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Lenoir, NC **first** united methodist CHURCH

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

welcome to YOUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

otherwise known as *The Dome*

Dear Church Members,

Happy New Year! First of all, thank you for your continued faith and support in us, your church staff, as we continue to move forward and update aspects around the church. Our newsletter was updated a few weeks back with a new logo that Aaron designed beautifully and after we saw the opportunities in redesigning publications, we decided to create a new format for our mail-out newsletter, which will be now be a separate publication from our weekly *FaithLink* emails. The new name for this publication will be *The Dome* and will be a monthly mail-out publication church members can receive that will outline monthly events, while those who opt-in for the weekly emails can receive information closer to those dates. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this change. We are always open to discussing new challenges and opportunities in **our church**. Again, thank you all so much for your support and love. 2019 will be an amazing year for our church and community.

Dave Melton
Senior Pastor

Best blessings,
Zach Bowyer
Organist and Office Manager

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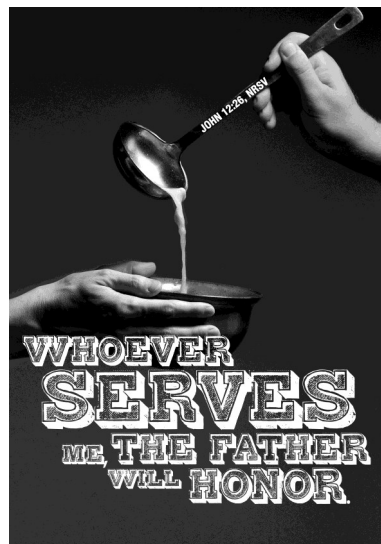
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We will be publishing our Lenten Devotional again this year! Please consider taking a few minutes out of your day to write a small devotion that can be included in our book. Contact Zach or Sheila Triplett-Brady for more information.



We are filling up our Room at the Table calendar for this coming year! Please consider signing up with some friends or talk with your Sunday School class or small group about signing up for an open date. The needed months are:

- June
- July
- October
- December

All newsletter information will now need to be turned in by the 15th of the prior month to ensure timely publication!

the PASTOR'S PEN

Dear FUMC Family,

I'm thankful to have been with you all through the Advent/Christmas celebration. It was a most meaningful time for me, as I sought to allow Jesus to transform my heart. I love our church, and our people. Thank you for welcoming me into your fellowship over these past months.



THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

And Happy New Year! It's hard for me to realize that we have moved over into 2019. I'm certain that half of my early checks will be written with '18 on them. But as always, '19 will become the norm.

I've been thinking over the ways we intersect with our community at FUMC; and about the difference we make as a church. I truly believe that the Church of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world, and that we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus here and across the globe.

I must tell you that daily I'm reminded of the need there is here in Caldwell County. Over the coming months, I pray that you might help me discern God's will for us here, as we follow His lead.

I truly believe God wishes for the best days for our congregation to be in the future, and I'm fully prepared to lead as we place our lives in God's hands.

May God bless you in the upcoming year.

Dave Melton



FROM OUR PASTOR

Upcoming EVENTS

Church and Birthday/Anniversary Calendar January 2019

FUMC Calendar, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Jan 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Church Office Closed		New Year's Day				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am - First Light Service- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 6pm - Youth	1pm - Handchimes 2pm - Gwen Teague's 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Pickleball 1:30pm - Staff Meeting @ 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Praise Band	3pm - CAST 5pm - Faith Lift Dinner 7pm - Chancel Choir		12pm - Rotary-CLC	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am - First Light Service- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 6pm - Youth	1pm - Handchimes 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Pickleball 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 7:30pm - Praise Band	3pm - CAST 5pm - Faith Lift Dinner 7pm - Chancel Choir		12pm - Rotary-CLC	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am - First Light Service- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 6pm - Youth	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 11:30am - Young at 1pm - Handchimes 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Pickleball 1:30pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - The Way of 7:30pm - Praise Band	10:30am - Robbins 3pm - CAST 5pm - Faith Lift Dinner 7pm - Chancel Choir		12pm - Rotary-CLC	3pm - Room at the Table
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
9am - First Light Service- 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 6pm - Youth	9am - Robbins Preschool 1pm - Handchimes 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 9am - Pickleball 9am - Robbins Preschool 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - The Way of 7:30pm - Praise Band	9am - Robbins Preschool 3pm - CAST 5pm - Backpack Ministry 5pm - Faith Lift Dinner 7pm - Chancel Choir	11am - Robbins		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Gary & Laura Ball (w.) Zach Bowyer (b.) Caden Crowe (b.) Bennett Grout (b.) Annarae VanOsdol (b.) Keith Watson (b.)	2 Louise House (b.) Raleigh Rogers (b.) Nathan Triplett (b.)	3	4 Meredith Belk (b.) Ian McClinton (b.)	5 Diana Boddorf (b.) Mark Edmisten (b.) Jack Fox (b.)
6 Alex Alm (b.) Sydney Greer (b.) Keeley Howarth (b.) Angela White (b.)	7 Richard Barlowe (b.) Maryanne McCall (b.) Jane Prestwood (b.)	8	9 Katie Haywood (b.) Abby Kidder (b.) Lib Pearson (b.) Don Weiller (b.)	10 Hannah Abernethy (b.) Rob Greer (b.)	11 Scott Clemons (b.) Brandon Feimster (b.) Leah Geates (b.) Karsen Wessinger Granger (b.)	12 Jacob Bush (b.) Donna Huffstetler (b.) Troy Reynolds (b.)
13 Jace Bumgarner (b.) Darin Parrish (b.) David Woodard (b.)	14 Walker Terry (b.)	15 Hannah Bush (b.) Beverly Salsbury (b.)	16 Ginny Huntley (b.) Matt Jenkins (b.) Jonathan Rogers (b.) Bill Shylte (b.)	17 John Flynt (b.) Laura Hendley (b.) Yong Hur (b.)	18 Tyler Barber (b.) Madeline Edmisten (b.) Savannah Edmisten (b.) Makayla Helton (b.) Tom & Sarah Smith III (w.)	19 Tiffany Bryant (b.) Lisa Maggione (b.) Betty Lou Miller (b.) Rip Robbins Jr. (b.)
20 Rhylee Goble (b.) Kim Sipes (b.)	21 Landon Arrowood (b.) Kristen Presnell (b.) Roger & Jane Wilson (w.)	22 Matthew Armstrong (b.) Duane Knight (b.) Joe Soots (b.)	23	24 Gibson McDade (b.)	25 Richard Marlowe (b.) Wayne Reese (b.)	26 Donna Heavner (b.) Alex Poteet (b.) Gabby Romero (b.) Bob Wakeham (b.)
27 Tanner Spencer (b.)	28 Teddy Lanier Jr. (b.) Reva Pennell (b.) Johnny Stevens (b.)	29 Kitty Eller (b.)	30 JoAnn Hope (b.)	31 Donny Alm IV (b.) Jerome Clark (b.) Terry Goble (b.)		

advent and christmas
HAPPENINGS



NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER
 Thank you for your continued support of the counseling ministry at FUMC. We began this ministry to provide high quality counseling that is based on both current psychotherapy trends and also the love and empathy of the Christian church. Over the past four years we have become a vital outreach to our community serving several hundred individuals and families. This year we have had significant growth in both the number of individuals served as well as income that has been generated for our church. All fees that are paid by non-members are used to support our church's general fund. If you or someone you know needs someone to talk to, remember that all FUMC members are eligible for no cost appointments. If you know of someone in the community who needs adolescent, individual or marriage counseling, please feel free to refer them to us.



Ski Trip 2019
Snowshoe, WV

\$230 students w/ rentals, \$200 student w/o rentals, \$150 adults

The Ski trip this year is going to be great! We will leave on Thursday, Feb 21st at 5:00pm for a slope side condo at the top of Snowshoe Mtn. We will return on Sunday, Feb 24th around 4pm. There is a \$50 deposit and the final payment is due before we leave for the trip. (\$230 students w/ rentals, \$200 student w/o rentals, \$150 adults either way) We are staying slope-side at the Creekside Villa's.

What to bring:
 Long pants (3), shirts (5), underwear/long underwear, winter gloves (waterproof), toothbrush and toothpaste, socks (6), ski-pants (waterproof), ski jacket, ski goggles, ski equipment, anti fog for goggles, shoes, pajamas, towel (1), Bible, cash for extra things, signed permission slip, full balance paid!

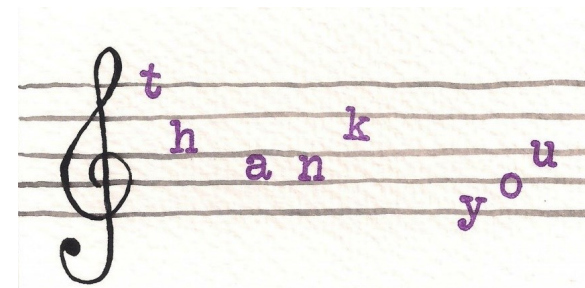
Questions? Give me a call!
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 -Aaron, Dir. of Family Ministries



music NOTES

what's happening in the music ministry

On behalf of the all of those involved in the Music Ministry here at First, thank you so much to everyone who has helped and supported us over the past few months, especially in the Advent season. We could not have accomplished all of the amazing performances from our groups of all ages without the love and assistance from this amazing congregation. We love you and we cannot wait for what the future holds from all of our amazing musical groups.



In Christ,
 Jamie, Zach, and Lynne

CAST (Creating and Singing Together) for K-5th graders starts again on Wed., Jan 9th and goes from 3:00-5:00. This season we will be doing

- fun craft projects,
- singing and moving,
- learning to drum and play handchimes,
- and the 3rd-5th graders will be learning to play ukuleles. (Adult church members, if would like to help us out, we are needing a few ukuleles donated to our group and would appreciate your assistance.)



Chancel Choir – Yes! We're starting again on Wed., Jan 9th at 7:00. We'll be singing easy anthems through the month of January and would love to welcome new members into our choir. Please come!

Chancel Handbells – We're starting again on Wed., Jan 9th at 6:00. We have wonderful players and two new ringers: Emily Watkins and Judi



Sale. However....we STILL need more ringers! Want to have fun, be a part of a music team, and learn new things? Please join us!

Adult Handchimes – We're starting again on Mon., Jan. 7th at 1:15 pm in the Children's Music Room. This is an intermediate ringing group, and we still welcome beginners and intermediates! Please join us!



THE WAY OF PRAYER

The Way of Prayer expands on our knowledge of prayer through a ten-week exploration of different forms of prayer practices. Through this exploration, small-group members embark on a journey of genuine discovery--the discovery of different dimensions of God's grace and love. Prayer is explored through music, dance, gazing, silence, or acts of service. *The Way of Prayer* teaches us how to respond to God's invitation into the divine Presence, and it brings a deeper sense of spiritual vitality and encouragement to seek out new ways to pray. Following a preparatory meeting, the weekly explorations include:

- How do you Pray?
- Images of God?
- Praying by Heart
- Praying with Music
- Praying by Gazing
- Praying with Our Bodies
- Scriptural Prayer
- Contemplative Prayer
- Praying with and for Others
- Prayer and Social Transformation

QUOTE: *All prayer begins with God. The Creator does not wait passively for us to come with our prayers; rather, our prayers are a response to God's call to us. God was with us in infancy calling forth our response to divine love. (p.13)*

This Bible Study will be held on Tuesday's from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Classroom on the 3rd floor. Please let Zach or Rebecca Pipkins know if you would like to participate. The cost for each book will be \$10 and the Bible Study will start on January 22.



our church SERVANT MINISTRY

helping out in January

Date	6	13	20	27
Nursery	Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson	Melanie Anderson
Acolyte	Donny Alm	Cody Barlowe	Barett Belk	Brayden Biddix
Sound (11)	Stephen Rauchfuss	Charlie Smith	Patrick Morgan	Chuck Cummings
Greeter (9)	Patti Carpenter	Jennifer Crowe	Pat Hatfield	Jackie Heim
Greeters (11)	Barbara Love and Patti Brandenburg	Angela and Harold White	Greg and Robyn Bley	Amanda McCall, Jeff Keller, and Linda Cannon

by our NUMBERS

how we did in December



Attendance and Offering Report

Date	2	16	23	24	30
First Light	79	103	89	—	79
Sunday School	52	54	—	—	—
Traditional	134	240	157	175	139
Offering (General)	\$4,343	\$10,243	\$22,606	\$14,420	\$19,376
Offering (Others)	\$1,130	\$1,528	\$6,731	\$2,185	\$2,106

who's who at First U

Our 2019 Committee Members

Church Council

Chairperson: Bob Brady
 Vice-Chairperson: Patti Carpenter
 Lay Leader: Marietta Smith
 Lay Delegates to Conference: John and Barbara Davis
 Alternate Delegates: Gary and Laura Ball
 Recording Secretary: Betsy Pierce
 Finance Chairperson: Chuck Cummings
 Treasurer: John Davis
 Staff Parish Relations Chairperson: Susan Morgan
 Permanent Endowment and Planned Giving: Kent Riddle
 Ministry Team Leaders

- Altar Guild: Phyllis Munday and Judy McDade
- Hospitality/Security: Russell Beaver
- Church School Superintendent: Buddy Anderson
- Young at Heart: Judi Sale and Pat Hatfield
- Prayer Chain: Phyllis Munday
- Parsonage: Angela White
- Boy Scout Representative: Greg Bley

At-Large Members: Bill Pipkins
 Jennifer Ellis
 Malen Braswell
 Paul and Patti Brandenburg

Ex-Officio: Ministry Staff

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Susan Morgan
 Secretary: Mike Heavner
 2019: Jennifer Crowe, Mike Heavner, Sarah Sponenberg
 2020: Jennifer Ellis, Pete Kidder, Susan Morgan
 2021: Debbie Pennell, Mike Hood, Phil Ingle

The Trustees

Chairperson: to be determined
 Secretary: to be determined
 2019: Benett Brittain, Danny Clark, Angela White
 2020: Gary Ball, Jerry Hatfield, Jackie Heim
 2021: Guy Walters, John Triplett, Jane Cummings

Parsonage Committee

Chairperson: Angela White

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Chuck Cummings
 Church Council Chairperson: Bob Brady
 Lay Leader: Marietta Smith
 Treasurer: John Davis
 Assistant Treasurer: Pat Hatfield
 Trustees Chairperson: to be determined
 Staff Parish Relations Chairperson: Susan Morgan
 Lay Member to Annual Conference: John Davis
 Ex-Officio: Pastor and Financial Secretary
 2019: Lennie Younce, Ann Edwards
 2020: Lynn Hall, Rob Gardiner
 2021: Mark Barber, Radford Thomas

Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee

Chairperson: Dave Melton
 Lay Leader: Marietta Smith
 2019: Cyndi Akins, Chuck Cummings, Melissa Dunn?
 2020: Lynn Hall, Jerry Hatfield, Kim Roberts?
 2021: Laura Ball, Waitsel Smith, Debbie Hawn

Columbarium/Memorial Gardens Committee

Chairperson: Patsy Riddle
 Sherry Ford, Madeleine Haas, Frank Jenkins, Bob Lisk, Don Weiller, Harold White, Stephen Rauchfuss, Lynn Hall

Permanent Endowment/Planned Giving Committee

Chairperson: Kent Riddle
 Ex-Officio: Church Council Chair, Trustees Chair, Finance Chair, Lay Leader, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
 At-Large: Ron Van Osdol

Hospitality

Chairperson: Russell Beaver
 Benett Brittain, Alicia Brown, Rob Eller, Amber and Bennett Grout, George Maust, Hannah Romero, Emily Watkins, Harold White

Altar Guild

Chairpersons: Phyllis Munday and Judy McDade
 Mary West, Dot Hedrick, Sandy Maust, Betty Lou Miller, Maggie Bush

Communion Stewards

Chairpersons: Betsy Pierce and Lee Anne Beaver
 Maggie Bush, Laura Lingle, Kim Roberts, Debbie Wessinger, Betsy Pierce, Renee Ingram, Jennifer Ellis