

The Messenger

CUNNINGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A caring church family expressing Christ's love to all

August 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

The Excitement Is Building

What a difference one month can make! Last month, we saw a large hole in the ground. This month, we see a completed foundation, together with the box sill and subfloor. Not so visible but just as important is the new septic system and new drain field. Walls should appear, weather permitting, over the course of the next week. It is exciting to see the dream of Building for Our Future unfolding before our very eyes.



July 3, 2018



August 1, 2018

As exciting as the physical construction is, I am even more excited about the ways we can use the new building in ministry. From the very outset, our church has focused on ministry first. Now, we are arriving at the point where our dreams of ministry and building intersect. Decisions about ministry will drive decisions about the building. Let me mention three separate “baskets” of decisions that must be made.

The first basket involves planning for the new kitchen. It is one thing to draw a few lines on the page to indicate the basic size and configuration of a kitchen. It is a far different thing to determine the equipment that should be purchased, the layout that should be used to arrange that equipment, and the procedures for how the kitchen will be operated. Decisions about the way our kitchen will be used in ministry affect the way the kitchen will be completed.

The second basket contains decisions that must be made about the interior: color selection, floor tile, doorknobs, bathroom partitions and accessories. Those choices can take a generic room and make it inviting and hospitable—a comfortable place for people to gather. Once again, our decisions about ministry will affect our decisions about the building.

A third basket of decisions involve the ministries and uses to be offered from the building. How should we configure the space, divide into smaller areas for multiple small groups to use the space with minimal disruption, and then modify the room for large groups? Should there be a stage? Where should it be set up? What wiring needs to be placed for special lighting and audio-visual needs? One again, decisions must be made now based on our best planning for the future.

I am glad that these decisions do not fall on any single person. A kitchen committee has been meeting under the leadership of Bill Alderman to deal with the first basket. A décor committee is being formed to deal basket no. 2. The third basket is a much larger basket and may require broader input from our church community. We started this process by soliciting “One Idea for Ministry” a couple weeks ago. We are reviewing those ideas and will present them to Church Council and other committees for action.

If you have an idea to share with us, please let me know—there still is time! And if you would like to serve on the kitchen committee or décor committee, please speak with me or with Richard Payne.

One more thing for us to think about: what should we call this new building? It seems a bit generic to refer simply to the “education/fellowship hall/kitchen building” or the “new building.” Do you have an idea that would tie the building to the ministries we hope to offer inside? Please let us know!

One last point: as exciting as it is to build for our future, we must not forget that we are in ministry now, in our existing space, serving our existing church family. In September, we will resume our fall programming. Advent and Christmas will not be far away. Every day, people drive by our churches who need to discover that they are Children of God. How will they know unless you invite them to become part of the family?! I invite you to invite someone to visit with us this week!

Prayer Requests (As of August 4, 2018)

Current Requests

Ashleigh	Rob Maxey	Ritchie
Roger Black	Scott Miller	Schaeffer
Wayne Craig	Steve Peters	Judy Wentz
Karen Dorsey	Charles Ruehle	Dawn Wolf
		Lori Wolf

Long Term

Gabriel Albers	Mel Hinkley	Judy Powell
Barry & Belinda Aldridge	Sydney Hurley	Mabel Powell
Terri Allen	Nancy James	Bill & Barb Rave
Cindy Baker	Susan Kilgore	Richard Rave
Joan Banks	John Kimberlin	Sadie Riddle
Sue Benvenuti	Ellen Koch	Betty Rine
Bev	Piper LaRochelle	David Ross
Blankenbeckler	Norman	Doreen Self
Brennan Brady	LaVerdiere	Teresa Shifflett
Jessica Brennan	Leslie	O'Brien "Nibby"
Teddy Brennan	Hank Luniewski	Smith
Dennis Brent	Beth MacKenzie	Wayne Snead
Brianne	Joe Mannina	Scott Stenerson
Cindy Bunch	Linda Mattson	Laura Stoneman
Jim Butcher	Stephen McCall	Mike Stoneman
Jane Caccipaglia	Donita McGeary	Harry Strang
Candy	Brian McPherson	Jeanette Sutor
Kylie Carling	Patsy Mead	Rosemarie
Zaden Clark	Rhonda Menke	Sutton
John Coffey	Ken Messina	Claudette
Ron Comfort	Luke Michael	Thompson
Tony Dean	Nick Miller	Billy Tingle
Thea Distephano	Kathy Milliser	Susan Turner
Janice Eanes	Doug Mills	Gladys Vaughan
Emma	Betty Moore	Michael & Laura
Evelyn	Jack Moore	Walsh
Barbara Fechter	Sharon Nalle	Dottie Wampler
Meg Ferguson	Herbie Neher	Evelyn Watts
Lucy Fillmore	JoAnne Nelson	Andi Wheeler
Jean Foley	Barbara Paquette	Karen White
Doug Frazier	Philip Parker	Russ Whyte
Jim Gianniny	Harriet Parrish	Bonnie Wigley
Caleb Gibson	Patrick	Quinn Williams
Hezekiah Goad	Kay Payne	Peter Willis
Elizabeth Goforth	Barb Perry	Sheila Willis
Lynda Gray	Bill Peters	John Winquist
Norma Haney	Jackie Peters	Whalen Winston
Dana Hawks	Betty Piccione	Jack Woods
	Bobby Powell	Bonnie Woody
		Laura Worst

Cunningham Homebound

Marilee Black	Ann Peed	Pam Smith
Carolyn Kozerski	Carl & Adalene Peters	

Our College Students

Emily Baker, Kendall Baker, Morgan Baker, Stephanie Brady, Conner Brophy, Jacob Carney, Nathan Carney, Maddie Garrett, Saige Haney, Nicole Kent, Zack Kent, Harrison Lee, Emily Liles, Evelyn Marshall, Noah Perry and Braden Turley.

Our Troops

Peter Bakke (husband of Marilee Black's granddaughter)
Gene Benvenuti (son of Stan & Mary Anne Benvenuti)
Mark Buell (brother of Adam Buell)
Lindsay Coffee (Bridget LaRochelle's sister)
Trevor Grant (son of Brenda and Ken Grant)
Stephen Hall (nephew of David Zimmerman)
Caleb Haney (son of Rose Brogan and Brian Haney)
Jeremy Haney (son of Rose Brogan and Brian Haney)
Stan Jacukowicz, Jr. (brother of Theresa Simmons)
Mattheus Jonkman (son of Chandra & Mark Jonkman)
Jeff Pullinger (son of Steve Pullinger)

Additional Requests

Rebekah Koch, Serving in the Peace Corps.

Lost Loved Ones

Jennifer Chappell: Jennifer (daughter of Don & Maureen Ragland) passed away on May 26.
Linda Okun: Linda (friend of Charleene Frazier) passed away on July 3 from ALS.
Eugene Schaeffer: Eugene (son of Carol Eddy's cousin) was killed in a truck accident on July 5.
Tom Farruggio: Tom (a teacher at Fluvanna County Middle School and a high school volleyball coach) passed away on July 11.
Jack Woods: Jack (brother of Karen Dorsey) passed away on July 22.
Lorraine Powell: Lorraine (sister of Leigh Osteen) passed away on July 28.

New Loved Ones

Hollis Black: Hollis was born on July 6, 2018 to Tyler and Katie Jo Black. Joyce Black (great-grandmother), Roger Black (grandfather) and Rhonda Kay Black (great aunt).

August Acolyte Schedule

August 5	Sara Branch
August 12	Connor Peterson
August 19	Lila Kate Robinson
August 26	Lillian Grace Hull

August Usher Schedule

August 5	Bill Peters, Ryan Peters
August 12	Candy Pleasant, Mike Luniewski
August 19	Craig Conboy, Kim Conboy
August 26	Craig Conboy, Kim Conboy

Communion Servers for August

August 12	Jeff Butcher, Jan Butcher
	Mark Marshall, Charleene Frazier

Feeding the Hungry

On Monday, August 6, Cunningham once again will have the opportunity to help feed the hungry of Charlottesville at First United Methodist Church. We will gather at First Church at 11:00 am. By 2:00 pm, our clean-up will be completed. If you would like more information, please speak to Bill Peters.

FCSS

Food will be picked up by Craig Conboy on the second week of every month. You can help by bringing cans, jars, cereal, peanut butter, vegetables and other basic healthy items for next week. Please give generously to help the hungry of Fluvanna County.

Partners in Ministry Update

as of July 1, 2018:

Source	Amount	Contribution
34 Pledges	\$465,070.00	\$439,036.17
Other Contributions	\$120,322.47	\$120,322.47
Total	\$585,392.47	\$559,358.64

We also have received special gifts of land for the new septic drain field, and contributions to establish a mortgage reserve fund (to ease the transition into payments of interest on the new loan) and to help equip our new kitchen. We welcome and encourage additional donations to help us stay within our budget and reduce the amount we will need to borrow to complete the new fellowship hall. Thank you for your faithfulness!



Jacob Carney	1	Dylon Garrett	15
Maddie Garrett	3	Scott Mein	15
Stephanie Brady	4	Mary Kalchbrenner	16
Alma Gianniny	7	Amelia Adkisson	17
Paul Muddiman	9	Karen White	17
Emmalyn Whyte	9	Bill Whyte	19
Jennifer Wilkerson	9	Jenny Reed	24
Judy Southworth	11	Kerri DeVault	25
Wayne Craig	12	Trevor Grant	28
Curtis Smith	12	Dana Hawks	29
Brian Taylor	12	Tricia Callahan	30
		David Eddy	31

UMW

UMW will meet on Tuesday, August 21 at 9:30 am. Workdays will continue at 10:00 am on Tuesdays. Save the date of November 10 for the Fall Bazaar.

Outreach Ministry

Summer Mission Trip to Roanoke - August 9, 10, and 11. Volunteers are needed. The Mission Outreach Team will be sponsoring a summer Mission Trip to the Community Outreach Program in Roanoke on August 9, 10, and 11. Activities will include painting, installing bookshelves, and making curtains among others. Jobs for all ages of volunteers will be available. Meals and housing will also be provided. Please contact Mary Kalchbrenner at 434-286-4176 for more information.

Just Moved Ministry

We are beginning a new ministry to provide women with help and encouragement for a smoother transition into their new surroundings and to feel "at home" quicker. As we discuss the book *After the Boxes are Unpacked*, with other women going through a similar transition, we will meet other women who are new to the area, learn about our new community, and laugh together about the ups and downs of moving. Our first class will be on Fri., Sept. 7 at 10 am. Please share this with your new neighbors! For more information, contact Carol Frost: cifrost@aol.com or 589-8423.

Save the dates

August 21	UMW Meetings Resume
Sept. 7	After the Boxes are Unpacked
Sept. 8	Feeding Fluvanna Community Day (at Grace & Glory Lutheran Church)
Sept. 9	Hand Chime Rehearsals Begin
Sept. 10	Monday Night Bible Study Begins
Sept. 14	Singles
Sept. 29	Homecoming
Oct. 7	Charge Conference
Nov. 10	Fall Bazaar

Good Reads

Have you read any good books during the summer that you would like to share? They could be religious in theme but they don't necessarily have to be.



Pastor Tom has been reading a book entitled *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski. The book describes a relationship that an advertising executive developed with a homeless eleven year-old living on the streets of New York. The book explores important questions about how we discover the poor living among us and the challenges that will be encountered when we reach out in love.

Are you interested in reading *An Invisible Thread*? It is available at Amazon.com (or Pastor Tom will help you get a copy). This book could be a good one to discuss on an upcoming Sunday evening. Interested? Have you read other books that might be worth sharing? Let Pastor Tom know.

Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

Our Adult Confirmation Class is planning a trip to Washington D.C. on Saturday, August 25, to visit the Washington National Cathedral and the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. These two cathedrals give us a broader perspective of Christian worship and a greater appreciation for our own sacred space. Interested in joining us? Please speak to Pastor Tom.

Church Council Highlights

July 17, 2018

Treasurer's Report: Richard Hawks

A summary of the CUMC Cash Assets, Restricted Fund Summary and General Fund Budget as of June 30, 2018 was distributed.

Union Bank Checking Account Balance	\$ 96,173.01
Union Bank 2845 (building fund)	248,759.04
Union Bank 2640 (building fund)	203,343.46
Total Cash Assets	\$548,355.51
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 22,058.06

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Last Year	\$66,389	\$67,209
This Year	\$74,707	\$69,881

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Finance: Richard Payne

- The Construction Loan is for up to 1 year at a variable monthly rate at the time of the draw.
- During Construction, the rate is variable based on the prime borrowing rate plus 75 basis points, but that rate can be reduced by other factors such as our credit/financial standing and the amount of church related funds on deposit with the Company. Currently, the rate cited is 4.8%.
- We will be paying monthly interest only on the amount drawn, up to \$250,000, until construction is completed.
- We anticipate the first draw to be in October.
- After construction is completed, the Trustees will sign a 5 year fixed-rate mortgage note for up to the amount actually borrowed. The subsequent loan payments will be based on a 30-year amortization schedule of the principle and interest.

Trustees – Mark Liles

- Thank you to Bobby Gianniny for completing repair the men's room after the recent water leak.
- The Parsonage's and Sanctuary's air conditioners were serviced by Doug Osteen. Mr. Osteen also advised that the Sanctuary's air conditioner is not performing at peak capability and likely will need replacing in the near future.
- Thanks to Ken Grant and Rich Kalchbrenner for completing the annual inspection of the Parsonage.

Staff-Parish Relations – DeeDee Kent

- The parsonage inspection has been completed by Ken Grant and Rich Kalchbrenner and the report will be submitted to the District and Trustees.
- The parsonage was built in the mid-50's and needs to be upgraded with much needed wiring and an additional bathroom and laundry room.
- Plan to meet with trustees and staff parish relations to discuss available options.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Marilyn Payne/Sherry Esch

- We will continue to use Cokesbury materials in the preschool and elementary classes and "Feasting on the Word" for our older classes.
- Promotion Sunday, September 9, 2018-Bibles presented to rising 3rd grade students. Announcement will be placed in bulletin to identify candidates. Promotion certificates will be presented.

- We continue to recruit teachers for classes beginning in the fall.
- Develop a contingency plan for covering the nursery during the service, if we have visitors.
- Ensure that all current teachers and those newly recruited have completed "Safe Sanctuary" forms.
- Seek ways to solicit input from teachers and parents through polls, meetings, etc. for their ideas regarding the Sunday School program and our transition to the new building.
- Plan to continue delivery of unused Christian Education materials to Christian Outreach in Dillwyn. Place box in classroom for collection of clean, unused materials.

Mission – Mary Kalchbrenner

- Sock collection a great success - greatly appreciated and given out to the homeless. Bill Peters suggests a coat collection later in the year.
- Planning meeting July 23 at 4 pm for our Aug. 9 - 11th Mission Trip to Roanoke. We could use a few more volunteers. We would welcome anyone who could come down—even if just for one day.
- We need help with the Cooking for the Hungry on the First Mondays—lead cook Christine has taken a teaching job.

Building For Our Future – Mark Liles

- **Potter's Wheel:** The building has been moved and electrical service temporarily restored pending re-hookup to the new fellowship hall. Hurricane straps will be installed to brace the building to the ground and lattice work will be added around the foundation.
- **Foundation:** Footings have been dug and poured for the new fellowship hall's foundation. Masonry work should begin soon.
- **Septic:** Plans are for the new septic tank and drain lines to be installed on Friday, July 13th and the tank connected to the drain field on Monday, July 16th. This work should be inspected and completed by end of day on Tuesday, July 17th.
- **Kitchen:** Cunningham's Kitchen Committee has met and made recommendations for the layout and content of the kitchen and pantry that have been forwarded to the architect and AN. Preferences were stated for the stove, oven, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer, and an ice maker was added to the list of appliances. Bill Alderman checking on availability of used kitchen equipment.
- **Parking:** Please stay clear of the construction area.

Pastor's Report & Concerns

- Report on Annual Conference will be given to the congregation by Pastor and Mike Wilkerson in the near future.
- Time Capsule for the new building – what should be included?
- How is our church life going to be different this fall than in years past? What can we implement right now?
- What will help us be more effective in ministry?
- What shall we name the new building?



August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7p- 8p Choir Practice	2 6 p Clean Slate	3	4
5 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Adult Confirmation Meeting 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class	6 11a Feeding the Hungry	7 10:00a UMW Workday 7pm Congregational Care Ministry	8 7p- 8p Choir Practice	9 Mission Trip to Roanoke	10 Mission Trip to Roanoke	11 Mission Trip to Roanoke
12 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Adult Confirmation 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class	13	14 10a UMW Workday 7p Church Council	15 7p-8p Choir Practice	16 7p Contemplative Thursday	17 11:15a Delivering Meals to Ronald McDonald House 5p Cunningham Singles	18
19 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class	20	21 9:30a UMW Meeting	22 7p- 8p Choir Practice	23 10a Prayer Shawl Ministry	24	25 7:45 a Adult Confirmation Field Trip to Washington, DC
26 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Blood Pressure Checks 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class	27	28 10a UMW Workday	29 7p- 8p Choir Practice	30	31	



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Church Directory Corrections and Additions Please Notify:

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Cunningham United Methodist Church

9:30 am

Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
Nursery Care for Infants & Preschoolers

11:15 am

Adult Sunday School Class

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Wheelchair Accessible

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Frost, Pastor