



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

Humbly Asking: WWJD?

“When Jesus came closer and could see Jerusalem, he wept and said: It is too bad that today your people don’t know what will bring them peace! Now it is hidden from them.”

– Luke 19:41-42

“For people who are safe, comfortable and loved, learning how to weep for others is part of following Jesus, who wept at the death of Lazarus and was moved with compassion at the suffering of countless others.” – Pope Francis

As young people stage protests and debates are spurred on social media and in the public square, we know that many are weeping for loved ones whose lives have ended tragically and too soon. As a nation we know we need to “do something” to stop the violence that is plaguing us, but we cannot seem to agree on what or how. These issues are not just “political”, for life is not

so easily divided into “political” and “religious” compartments. If, when, and how we respond, whether in silence, with words, or with actions, we are saying something about our faith; what we believe God is calling us to do. Just as surely as Jesus wept over Jerusalem long ago, He weeps over the tragedies that continue to occur in this world. The way forward is not easy, but I believe it begins with us humbly considering: “what would Jesus do?” This question has the potential to lead us in wisdom about the acts of justice and mercy that will usher in the peace and healing that we seek. We can begin to answer that question as we commit ourselves to worship, grow and serve in love with other Disciples along the way.

With you on the journey of Faith,
Pastor Becky



EXCITING TIME TO BE PART OF PUMC CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

This is an exciting time to be a part of the children’s ministry team at PUMC. The “Dig In” curriculum we use in each of our Sunday School classes allows us to study God’s story through reading, acting, science, crafts and games. This brings the wonderful stories of the Bible into focus so that our children can both enjoy the learning as well as build a firm foundation for their spiritual growth.

The Nursery staff ensures that even our youngest members have a safe, loving environment within our walls. The dedicated volunteers who give their time, talents and knowledge every Sunday make sure that each child that walks through the door knows that they are awesome, loved by God, and loved by us. Sunday School classes are at 9:45 and 11:00 to meet children’s spiritual and life needs.

Additionally, there are programs that aim to enrich the lives of our children so that they too can Grow in Love. The recent Easter Party held on Saturday March 25 was well attended with more than 50 children and parents from our church and the nearby Baxter Village community enjoying the event. A sincere thank

you to all who volunteered and whose contributions helped make the event a success.



Growing in Love: The weather did not dampen the fun at the Easter Party

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM UPDATE

Congratulations to Denise Watson who celebrated 21 years of employment with PUMC on January 1st this year. Denise is our Office Manager and possesses a wealth of knowledge about our church and how it has grown over the last two decades. Please be sure to join us in thanking Denise as you call or visit the office.

The SPRT approved a request from our nursery staff members June Masek and Katherine Schimdt to attend CPR training. It was agreed that it was important for the safety of our precious little ones that our nursery staff received this training.

The work of the SPRT to hire a Youth Ministry Leader continues. As with all our employment selections, we carefully and prayerfully seek to act in the best interests of PUMC and appreciate your continued support throughout the process.

Finally, the SPRT wishes to thank our Pastor and staff, both full-time and part-time, for all their efforts and contributions to the many recent activities that have ministered to our congregation through worship, song, education and prayer.



Denise Watson celebrates 21 years with PUMC as Office Manager

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. – Colossians 3:16

Worship invites the Holy Spirit to surround us and awakens our senses to God's presence, power, and grace. Worship takes many prayers, plans and volunteers every week. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Where do you feel God is calling you?

Some opportunities are:

- Acolyte
- Audio Video
- Communion Assistants
- Lay Assistant
- Prayer of Adoration
- Sound
- Ushers

Please prayerfully consider serving during our worship time. Training and support are available. Contact Betty Arbuckle in the church office 803-548-0102 or Pam Brenwald at: pambrenwald@gmail.com



Serving in Love: Don Brenwald on Sound

TRUSTEES UPDATE



Serving in Love

Saturday, May 12, 9am – 3:30pm - The Board of Trustees is hosting an American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED class. Registration will be held each Sunday, from April 8 – May 6, after worship services. The cost of this invaluable life-saving class, payable at the time of registration, is \$110.00 per person. Our team is also looking forward to hosting a Pennsylvania United Methodist Church youth choir, one night in late April, on their way to a competition in Charleston, SC.

Staying focused on safety, we are installing some dawn to dusk timers and motion detector lights throughout the church. We attended the York County Sheriff's Office - Houses of Worship Safety Seminar and are planning to work with the sheriff's department on a site security action plan. Additionally, we are working toward eliminating unnecessary, and sometimes potentially fire hazardous, clutter from storage areas. We are also collaborating with Jim Price on having the entire property professionally treated for fire ants. We are gathering contractor estimates for building the long awaited PUMC Columbarium. Please let us know of any questions and/or concerns via email connie.martin@duke-energy.com or phone number 803-984-8898.



As we work together to grow the membership of PUMC, please always keep an eye out for guests who are visiting our church. We want to make first-time guests and repeat visitors feel welcomed so be sure to introduce yourself, or even sit with them for the service. These gestures help them feel like they're a part of our church family.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

- **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – FERDINAND** On Friday April 27th at 6pm, the Children's and Family Ministry of PUMC is hosting a Family Movie Night showing of Ferdinand. Everyone in the church and community is invited. Free popcorn and drinks will be available.
- **VBS REGISTRATION** Shipwrecked VBS is coming up July 23-26th. Online registration will open on April 15th. Go to the church website on that date to register your child.

Contact Nick Gold, 803-548-0101 or nicolas@pumcfortmill.org to volunteer or learn more about PUMC Children's Ministries.



Growing in Love: Sunday School uses the Dig In Curriculum.

Men in the Mirror

April 21 Topic: Move on little Doggies

Scripture: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

Quote: Don't let yesterday take up too much of tomorrow.

Men in the Mirror focuses on spiritual answers for concerns of Christian Men. A typical session consists of a few minutes to introduce the topic, 30-45 minutes of discussion, and then some wrap-up with a biblical focus. Topics are focused on men's needs. This is not a class or lesson book series. It is a group of men providing spiritual growth and support. Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 7:00-8:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and modest fare provided.

HOPE TO TOP 2017 ONE TON FOOD DONATION TO FORT MILL CARE CENTER

You may have noticed the shopping cart located in the Narthex where PUMC collects food donations for the Fort Mill Care Center. Last year, the members of PUMC donated over 2,000 pounds or ONE TON of food to this great organization whose goal is helping families who find themselves in need of basic necessities. So far this year, we have donated 368 pounds of food items. Our goal and the challenge for us is to break last year's total and through this ministry live out the mission of the church to serve in love. Thanks to Donnie Helms and Leo Smith for the time given to this ministry and to all who faithfully contribute!

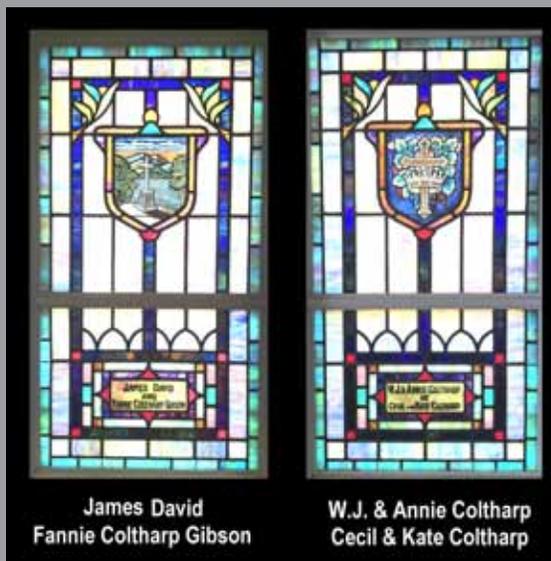


Serving in Love: On our way to surpassing last year's total of ONE TON of food

HISTORY MOMENT: NARTHEX STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our focus this month is on the Coltharp family. The Coltharp family has been a vital part of our church since the early days. Doris Mae Coltharp, a beloved lifelong member, passed away on March 22nd, 2018 at the age of 93.

The window in memory of W.J. and Annie Coltharp, commemorates the grandparents of Doris Mae, Bill, and David Coltharp. It was donated by Cecil and Kate Coltharp, aunt and uncle to Doris, Bill and David. James David and Fannie Coltharp Gibson (sister of W. J. Coltharp) were the parents of Robert Gibson, a lifelong member, who along with his wife Lucille, passed away in 2017.



Growing in Love: We are founded on the legacy of members like the Coltharps

UNITED METHODIST MEN

April 10th, 7pm – April Dinner meeting, This meeting will take place in the PUMC Fellowship Hall. We will be planning for the Strawberry Festival where UMM sells its world famous pork chop sandwiches. This is an important annual fundraiser for us and we are looking for new volunteers.

April 21st, 7am – Men in the Mirror – PUMC - Fellowship Hall - Topic: 'Get along Little Doggies'.

WORSHIPING IN LOVE, GROWING IN LOVE, SERVING IN LOVE



Worshiping in Love

“Worship the Lord with gladness” Psalm 100:2

We offer three (3) worship service opportunities every Sunday morning for the people of God to gather to proclaim the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and be shaped and formed as Disciples. To reach a variety of people through the same message of God’s word, the services offer different styles of music, art, and learning experiences.



Growing in Love

“Grow in grace and knowledge” 2 Peter 3:18

We provide opportunities for spiritual growth that will help develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Discipleship Ministries include opportunities for individual growth, and both small and large group spiritual formation studies for children, youth, and adults. These ministries encompass the total person: body, mind, and spirit. Through our Sunday School classes for all ages we offer opportunities for connection, care and spiritual growth. Through our 3D Unite and other small group opportunities including Women’s Circles, Men’s Group, Youth Group and Senior Friends children, youth and adults can connect with others based on interests, life stage, or geography. Each of these ministries exists to help people grow in their Christian faith so that they may more fully live the abundant life found in Christ.



Serving in Love

“Do justice: love kindness: walk humbly with God” Micah 6:8

As Christ’s disciples we are called to provide love and care to those in need, in sickness, and in sorrow. That is why we provide opportunities for individuals and groups to be actively engaged in works of justice, kindness and mercy as we seek to encourage gifted, committed, and enthusiastic disciples of Jesus Christ to develop a habit of serving with whatever gifts of time and talent they possess. Opportunities to serve are available within the church, in the Fort Mill area, and through our community partners and United Methodist connection. Each service opportunity also provides a way for us to give a visible witness to God’s mercy, justice, and love at work in the world.

WHEN WE WORSHIP

8:30 AM - EARLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE

This worship service follows a traditional order of worship as found in the United Methodist Book of Worship. It often includes written prayers, responsive readings, and historic confessions of the Christian faith. Congregational music for this service is taken from the United Methodist hymnal. Special music is often provided by ensembles or soloists

9:45 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

This worship service provides our worship team the opportunity to devise and design innovative ways to worship God. It incorporates a contemporary style of music, including upbeat Christian pop music, worshipful emotional ballads, and thought-provoking “mood-music” throughout the service. It also includes prayers, readings, and testimonies being led by the members of the music team or participants. Meaningful biblical messages, dramatic readings, poetry, and other elements of the worship arts are all used in this service as a way to engage our minds, bodies, and emotions in the worship and praise of God.

11:00 AM - EARLY TRADITIONAL SERVICE

This worship service blends the best of several worship traditions into an offering of praise. The congregational music for the service includes standard hymns, Bible songs, gospel tunes, and contemporary selections. Special music is led by our chancel choir and the Jubilate Ringers (handbell choir) make occasional appearances. The order of worship includes affirmations of faith, historic responses to the acts of worship, and an emphasis on the “preached Word” as the focus of worship.

SENIOR FRIENDS LOOK FORWARD TO EASTER CELEBRATION

Senior Friends gatherings continue to be wonderful opportunities to Worship, Grow and Serve in Love at PUMC. The St. Patrick's Day party was a great success with the Copy Cats performing and all in attendance enjoying the festivities.

Next month we will have our Easter celebration with a pot luck meal and we will be showing the movie The Passion of the Christ. We will meet at 11:30 Tuesday April 10th in the Fellowship Hall.



Senior Friends enjoy a traditional Irish meal and a performance by the Copy Cats

If you have any questions please call Liz Sine at 803-517-9895

NURTURE COMMITTEE

The Nurture Committee has completed their updates of the shut-ins and the college students. We have assigned a person to each shut-in or college student and that person will do small things for each throughout the year (cards, visits, small gifts). Thank you to all who have volunteered. If you think that you have a person that needs to be on the shut-in list or on the student list, please call Jennifer Gaia 803-504-5667 for shut-ins and Jean McDade 803-547-5151 for college students.

We now have a committee and a committee leader for the following outreach:

- Shut-in: Jennifer Gaia
- Cards: Jan Davis & Carleen Grossman
- Meals for sick: Eve Chapman with UMW
- Hospital/Rehab visits: Cindy Shuff;
- FAN Team: Kristin Gommer
- New Member Meal: Nurture Committee
- Deliver Communion: Pat & Jim Broome
- College Students: Jean McDade

If you would like to help on any of these committees, or if you know anyone who is sick, needs help in some way, in the hospital or rehab, needs communion brought to them, etc, please call Eve Chapman, 803-207-2391.



Worshiping in Love: Andy & Kristin Gommer with Phil Brigman share a message through the music of John Denver

Thank you to Rebecca Pollack, Kristin and Andy Gommer, and Phil Brigman for a great John Denver music performance on Sunday March 18th for Philly M&M, and thanks to all who helped with the meal. Next Philly Music & Meal is Sunday, May 6th.

YOUTH ENJOYED RETREAT AND LOOK FORWARD TO GAMES NIGHT WITH PUMC CONNEXIONS [SENIORS] GROUP

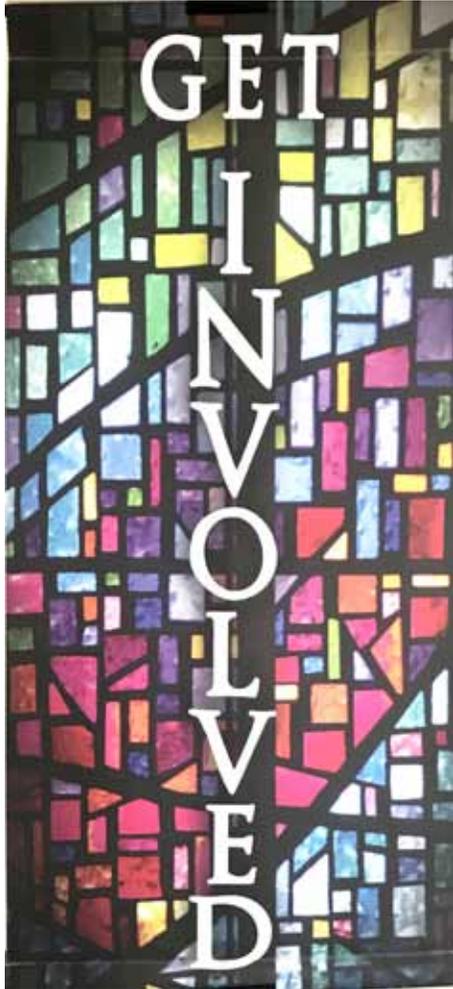
During the month of March, 13 kids and five (5) leaders of PYG went on their spring retreat to Look Up Lodge in Traveler's Rest, SC. Everyone enjoyed activities from skits at the campfire to the giant swing! Time was well spent in devotion, small groups, and lectures on God's plan. Our hearts were filled by the Lord with a wonderful group together in his beautiful creation.

PYG is looking forward to their game night with the Connexion group on April 22. It is an important night where generations can come together for fellowship. Everyone has a great time full of hilarious games! Please contact youth@pumcfortmill.org if you'd like more information on our group!



Growing in Love: Youth all smiles and bound for Traveler's Rest, SC

APRIL - MONTH AT A GLANCE



Sun, April 01	Easter	
Mon, April 02	Missions and Evangelism Committee	6:30 PM
Mon, April 09	Trustees Meeting	7:00 PM
Tue, April 10	Senior Friends	11:30 AM
Tue, April 10	United Methodist Men	7:00 PM
Thu, April 12	Finance Committee	7:00 PM
Sun, April 13	Friends in Christ Circle Meeting	10:00 AM
Sun, April 15	Vacation Bible School Online Registration Opens	
Sun, April 15	Children's Team Meeting (12:00 PM); Church Council	3:00 PM
Sat, April 17	JR Jones Circle Meeting	7:00 PM
Sat, April 21	Men in the Mirror	7:00 AM
Sat, April 21	UMW "Day Apart" Antioch UMC	9:30 AM
Sun, April 22	Connexion Group - PYG Game Night	5:00 PM
Thu, April 26	UMW Craft Night for Operation Christmas Child	6:00 PM
Fri, April 27	Family Movie Night	6:00 PM
Sun, April 29	Nurture Team Meeting	2:00 PM
Every Friday	Bible Study	10:00 AM
Every Sunday	Philadelphia Youth Group* (5:00 PM); Confirmation Class*	4:00 PM
Every Sunday	Registration for May 12 Red Cross First Aid Class*	Narthex
* indicates scheduled activity will not take place on Easter Sunday		

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We welcome women or teenage girls to join us at any event. You do not have to be a "UMW member" to participate in our ministries.

April 21st, 9:30am-12pm - Rock Hill District Day Apart, Antioch UMC in Rock Hill. A morning of fellowship and worship. Andrew Boozer, campus minister for Epworth Children's Home, will share with us how God is at work there. We support Epworth through our pledges and fundraisers.

April 26th, 6pm - Jump Rope-Making for Operation Christmas Child, Fellowship Hall. This is a fun, easy activity that produces a wonderful toy for other children. Older children are welcome to participate and childcare is provided for younger ones. Bring scissors and old t-shirts, if you can.

May 6th, 12pm - Do you know a Graduate? Graduation Luncheon. Please let us know ASAP if you have a high school, college or advanced graduate so that they may be recognized by their church family.

Contact Cindi Cahaly, cahaly@comporium.net with any questions.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee continues to carefully manage the finances of the church and would like to encourage all members to try out PUMC's on-line giving. This really helps reduce expenses for things like envelopes, paper documentation, and volunteer hours counting donations. It's also very convenient for you to set-up as a reoccurring payment so you never have to write a check again. Click on the Give Online link on the PUMC website or go to <http://pumcfortmill.org/give/>.

The January, February, and March apportionments are up to date and our next meeting is April 12th at 7pm in the library.

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