

The

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**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Forward Focus Meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Consensus was given to move forward with the team's recommendation to seek expansion of the church's ministry in three areas: Hospitality, Stewardship, and Children/Youth Ministries. The church will proceed in this process by presenting the decision for adoption at an upcoming church council meeting. Please keep the

church and its leadership (lay and clergy) in your ongoing thoughts and prayers. Also, let us ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us as individuals and as a community of faith God seeks for us to become.

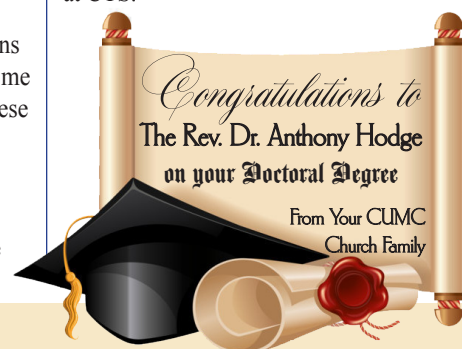
Please help Mrs. Zenovia Perkins, myself, and others to assist with reaching out to persons who are considered in-active or haven't been involved in the life of the church for an extended period of time. Please share any name or names of persons with either Mrs. Perkins, Ms. Hamlin, or me and we will do our best to reach out to these individuals.

The church's current Bible Study, "Acts of the Apostles", is off to a good start and we are looking forward to even more

engaging discussions. There will also be an opportunity for persons to join the study during the week of Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for June 18-22, 2018.

Please consider being a part of this adult study class during V.B.S. this year!

Thanks again for all who supported me with your prayers and words of encouragement as I sought to complete my doctoral process at CTS.



STEWARDSHIP

MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY



**Edward N.
Addison,
Chairman
Stewardship
Committee**

At our last scheduled meeting, it was noted that the church budget for both January and February fell short of the budget goal in excess of \$18,000.00. We discussed our commitment to ensuring the church membership is fully aware of the shortfall and plan to provide the detailed

visual aid to graphically demonstrate the budget needs to the membership on an on-going basis. New Business initiatives included the Stewardship goals that were presented to the Church's Forward Focus Working Group. They are as follows:

- Increase the member pledges by 5%.
- Increase the Fiscal Communications to the Members in more detailed briefings.
- Solicit overall Member Involvement in Stewardship Moments and invite more members.
- Work directly with the committee.
- Continue the Stewardship Moments on

3rd Sunday.

We discussed the need for a monetary campaign or fund raising event for this calendar year. Numerous suggestions were made and will be further refined at the next scheduled meeting.

During the April 3rd Sunday Stewardship Moment the 2018 Annual Budget was presented via a large thermometer. It was divided in monthly increments to demonstrate the amount needed each month to sustain the church's finances. It will be updated monthly and posted in a prominent place.

Trustee Report

...look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ~ACTS 6:3



Wilson Anne Addison,
Chair Trustee Board

The following items were discussed:

- Filing a copy of the 501c3 form letter with vendors
- Issues concerning church property and ensuring that it is locked after use
- Congregational input for property management and use
- Trustee report for property care and maintenance

Lead person assigned for each property:

The lead person should be contacted

concerning issues for that property and they will in turn contact the chairman. They are as follows:

Sanctuary..... Monica Sirmans
Educational Building..... Robert Felder
Cumberland Annex..... Lucius Perkins
Parsonage Wilson Addison
Outreach Center Milton Phillips
Cemetery Charles Conner

Action Items Completed are as follows:

- Heating unit purchased and installed in the pastor's office
- Clean-up and removal of debris from the Cumberland Annex
- Contractor's Dumpster rented by Lucius Perkins for getting rid of the debris
- Cleaning the Educational Building for a visit by the Pee Dee Genealogical Society on April 8, 2018

- Historical Tour of the Educational Building
- Permission granted to determine the grave sites in the cemetery
- Maintenance of the Educational lawn and the cemetery

Work in Progress

- Contacting service technicians to repair a broken camera and a city required maintenance on our water system
- Ongoing work on the church's physical properties
- Developing a format for congregational input
- Church's library and archiving the books and materials
- Meeting with key people in the congregation who can provide input and expertise as needed.

WHEN life GETS TO HARD TO STAND kneel

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations

L. Megerlyn Davis



Ms. Davis was honored on May 3rd as FSD1 Teacher of the Year 2018 at South Carolina Teacher of Year Banquet in Columbia! She is also Cumberland's Voices of Inspirations' Director; and the daughter of Mr. Lonnie Davis and Mrs. Linda Gillard Johnson.

Patricia Singleton Parr



Mrs. Singleton Parr was recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer by Diversity Works April 2018 magazine. Her volunteer efforts have served CUMC, Delta Sigma Theta, the Boys and Girls Club, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Pee Dee Coalition, and many others.

Praise Dance Team



The Praise Dance Team led by Ms. Ja'Kita Harrison lifts up their highest praise. We are very proud of these young people and encourage them to continue to enter His courts with praise!

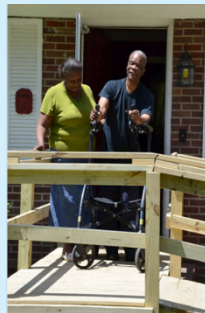
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:18



Cumberland Ramp Ministry

Paying it forward with another day of Ministry for the Cumberland UMC Ramp Ministry Team. Thanks for all that you do.

By Milton Phillips via Facebook



Let all that you do be done in Love 1 Corinthians 16:14

Raised Garden Beds 2018 - Cumberland Outreach Center

The raised garden beds are now in place! Special thanks to the Rev. Franklin James for donating all needed supplies (e.g., soil, seeds, plants, garden beds); Mr. Milton Phillips for clearing the area; and Mr. Wallace Felder for helping build the garden beds along with the Rev. James. Also, thanks to Mrs. Myrna Barr-Cook and others for working with the youth in planting. Great job in developing this project!



HERE'S *What's Happening* IN OUR CHURCH

WEEKLY

SUNDAY

Sunday School - 8:45 am

Morning Worship - 10 am

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study - 6:30 pm



YARD SALE!!!!

Saturday, May 26th
7am - 12pm

SNEAK PREVIEW

Friday, May 25th at 5 - 6:30pm
Admission Only \$5!

WHERE: Cumberland UMC
163 S. Coit Street, Florence, SC

Special Note

Children & Youth Bible Study

5:30 pm each Wednesday
after the 1st Sunday



Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- Ephesians 4:32 -

Meet the Newsletter Staff



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Our committee is very excited about being able to bring the news directly to you. It is also our honor to continue our legacy and use the previous newsletter's name, "The Network".

We are now accepting all "News" for the next Newsletter. Therefore, please submit your information by **July 22th for the August edition**. In addition, we are calling all youth to submit an article for the newsletter. Hard copy or electronic submissions are accepted. Don't wait too late -we want to hear from you!

Please submit to Ms. Jakita Harrison at jakitalh@yahoo.com, Mrs. Sandra Holloway at sanholloway01@yahoo.com, or to the church's office at cumberlandsec@bellsouth.net.

Looking forward to your input!

Carowinds

Carowinds Trip

June 16, 2018

Ticket Price: \$50

(this includes transportation, entry in the park, and an all-you-can-eat meal inside the picnic area from 1:30-2:30 pm).

No personal checks please.

Departure from Florence:

9 am and leaving the park at 5 pm.

- Please see Mrs. Myrna Barr-Cook for the trip forms.
- All completed forms and payment should be given to the Rev. Franklin James
- As of May 15th, we have **20** seats available.

Deadline: May 27, 2018

Although seats are available to all, we want to ensure the youth have first choice.

IMPORTANT

Don't forget to let the Church office know if you have moved, changed a telephone number or email address.
Thank You!

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VBS
June 18-22

24/7
Jesus Makes a Way Every Day!



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

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