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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... Matthew 28:19a



Once a year I try to take time to remember how and why I became a minister in The United Methodist Church. I go back and read my journals and relive the faith journey that has brought me to this place at this time.

This year, I am reminded that I would not be a minister today (I might not even be a Christian today) were it not for churches and individuals who invested in me throughout my life: Long's Chapel Baptist church who provided gallons of Kool-Aid and felt-board Sunday school lessons to teach me the Good News of Jesus; Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church who purchased untold gallons of gas, music supplies and even more Kool-Aid to take a teenager who loved music and provide her with the ability to travel with a huge youth choir all over Western NC and Eastern Tennessee, worshipping God with passion and song; Christ UMC for taking me out of the church and into the mission field by providing food, shelter, gas, and supplies so that I could travel with building teams and minister to those who had suffered great disasters.

All of those investments that have transformed my life are the result of families and individuals who made the commitment to tithe 10% of their income to their church. The church, in turn, took that tithe and invested it into my life. Those tithes paid the salary of Dr. Billy Cline (Merrimon Ave. Baptist Church) who will forever be my model of pastoral ministry. He taught me about forgiveness, compassion and love. Those tithes paid for the supplies used by the teachers to teach me biblical truth...they paid for a music minister that taught me about being a passionate worship leader with song and drama....they paid for a youth minister that gave me a sense of community and belonging that helped bring me back to the church after I had walked away. Those tithes kept the lights on, the heat and air working, and the vans on the road so I could get to church when my parents couldn't take me. Those tithes fed my children snacks in the nursery, created special worship services that drew me closer to God and led to my call into ministry, and paid for youth ministers that taught my children the value of Godly choices. Those tithes paid apportionments that funded Methodist colleges and attracted a young man who was searching for a faithful community in which to belong and would end up becoming my son-in-law.

Yes, it gets uncomfortable when the Pastor wants to talk about money and deliver a sermon series on why the 10% tithe is a gift of offering and thanksgiving to all God has provided us. We squirm because giving is "private" and we don't want anyone meddling in our finances. Yet, today I am reminded that it isn't really private at all because what you tithe has very public consequences. Your tithe means that another child, another teenager, another lost Christian or broken soul will have the resources needed to know, experience and grow in God's love.

Your tithe, when partnered with God's work, will change lives...and change the world.

Gracing on Grace,
Pastor Karen



Our Sympathy

We extend our love and sincere sympathy to the family of Charlie and Barbara

Chesnut following the death of Charlie's sister Lorene Chesnut Parker.

Directories

For our new directory to be complete, it must include all of our church family. If you were unable to have your picture made, it's not too late.

You may call Divine Designs at 336-431-5892 and arrange for your photo to be taken at their studio in High Point. (This option includes a free copy of the directory and you aren't obligated to purchase pictures.) Those who have been photographed reported being very pleased with the results.

You may also submit a photo that doesn't have a copyright. Kim Bauer has volunteered to visit our shut-ins and make their photographs. Contact Cindy Zimmerman to make arrangements.

Charge Conference...

will be at Good Hope UMC this coming Sunday, October 11, at 6 PM. After a report from our Missional Network, our DS, Dr Jeff Patterson, will bring the message. Everyone is invited to attend!

Church Website

Take a look at our church website <http://mtolivetumc.net/> ! Then please take time to email Gary Patterson (garyjohnpatterson@hotmail.com) with current information and pictures. We need your help keeping it up to date!



Congratulations...

to Dakota and Annie Furches who were married September 25 at L'Abri at Linwood. Dakota is the son of Todd and Lisa Furches.



Birth- a Gift of God

Congratulations to Edward and Jennifer Craver on the birth of their daughter Roseanna Michelle (Rose) on September 24. Lily is her big sister. Her grandparents are Pat and Susan Craver and Mike and Linda Ernst.

Addresses

Here are the addresses of our college students:

- **Ashton Carter**, 3555 East 10th Street, Apt 1523, Greenville NC 27858
- **Abby Essick**, 154 Stadium View Dr. Apt. 3A Cullowhee NC 28723
- **Riley Everhart**, ASU Box 16704, Boone NC 27608
- **Indy Furches**, 3931 Enterprise Rd, Lexington, NC 27295
- **Sabrina Furches**, ASU Box 13354, Boone NC 28608
- **Kaylyn Vaughan**, 4504-2A Crown Lake Circle, Jamestown, NC 27282

October Sermon Series

I'll bet I'm not the only person who found out things they didn't know about St. Francis Sunday. Join us the rest of the month as we learn about these other faithful Christians.

October 11

Mary McLeod Bethune: The Way of Authority— James 2:1-9. We will look at the authority under which we "give" to the church. When we give we acknowledge that God is the now the owner and authority over those gifts - the church is his stewards.

October 18

Sarah Crosby: The Way of Necessity - Acts 11:1-18. We will see how God places opportunity for giving before us that is often unexpected and yet he expects us to respond faithfully. We are called to routine giving (tithes) but also to opportune giving (offerings).

October 25

St. Luke the Evangelist: The Way of Generosity - Luke 19:1-10. God's love is not contingent upon our generosity...God's love is what makes generosity possible. Giving generously is giving freely, without anxiety or thought for your own or another's deserving.

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 HOLDING

9 AM

October 27

Hoyt's Country
Cooking

Well Done!

Olivia Mabe has been cast in Lexington Youth Theater's upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Show dates are November 13, 14, and 15.

Fellowship Meal



Visit with your friends while you linger over a delicious meal hosted by the Heart Circle on **Wednesday, October 14.**

The cost is only \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for children with no family paying over \$12. Plan to attend! Reservations aren't mandatory but it helps us plan if you let us know you are coming by filling out a reservation slip in the Sunday bulletin or calling a Heart Circle member.

Record of Our Faithfulness

"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support the ministries of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church by my prayers, my presence, my gifts and my service."

By Our Presence

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Sept 6	64	101	na
Sept 13	71	102	65
Sept 20	71	105	50
Sept 27	65	103	72

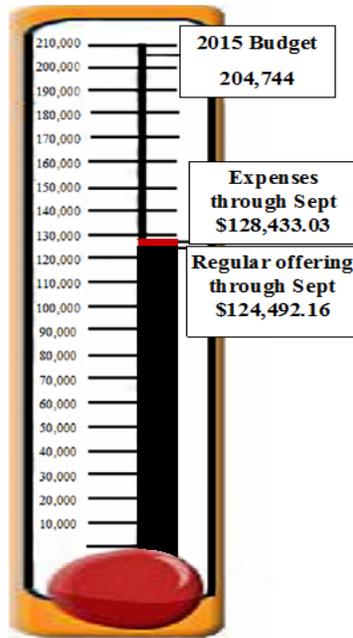
We averaged 103 in Sunday School and 131 in worship service.

By Our Gifts

Regular Offering	\$13,944.00
CCC.	1,040.00
Cemetery Fund	200.00
Scholarship Fund	25.00
Total Offering	\$15,209.00

Our regular offerings were \$13,944.00 in September, which was an increase of almost \$1,500 over last month. This is wonderful, and we are headed in the right direction; but unfortunately, our expenses were \$14,504.54 resulting in a loss of (\$560.54). Our quarterly church property insurance of \$1,443 was paid last month, and if not for that, we would have had a surplus.

For the year ending September 30, 2015, our total offerings were



\$124,492.16. Our total expenses were \$128,433.03 for a net loss of (\$3,940.87).

Just for information, our total offerings at this time last year were \$135,432.56, so for some reason, our offerings are down almost \$11,000. To cover all of our expenses this year we need to have a monthly surplus of a little over \$1,300 each month for the next 3 months. I am certain that we can do this if we turn to God for guidance and show our gratitude for all that He has done for us.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and generosity, and may God bless you richly!

Charles Craver, Treasurer

Food for Thought

- To make an impact with your life answer 3 questions: What needs to be done? Why not me? Why not now?

· You aren't blessed for Knowing but for Doing! Jesus said, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed IF you DO them!" *Jn13:17*

- Making anything besides God your greatest source of happiness sets it up to be your greatest source of pain when it's lost.

- Rick Warren

What a Great Idea!

We saw in the Greater Things Outreach newsletter that Justin and Olivia Mabe raised 143.6 pounds of food at their birthday party for the pantry.

KickStart Your Week

KickStart the school week with food, friends, and faith! Come and bring a friend to our youth prayer breakfast **every Monday that school is in session from 6:45-7:15**. There will be breakfast, a short devotion, and prayer!

If you have questions or need a ride to school, please contact Pastor Karen at 336-293-3697. If you can help with breakfast, contact Lisa Furches at 301-4727.

Around the District

- **Oct 11-13, 7 PM:** Sprinkle Preaching Mission, First UMC Mocksville. Dr Ed Mathison is preaching.
- **Oct 17, 4-7 PM:** MM Fish Fry—Oak Forrest UMC
- **Oct 22, 9:30 am-2 pm:** District Day Apart for the Young at Heart-Lewisville UMC (Call 725-4502 to register)
- **Oct 31, 6-8 PM:** Halloween Carnival, Oak Forest UMC
- **Nov 1, 2 PM:** Festival of Faith and Culture (grades K-5), Old Salem Visitors Center

Celebrating Our New Babies

Because it has been difficult to get the rosebuds that were placed on the altar to our new babies, the Heart Circle has decided to celebrate their arrival with a donation in their honor to the Paul Evans Scholarship Fund.

Volunteers Needed!

Crisis Ministry Homeless Shelter

Our Methodist Men are responsible for scheduling two people from Mt. Olivet to stay overnight at the shelter on the second Thursday of every month.. This is the same night we are responsible for the dinner meal.

Overnight volunteers need to arrive by 6:30 and can leave as early as they need the next morning. They have a separate room and there is a paid staff person on the premises. First time volunteers will partner with someone who has stayed previously.

Can you volunteer one night so that those who have no other place to go can sleep indoors? Please contact Pat Craver (816-5783) if you are interested.



What's Up(stairs)?

“Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn.”

Nobody says it like John Wesley. In October, WoRM is studying this famous evangelist. Why is his story important?

- John Wesley was the founder of Methodism.
- John Wesley was called by God.
- John Wesley spread the good news of Jesus.

Interested in Technology?

On September 27 the Administrative Board approved the development of a special volunteer committee to research and make recommendations for technology development possibilities of our church. The committee membership will be on a volunteer basis and will be limited to 5 or 7 members. First to volunteer will be on the committee. We already have 2 with 5 positions left.

The purpose of this committee is to

- consider possible needs,
- research and discuss those needs
- contact vendors for recommendations and bids
- compile options
- submit findings to the board for consideration and action by the board.

The board requested that Glenn Perryman chair this committee. *If interested either call or text Glenn at 336-972-5505 or email at jamp-gap@ix.netcom.com*

Also, the principles that:

- Christianity involves a personal relationship between each person and God.
- God loves each of us individually.

WoRM will study Wesley with video, timelines, drama, crafts, music, games and other study strategies and activities all month.

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” Mark 16:15

-lmashburn



Do you remember having a party while your parents were out of town?!? Well, the sisters of the Heart Circle took that trip down memory lane on Monday, September 28! Thank goodness no one called the police on us because of lights on in the parsonage, lots of cars in the driveway, lots of laughter could be heard, pizza delivery —perfect makings for a party. AND guess who greeted us at the door? None other than Pastor Karen!

We were so thrilled that she was able to have sister moments with us. I (Cheryl) had the honor of blessing our food and giving the devotion this month “What to do when prayer fails?” Which then led into prayers, concerns and celebrations among us and our church family. We discussed the budget and looked for a year end project. Watch for upcoming news for the entire church to participate in from Pastor Karen.

We will be providing breakfast for the youth on October 12 and November 2. The Heart Circle will lead both services on November 8. We hope you will be in attendance to help us celebrate. Our semi-annual bake sale will be November 15. We are busy making and baking; please come visit us before, between, and after services that day.

Remember we always have room at our table for more! The next meeting will again be at the parsonage with a guest speaker on October 19. As we enter into the fall season may we fall into the ways of our loving GOD. *Cheryl <><*

Greater Things Outreach

Food Pantry open for distribution
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6–8 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM–noon

Additional donations drop-off hours
Monday-Friday: 8 AM–noon

In addition to helping distribute food, volunteers are needed to plan events and fund raisers, pick up food from Food Lion Monday–Friday mornings, break down boxes, and do cleaning.



Music Notes

Thanksgiving and Advent are fast approaching, and it's time to think of cantata rehearsals and Children's Christmas Pageant preparations. All practices are tentative, and Missy and I will be letting our choirs and youth music teams know of weekly agendas in the next few weeks.

We welcome all interested singers to think about helping out in our Fall worship hours and especially for the December cantatas. There is strength and power and harmony in numbers and it holds true for making a joyful noise.

Keep praising and singing for Him,
kknox

Ken Anderson, our Conference Coordinator, has been in touch with the District Coordinator in Anderson County, SC. They have had numerous dams on lakes to fail...bridges to wash out, and roads to become impassable. Their biggest need right now is drinking water and safety. People have been asked to stay off the roads to try to alleviate the need for more rescue. Several companies that manufacture beer and soft drinks have switched their operation to producing drinking water for these areas. Ken does not know, at this time, whether we, as churches, need to gather drinking water but will keep in touch throughout this situation.

They will need ERT (Emergency Response Trained) teams to be heading to SC in the next week or two to begin clean-up efforts from the flooding. Currently there are no sleeping quarters or food available so teams have to be self-sufficient.

ERT certification will be required for those going in now. There will be a training event soon so that those who wish to go can quickly certify. If you are interested in becoming certified and going to help with clean-up, please let Pastor Karen (kroberts2@wncumc.net) or Pat Craver (816-5783) know asap and they will pass along the information when they get it.

SECRET DISASTER RESPONSE

Please Remember in Prayer

We need your help to keep our prayer list up to date. Please email smcraver@aol.com or call 764-2983 with additions, deletions, or corrections. We would also love to hear how these folks are..

Diane Adams	Anne Craver	Mary Lillian Hege	Dr Ed Maddox	Emmett Pope
Dallas Anderson	Betty Craver	Gavin Hill	Dick Martin	Tiffany Prior
Danny Anderson	Elaine Craver	Johnny Hinkle	Len Mashburn	Jennnie Reaume
Steve Arnold	Kitty Craver	Maxine Hollinger	Ann McMahan	Mary Schaeffer
Brenda Barker	Larry Craver	Bill Huneycutt	Larry McAlpine	Patty Scott
Matthew Berry	Michael John Craver	Brenna Husel	Nancy Mercer	Donese Sink
Lorraine Boesel	Mildred Craver	Melissa Jessup	Hinton Meyer	Trevor Staup
Anita Bowlen	Ralph Craver	Doug Kirk	Ronald Myers	Eugene Taylor
Jeff Brinkley	Brodie Curtis	Judith Kurtzrock	Mary Ellen Midkiff	Madison Thomason
Heather Brown	Clark Dail	Dolly Knox	Bob Mitchell	Angel Thompson
Otha Bumgarner	Darrell	Ollie Kyzar	Tommy Mitchell	Hank Ulfrey
Kelly Chesnut	Mitch Edwards	Reese Kyzar	Mabel Molinaro	Hal Varner
Barbara Chesnut	Missy Flannery	Debbie Lewis	Lorene Parker	Martha Varner
Gretchen Clark	Trecia Gibson	Jacob Little	Bryson Patyk	Meggi Wassiler
Donna Clodfelter	Donald Griggs	Ray Little	Adalyn Peeler	Bonnie Williams
Ruby Cook	Lyda Hawn	Betty Ruth Mabe	Danielle Phillips	Shirley Wyatt
Lisa Coley				Evva Zimmerman

I Don't Want to Listen

I love to hear stories about the humorous things children say, but this has to be one of my all-time favorites:

In a kindergarten class, there was a boy who wasn't listening to the teacher. The teacher said to him, "Since you don't want to listen, you sit at that table by yourself."

After a few minutes, a little girl in class raised her hand and said, "Teacher, I don't want to listen either. Can I sit with him?"

We may not always be willing to admit it out loud, but most of us have experienced situations where we thought to ourselves, "I don't want to listen." It may have been a teacher we didn't want to listen to, or our parents, or that co-worker who won't seem to shut up. "I just don't want to listen."

There's a danger, though, that we may take the same approach with God. Jesus said of some of the Jews, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears..." (Matthew 13:15). Basically, their attitude toward Jesus was, "We don't want to listen."

But, if we don't listen, we can't learn. And if we don't learn, we can't grow. May we all take to heart the advice of James -- "Be swift to hear!" (James 1:19)

"Lord, please forgive me for those times when I have been so intent on doing things the way I wanted to do them that I closed my ears to what you had to say. Teach me, guide me and counsel me with your wisdom. I want to listen! In Jesus' name, amen."

Alan Smith, Thought for the Day

October - November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>11</p> <p><i>Charge Conference</i></p> <p>Bonnie Beck Chris Musgrave</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>KickStart</i></p> <p><i>Stewardship Committee</i></p> <p>Britt Sink</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fellowship Meal</p>  <p>Jonathan Craver Ronnie Miller Donnie Miller</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Kayla Newman</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Lois Welch Randall Teal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mary Kathryn Patterson</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Jamie K Eads Jeremy Mabe</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>KickStart</i></p> <p>Women's Study Group <i>Morning Journeys</i></p> <p>Dan Augsburg Marian Houck Linda C McKay</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Kristiy Berrier</p> <p>Brandon Fitzgerald</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Regina Newman</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Kaycee Clodfelter</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Stewart Hege</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cheryl Vaughan Ellie Essick Olivia West Missy Frye</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Shirley Hedrick</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>KickStart</i></p>  <p>Steve Beck Jean Marsh Lynne Hege</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Lynn Lemly Gina Craver</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Sawyer Abood</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Janis Troutman Mattie Berrier</p>	<p>31</p>
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8	<p><i>KickStart</i></p> <p>9</p>	10	11	12	13	14

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 PM—scouts; Tuesdays, 7:30 PM—Early service choir practice; Wednesdays, 7:30 PM —11 o'clock choir; Sundays, 8:15AM—Early service choir practice, choir room; 6 PM—youth

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

GREETERS

- Oct. 11 8:45 Polly Craver and Ruby Cook
11:00 Danny and Penny Beck
- Oct. 18 8:45 George and Patsy Perryman
11:00 Joe Craver
- Oct. 25 8:45 Ray and Brenda Woosley
11:00 Charlie and Barbara Chesnut
- Nov. 1 8:45 Mike Bradley and
Evva Zimmerman
11:00 Bob and Linda Mitchell
- Nov. 8 8:45 Jo Hege and Jane Zimmerman
11:00 Christy Chesnut

**GREATER THINGS
OUTREACH**

- Oct 16 Believers
- Oct 21 Friends of
Fellowship
- Oct 30: New
Beginnings

FLOWERS

- Oct 11 Bill Huneycutt
- Oct 18 Janis Faye Troutman
- Oct 25 Polly Craver
- Nov 1 Kitty Craver Family
- Nov 8 Mike Foster Family

NURSERY

- Oct 11 8:45 Cindy Zimmerman
11:00 Mary Kathryn Patterns
- Oct 18 8:45 Janis Faye Troutman
11:00 Barbara Tea
- Oct 25 8:45 Lynn Lemly
11:00 Linda Childress
- Nov 1 8:45 Lynette Wikle
11:00 Suzanne Koontz
- Nov 8 8:45 Amy Mercer
11:00 Michelle Powers

ACOLYTES

- Oct 11 8:45 Mia Mercer
11:00 Olivia West
- Oct 18 8:45 Cam Mercer
11:00 Levi Jackson
- Oct 25 8:45 Leslie Mashburn
11:00 Sydney Bumgarner
- Nov 1 8:45 Emma Frye
11:00 Avery Garmon
- Nov 8 8:45 Grayson Frye
11:00 Caitlyn Bauer

LITURGIST

- Oct 11 8:45 Susan Craver
11:00 Bonnie Beck
- Oct 18 8:45 Alice Johnson
11:00 Linda Mitchell
- Oct 25 8:45 Pastor Karen
11:00 Jim Bumgarner
- Nov 1 8:45 Mary K Patterson
11:00 Jim Knox
- Nov 8 8:45 Pat Craver
11:00 Penny Craver-Beck



SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

- October Pat Craver
Edward Craver
Believers Class- food
- November Bill Huneycutt
Charles Craver