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 Church Organist

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 Chancel Choir Director

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Mildred Young
 FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.



Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday in Advent

8:45 & 11:00am - Worship / Holy Communion

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday in Advent

8:45 & 11:00am - Worship

Sermon: "A Shepherd's Perspective"

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday in Advent

11:00am Worship Children's Christmas Program

5-8pm - Live Nativity at FUMC

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday in Advent

11:00am Worship Christmas Cantata

6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service

Communion & Candle Lighting Service

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Everyone is invited to attend our children's production of "A Super Christmas" on December 17 during the 11:00 o'clock worship service.



Our church is having a **Live Nativity scene** on the lawn on Dec. 17 from 5-8 pm. Please take this opportunity to show the story God's love to our community. Sign up for a position on the table outside the church office.

Church Officers

If you would like a copy of the church officers for 2018-2020, please contact the church office.

Stewardship is...



Stewardship update: We are off to a great start with our 2018 pledge campaign and a special thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card. **We have received 55 cards totaling \$183,180.00.** If you have not turned in your pledge card and wish to do so, please turn it in to the church office by December 31.



The children have been learning to be thankful by showing gratitude to people in their lives and most importantly to God for his many blessings. They are learning that we show God thanks and love by offering of our money, time in helping others, and praise.

The Children's Christmas Play "A Super Christmas" will be Sunday morning December 17. Children need to meet at 10:30 in the Children's Church Area dressed in their costumes. The UMK schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

- Wednesday NOV 29 – UMK's 5:30-7:30
(supper, practice, class)
- Wednesday DEC 6 – UMK's 5:30 – 7:30
(supper, practice, class)
- Wednesday DEC 13 – UMK's 5:30 – 7:30
(supper, practice, class)
- Friday DEC 15 – SUPPER and REHEARSAL
5:30 – 7:30
- Sunday DEC 17 – Christmas Play
(be at church at 10:30)
- NO UMK'S DECEMBER 20 OR 27.

WE WILL RESUME UMK'S ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

December is not just a month of getting presents, but it is a month where we should give of our time and talents. Through the kind donations from our church family, we were able to fill 97 boxes to be sent to children around the world. Through these boxes they will have the opportunity to know the love of Jesus and have a little bit of happiness and peace.

Twenty-five youth and adults from our church will be going to the Boone Processing Center on December 16 to give of their time. While there, they will sort and pack shoeboxes into large containers to be placed on airplanes and sent around the world. We encourage you to pray for these boxes and their recipients so that they will go to the right child and that their lives will forever be changed for the good.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The youth would like to thank all the people who supported the First Light Dinner by dining with us.

We also want to thank the Methodist Women for providing such a wonderful meal. With the donations that we received, we will be able to help a couple families in need this Christmas season. In Matthew 25:34-42, Jesus tells us that when we feed and clothe those in need it is the same thing as us feeding and clothing him. Thank you for helping our youth learn to have compassion for those less fortunate by providing for them the opportunity to help those in need.

Upcoming Dates for the Youth:

- DEC 3 Shopping for Family in Need (6 pm)
- DEC 10 Christmas party at Mrs. Jeanna's House-bring a \$5 gift (6 pm)
- DEC 16 Operation Christmas Child Processing Center (1:30 pm -12 am)
- DEC 17 Live Nativity (5 pm – 8 pm)
- DEC 19 Dinner and a Movie "Wonder" \$5 ticket (5:45 – 10:30ish)
- DEC 31 New Year's Eve Party TIME and PLACE TBD

College Student Sunday is January 7: Our college students will assist in leading both worship services. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Joe.



As a reminder, Cherryville Elementary and Beam Intermediate schools both collect Box Tops. There is a box at the church office where you can drop these office. If you have questions regarding this program, please see Kelly Brown.



This Sunday, December 3, has been designated as Global Migration Sunday by the United Methodist. Nearly 1% of the world's population, over 65 million people, is forcibly displaced in the world. Entire communities and families have been forced to move leaving them with a lack of food, housing, and medical attention. "Recognizing that we as a denomination are 'global in vision, mission and ministries,' The United Methodist Church names global migration as a priority issue. Following 'a biblical mandate for justice and a commitment to the future of the church,' we see the migrants among us and our responsibility to welcome those in need (2016 Book of Resolutions, #6028)" (Global Migration Sunday Advocacy Statement). Please consider giving an offering to help in this initiative. This Sunday, you can place your offering in the baskets during communion or you can mark your envelope and check with "Global Migration".



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It seems that this year at Kingdom Kids is moving too quickly! I am so pleased with the way our staff works together to make our school a good place to be. We feel so blessed to be able to work with all these beautiful children from Cherryville and surrounding communities. They are such a joy and there are surprises each day! Just when we begin to wonder if we are making a difference, they show us in many ways that they are learning; they are growing; and they make it all worthwhile. We are constantly rewarded with hugs and love!

Our annual Christmas program will be in the church sanctuary on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. The children are working and practicing to prepare for this special night. If you come, you will leave filled with the Christmas spirit!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ms. Millie



Community Candle Lighting - Sunday, December 10, at 3:00pm:

Carpenter-Porter Funeral Home invites you to their annual Community Candle Lighting held in conjunction with The Compassionate Friends. If you have lost a child or grandchild of any age, please RSVP to 704-435-6711 or email to cherryvillecandlelighting@yahoo.com to celebrate their life. Siblings and others interested are also welcome. You will need to include with your RSVP your loved one's name, and a photo of the one being remembered.



The Lola Allran Circle has a new order of flavoring for your Christmas baking. We have lemon, clear or dark vanilla, coconut and almond. These come in 7 oz. bottles and are \$2.50 each. Also, we have Danny Duz it for cleaning up those baking messes for \$3.00 each.

December Birthdays

- 1 Tommy Allen
- 2 Kacee Buff
- 5 Steve Beam
- 5 Robert Smith
- 6 Reid Huss
- 6 Riley Shuford
- 9 Karley Powell
- 10 Fin Beam
- 11 Pierston Elliott
- 11 Tracy Lyles
- 11 Mary Beth Wyatt
- 12 Larry Gunnell
- 12 John Warlick
- 15 Stacey Bradley
- 15 Jennifer Mauney Cushman
- 15 Quita Moss
- 16 Cale Tinkler
- 17 Gary Freeman
- 18 Dean Starling
- 19 Kelly Brown
- 19 Bryan Flynn
- 19 Sharon Turney
- 20 Carolyn Abernathy
- 20 Scott Aldridge
- 23 Angela Jones
- 24 Rob Elmore
- 24 Samantha Gardo
- 24 Chris Sneed
- 25 Harold Mauney, Jr.
- 26 Sara Baity
- 26 Chad Bingham
- 26 Dwight Stroupe
- 27 Sophie Williams
- 28 Jimmy McGinnis
- 29 Will Fowler
- 29 Emily Whitworth
- 30 Carroll Sneed
- 30 Kyle Wilent



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



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

JULIA ETTA ALLRAN

Jack & Judy Bingham
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew

LOLA BEAM

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

CHARLES CREWS III

C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)

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Douglas & Joann Baxter & family

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Jack & Judy Bingham
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

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SANDY HORSLEY

Jack & Judy Bingham
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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
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JACK JENKINS

Gail & Jeff Jenkins & Rob & Chelse Thomas

JACK KALE

Linda Kale Barger

JIMMY MCQUAIGE

Linda McQuaige
Ted & Kelly Webster & Family

D. RONALD MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)

DAVID CONN MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)

TED SAIN

Brent, Kathy, Anna & Abby Burleson

LARRY SETZER

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

PAUL RAY SHULL

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

DOROTHY WRIGHT

Bob & Caryl Austell

DAVID YOUNT

C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)



IN HONOR

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

E.L. & GAIL BEAM

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

ROBIN BLACKBURN

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

JON FALLS

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

REID & DORIS HUSS

Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown

DEBBIE PAYSEUR

Keith & Kathy Kiser

JOE & FRANCES PUTNAM

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

MARY ETTA STEPHENSON

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)

OUR VETERANS

Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)



STEWARDSHIP REPORT - NOV. 26, 2017

Total To Date	\$296,252.95
Needs To Date.....	\$330,587.04
Under.....	\$34,334.09

ATTENDANCE – NOV. 26, 2017

Sunday School.....	88
Early Worship.....	41
Worship.....	<u>105</u>
Total.....	146

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Bo Baity, Scott Beam, Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Anne Dellinger, Cheryl Dobson, Buzz Eaker, Nora Heavner, Gary Husen, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, Margaret Smith, C.V. Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Bill Allen, Kristen, Seth & Micah Austin, Shaunda Camp, Jim Maxey, Morgan Drum Morrow, Lorin Tidick, Mary Wheatley, Linda Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

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

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East

**Catawba Valley District - Leadership Conference
Laity Courses Available**

The Catawba Valley District is excited to offer training opportunities to our laity. The first of these opportunities will be the District Leadership Conference, which will be held on

**Sunday, January 7, 2018
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**St. Luke's UMC (Hickory)
52 16th Ave. NW
Hickory, NC 28601**

The following courses are available:

- “The Discipleship of Faith and Generosity”
- “The Mission and Ministry of Staff/Pastor Parish”
- “Do’s and Don’ts of Local Church Finance”
- “Single-Board Governance— It’s About Vision and Leadership”
- “Local Church Historians”
- “Ministry of the Trustees”
- “Children’s Ministry”
- “Building Relationships through Nurture, Outreach, and Witness (NOW) Ministries”
- “In the Beginning”
- “Igniting the Fire of Youth Ministry”
- “Baptism is the Ordination of the Laity”

There is no cost for these courses, but registration is required.

Registration deadline: January 1, 2018

For more information including course descriptions or to register for a course, visit

<https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/DistrictLeadershipConference2018>



FROM THE CHURCH STAFF: We would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Year’s.



Karleen Price
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Sunday, December 3

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
2:00pm - Cantata Rehearsal
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
6:00pm - Youth (Christmas shopping)

Monday, December 4

12:00pm - Lola Allran circle
6:30pm - Staff Parish Committee meeting

Tuesday, December 5

6:00pm - Callie Beam circle (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm - Aunt Pearl circle - meet at the home of
Doris Huss

Wednesday, December 6

12:00pm - Young At Heart (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:00pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal
6:30pm - Cantata rehearsal

Thursday, December 7

7:00am - Youth prayer breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer time in Parlor

Sunday, December 10

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
2:00pm - Cantata rehearsal
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
6:00pm - Youth Christmas party at the home of
Jeanna Spiker

Monday, December 11

6:00pm - Vera Eaker circle meet at the home of
Pam Anthony

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

7:00am - Youth prayer breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer time in Parlor

Friday, December 15

5:30pm - Children's Christmas program rehearsal

Saturday, December 16

1:30pm - Youth to Operation Christmas Child
processing center in Boone

Sunday, December 17

9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship - Children's Christmas Program
2:00pm - Cantata rehearsal
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
5:00 - 8:00pm - Live Nativity

Tuesday, December 19

5:45pm - Youth to movies

Wednesday, December 20

No UMK's
No Youth Bible Study
6:00pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal
6:30pm - Cantata rehearsal

Sunday, December 24

9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship - Christmas Cantata
6:00pm - Christmas Eve service

Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas

Church office closed

Wednesday, December 27

No UMK's
No Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 31

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
3:00pm - Carolina Care Devotions
Youth New Years Eve party (time TBA)

Monday, January 1

Church office closed

Wednesday, January 3

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