much of the conservative vote at General Conference came from delegates of these Central Conferences who were opposed to the “One Church Plan.” It should also be noted that while Bishops do preside at General Conference, they do not vote. Voting delegates are elected by each Annual Conference, and made up of 50% laity and 50% clergy. Our Western NC Conference sent 10 laity and 10 clergy delegates to St. Louis. The same hot button issues will likely be voted upon again at the next General Conference, which typically meets every four years.

Pastor Joe

Bishop Paul Leeland will be presenting updates regarding the 2019 Special Session General Conference and what it means for the WNCC. He will be speaking to the Catawba Valley District and the Appalachian District at a joint gathering on Sunday, March 31, at 3pm at St. Luke's UMC (52 16th Avenue NW, Hickory, NC). You are invited to attend this event.



Ash Wednesday Service will be held on March 6, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.



SAVE THE DATE:

The Church will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. Watch for more details.

The Evangelism Committee is reactivating the “Go Getters” Team of volunteers to assist in making contact (our “Welcome Wagon”) with first time visitors to FUMC. Call the church office or speak with Pastor Joe with questions or if you can volunteer to help as a “Go Getter!”

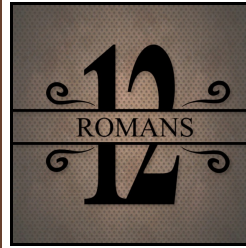
**The
Go
Getters**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Scholarship Applications are now online on the church website under the “Youth” tab. There are 6 scholarship applications that are available. The due date to have the applications into the Scholarship Committee is **April 26, 2019**. If you have problems opening these documents, please come by the church office.



ROMANS 12 (r12) Sunday School Class News

Yes!! We have a name! We are “Romans 12 Sunday School” and are open to all young adults, young couples and parents of young children. We would love to have you come join us any Sunday. We have officers: Stacey Bradley is our President and Darin Webb is our secretary. We are off and running. We average 10 each week! Currently our first study together is Romans 12 and so far is generating much discussion and energy in our class. Thank you for the prayerful support for this group. Many thanks to the “Florene Styles Sunday School Class” members for giving up their classroom for this new beginning!

The class mission is to “walk the walk” that Paul challenges us to walk in Romans 12 with Jesus Christ at our center. Our goal is to grow through helping others.

Romans 12: 9-12 says: Love what is sincere. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. **Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.** Never be lacking in zeal **but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. **Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

Please continue to pray for these young people as they grow in their walk with Christ. We welcome your input, we appreciate your prayers and we look forward to the spiritual growth that this class will provide. More news to come as we continue to grow.



SPRING SONGFEST

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019 - 6:30PM
FIRST WESLEYAN CHURCH**

Come join us for a night of Fellowship and Community Praise to the Lord!! Admission is FREE. However, we will be taking up a “Love Offering” to help with the building fund at CAM.

Sponsored by Cherryville Area Ministries Board of Directors.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It's hard to believe we have only three months left in this school year! Next week we will be measuring for graduation gowns! Where has the time gone?

Plans are being made for the upcoming 2019/2020 school year. Our four year class is completely full already, with a waiting list. The two and three year classes have only three openings each.

Our Kingdom Kids will be singing during the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 17. They are working hard to learn four new songs to share with you. I think you will be blessed!

Ms. Millie

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

COLLEGE CARE MINISTRY

For this school year, the former Secret Pal Ministry has changed its name and how it ministers to our college students. The new name is *College Care Ministry*. Rather than having multiple secret pals, church members are asked to donate to the College Care Ministry, and the Education Committee will purchase similar items for each college student. The purpose of this change is to make sure that each college student receives gifts from the church, and the students know that the church is thinking and praying for them. With new technology many college students do not check their post office mailbox. The College Care Ministry provides digital gifts to the students that they can access through their email. If you would like to contribute to this important ministry, please indicate College Care on your offering envelope.



Congratulations to Sara Baity who was selected to serve on staff again this summer with Carolina Cross Connection as a Urban Ministry Camp Director. Carolina Cross Connection requests that the home church of each summer staff person assist in the cost of the

expenses involved for summer staff. If you would like to assist Carolina Cross Connection and Sara by making a donation to CCC, they would be truly grateful for your support. You may talk with the church office or Sara for more information.

SPRING LUNCHEON

Sponsored by United Methodist Women
Saturday, April 27, 2019 10:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church Cherryville

If you would like a ticket, please see a member of the United Methodist Women.



United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

The UMW will be celebrating their 150th year anniversary with a reception following both Worship services on March 24.



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

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- Ben & Robin Blackburn
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- Vernon & Betty Smith
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- Michael Beam

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DAVID CONN MOSS

- Hazeline Moss


DAVID RONALD MOSS

- Hazeline Moss

DAVID SPENCER

- Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew





Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Linda Alexander and family following the death of her mother, Mildred Agner, on January 31, and her father, Dr. Marshal Agner, on February 6; and to Shayne Turner and family and Bobbi Ballard and family following the death of their mother, Brenda Holt, on February 14.

IN HONOR

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

NELL GRIGGS

Danny & Teci Webb

JEFF SCHRUM

Vee & Melanie Thornburg

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Joyce Baxter

BRUCE & CHRIS BARRETT

Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg

M'SHEL, MITCHELL & MEREDITH BOWEN

Michael Beam

LILIAN PALMER PEAK

Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg

ROMANS 12: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Chad, Crystal & Leslie Thornburg



A NOTE OF



Thank you to the City of
Cherryville and the Rotary Club
for planting the weeping Cherry
Trees along the side walk along
Pink Street.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT FEB. 24, 2019

Previous Total	\$28,760.00
Total To Date	\$52,254.22
Needs To Date.	\$57,578.48
Under	\$5,624.26

ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Sunday School.	85
Early Worship	51
Worship	102
Total	153

MARCH USHERS:

Johnny Brown, Steve Bowen, Ken Bowen,
Stacey Bradley, Chuck Dellinger

NURSERY WORKERS

	8:45	11:00
Mar. 3	Robin Blackburn	Teci Webb
Mar. 10	Jenny Emerson	Kelly Brown
Mar. 17	Chrystal Harmon	Julie Wyatt
Mar. 24	Maria Pruitt	Susan Fraley
Mar. 31	Jessica Thornburg	Karen Freeman

PRAYER LIST (Members)

AT CAROLINA CARE:

Cone Carpenter, Janet Carter, Peggy Gardo, Ruth Gaston, and Sue Nolen.

Linda Alexander and family, Bobbi Ballard and family, Mike Burgess, Joanne Carpenter, Billy Crews, Deborah DeVenny, Steve Falls, Aura Ann McGinnis, Larry McGinnis, Karleen Price, Joe & Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Shayne Turner and family, Earlene Williams (at Peak Resources), and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Charles Baity, The family of Butch Chapman, Ray Homesley, Landen Jansen, Daniel Jonas, Cornelia Moss, Myra Neill, Lyn Nettles, Jeff Schrum, Loyce Strader, Sandra Stallings, and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, Cody Spiker.
Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

March Birthdays

1	Clarice Harrelson
1	Alex Smith
2	Janet Carter
2	Janice Hammond
3	Ayden Canipe
5	Landon Hudson
5	Kay Moths
5	Eric Stroupe
6	Michael Moss
8	Robin Blackburn
8	Stephanie Elmore
8	Melinda Faires
8	Vee Thornburg
10	Brent Burlison
11	Leah Griffin
11	Lacey Spangler
13	Deanna Daggerhart
14	Joe Dismukes
14	Steven Gunnell
14	Doris Huss
16	Mildred Young
17	Brent Goforth
17	Chapel Moss
17	Caleb Narron
19	Michael Smith
20	Bob Austell
20	Steve Buff
20	David Hovis
21	Chuck Dellinger
22	E.L. Beam
22	Amy Tallent
24	Barbara Crews
26	Heidi Cash
26	Brooks Gunnell
26	Carla Eaker Truluck
29	Ryan Costner
29	Van Dellinger
29	Grayce Pruitt
30	Anne Dellinger
31	Butch Sneed



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



Karleen Price
409 S. Elm St.
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, March 3

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, March 4

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper (Nan Davis program)

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

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

Sunday, March 10

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 17

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 24

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, March 27

12:00pm - Young At Heart - meet at Church
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 31

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
4:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
5:00pm - Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm - Youth

