



ST. LUKE'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
DENTON, MD

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FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. KAREN HANDY

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On January 3, 2020 the news broke. There were headlines in most of the major papers and broadcast news about The United Methodist Church splitting. (They have to sell their product so that is often done by utilizing whatever will stir the most interest.) See they made it sound as though it was already done.

It is true that A Plan for the Separation of The United Methodist Church was announced through the Council of Bishops website. The proposal was the result of months of negotiation with key bishops and leaders of caucus groups. The process was aided by Kenneth Feinberg, a noted attorney and mediator. This is not an official group of The United Methodist Church that is able to make those decisions. That can only happen at our General Confer-

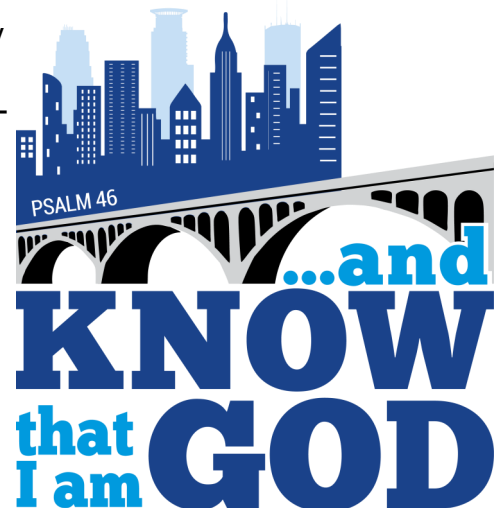
ence which will be held in May 2020. This is a document and work that is being placed before the General Conference.

I don't really have enough space here to go into all the details. You can go to <https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/01/03/15/48/Protocol-of-Reconciliation-and-Grace-through-Separation> to see the document as it was released.

What I want to share is what I shared the first Sunday that we knew about the protocol. This is not a done deal and I believe that there may be a split (we have been fighting this fight too long), but a lot can happen in the committee ses-

sions and on the floor at General Conference. What is presented now will most likely look a little different in one way or another by the end of General Conference. I would ask that we each be in prayer and keep our eyes focused on the mission that Christ has given each of us, "Go therefore and make disciples." (Matthew 28:19)

*Pastor
Karen*



IMPORTANT MINISTRY REMINDERS

PLEASE Volunteer for the following positions in 2020:

Head Usher – 11 am service

Greeters – 11 am service

Children’s Moment – 8:30 am & 11 am services

Lock-Up – Friday, Saturday & Sunday Evenings

February 2020 Volunteer: Head Usher – Price Shuler

Lock-Up Volunteer Schedule:

Jan 31 – Feb 2 Mike Penn

Feb 7 – Feb 9 Charlie Ireland

Feb 14 – Feb 16 Howard Muir

Feb 21 – Feb 23 Mark Beaven

Feb 28 – Mar 1 Daryl Silsley



Please call the church office asap, 410 479-2171 to get information about what is involved with each “position” or to volunteer for any of the vacant needs. Thank You!!



Having flowers on the altar adds to our worship as we praise God for all his goodness and love. It’s a great way of remembering a loved one’s birthday, anniversary, etc. So please sign up for an open date on our Flower Chart.

100 YEARS
SCOUT SUNDAY 2020

Join us for worship on February 9, 2020 as we celebrate 100 years of partnership of Methodist and Boy Scouts of America. We are also engaging in 100 Acts of Kindness to honor the occasion.



2019 Operation Christmas Child Processing

Cheryl Satterfield; Mary Turkington; Wanda Morgan, and Mary Robbins



2019 Shoebox Packing and Pizza Party

So, did you try the *Follow Your Box* option this time? Where are your shoe boxes headed? We know that some, if not all of our shoe boxes are headed for Malawi! Look for our post on FB, and view the video spotlighting Operation Christmas Child's presence in Malawi.

We want to thank everyone for participating in 2019. Whether you donated shoeboxes, contributed items for your packing party, or offered monetary donations. We also want to acknowledge staff and families from Denton Child Development Center, including Next Generation Church, for their generous contributions of shoebox gifts. Volunteers brought everything together. From shopping, to the packing of shoe boxes at our packing party, to loading cartons and delivering to the drop-off church. We are so grateful for all the prayers and participation. One hundred sixty-six children in Malawi and elsewhere, will receive shoeboxes and be invited to learn about Jesus Christ!

Please pray with us as we cast our vision for 2020. Check out the full-page, 12-month calendar of gift ideas, included in this newsletter.












Samaritan's Purse has introduced a new, free downloadable app called, *Greatest Journey*, a Bible game app for children. You might want to take a look on Samaritanspurse.org, and see if it would be something for the young children in your life.

Project manager,
Mary Robbins



YEAR-ROUND GIFT IDEAS

Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. Check out our packing guide for the suggested item of the month. You can use this guide to help put together shoebox gifts that are sure to bless and delight boys and girls. #OCCitemofthemoth

 <p>Hats, Gloves & Scarves</p> <p>January</p>	 <p>Accessories</p> <p>February</p>	 <p>Quality Crafts</p> <p>March</p>	 <p>Stuffed Animals</p> <p>April</p>
 <p>Hygiene Items</p> <p>May</p>	 <p>Toys</p> <p>June</p>	 <p>Clothing Items</p> <p>July</p>	 <p>School Supplies</p> <p>August</p>
 <p>Games</p> <p>September</p>	 <p>Letter & Photo</p> <p>October</p>	 <p>\$9 Donation</p> <p>November</p>	 <p>December</p>

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PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER THE FOLLOWING PERSONS OR FAMILIES:

Concerns.....

- Lew Dodd
- Theda Henry
- Laura Love
- Pat Shankle
- Owen Powell
- Sam Knox
- Ruth Hynson-Palmer
- Phyllis Harrison

Prayers for the families of

- Lloyd Jones
- James Grace
- Adam M. Callahan
- Donald N. Trice
- Glenn Deiter

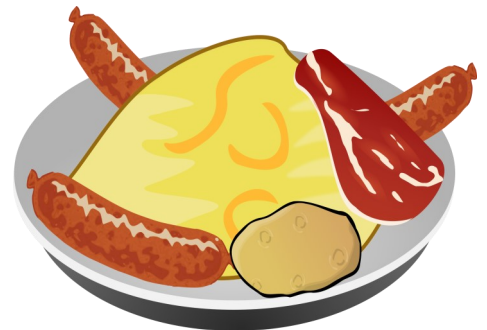


Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent in the church. It emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please join us for this special service on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7pm in St. Luke's Sanctuary.



The United Methodist Men will hold their monthly breakfast on Saturday February 1st at 8:00 a.m.. Chef Fred will be serving his usual Eastern Shore Breakfast. Come out for the delicious breakfast and please bring a friend to share in the fellowship.



Sunday School Report

On December 14th, the Sunday School and Youth held a Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Shoppe. This was a huge success. We had many return from years earlier to participate with the breakfast and the fun of shopping for their family. The parents seemed to love it and be happily surprised when some children returned with change. A huge thank you to all who donated, and worked so hard this year.



Sunday School Report Cont.

On December 15th the children from Sunday School participated in a Children's Christmas Program. All children from 2 or 3 up to 18. It was great to see them all working together. We had one dress rehearsal and they did a Fantastic job. I am so proud of them.

Upcoming things to keep a close eye on:
Vacation Bible school 2020 and a Spring Spectacular!!

Youth News



Jan. 10-12 YOUTH RALLY

Thank you for all of the support we could not have done this without all of you. A special Thank You to Paula Penn. You were the BEST – you kept us fed with good food and gave all of us a time for sharing and reflecting. Not to mention the photos.

Going into youth rally this year my prayer was for each of us to gain a new bond with God and with each other. Making our youth group more bonded and

feel a bit more like “family”. I felt this at the end of the rally. I am grateful and thankful I got to experience the fun and bonding.

Everyone had a little time for relaxing Sat. afternoon. Some chose to stay and play football, others went to the pool, and still others bonded over the lead singer of Zealand.

Upcoming Events:

Bumper cars on ice – Feb. 29th;
30-hour Famine coming in March
Mission trip coming-up in June

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries,

Tracy Harding

Pictures from the Denton Christmas Parade 2019



Denton Lighting of the Green

This year the Leadership Team tried something new to spread the Christmas Cheer with our neighbors. Many of you donated cookies and many gallons of hot chocolate were made and taken to the Caroline County Courthouse steps. The response was wonderful and definitely filled with the Christmas spirit.

To watch the eyes of a child light up to an offer of cookies was fun, but seeing the eyes of a weary parent when they were told it was all free and open to all was priceless!

Thank you to all who helped to make this new evangelism moment a huge success whether you baked, poured hot chocolate, or set up. You were the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors!!!



Confirmation classes will begin March 8th. (Dates are 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17 and the Bishop's Confirmation Rally at historic Barrett's Chapel on 3/21 from 8am-2pm. The Confirmation rally will be open to students who confirmed last year as well since we were unable to go that year.) Classes will include lessons on our faith and Wesleyan heritage. All students in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of this class. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons at 5 pm. Students will have dinner offered and those that want to stay for youth group can at 6:30pm. Confirmation will be on Sunday, May 31, 2020. Please let Pastor Karen know if you are interested in joining the class. Parents are asked to join us for the first class.

Adults - Were you confirmed at a young age or not at all? Do you have questions about why we believe what we believe? We are hoping to offer an Adult Confirmation Class starting March 8th as well. More information is to follow.



Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-inspired, youth-led movement working with other groups across the nation including: schools, churches, local businesses, corporations, passionate individuals and NFL teams to tackle hunger in their local communities during the weeks leading up to the biggest celebration in football, Super Bowl. Our youth will be collecting this year at the end of each service to support the work and ministry of the Samaritan House. We thank you in advance for supporting this ministry on February 2, 2020



WE'RE SEEKING:

memory bear **VOLUNTEERS**

Our volunteer-run memory bear program helps our patients' families turn their loved one's clothing items into a lasting keepsake. This flexible volunteer opportunity is perfect for those who enjoy sewing with a sewing machine and are able to follow a sewing pattern, and would love to support the Compass mission. If you would like to help us fill the growing demand for these cherished bears, contact Robyn Affron at 443-262-4112 or raffron@compassregionalhospice.org.



We Honor
VETERANS

Monthly Café

Wednesdays | 6-7 p.m.

Compass Regional Hospice Hope & Healing Center
255 Comet Drive, Centreville MD

All Veterans are Welcome!
Come share a cup of coffee and simply
listen or share stories.



2020 Schedule

January 22	May 20	September 16
February 19	June 17	October 21
March 18	July 15	November 18
April 15	August 19	December 16

For more information contact Robyn Affron
raffron@compassregionalhospice.org 443-262-4112

St. Luke's United Methodist Church Treasurer's Report

For Period January through December 2019 as of December 31, 2019

Description	Annual Budget 2019	Actual Income or Expense To Date	S/B 100%		Budget through December 2019	Actual Income or Expense To Date	S/B 100%	
			Variance	% Budg Used			Variance	% Budg Used
<u>Income</u>								
Offerings	241,234.00	228,158.88	13,075.12	94.58%	241,234.00	228,158.88	13,075.12	94.58%
Offerings - Sunday School	250.00	77.73	172.27	31.09%	250.00	77.73	172.27	31.09%
Interest Income	25.00	43.21	(18.21)	172.84%	25.00	43.21	(18.21)	172.84%
Building Use	8,000.00	9,134.00	(1,134.00)	114.18%	8,000.00	9,134.00	(1,134.00)	114.18%
Administrative Building Use		0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Income	249,509.00	237,413.82	12,095.18	95.15%	249,509.00	237,413.82	12,095.18	95.15%
<u>Expenses</u>								
Pastor Expenses								
Salary	46,332.00	46,330.08	1.92	100.00%	46,332.00	46,330.08	1.92	100.00%
Travel Reimbursement	2,400.00	1,810.59	589.41	75.44%	2,400.00	1,810.59	589.41	75.44%
Cable TV at parsonage	1,440.00	1,612.37	(172.37)	111.97%	1,440.00	1,612.37	(172.37)	111.97%
Hospitalization/Dental	17,485.00	17,484.00	1.00	99.99%	17,485.00	17,484.00	1.00	99.99%
Bishop's Retreat	550.00		550.00	0.00%	550.00	0.00	550.00	0.00%
Continuing Education	800.00	1,017.95	(217.95)	127.24%	800.00	1,017.95	(217.95)	127.24%
Pension Plan	9,498.00	9,497.76	0.24	100.00%	9,498.00	9,497.76	0.24	100.00%
Pastor Expenses - other		366.50	(366.50)	#DIV/0!	0.00	366.50	(366.50)	#DIV/0!
		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Pastor Expenses	78,505.00	78,119.25	385.75	99.51%	78,505.00	78,119.25	385.75	99.51%
Staff Expenses								
Staff Salaries	69,085.00	64,845.23	4,239.77	93.86%	69,085.00	64,845.23	4,239.77	93.86%
Wage and Tax Expenses	6,905.00	9,562.78	(2,657.78)	138.49%	6,905.00	9,562.78	(2,657.78)	138.49%
Worker's Compensation	1,060.00	350.00	710.00	33.02%	1,060.00	350.00	710.00	33.02%
Expenses - other			0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Staff Expenses	77,050.00	74,758.01	2,064.81	97.03%	77,050.00	74,758.01	2,291.99	#DIV/0!
Other Operational Expenses								
Accounting & Legal	200.00	51.29	148.71	25.65%	200.00	51.29	148.71	
Annual Conference expense	650.00	135.00	515.00	20.77%	650.00	135.00	515.00	20.77%
Christian Education/Sunday School	2,500.00	2,098.00	402.00	83.92%	2,500.00	2,098.00	402.00	83.92%
Conference Apportionments	25,598.00	25,598.00	0.00	100.00%	25,598.00	25,598.00	0.00	100.00%
Easton District Office	1,331.00	1,331.00	0.00	100.00%	1,331.00	1,331.00	0.00	100.00%
Janitorial Supplies	1,200.00	389.72	810.28	32.48%	1,200.00	389.72	810.28	32.48%
Electricity/Oil	17,325.00	16,901.92	423.08	97.56%	17,325.00	16,901.92	423.08	97.56%
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	5,700.00	4,953.20	746.80	86.90%	5,700.00	4,953.20	746.80	86.90%
Fuel (parsonage)	6,500.00	4,134.98	2,365.02	63.62%	6,500.00	4,134.98	2,365.02	63.62%
Grass and Shrubbery Maintenance	3,000.00	2,985.00	15.00	99.50%	3,000.00	2,985.00	15.00	99.50%
Insurance	10,000.00	9,473.00	527.00	94.73%	10,000.00	9,473.00	527.00	94.73%
Maintenance and Repairs	4,800.00	5,055.32	(255.32)	105.32%	4,800.00	5,055.32	(255.32)	105.32%
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00%
Music Committee	1,000.00	1,232.83	(232.83)	123.28%	1,000.00	1,232.83	(232.83)	1,465.66
MYF Program	1,000.00	452.25	547.75	45.23%	1,000.00	452.25	547.75	45.23%
Office Supplies	2,250.00	3,442.07	(1,192.07)	152.98%	2,250.00	3,442.07	(1,192.07)	152.98%
Postage	1,100.00	900.00	200.00	81.82%	1,100.00	900.00	200.00	81.82%
Pastor/Organist, Substitutes	300.00		300.00	0.00%	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00%
Pastor's Moving Exp Escrow Acct	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
Stewardship	1,500.00	1,085.54	414.46	72.37%	1,500.00	1,085.54	414.46	72.37%
Telephone	1,500.00	1,408.69	91.31	93.91%	1,500.00	1,408.69	91.31	93.91%
Water and Sewer	1,700.00	1,825.82	(125.82)	107.40%	1,700.00	1,825.82	(125.82)	107.40%
Evangelism	2,500.00	4,878.52	(2,378.52)	195.14%	2,500.00	4,878.52	(2,378.52)	195.14%
Worship Materials	1,200.00	495.25	704.75	41.27%	1,200.00	495.25	704.75	41.27%
			0.00	#DIV/0!	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Operational Expenses	93,954.00	88,927.40	4,877.89	94.65%	93,954.00	88,927.40	5,026.60	94.65%
Total Expenses	249,509.00	241,804.66	5,263.64	96.91%	249,509.00	241,804.66	7,704.34	96.91%
Net Income over Expenses	0.00	(4,390.84)	6,831.54		0.00	(4,390.84)	4,390.84	



February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>The Prayer Course Study</i> Sundays at 9:40am, 10:45am & 6:30pm and Tuesday 10am & 7pm						1 8 Men's Breakfast
2 830/9:40/11 Worship Services 930 SS 6:30 NO MYF	3 5-6 Girl Scouts 6-8 CL	4 10 Prayer Study 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Prayer Study	5 6 Bells 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Praise Team	6 5 Diabetes Support Group	7 Office Closed	8 Scouts Pinewood Derby—FH
9 830/9:40/11 Worship Services 930 SS 630 MYF 630 Bible Study	10 6-8 CL	11 10 Prayer Study 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Prayer Study	12 1 C&Cards 6 Bells 7 Praise Team	13 5:30 Rebuilding Together	14 Office Closed 530 MOPS	15 Share Shop Breaking Bread
16 830/9:40/11 Worship Services 930 SS 630 MYF630 Bible Study	17 5-6pm Scouts Office Closed	18 10 Prayer Study 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Prayer Study	19 6 Bells 7 Praise Team 7:30 Chancel	20 9 DCOM 730 Leadership Team	21 Office Closed	22
23 830/9:40/11 Worship Services 930 SS 630 MYF 630 Bible Study	24 6-8pm CL	25 10 Prayer Study 11 Prayer Gathering 7 Prayer Study	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 7 pm service	27 6:30pm Scouts/ Pack Mtg. FH	28 Office Closed 10-1 Denton Home School	

PK Away- Chrysalis Weekend

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