



Memorial Messenger



February

2012

UMYF'S 25th Annual SUPER BOWL SUB SALE



12" Italian Subs at \$6.00 each
50¢ from each sub sold will be donated to WUMCO

Subs include: Ham, Hard Salami, Genoa Salami,
Provolone Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion
(Peppers, Italian Dressing & Mayo available on request)

ORDER YOURS TODAY

by calling:

301-349-2261 or Church Office 301-349-2010

no later than 02/04/2012

Orders can be picked up at Memorial
on Sunday, Feb. 5, between Noon and 1:00 p.m.



Announcing The Annual **UMW Valentine's Prayer Breakfast!**

All ladies of the UMW are welcome to join us on

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012 for this special event...

Time: Breakfast will begin at 8:30 am (Program to Follow After Breakfast & Fellowship)

Where: Breakfast will be in the large adult classroom & the Program will follow in the Sanctuary

Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share with the group. Our mission for this event is to make Valentine's Day care packages for the local shut-ins. Please bring candy, sugar free candy, baked goods or other small treats to help fill our containers.

As always we encourage you to bring a guest!



News from the Worship Team

The worship team is preparing to enter our "busy season" of Lent and Easter but before we do, we wish to thank everyone who contributed to a wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Our church was beautifully decorated, the services were lovely and well attended, and the music was spectacular! Thanks to all who participated.

The holy days of Lent and Easter are approaching and there will be many special worship opportunities. More information will be coming in the future, but for now - please put the following dates on your calendar:

Ash Wednesday - February 22

Palm Sunday - April 1

Holy Thursday - April 5

Good Friday - April 6

Easter - April 8

Stay tuned for additional information about the upcoming services for these special days.

Celebrating Grace:

Please join us for a casual and upbeat worship and fellowship celebration one Sunday a month at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE-THE-DATES:

February 12th

March 11th

April 15th

May 20th

June 10th



Looking for people willing to share:

Do you know someone who has a story about how God is or has worked in their life? Might they be willing to share their experience with others at Celebrating Grace? If so, please contact Leslie Dutcher at msrncpn@msn.com or 703-980-0651.

The Thursday Morning Bible Study is beginning a new series and we would love to have you join us. We are beginning a study of "Bad Girls of the Bible" alternating with "Bad Boys of the Bible!" What fun! Each week's lesson can stand on its own, so please feel free to join us any time. We meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom each Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Children are welcome!

You Can Help the Hungry by
Dining Out!
"THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY"
Tuesday, February 28
Take your family and friends and dine out on 2/28/12 at a participating restaurant who will donate a percentage of their receipts to WUMCO.

Local restaurants participating are
Bassett's and Cugini's



PASTOR PAT'S PONDERINGS

The very best time of the week for me is the time I spend on Sunday morning worshipping God while leading others in worship. I love to rid my thoughts of all the usual cares and worries and focus only on God. It feels wonderful to worship God; to show God honor and respect with high and special regard.

True worship is God-centered worship. Some people get caught up in where to worship, what music to sing in worship, and how the worship looks to other people. Others attend worship to be seen. Still others are there to socialize with each other. Focusing on these things completely misses the point. Jesus tells us that true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth ([John 4:24](#)). This means we worship from the heart and in the way God has designed. We worship best when our heart and attitude are in the right place.

It starts with the Prelude that Linda plays on the organ. This is a time to listen to the beautiful notes that fill the air and allow them to flow through us and relax our physical bodies. As the sound flows into our minds, we breathe in the Holy Spirit's presence with us. As we exhale, we send out the cacophony of thoughts and ideas that continuously race through our heads. The Acolyte carries in the light that symbolizes Emmanuel – God is with us. The altar candles are lit and remain lit as a continuous reminder throughout the service of His presence. The acolyte, followed by the Pastor and the Liturgist, bows at the cross before lighting each candle as a sign of our reverence and submission to God's will.

Led by the Liturgist, we participate in the liturgy – the work of the people – as we focus not only our hearts and minds, but our words, on the Lord and prepare to listen deeply to the reading of the Holy Scriptures – the Word of God for us, the people of God. What follows is for me a transforming experience. I ask God to use me to convey His message to His people. What happens next has always amazed and humbled me. As I speak, I see people who appear to be suspended in time, listening for something that will touch your hearts and inspire you. Perhaps you are hoping for words that will heal a hurtful circumstance in your life or take away pain. Maybe you are seeking God's will for your future. Sometimes a child will speak or a baby will cry out, reminding all of us of the promise that God is present with them, too, both now and in their future. There it is again! God is with us.

Our response to hearing God's word proclaimed sometimes includes participating in a sacrament such as Holy Baptism or Holy Communion. These rituals are ordained by Christ in the Bible as acts of worship. Through Baptism, people become members with us in the Body of Christ. It is an outward and visible sign of God's grace in them. In Holy Communion, we join together with all the saints as we feast at God's table. We remember what God has done, is doing, and continues to do for us through His Son, Jesus. We eat the bread and drink from the cup as a reminder that our sins are forgiven without any cost to us because Jesus paid the price on our behalf. JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS! And if that wasn't enough, God raised Jesus from the dead so that we would have the hope of eternal life. How can this be? It is a mystery! While we are unable to understand HOW this happens, because we believe, it DOES happen. How can we possibly thank God for such a gift?

During worship, we offer thanks with a monetary gift. Because money is so essential in our culture, it is an appropriate gift to God. We give Him a portion of our hard-earned income so that, guided by His Holy Spirit, we can use it to continue the ministries that Jesus started. How much we give is something about which we consult privately with God. What we give is just part of what we do so that others can know and experience God's love.

As we prepare to end the service, we sing a hymn that ends with the word "Amen." The meaning of this word is "so be it." It's the word that closes our prayers each time we talk to God. In worship, it signifies the end of the service. What this means is that when we worship, we are participating in a prayer the entire time! When we pray, we are closer to God than at any other time. No wonder some people refer to worship as the "Hour of Power!"

The Benediction is the final punctuation that seals the message of the day and sends us forth. As the Acolyte prepares to leave the Sanctuary, the light of Christ is retrieved from the candles on the altar. The light is carried, followed by the Pastor and then by the rest of us, signifying that Christ leads us out into the world. With our hearts renewed, we are prepared to do the ministry to which God is calling us. As we follow the Light, once again we are reminded that, as always, God is with us! **AMEN!**

“Our” Missionary Is Not Your Grandfather’s Missionary

Our church is privileged to be one of several that support financially the work of missionary Suzanne Porter who is posted in Liberia. We have made annual donations to her work for the past 7 or 8 years. We thought Memorial members might be interested in knowing more about her and her work.

Mention the word “missionary” and the image that flashes into many minds is the kindly beatific man or woman reading from the Bible to a group of captivated natives of some African nation. For a variety of reasons (to be discussed in a future story) most missionaries today are working in areas of community betterment—seemingly “secular” and unrelated to missionary work, such as health, housing and schooling.

Suzanne Porter’s forte, for example, is health work. Possessing a bachelor and master’s degree in nursing and having spent some years in nursing work, she entered the missionary field in mid-life. Over the five years she has been on the field in Liberia she has held several different positions in a nursing school in Ganta. And how, you might ask, does this work relate to spreading the Christian message. That is what we asked Suzanne and here is part of her response:

As a nursing instructor in Liberia, I have been blessed to have the opportunity to develop relationships with both students and faculty that allow for conversations about many different aspects of their lives. And I have also been blessed by the opportunity to influence a person’s growth in knowledge and maturity...I hear stories of the lives they have suffered through the 14 year civil war and the loss of many of their family members. They tell me about the struggles to get their education. This gives me a chance to pray with them – whether they are Christian or Muslim.

In class, we talk about how important health education is and how to talk to patients who still believe in ‘traditional healing’ or that a person’s illness is caused by a curse. (‘Being witched’). It is amazing how strong those beliefs are even among Christians/church goers. This is a person with ‘one foot in the church and one foot in the bush.’

The health profession has Biblical basis - Jesus healed people physically. And here in a country that has some of the worst health statistics in the world but still believes in ‘traditional healing’, it is important to try to dispel those beliefs and help them realize that Christ, Our Living Savior, is stronger than any curse or witchcraft; that He is the final Conqueror over evil. I think that physical healing here in a Christian institution has even more importance. Even if patients or families have bad outcomes, people see the caring and support given by providers and the hospital chaplain.

Recently, one instructor asked me why I’m here and why people in the US want to help the Liberians. I told him it goes back in history even in the book of Acts when Paul is taking up a collection to help the people in Jerusalem. Needs come in many different ways – spiritual, physical or mental health, and financial needs – and it is Christian to respond in any way we can to share God’s abundance.

That just about says it all, doesn’t it?

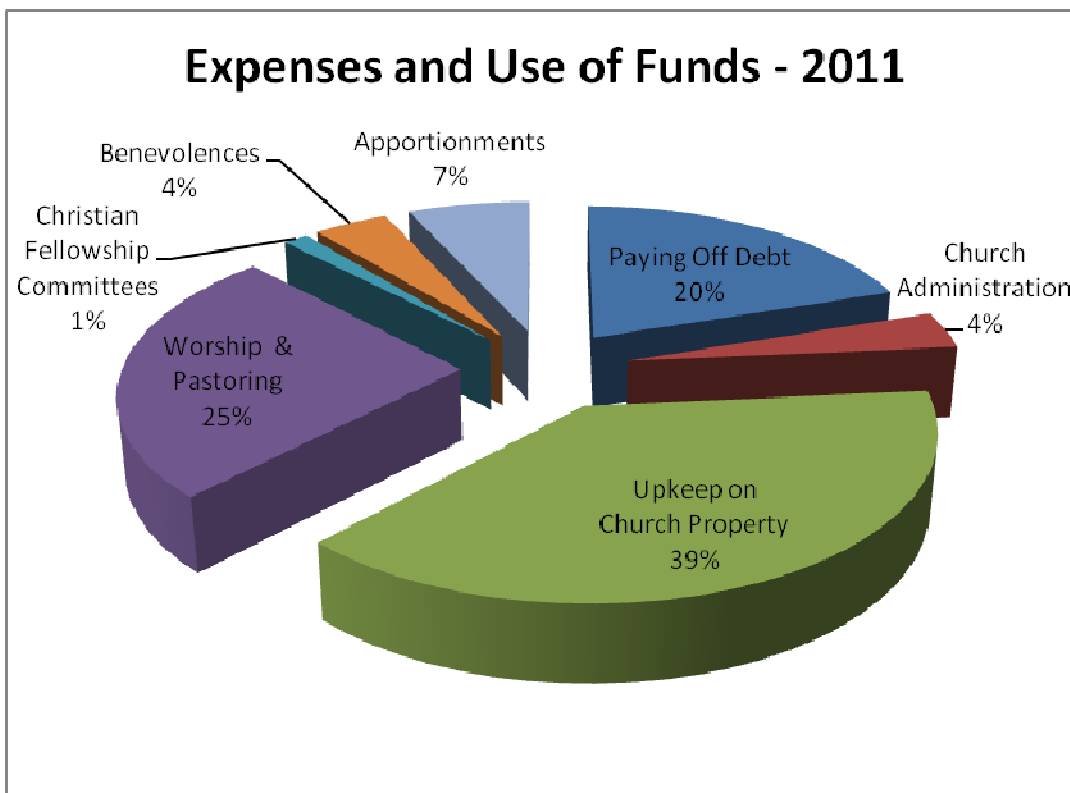
-Outreach Committee

PMUMC – Financial Snapshot

As we welcome a new year, we all are looking forward to the excitement and opportunities that await us in the coming year. Our church leaders have laid out an ambitious plan of ministry and fellowship in 2012, and the Finance Committee is pleased to be a part of making these events happen for our congregation.

Financial Overview

Have you ever wondered how your donation is used by the church? As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2011 and look forward to our plans for 2012, here is a brief snapshot of how much we rely upon your generous donations and the ways in which your funds were spent in 2011:



The following table provides a more traditional view of our receipts and expenses by category and function for the 2011 year:

| Income | Amount | Examples of each category |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Benevolence Offerings | \$ 40,179.00 | (special offerings, organ fundraisers) |
| Weekly Offerings | 258,667.20 | (general gifts to the church) |
| Other Income | 23,606.72 | (Lord's Acre, rental income) |
| Loan Proceeds | 100,000.00 | (loan for parsonage repairs) |
| Total Income | \$ 422,452.92 | |
| | | |
| Expenses | | |
| Paying Off Debt | \$ 90,919.15 | (payments on organ and parsonage loans) |
| Church Administration | 16,957.64 | (Church secretary's salary, office supplies) |
| Church Property | 176,638.12 | (parsonage repairs, utility bills) |
| Worship & Pastoring | 117,088.68 | (pastor's salary, youth coordinator and organist) |
| Christian Fellowship Committees | 6,319.07 | (outreach and evangelism committees) |
| Benevolences | 18,932.79 | (payments to those in need) |
| Apportionments | 31,178.01 | (payments to the conference and UMC) |
| Other Expenses | 2,772.47 | (bank charges, Lord's Acre costs) |
| Total Expenses | \$ 460,805.93 | |
| | | |
| Profit/(Loss): | (\$38,353.01) | |

(Note: These charts don't include the valuable contributions made by our church's four self-sustaining programs: Christian Education, the Crafty Ladies and Gents, the United Methodist Women's Group, and all of our Youth Programs. The Finance Committee is hard at work integrating these functions into our monthly reports.)

Updates

Changes to the weekly bulletin – The “Vital Signs” section of the weekly bulletin has been updated.

Changes to the committee – Andrew Lewis has replaced Reva Hoewing as the Treasurer.

Reva Hoewing has replaced Betty Jean Selby as the Financial Secretary.

Electronic Donations – Instructions have been created that will walk you through the process of using the bill pay feature of your financial institution's website to make contributions electronically to Memorial. If you are interested in picking up a copy of the instructions, they will be available at the church office. They will also be available online at the church website in the near future.

Finance Committee's Goals for 2012

Reduce total debt to the following amounts:

Current Debt - \$140,000

By the end of 2012 - \$94,000

By the end of 2013 - \$75,000

By the end of 2014 - \$50,000

By the end of 2015 - \$25,000

Increase total offerings by 10% (includes all gifts from any church member)

Build a contingency/emergency fund totaling 12% of annual expenses by the end of 2014. (12% of 2011 expenses is approximately \$40,000)

Have a financial ministry available to members of Memorial and the community.

Contact Information

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Treasurer – Andrew Lewis

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Financial Secretary – Reva Hoewing

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Please contact Timothy J. Mount (Chair – Finance Committee) or a member of the finance committee if you have any questions about this information.

Christian Education Highlights

Our first meeting of the year was energetic as we planned activities and explored ideas for exciting activities and Sunday School classes for the year.

The following is a list of upcoming activities:

February 21 — Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer sign up sheets will be posted soon.

Proceeds benefit Memorial's Christian Education Ministry



March 9 — Family Game and Puzzle Night 5:30-7:00 p.m.



Bring drink and a light snack to share and your favorite game &/or puzzle.

All are welcome to come and share in fellowship and fun!

April 1 — Palm Sunday Lenten Celebration following worship service

June - August—Summer Sunday School

(our current teachers will be taking a break)

Vacation Bible School—July 9-13



Join us on Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 — there is a place for everyone to increase knowledge of the Bible, Jesus Christ, Christian living, and service to our families, friends, neighbors and the world.





For the second time in three months (the first being after the injury I sustained in October) I was the beneficiary of the love and concern of so many in our congregation following the death of my dear brother, Emery on January 11th. I was comforted by calls, cards and hugs--and strengthened by the many prayers that I knew were offered up both for me and Reva and for the wife and children and grandchildren of Emery. May God bless all of you caring people.

-Ray Hoewing



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is one of our favorite times of the year, especially because of the many blessings it brings...remembering the birth of the Christ Child, special music being played and sung all around, the abundance of kindness that becomes evident, and for so many other reasons. This year was particularly special for us because we are blessed to be here at Memorial UMC. Our love for you continues to grow, and your outpouring of gifts to us gave evidence of your appreciation that we are here in ministry with you. We want to express our deepest gratitude for the gifts you have given to us and for the way you minister to us all through the year.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Pat and Tom



Dear Friends,

On behalf of all of our family members, I want to express our deep gratitude for the love and care shown to Mother/Mema (Betty Watkins) over many years. As one of her church families, individually and collectively, you have meant so much to her. She loved being in our church, praising God and enjoying Christian fellowship with her many friends of all ages.

Words are inadequate to thank you for your ongoing care and support during her illness and then following her death. Your cards, e-mails, visits to the hospitals and Homewood, flowers, food, and other expressions of concern have all been appreciated--at the time by Mother and us, and more recently by our various family members. The funeral service and lunch that followed would not have been possible without the support of many, many folks. Most of all, your prayers have been helpful throughout this process and we ask that you continue on our behalf. While we know that Mother is with our Lord and Savior, we miss her very much and we are lonely after all the years we spent together. However, as Christians we have hope and know that we will be reunited in time and for eternity.

We praise God for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and love. Thanks to each of you for your friendship over the years and may God bless your ministry.

Fondly,

Joan Carroll, Jane Hottle and Family Members of Betty Watkins

Lay Leadership

The following is an updated list of Church work area committee chairs. If you are interested in serving on any committee within the Church please feel free to express your interest to the Chair of that committee.

| <u>Work Areas</u> | <u>2012 Work Area Lead</u> |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Youth & Christian Education | |
| Christian Education | Dianna & Scott McGrew |
| Youth Ministries Leader | Wendy Huff |
| Outreach Ministries | |
| Evangelism | Rick & Peg Arnold |
| Outreach | Ray Hoewing |
| Lord's Acre | TBD |
| Communication | Marty Schneider |
| Worship | |
| Worship | Priscilla Lyon |
| Contemporary & Ecumenical (Celebrating Grace) | Leslie Dutcher |
| Fellowship & Small Groups | |
| Crafty Ladies & Gents | Kathy Cody |
| United Methodist Women (UMW) | Lauren Shillinger |
| United Methodist Men (UMM) | Dave Wilson |
| Coffee Hour Fellowship Coordinator | Cindy McCraith |
| Small Group Coordinator` | Brenda Boulter/Karin Stout |
| Church Facilities | |
| Trustees | Pilar Garrett |
| Historian | Greg Shores |
| Church Business | |
| Finance | T.J. Mount |
| Stewardship | Bob Bachman |
| Endowment | Bob Bachman |
| Treasurer | Andrew Lewis |
| Financial Secretary | Reva Hoewing |
| Pastor & Staff | |
| Pastor | Patricia Dols |
| Youth Ministries Leader | Wendy Huff |
| Membership/Office | Dianna McGrew |
| Staff-Parish Relations | Jeff Smith |
| Stephen Ministries | Patti Watkins |
| Lay Leadership | |
| Lay Leader | Scott McGrew |
| Lay Member to Annual Conference | Ray Hoewing |
| Chair Church Council | Dan Stout |
| Vice Chair Church Council | Richard Ballew |
| Secretary Church Council | Lori Kocur |
| At-Large Members | Judy Holt, Alan Hobbs, Jill Brown |

Church Council Meeting

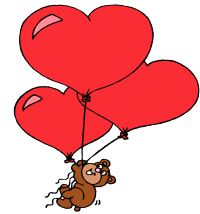
The next church Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9.
All members of the church are welcome to attend.

***And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13***



Happy Birthday!!

- 3 - Mike Garrett
- 5 - Jason Wynne
- 6 - Corrine Selby
- 7 - Dru Selby
- 8 - Dennis Minor
- 10 - Timmy Melton
- 11 - Charlotte Selby
- 11 - Christopher Joyce
- 12 - Ella Mae Wynne
- 12 - Judy Holt
- 13 - Deborah Behrend
- 21 - Geoffrey Behrend
- 20 - Samuel Lewis
- 22 - Treva Souders
- 26 - Alyssa Tetlow
- 27 - Linda Custer
- 27 - Walter Moskwa
- 27 - Ray Hoewing



Vitals Signs

| | <u>Worship</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| January 1 | 74 | 33 |
| January 8 | 143 | 60 |
| January 15 | 170 | 70 |
| January 22 | 129 | 53 |
| January 29 | 145 | 63 |

Happy Anniversary!!

February 21 - Frank & Judy Holt

From the Office

Please contact the office when scheduling meetings or events to be sure there are no conflicts with other events at church.

Committee chairs please check your mailboxes weekly.

Weekly announcements for bulletins need to be in office Thursday mornings by 10:30a.m.

Articles for Memorial Messenger are due the third Sunday of the month. Information for the March issue needs to be turned into office by **February 19, 2012.**

February 2012

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| | | | 1 5pm Jr. Choir 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 2 9:30am Jazzercise 10am Bible Study 11am Hall Reserved 7:30pm Covenant Disciple | 3 | 4 8:30am Jazzercise UMYF Ice Skating 6pm Sub Prep |
| 5 7:30am Sub Prep 12-1pm Sub Sales | 6 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Bell Choir | 7 9:30am Jazzercise 7pm Bible Study | 8 7pm Jazzercise | 9 9:30am Jazzercise. 10am Bible Study 7pm Church Council Mtg 7:30pm Covenant Disciple | 10 | 11 8:30am Jazzercise 8:30am UMW Prayer Breakfast Noon Hall Reserved |
| 12 Noon Trustee Mtg. 6:30pm Celebrating Grace | 13 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Bell Choir | 14 9:30am Jazzercise 7pm Bible Study | 15 5pm Jr. Choir 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Chancel Choir | 16 9:30am Jazzercise 10am Bible Study 7:30pm Covenant Disciple | 17 | 18 8:30am Jazzercise |
| 19 | 20 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Bell Choir | 21 9:30am Jazzercise 5:30pm Pancake Supper 7pm Bible Study | 22 5pm Jr. Choir 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Scout Mtg. | 23 9:30am Jazzercise 10am Bible Study 7pm PIPES Mtg. 7:30pm Covenant Disciple | 24 | 25 8:30am Jazzercise Frederick Rescue Mission UMYF Snow Tubing |
| 26 | 27 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Bell Choir | 28 9:30am Jazzercise 6:30pm Christian Education Mtg. 7pm Bible Study | 29 5pm Jr. Choir 7pm Jazzercise 7:30pm Chancel Choir | | | |