January 6, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
January 13, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
January 20, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
January 27, 2019 - 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion

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**WWJD key chain**

This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask “What Would Jesus Do?” we can build our character to be more like His.  

**What you need:**  
- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)  
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)  
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or ⅜”)  
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about ½ cm or ⅜”)  
- black permanent marker  

**What you do:**  
1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.  
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.  
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.  
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.  
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).  
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.  
7. Write a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.

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**January**

**Epiphany**

**New Year’s Day**

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**Just for Kids**

Character That Pleases  

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.  

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.  

Word Bank:  
YASAP  
LOW  
FOLI  
OF  
EAML  
PLEX  
ESTCHRI  
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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
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"And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been."

- Rainer Maria Rilke
LAY READERS

6  The Eddie Morgan Family
13 The Eddie Morgan Family
20 The Eddie Morgan Family
27 The Eddie Morgan Family

ACOYLTES

Colin and Evan Misenheimer
Colin and Evan Misenheimer
Ethan & Ellie Wilhelm
Ethan & Ellie Wilhelm

FLOWERS

6  Linda Kesler
13 __________
20 __________
27 __________

USHERS

Phil and Linda Cauble
Mike and Brenda Cauble
Frank and Dawn Merrell

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

2019 LAY MINISTERS

Deena Lanning 704-637-0810
John Kesler 704-633-5702
Elbert Kluttz 704-633-3484
Janie Lesley 704-603-8020
Jean Ray 704-857-2512

Tara Davis 704-637-9334
Ann Tucker 704-633-0271
Gladys Morgan 704-636-1977
Dear Family of Union,

On December 23rd (The Fourth Sunday in Advent) I had many comments on my sermon. Part of that had to do with the reading I shared with you. I am going to share that part of the sermon with you now. May it be a source of inspiration and renewed trust in God. Pastor Corbell

Jesus was born in a stable -- a small, cramped, congested, messy place.

A new-born baby was out-of-place, out-of-sync, amid the dusty animals, the mucky straw, and the usual smells and sounds and sights found in a stable.

But the mess is the message of Christmas:

People of Union Lutheran, there is no stable, no place in our world, or in our lives, that is too poor, too remote, too outcast, “to other,” too messy, that God cannot be found and formed in us there.

A part of our culture is filled with horror, pain and sin. It seems almost common to read about random shootings.

2007 Virginia Tech where 32 were killed and 17 wounded.

1999 Columbine High School.

2001 9/11 where almost 3000 people were murdered.

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting occurred on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut. Twenty year old Adam Lanza fatally shot 20 children between six and seven years old, as well as six adult staff members.

Where is God in the midst of such tragedy and horror? December 14th was only 11 days before Christmas Day. I can’t think of a messier and more tragic situation to be in as Christmas approaches.

At that time a member of Mt. Hermon (Mr. Frank Guy) shared with me a reading that I think will help you to see the Lord in the midst of the mess!

'Twas 11 days before Christmas, around 9:38 when 20 beautiful children stormed through heaven’s gate. Their smiles were contagious, their laughter filled the air. They could hardly believe all the beauty they saw there. They were filled with such joy, they didn’t know what to say. They remembered nothing of what had happened earlier that day. "Where are we?" asked a little girl, as quiet as a mouse. "This is heaven." declared a small boy. "We’re spending Christmas at God’s house."
When what to their wondering eyes did appear, but Jesus, their Savior, the children gathered near. He looked at them and smiled, and they smiled just the same. Then He opened His arms and He called them by name.

And in that moment was joy, that only heaven can bring those children all flew into the arms of their King and as they lingered in the warmth of His embrace, one small girl turned and looked at Jesus’ face.

And as if He could read all the questions she had He gently whispered to her, "I'll take care of mom and dad."

Then He looked down on earth, the world far below. He saw all of the hurt, the sorrow, and woe, then He closed His eyes and He outstretched His hand, "Let My power and presence re-enter this land!" "May this country be delivered from the hands of fools" "I'm taking back my nation. I'm taking back my schools!" then He and the children stood up without a sound.

"Come now my children, let me show you around." Excitement filled the space, some skipped and some ran. All displaying enthusiasm that only a small child can. And I heard Him proclaim as He walked out of sight, "In the midst of this darkness, I AM STILL THE LIGHT."

Psalm 34:18  The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Remember Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist. John would prepare us for the Advent of the Messiah. John would die in a filthy prison and die for the Savior he proclaimed.

Mary gave birth to Jesus who lived a perfect life -without sin.

He would die the most horrible way that evil could devise.

But three days later the dark death of Friday would be turned into the brightness of Easter morning. Remember... God is more than willing to enter into the darkness but His light will never be covered regardless of how dark the world may seem.

John 1: 9-14
9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A New Year has begun.

Prayer is God’s way of helping us to discern where He wants us to go. Below are some areas that we all need to pray for and work on in the coming year.

- **Youth Ministry** – What are we as a congregation doing to support our youth? Have you invited families with children who need a church home to come and visit Union?

- **Finances** – Are you giving to the Ministry Spending Plan so that all the necessary ministries are funded? If you are choosing to give only to specific funds, and not giving appropriate support for the main budgetary needs of your church, then you need to pray about this.

- Are you supporting and attending Sunday School? Are your children learning from God’s Word every Sunday because both children and parents have made a commitment to grow in Christ through our vows at Baptism. If something is not currently being offered, would you be willing to volunteer and make our ministry even stronger?

- Are there projects that have been talked about for a long time but remain incomplete? Procrastination is one of Satan’s favorite tools to MAKE SURE the church does not grow!

- Are there new ministries you would like to see started? Bring your concern to the Council. Are you willing to help with the concern and not just shift it off to someone else?

- Pray for discernment as we seek a new pastor for Union Lutheran. It is my hope and prayer that we can enter into the Call Process in the next few months.

If you want to talk to me about any of the above areas please feel free to call me. My cell number is 704-682-0503.

Allow the words of Solomon to instruct you in this coming new year.

**Proverbs 3:6-12 (ESV)**

6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.
8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.
9 Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.
11 My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof,
12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

God bless and keep you,
Pastor Tom
The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met on Sunday December 16, 2018 at 5:15 pm in the Educational Building for their regular monthly meeting (this meeting was rescheduled from Sunday December 9th due to no church or church activities because of a winter storm). Lynn Coughenour opened the meeting with devotions.

Those attending were Cathy Kluttz Painther, Pete Nguyen, Gladys Morgan, Janie Lesley, Lynn Coughenour, Donnie Miller, Jeff Parker, Kay Morgan, Luther John Lyerly, Phil Cauble, Cammie Misenheimer. Vicki Peeler was absent from the meeting. Newly elected Council members for 2019-2021 that attended the meeting were Sonya Mulkey, Don Davis and Elbert Kluttz. Tom Corbell Part Time Intentional Interim Pastor for Union Lutheran Church was present for the December 16th meeting as Pastoral Adviser.

Cammie Misenheimer, Vicki Peeler and Gladys Morgan Council members whose term will be ending 2018 were recognized and thanked for their service to Council.

The following attended the Council meeting representing Long Range Planning Committee, Tara Davis, Kat Clifton, Eddie Morgan, Lucinda Wilhelm and Brad Huffman. Kay Morgan addressed Council concerning the Narthex Expansion Project and stated that on March 6, 2016 Union Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting was held concerning the Narthex Expansion Project it was recommended at this meeting that $150,000 is budgeted for the project, with a goal set from Long Range Planning to raise $50,000 before beginning. The congregation did not specify a source of funding to complete the project therefore giving Council the authority to find a source for the funding to complete the project. This was voted on by council to seek unrestricted funds from endowment (general funds/Parsonage). Since we have approval by congregation to proceed the narthex project, met the goal of raising $50,000.00 dollars before starting the project, and voted in council for use of funds, we are ready to specify what is to be done next.

We are ready proceed by contacting Bill Monroe to start on the Narthex Expansion Project, then securing contracts and bids. Next, to specify methods of a payback plan for up to $150,000.00 dollars budget.

To specify method of repayment for the amount up to $150,000, it is recommended to Council that a subcommittee be formed to come up with a method of payback for the amount to be borrowed for the project. It is recommended that this subcommittee consist of the President of Council, Treasurer, and another member of council that is not an officer. The subcommittee will report to Council its recommendation in thirty days or at the next Council meeting which ever should come first.

The information printed in the December 2018 Messenger was reviewed starting with the Congregational Council Meeting November 11, 2018. The information in this report under Property is incomplete as action was taken by Council on this recommendation by Jeff Parker to purchase the flooring and supplies needed for the hallway in the Educational Building a second to the recommendation was made by Janie Lesley with Council voting to pass the
recommendation. With this clarification the information on the November 11th meeting was approved.

The information as printed from the Called Council Meeting November 4th and November 20th was reviewed discussed and approved by Council.

The information from the Called Council meeting on November 25th was reviewed and discussed.

Action was taken by Council based on the recommendation by Worship and Music Committee to approve Sara Welch as part time Music Director for Union Lutheran Church. The vote taken by Council was unanimous for this recommendation.

With these corrections, additions and or clarifications made the information was approved by Council.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Cammie Misenheimer

The Current Treasurer’s Report and Benevolence and Children’s Funds for November 2018 was reviewed and discussed, a motion was made by Phil Cauble with a second by Donnie Miller to approve the report. Council voted passing the motion.

Under Special Funds in Current a motion was made by Luther John Lyerly to dissolve the Sanctuary Panel Project with a balance of $35.00 to General Fund. A second was made by Donnie Miller with Council voted passing the motion.

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund was explained to Pastor Tom that this money could be used to help someone that he sees necessary.

**MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS:** Luther John Lyerly

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*Youth Disbursements              * Shopping for the needy       $500.00
* Trunk or Treat                   $101.87

**LANDSCAPING** | $230.00          | 0        |               | $230.00     |

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Lynn Coughenour

The Balance in the Social Ministry Fund is $4,861.04
CEMETERY FUND: Luther John Lyerly
Balance on Hand 12/01/2018 $5,549.94
Receipts during November 2018 Offerings and Memorials $ 930.00
Received for Burial Plot for James Sigmon $ 350.00
TOTAL + $6,829.94
Disbursements during November 2018 (to ULC) Mowing $ 650.00
Alan’s Landscaping $ 90.00
TOTAL - $ 740.00
BALANCE ON HAND 11/30/2018 $ 6,089.94

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelism/Mission: Vicki Peeler
Although the event was not well attended four hundred sixty pairs of socks were collected at the Sock Hop sponsored by Mission Group.
Four hundred dollars in cash was collected and will be used to buy needed items for the children at Elizabeth Koontz Elementary School, Judy Boyd will also take socks to the Women’s Shelter for children there.

YOUTH: Pete Nguyen
On January 6th the NALC Youth will have a gathering at Union. On Saturday January 19th Pastor Tom will hold Confirmation Class for the students and treat the class for lunch at Chick Fillet.

PROPERTY: Jeff Parker
The carpet has been removed and the new flooring installed in the hallway of the Educational Building, and looks very nice and will be easy to maintain.
GMC Glass Company will be contacted about replacing the protective plexi glass over a stained glass window on the right hand facing side of the church.
There have been no reports of new leaks, repairs to the kitchen ceiling will be made.
Jeff Parker has gotten estimates for batteries for the floor scrubber, the sexton plans to use the machine often to keep the floors clean. Kay Morgan made a motion to purchase the batteries for a cost up to $900.00, Gladys Morgan made a second to the motion with Council voting to approve.
The handrail is being designed and ways to anchor the handrail are being discussed.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: Janie Lesley
Plans for worship are being planned from Advent thru Epiphany.
Pastor Tom Corbell will be offering Quiet Communion on Christmas Eve from Noon to 1 pm.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Prelude starting at 7:45 pm, Festival Service at 8 pm.
Lessons and Carols Service Sunday Morning December 30th, Communion will be offered, the meal will be blessed by Pastor Tom before the service.
Sara Welch will begin as our Music Director on January 15th beginning her work with the adult choir and kids hand bell choir.
The committee is discussing purchasing pew bibles that can be used to follow along with Lessons and Gospel reading.
The guidelines for weddings held at Union will be reviewed after Sara Welch begins. Pastor Tom Corbell will be our pastor during Lent and Easter.

**PARISH STAFF/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Kay Morgan
The evaluation for salaried employees for the church will be Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 2 pm.

**PLAYGROUND:** Donnie Miller
The playground fund has a balance of $11,288.54. Mulch for the playground is on sale at Lowe’s and will be checked into.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
Absolute Carpet Cleaning of High Point has cleaned the carpet in the hallway to the Dutch Meeting Hall the company did a great job removing the stains on the carpet.
Phil Cauble our church sexton has gotten an estimate from Absolute of High Point to clean the carpet in the sanctuary this includes both wings, stairs up to balcony and the balcony. The estimate is $730.00 a motion was made by Luther John Lyerly and a second by Don Davis to proceed with the carpet cleaning after the first of the year. Council voted passing the motion. Council members and Pastor Tom Corbell will meet on Saturday February 2nd from 8 am until noon at the church for their yearly retreat.

**OLD BUSINESS:**
Luther John Lyerly has checked into a company to do an audit on Union Finances.
After talking with Turlington from Lexington we need to access what we need such as how many years are we looking, which funds, after discussion it was decided to table this until Council’s next meeting and ask members of the Finance Committee to be a part of this discussion and decision as well. Council voted to table this issue.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

**THE INFORMATION PRINTED IN THE JANUARY 2019 MESSENGER WILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Kluttz Painther
Worship and Music met on December 3, 2018 at 6pm with Steve Walton presiding. Seven members were in attendance. Deena Lanning had devotions from “Power Principles for Faith-filled People” and prayer.

OLD BUSINESS: Sara Welch will assume her duties as our music director on January 15th. She will start out with the youth bells and the chancel choir first,

* Dec. 16, 2018—Christmas Program will be during the worship hour. Treat bags will be available for the congregation after the program. Treat bags for the shut-ins will be given out during the Christmas Caroling. Holy Communion will be available to those who want it after the service.

* Dec. 24, 2018—Christmas Eve Service. Prelude begins at 7:45 pm and the service at 8 pm.

* Dec. 30, 2018—Lessons and Carols

There was some discussion on buying pew bibles.

Discussion on condensing the bulletin is delayed until Lent 2019.

The next meeting will be on January 7, 2019 at 6 pm.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Steve Walton, Chairman

Ruby Leazer, Secretary
# Treasurer's Report

**November 2018**

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<td>Frank Merrell - Job listing for music director</td>
<td>25.00</td>
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<td>Alexander Equipment - repairs to walk-in refrigerator Kitchen</td>
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<td>Phill Cauble - Hand held blower to clean off sidewalks</td>
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<td>Ruth Goodman - Kitchen supplies (10# sugar)</td>
<td>5.48</td>
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<td>Time Warner (Spectrum) Phone and internet</td>
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<td>Graham Roofing - Repair to shingles over leak Old Pine Center</td>
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<td>Leffer Elect. Inc. - Checking fire alarm system</td>
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<td>Rev. William Ketchie - Supply pastor 11/18/2018 and mileage</td>
<td>155.00</td>
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<td>Kathryn Clifton - Monthly charge Website</td>
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<td>Sam’s Club - Membership</td>
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<td>Film DO YOU BELIEVE License</td>
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<td>Communion supplies - cups &amp; waffles</td>
<td>25.63</td>
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<td>Office supplies - new set chair casters office</td>
<td>12.18</td>
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<td>Movie Night meal</td>
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<td>Denton Propane - 103.9 gal, @ 2.29/gal</td>
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<td>Absolute Clean Carpet - Cleaning carpet in hallway to DMH</td>
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<td>Protectant applied after carpet clean</td>
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<td>Duke Energy - All buildings</td>
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<td>Robert Honeycut - November mowing of property</td>
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<td>Tri County Flooring - Luxurt vinyl tile for educational building</td>
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<td>Staples - paper for messenger and messenger cover</td>
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<td>Rev. Tom Corbell - November housing allowance</td>
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<td>Mileage 883 @ .545</td>
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<td>Carl Josey - 14 days vacation pay</td>
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<td>Ruth L. Goodman- Nov. Payroll 152.5 hrs. @10.25</td>
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Total Expenses: 1,976.28
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<td>N C Dept. of Revenue - State taxes</td>
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Balance on hand November 30, 2018: 18,107.01

### SPECIAL FUNDS IN CURRENT

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<td>NALC Disaster Response</td>
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<td>Wednesday night suppers</td>
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<td>Library Fund</td>
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### BALANCED TO BANK STATEMENT

### BENEVOLENCE FOR November 2018

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<td>Christ Lutheran Church Granite Falls</td>
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<td>Rowan Helping Ministries</td>
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<td><strong>1,737.00</strong></td>
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The Good Timers of Union met on December 13th in the Old Pine Center with Faye Kesler presiding. We had 21 members and 5 visitors (Sue Misenheimer, Linda Kesler, Phill Cauble, Mike Cauble, and Joan Troutman. An offering of $28.00 was received. Frank Merrell had devotions from the book “Journey to the Manger” and prayer.

December Birthdays: Larry Shepherd (18);

December anniversaries: John and Nancy Kesler (5)

Sick Report: Ruth Monroe had eye surgery on December 12, 2018. Larry Shepherd is back at the VA following surgery and Jane Shuping is at the Laurels of Salisbury.

Sarah Holshouser won the door prize.

The Good Timers voted to give a love offering of $100.00 to Grace Morgan.

Wayne Markham is scheduled to have the program in January 2019.

For lunch in January, we will go to WINK’S in Salisbury.

For our program today, Faye Kesler had everyone try to find 22 items in a bottle of birdseed without opening it, guess Christmas songs from pictures, Christmas Carol Trivia, unwrap a present to music by passing it around and when the music stopped, the person holding the gift got to unwrap it. It was a very enjoyable program.

Deena Lanning had the blessing before we all enjoyed a very delicious covered dish meal.

Faye Kesler, President
Ruby Leazer, Secretary
REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED IN DECEMBER  2018

CEMETERY FUND

To the Glory of God and in HONOR OF Adam and Dalton Thompson
by Sharon Leazer

To the Glory of God and in memory of Jimmie Hartley, brother of Charles & Linda Hartley
by Joan and Tommy Kerns

To the Glory of God and in memory of Fred Nelson Cauble
by Jimmy and Jean Kluttz

To the Glory of God and in memory of Sue Eagle
by Jimmy and Jean Kluttz

To the Glory of God and in memory of Howard Martin
by Jimmy and Jean Kluttz

To the Glory of God and in memory of Cora Lee Shuping
by Jimmy and Jean Kluttz

To the Glory of God and in memory of my husband, Jimmy
by Effie Vellines

To the Glory of God and in memory of Vernon Plyler and in honor of Zarah Plyler
by the McDaniel Family

BUILDING AND REPAIR FUND

To the Glory of God and in memory of Jimmy Hartley, brother of Linda & Charles Hartley
by William and Doris Page

MUSIC FUND

To the Glory of God and in memory of Bob Kesler and in honor of Faye Kesler
by Bobbie and Jimmy Colelto

GERALD BAME SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To the Glory of God and in memory of James Sigmon
by Jean Ray

NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Huffman
by Sonya and Thad Mulkey

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cecil Mulkey
by Thad & Sonya Mulkey

SOCIAL MINISTRY FUND

To the Glory of God and in Honor of Deena Lanning our dedicated SS teacher
by the Drew-Wise SS Class
MEMORIAL FUND
To the Glory of God and in memory of Jimmie Hartley, brother of Linda and Charles Hartley
by Alvin & Diane Brandon - 445 Eastland Drive - Salisbury, NC 28146
by Bill and Mary Brady (EARMARKED FOR NEW RAILING TO ALTAR)

KITCHEN FUND
To the Glory of God and in memory of Anna Rose Cauble (MOM)
by The Union Volunteer Fire Department

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY
We, the congregation of Union Lutheran Church extend our Christian sympathy, our love, and our prayers to the family and friends of:

   James Sigmon

CORRESPONDENCE

My Dear Union Family,

I want to thank you for the amazing Christmas gift that came in two parts! I felt a great sense of love in your gift, and I will be forever grateful.
It is truly an honor to serve as your part-time Intentional Interim. I have had the joy of visiting many of you in your homes.
I have found people who want Union to grow and be a church that others want to join to find the love of Jesus in our worship and in our community.
I pray that God will continue to foster unity and purpose and, in time, send a full-time pastor who will continue to shepherd this wonderful congregation.
To God be the glory!
Pastor Tom

I would like to thank my wonderful church family for the monetary and other gifts given to me over the Christmas season. I am greatly moved by your generosity. May God continue to bless you all during the coming years.
Love in Christ, Jan

News from the Great Commission Team
Thank you to all who contributed to our “Sock” drive. We collected over 400 pairs of socks, some underwear and over $300 in order to purchase more socks and underwear for local charities! We are truly blessed!

The monetary gift from my CHURCH FAMILY was greatly appreciated. It is my pleasure to be of service to each of you at any time. May God continue to bless us all as we enter the New Year.
In Christian Love!
Ruth
Our Members in Nursing Homes:

- Zarah Plyler
- Jane Peeler
- Pat & Wayne Miller
- Brenda Mahaley
- Ruth Monroe
- Bob Wilhelm
- Ed & Betty Denker
- Jane Shuping

Autumn Care of Salisbury
1505 Bringle Ferry Road - Salisbury, NC 28146

The Meadows of Rockwell
612 China Grove Hwy. Rockwell, NC 28138

Trinity Oaks
728 Klumac Rd., Apt 123B Salisbury, NC 28144

Laurels of Salisbury
215 Lash Drive Salisbury, NC 28177

The Great Rake will be Saturday, January 12th from 1:00 until. Please join us in this great service project. This is for youth and adult members who are able to help. We will meet at the church at 12:30.
Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author Unknown

Take twelve whole months.
Clean them thoroughly of all bitterness,
hate, and jealousy.
Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month into twenty-eight, thirty, or thirty-one different parts,
but don't make up the whole batch at once.
Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith,
one part of patience, one part of courage,
and one part of work.
Add to each day one part of hope,
faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.
Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation,
and one good deed.
Season the whole with a dash of good spirits,
a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play,
and a cup full of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love.
Cook thoroughly over radiant joy,
garnish with a smile,
and serve with quietness, unselfishness,
and cheerfulness.
You're bound to have a happy new year.
The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.
January 2019
Birthdays

1 - Connor Harrington
2 - Vivian Sprinkle
6 - J. D. Peeler
    Jerry Taylor
    Karson McDaniel
8 - Anna Louise Parks
13 - Todd Smith
    Randy Patton
14 - Miranda Thompson
15 - Paul Coughenour
16 - Robyn Arey
18 - Ann Tucker
19 - Hudson Riley Miller
    - Ouida Davis
22 - Devin Maxwell
24 - Cathy Painther
25 - L. A. Earnhardt
26 - Danielle Eagle
27 - Steve Bost
28 - Kay Lyons
    Jeff Holshouser
    Lindsay Eagle
30 - Sonya Mulkey
    Christopher Peeler
31 - Gennene Parker
    Allison Miller

January 2019
Anniversaries

1 - Dillon Broome and Karen Morgan
5 - L. A. and Jimmie Earnhardt
10 - Howell and Teresa Kesler
27 - Norman and Sarah Holshouser
31 - Ray and Sue Chambers