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WORSHIP UPDATES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th.

This Sunday, we're going fishing. We turn to Luke's story of the calling of the first disciples. Some lessons -- Challenges -- will present themselves, but never give up. Always keep your eyes on Jesus. And last but not least, when Jesus calls -- how do we need to lighten our load to follow faithfully? **This and more this Sunday.** Youth is at SAUMC as confirmation conversations continue on living our faith in the United Methodist way of being. Be in prayer for **Ayla, Bailey, Dylan, Nadiya, and Tripp** as they journey together.

Did you miss the town hall meeting and update? Check out the video on the www.tinyurl.com/SAUMCYouTube, and while you're there, hit "like" to follow if you haven't already done so.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS OPEN HOUSE.

 **Western-Called Square Dance.**

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Rm. #2
If you can walk you can square dance. Great exercise - low impact. \$5.00 per week - approximately 16-week committment. Sponsored by the Swinging Saints Square Dance Club.

PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays:
February 12th, 19th, and 26th,
from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
in the Family Life Center.
Join us for loads of fun. All skill levels are welcome. Bring a friend. Please use the Emerywood Dr. entrance.

Dahlia Grove

Dahlia Grove enjoys using music to support our cause and our favorite concert happens in February. The **"It's All About Love Concert" is Friday, February 7th, at South Park Church Music Venue.** I hope that you will be able to join us and to help spread the word. These concerts go to support our ongoing operating budget so that we can continue to serve the women in our care!! Thank you for sharing in your circles and for coming to share a Valentine's night of love and dancing.

UNITED METHODIST MEN.
Men, please join our UMM for breakfast on **Saturday, February 15th, at 8:00 a.m.** in the Family Life Center.

DAY OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP! JESUS, OUR BEST FRIEND!

Join the great celebration on **Sunday, February 16th, at noon in the Family Life Center** (following the service and Sunday School classes).
Please bring:
Some friends.
1 dish of food to share.

Come cheerfully dressed in red, pink, purple, or white!

 **MEMORIAL SERVICE.**
The **Covenant class** will hold a memorial service for **Carolyn Kier** on **Sunday, February 16th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** We will gathering in the **Commons Room #1** following the service.

ASH WEDNESDAY. Mark Your Calendars.

On **March 5th**, we will offer **Imposition of Ashes** from **12:30-1:30 p.m.** by drive-through in the portico. the Sanctuary will be open for prayer. **Service of Worship will be at 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary.** Prior to the service, we will gather in the **Family Life Center from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.** for our annual **Pancake Supper.** Proceeds to benefit Hurricane Relief through the Leiceister charge.

OUR NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETING is Friday, March 7th, at 6:30 p.m.

at the home of Nicole Campbell (1617 Lyndale Place, Char., N.C.). We will discuss **"The Four Winds"** by **Kristin Hannah.** All are welcome. Invite a friend.

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS."

Our women's retreat is March 28th-30th at Ocean Isle Beach. We plan to stay at a house that sleeps 16 people. We will have a program in 4 sessions. Meals will be provided for Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Saturday lunch will be on your own. **A \$100 deposit is required by February 9th.** Final price will be determined once we have the total number of people going, but should not exceed \$200. **Scholarships are available.** Please email or phone Lisa Pool at tepool@comporium.net (803-367-3571) for more information or to register.

FEBRUARY Birthdays

12 Pam Barnes


WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 9, 2025
9:15 a.m.
Intercessory
Prayer Service #30
10:00 a.m.
"Left Behind"
in the Sanctuary
Luke 5:1-11
11:11 a.m.
Small Group Gatherings.
NOON
Youth Lunch and program
at St. Andrew's UMC.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS
SUNDAY, FEB. 23RD
2:00 p.m. Trustees
in room #17 (hybrid).
3:00 p.m. SPRC
in room #17 (hybrid).
4:30 p.m. Finance
online only.

Finanical statements are available for pick-up in the church office.

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REPORT FROM THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

An Invitation....

On Sunday, February 2nd, a Town Hall was offered to provide an update on recent repairs to the building, plans to pay for them, and their ministry impact. We were reminded of the ministry value of the building, in short, a mustard seed planted by our forebears that has grown into a place of welcome for over 15,000 in the past three years.

As Thomas Pool shared, we have worked very hard to close the gap between money spent and money received each year since the pandemic. We have reduced our staff and program expenditures and grown our building usage revenue. We have sought to be faithful stewards of every gift entrusted to us.

The challenge is that throughout 2023 and 2024, we experienced a number of major building repairs, most recently the heating system. In review, we have also become aware that other building systems such as our fire suppression and roof have reached or are nearing the end of their life expectancy.

As of now, we are in need of \$225,000 to cover these upgrades and repairs. Again, while our congregational giving has been consistent with expectations and our building usage income has grown, we have been unable to raise enough to overcome the deficit created by these repairs.

On February 2, 2025, the Church council upon the recommendations of the trustees and finance authorized taking out a second mortgage to cover these expenses. We are hoping to reduce the amount of the mortgage needed by asking for your help.

Any funds you give will be matched up to \$97,000 due to gracious legacy gifts entrusted to us. We are hopeful that if we can raise \$128,000 on or before March 1st, we can avoid a second mortgage altogether. No gift is too small. No gift is too big. And we are grateful that we already have \$20,000 committed. We're also asking that any gifts be second-mile gifts so that our current budget is not impacted.

So thank you for your prayerful consideration about your ability to give over and above your usual gift. Questions reach out to Thomas Pool, Tom Patton, David Lisk, or George White. And please designate any gifts as "2025 major building repairs".

For as Thomas also shared, the apostle Paul in **2 Corinthians** says, **"Remember this...each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Learning Help Centers of Charlotte is looking for dedicated individuals to join us on **Tuesday from 6-7PM** as tutor/mentor to the amazing children we serve.

Contact us today to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

EMAIL MEGHAN@LHCCLT.ORG
FOR MORE INFO.

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