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Network

OUR VISION:

To be a beacon of faith, hope and love.

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Cumberland United Methodist Church, Florence, South Carolina

From the Pastor's Desk



**The Reverend Dr.
Anthony Hodge**

(excerpts from the pastor's
email message dated June 1st)

All are encouraged to support the upcoming Vacation Bible School scheduled for Monday, June 10-Thursday, June 13, 2019. Dr. Deidra Bowden is doing an excellent job in preparing for this year's V.B.S. Please support the children of Cumberland and invite others to participate as well.

We are blessed to have Captain Washington Johnson, II as our Graduation Sunday speaker on June 9, 2019. Chaplain Johnson

has excelled in the Chaplain Corps rising to the rank of Captain (O-6). His faith group is Seven-Day Adventist and I am looking forward to hearing an inspirational message from Chaplain Johnson.

We are still having the book study on discipleship and I ask that we purchase the book as soon as possible. The book is titled "Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual: Equipping Disciples Who Make Disciples" by Jim Putnam. It can be purchased through Amazon, Christian Book Distributor, or any other large volume book store. I will convene a group of persons to help facilitate the study which will probably begin in the Fall. Within a month or so, I do look forward to preparing others to facilitate the book study.

I am hoping that each of us will have a safe and enjoyable summer. With that being said, please continue to support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mon, June 10 - Thurs, June 13
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

With WHOOSH participants will:

- Take flight with faith in Jesus Christ!
- Touchdown in the Bible!
- Dream, praise, play, and learn!
- Experience God's awesome presence and love!

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8, CEB

**Please see Dr. Diedra Bowden
for futher information!**



Cumberland United Methodist Church would like to welcome back the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge as pastor of Cumberland United Methodist Church. The Reverend Dr. Hodge was re-appointed by South Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference 2019. It is with great pleasure to welcome the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge back to our great church. We pray that God will guide you, comfort you, and love you this year and the years to come. We, the members, are rejoicing knowing that God has blessed you. Welcome back, the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge!

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." Acts 20:28 (NIV)

Cumberland Salutes US Veterans

Memorial Day is designed to honor service members who have passed away, especially those who gave their lives in the line of duty. During the Heritage/Memorial Day morning service, Mr. Edward Addison, Sr. offered a memorial prayer while "TAPS" was softly played on the organ by Mr. Robert Felder. The congregation was asked to stand in honor and respect for these great men/women of our country. As we go about our lives, please remember that we enjoy many pleasures because of the many men and women who died for this right. Because of them, we can...



Edward N. Addison
Retired, US Air Force





Women In The Pulpit

On March 10th, Rev. Telley Gadson delivered a powerful message "Stay In The Race". She was both encouraging and empowering.

Women – It's Your Season!



Congratulations
Cumberland UMC
"Woman of the Year"
Mrs. Sherry Tucker
Thanks for all you do!

Women's Empowerment Workshop Is Coming!!

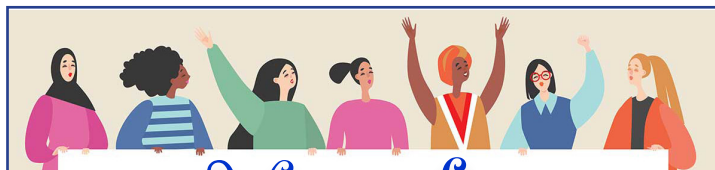
The workshop will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019. There will be several guest presenters and music groups.

Here are just a few topics that will be presented:

- 1) Emotional Wellness
- 2) Financial Wellness
- 3) Spiritual Growth
- 4) Nutrition & Exercise by Ms. Iris McDuffie

Inspirational Music will be provided by Ms. Megerlyn Davis and other invited guests!

Mrs. Zenobia Perkins and the Women's Empowerment committee are still in process of finalizing plans and will be providing further information at a later date. Be prepared because other details will be provided so keep watching for them!



Women's Day

Celebrating 150 Years in Missions

March 17, 2019

Dr. Maggie Glover, speaker

Theme: "Sisterhood of Grace"

Dr. Glover is a dynamic speaker; whom epitomizes grace and compassion for her community, family/friends.



Family Promise[®]
of Florence

Cumberland Celebrates Family Promise Ministry



Cumberland supports this ongoing ministry to assist displaced families in the Florence area and to help keep them together until they find permanent housing. For more information of how you can help, please contact Mrs. Pat Parr, Chairperson of COSROW.

Matthew 25:40: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Women With Destiny Retreat

Submitted by Janie W. McLeod, Nurture Chairperson

The upcoming Women With Destiny 2019 Retreat will be held on September 27-29, 2019 at Caravelle Resorts in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Retreat will be geared toward enriching the concept of Spiritual Empowerment and Growth as presented within the church and the community. Several workshops will be provided for the different areas of ministries as outlined by the United Methodist Church. The Retreat will be available to women from different states and churches.

The Retreat will consist of the following concepts:

- Fun Time
- Door Prizes
- SPA Time
- Exercise Time
- Prayer Breakfast
- Events that will Refresh the Participants

Members of the Nurture Team: Chairperson Janie McLeod and Secretary Myra Barr Cooke will be attending the Women With Destiny Retreat on Spiritual Empowerment and Growth. The attending members will provide Information gathered at the Retreat to share with the members of Cumberland United Methodist Church to enhance the church's forward movement.



Ramp Ministry

(Pictures and information provided by Mr. Milton Phillips)

The UM Men have been very busy with the Ramp Ministry - a lot of hard work done out of love. We've highlighted a few.



The day started a little wet but glad the weather improved and it turned out to be a great day of Ministry.

(March 2019)

They completed a rail project on April 13th. God blessed them with great weather and a delicious lunch provided by Mrs. Brenda Frazier and Mrs. Jackie Campbell. Thanks ladies!



Thanks to all the men that came out on May 11th to complete this ramp. Thanks to the ladies for the delicious lunch.



Congratulations

UMC Ramp Ministry was honored during Sunday Morning service on May 5th by the Lighthouse Ministry for 13 years of service in the Florence community. Awesome!!

Annual United Men's Banquet

Alex Sims, Guest Speaker

Theme: "Get Out Of The Boat"
FAITH OVER FEAR



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 4:6-7

United Methodist Men

Men's Day will be held on June 16th during the morning service. If you have not been contacted, please contact Mr. Lucius Perkins or Marcus Gregg as soon as possible. Men are asked for \$30, Women \$20, and children \$5. Thanks for all your support!

HERE'S What's Happening IN OUR CHURCH

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 8:45 am

Morning Worship - 10 am

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Special Note

Youth Bible Study

5:30 pm each Wednesday
after the 1st Sunday

YOUR ADVICE ON HEALTH & WELFARE



June is National Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Month!

Submitted by Ms. Iris McDuffie

USDA recommends adults TO consume 3 cups fruits and vegetables per day. As quiet as it is kept, a serving of a cooked vegetable is ½ cup and the same is true for fruits as well. However, if the vegetable is fresh as in raw, the serving size is 1 cup. There are many benefits to consuming the recommended serving size. Maintaining a good healthy weight and intake of vital nutrients is essential to good health.

Fruits and vegetables that are in season are often less expensive than those out of season. **My challenge to you** is to take a few minutes to find a local farmers market or fruit and vegetable stand near you. Take a tour and try a new fruit and vegetable in its fresh state and then find a simple recipe and create a new dish for your next meal and or family gathering.

Remember: *Your Health is Your Wealth!*

In Loving Memory



Mrs. Carrie Alberts Lawrence

APRIL 6, 1920 - MARCH 29, 2019

Mrs. Carrie Alberts Lawrence was a lifetime member and instrumental figure of Cumberland United Methodist Church where she served in many capacities. She has served Cumberland United Methodist Church faithfully under the leadership of nineteen Pastors, including the current Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge.

Mrs. Lawrence was an (AKA) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc Charter Member of Epsilon Chi Omega Chapter.

Mrs. Carrie Alberts will always be remembered as an avid reader, a seamstress, and a great cook, for driving her car, her beautiful smile, her kindness to people, her love of God and her Cumberland family.

Congratulations to the CUMC Youth that were able to attend the recent prom.

We trust that you have received a taste of the royal treatment that you will receive as sons and daughters of The King.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ~John 1:12



Kalyn Phillips



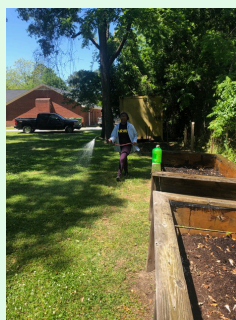
Mya Cook



Arianna Faith McLeod

The CUMC Youth Community Garden Is Underway!!

*Submitted by Myrna Barr,
Youth Coordinator*



On Saturday April 27th, the Youth weeded and planted three raised beds. The seeds planted include corn, watermelon, string beans, cucumber, carrots, sugar peas, and tomatoes.



After planting, we enjoyed a pizza lunch provided by Mrs. Janie McLeod and the Reverend Franklin James.

Thanks to the Reverend Franklin James, Mrs. McLeod, and Mrs. Louise Frierson for their help and support.

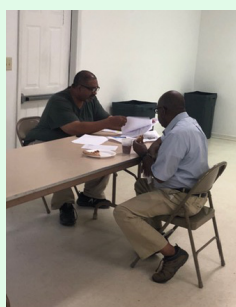
Youth Invited To Planetarium For FREE Presentation

*Submitted by Myrna Barr,
Youth Coordinator*



On Saturday June 8th, we are invited to a private showing at Dooley Planetarium (FMU). Although this is being planned in conjunction with the VBS curriculum "To Mars and Beyond", the planetarium experience will be fun and exciting for all. We will have lunch at McDonalds after the show.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, and asked to be at the Planetarium by 1:45pm (the show starts at 2pm). There is no charge!!





Vacation Bible School USDA Program

Nurture Ministry

Cumberland United Methodist Church

Submitted by Mrs. Janie McLeod, Nurture Chairman

For the past two years, the Nurture Ministry of Cumberland United Methodist Church has been networking with the Reverend Paula Koonce, Assistant Director of Sumter USDA. The USDA program provides food for our Children Ministry Programs that are affiliated with our church. The program provided food for our Vacation Bible School attendees during the past two years. The food that was supplied came from different vendors in the area Florence, SC.

The program has been approved for this year's Vacation Bible School. There was a slight misunderstanding because the paper work was not submitted on the due date prior to the training for certification. It has been corrected.

If you have any questions about the program, you may contact the Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge, Pastor, Janie W. McLeod, Nurture Chairman or Myrna Barr Cook, Nurture Secretary.

Twelve Commandments for People Who Work With People

Submitted by *The Network* Editor and Publisher

- Love people.
- SMILE.
- Fill the "bucket" of others. Talk to them in such a way as to increase their self esteem.
- Exhibit a spirit of caring.
- Display a "Can Do" attitude.
- Beware! The "Chicken Little Syndrome" is contagious.
- Strive for quality in all you do.
- Help people more; hassle people less.
- Never be afraid to try to make things better.
- Train your ears and tame your tongue.
- Tell the truth. It's a lot easier to remember.
- Practice the Golden Rule.



Congratulations to All Graduates!

On June 9th, we will be honoring our 2019 graduates on Graduation Sunday during the morning service. If you are a recent graduate or have a student who has graduated, please contact Mrs. Wanda White for further information.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Whatever you do,
do it all for the
glory of God
1 Corinthians 10:3

THE CROSS AND FLAME

(United Methodist Symbol)

A black cross and a red flame

The **Cross**
symbolizes the
inevitable death
of the body.

The **Flame**
symbolizes the spark
of the Holy Spirit
implanted in all of us
by God the Father.

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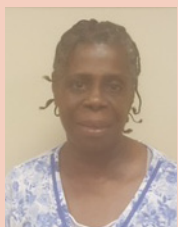


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Your Input Is Important!

Our committee is very excited about being able to bring the news directly to you.

We are now accepting all "News" for the next Newsletter. Please submit your information by the **4th Sunday in August for the September edition.** *Don't forget*, we are calling **all youth** to submit an article for the newsletter. Hard copy or electronic submissions are accepted.

Please submit to Ms. Jakita Harrison at jakitalh@yahoo.com or Mrs. Sandra Holloway at sanholloway01@yahoo.com



Your editor and publisher would like to convey our sincere thanks to our Chairman/ committee members for their hard work and personal sacrifices they have given in helping us to make "The Network" successful.

The newsletter staff wants to ensure that "The Network" continues to provide you with more insightful articles on a broader range. This is your newsletter - "The Network." Therefore, we need for you to express your **Voice!** Hearing from you can help us serve you more effectively.

Thanks for your support and we hope you enjoy reading this issue of "The Network."

Bible Thought Of The Month

"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you."

1 Chronicles 28:20



**Pray
One for
Another!**

James 5:16



*Congratulations
to our publisher on
her engagement.
We wish you well.*

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At Church Service Or
Other Activities . . .
YOU ARE MISSED!



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Thank You!

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.. The People of the United Methodist Church

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