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Union Messenger

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From Your Pastor...



“Mission is messy!” Even with the best plans and most diligent organization there is always something unpredictable that happens - some might call it a moving of the Spirit. There is also a level of uncomfortableness that comes with mission because we are either stepping out of our comfort zones or immersed in the lives and circumstances of others who might be suffering and struggling. I hope that when you enter our Sanctuary that perhaps you might sense a little of this as the piles of items that we are collecting for Organ Lutheran Church food pantry and NALC Disaster Relief are growing. Remember that this year we really want to encourage you to “take on” something during Lent, by practicing the discipline of giving. (A giving calendar is available and can also be found on our webpage.)

If you really think about the cross and everything that led to our Lord’s crucifixion and death, it was messy too. There’s the part of being betrayed by friends and family, the part of being made fun of while breathing his last breath and then also the simple physical “blood and guts” of being tortured in public. Jesus took on our sin and everything about it was messy. *“He took our sins on himself, giving his body to be nailed on the tree, so that we, being dead to sin, might have a new life in righteousness, and by his wounds we have been made well”* (1 Peter 2:24).

In Christ we truly are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). We get to respond in a joyful and faithful manner, to his invitation, his command to “Love God and love our Neighbor.” We get to do this by being intentional “messy missionaries” this Lent.

Joyful Blessings from Pastor Heidi



Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services in the large fellowship hall

Thus It Is Written: A Series on the Gospels of Lent

By means of first-person the six services in this series for Lent allow Mark, Luke and John to tell why they wrote about the Lord's Passion the way they did.

Tuesday, February 27, at 5:45 p.m.

Lenten meal hosted by Don Davis and Jan Huffman.

Mid-Week Lenten Service at **6:30 p.m.**

Romans 10:9-17; Psalm 119:65-80; Luke 22:39-53

Sermon: *I Have Prayed for You*

Wednesday, February 28, Mid-Week Lenten Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch hosted by Judy Boyd.

Tuesday, March 5, at 5:45 p.m. Lenten meal hosted by
Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee

Mid-Week Lenten Service at **6:30 p.m.**

Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 119:41-56; Luke 23:26-56

Sermon: *Father, Forgive Them*

Thank you, Pete Nguyen, for sharing the message with us on March 5 & 6!

Thank you, Dusty Morgan, Jr., for being our Liturgist on March 5 & 6!

Wednesday, March 6, Mid-Week Lenten Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch hosted by Cathy Kluttz Painter.

Tuesday, March 12 at 5:45 p.m.

Lenten meal hosted by Robyn Arey, Dawn Merrell, and Megan Cline

Mid-Week Lenten Service at **6:30 p.m.**

1 John 2:7-17; Psalm 119:89-104; John 18:1-12

Sermon: *I Am He*

Wednesday, March 13, Mid-Week Lenten Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch hosted by Janie Lesley

Tuesday, March 19, at 5:45 p.m. Lenten meal will be provided.

Mid-Week Lenten Service at **6:30 p.m.**

1 John 1:1-9; Psalm 119:137-144, 105-112; John 19:17-42

Sermon: *Behold Your King*

Wednesday, March 20, Mid-Week Lenten Service at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Mid-Week Lenten offering received will go towards the NALC Disaster Relief.

Sunday, March 3

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
A Trusting Widow ~ Mark 12:41-44
We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Sustaining Our Faith
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Jude

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. Each week we will extinguish candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world. This week the Christ Candle and only 4 candles on either side of the Altar Candles will be lit.

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians
1:18-31; John 2:13-25

Sermon: *Glory of God Revealed*

Sunday Sermons will focus
on the assigned Psalms.

*Following worship the Church Council
will have a brief meeting to review the
2024 Church Yearbook for printing.*

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

*During Lent, the Altar Branches are given
to the glory of God.*

Pastor Heidi Punt will be on vacation
from Tuesday, March 5-Friday, March 8.

While Pastor Heidi is away if an
emergency arises please contact Rev. Ernie
Sheldon, Interim at Salem Lutheran
Church.

Pastor Heidi and **Haiti Pastors** meet
for **Bible Studies** online on
Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 at
4:30 p.m.

To participate please contact Pastor
Heidi to receive a link.



Choirs Rehearsals in March

KIDS CHOIR (5th grade and younger)
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
9:15 a.m.

BEGINNER BELLS
Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
2:45 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

BELLES & BEAUS
Wednesdays at **6:30 p.m.**
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

CHANCEL CHOIR
Wednesdays at **7:30 p.m.**
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

*Interested in joining the choir(s),
please contact Dawn Merrell.*



Wednesdays, March 13, 20 & 27
6:30 p.m.

*Weekly Teaching Session-The Epic
Story: Learning the Bible from Cover to
Cover. A series that will teach the story
of the Bible and how to draw life-giving
principles from within..*

Sunday, March 10
Daylight Savings Time

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Forever Food ~ Luke 22:7-23

*By this we know love, that He laid down
His life for us.* 1 John 3:16

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Testing Our Faith ~ Psalm 139:13-18, 23-
24; 2 Corinthians 13:1-11

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

*The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and
ministry. Each week we will extinguish candles,
remembering how we, the human race, rejected
Jesus Christ, the light of the world. This week the
Christ Candle and only 3 candles on either side of
the Altar Candles will be lit.*

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-9;

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

250th Anniversary Guest Pastor:

Rev. Tom Corbell

*2024 Yearbooks will be available, one per
family, for pick up on Sunday, March 10.*

1:30 p.m. Executive Committee

2:00 p.m. Church Council

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m.

Little Lutherans (5th grade and younger)

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

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2024 CHURCH YEARBOOKS

*Our 2024 Church Yearbooks will be
available, one per family, during the week
of **Sunday, March 10** in the Narthex.
Please check off your name and pick up a
yearbook.*



March 10, 2024 • Set your clock ahead!

This is also a good time to test your
smoke alarms and change replacement
batteries, if needed.

*All Ladies are invited to the **Mary &
Martha Circle on Tuesday, March 12,**
at **2:00 p.m.** in the Drew Wise Sunday
School Classroom for fellowship, fun,
refreshments, and program.*

*Thank you to Doris Shepherd for
providing refreshments and Deena
Lanning for sharing devotions.*

In March, Union will be providing
**Chapel Time at Autumn Care at 2:00
p.m. on Wednesday, March 13.**

All are invited to come join in on the
fellowship, fun, and sharing God's
Word!



Thursday, March 14

10:00 a.m. in the small fellowship hall

*Mark your calendars now...the pro-
gram will be shared by a travelog of New
England on **Thursday, March 14,** at
10:00 a.m.*

*Following the program the group will
eat lunch at Lakeview Restaurant.*

Union Lutheran Church is excited to host the Carolinas Mission Region Youth Retreat from Friday, March 15-Sunday, March 17!

Theme: Redeemed

Verse: Isaiah 42:22 *"I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."*



On **Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.** the Campus Maintenance (includes but not limited to the following: Archives, Property, Cemetery, Columbarium, Fact Finding, Land Sale, Landscape, Woodlands) will meet.

The purpose of the meeting is to discern the functioning and Continuing Resolutions to be reviewed. (Looking at the current reality and structure and put in place a system to facilitate better function and communication.)

Council Point Persons, Phil Cauble, Tara Davis, and Kevin Huffman, will report back to the Church Council.

**Church Work Day
Saturday, March 23**

*Come join us for a church work day both inside and outside on **Saturday, March 23**, beginning at **9:00 a.m.** Bring your supplies, tools and anything you think could be useful. **Working together we can accomplish so much!***

**Sunday, March 17
St. Patrick's Day**

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Betrayed and Arrested
Matthew 26:36-56

My Father...Your will be done.
Matthew 26:42

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Defending Our Faith
2 Timothy 4:1-8; 1 Peter 3:8-17

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. Each week we will extinguish candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world. This week the Christ Candle and only 2 candles on either side of the Altar Candles will be lit.

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
Sermon: *Hidden in my Heart*

Sunday Sermons will focus
on the assigned Psalms.

2024 Yearbooks will be available, one per family, for pick up on Sunday, March 10.

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

6:30 p.m. Love Dare Bible Study

Carolinas Mission Region Youth Retreat
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**Church
Workday**

March 23, 2024



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

As Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday we are drawn into the dramatic turn of events of the last days of Jesus' life. On Sunday he is welcomed into Jerusalem with shouts of joy and roaring "hosannas." By the end of the week he will be betrayed, arrested, and abandoned by Passover pilgrims and his closest friends. Things turn quickly from a parade to a death sentence which is carried out on a cross between two thieves.

Journey with us through Holy Week at Union Lutheran Church. We will begin with processing in with the palms on Palm Sunday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This year we will have the opportunity to drive to each Station of the Cross for meditation and prayer during Holy Week. Every station resembles the journey Christ took from Gethesemane to Golgatha. This can be a moving experience for individuals and families. Please plan to prayerfully participate in this very personal walk with Jesus.

A booklet will be available before the first station to guide you.

Palm Sunday, March 24

9:15 a.m. Kids Choir
(5th grade and younger)

9:35 a.m. Sunday School
Standing Trial ~ Mark 14:53-72
If we are faithless, He remains faithful.
2 Timothy 2:13

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class
Living in Faith
Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Acts 6

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion
Procession of Palms

The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. Each week we will extinguish candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world. This week the Christ Candle and only 1 candle on either side of the Altar Candles will be lit.

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:19-29;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47
Sermon: *A Rejected Stone*

Sunday Sermons will focus
on the assigned Psalms.

Called Meeting of the **Congregation** will be held following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, March 24**. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and approve the 2024 Yearbook.

The Church Council is sponsoring a **Town Hall Meeting** to review ULC's Finances in the large fellowship hall on Sunday, March 24 to update the congregation. Light refreshments will be provided.

2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells

4:00 p.m. Luther League
at Organ Lutheran Church

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Deadline for newsletter articles.

Deadline for Potted Easter Flowers list.



MAUNDY THURSDAY
10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

The altar candles lit represent Jesus' life and ministry. Today we will extinguish candles, remembering how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Beginning of service, the Christ Candle and only 1 candle on either side of the Altar Candles will be lit.

Exodus 24:3-11; Psalm 116:12-19;
1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Mark 14:12-26
Sermon: *Hands are Holding Rust*

Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus' last supper with his disciples where he institutes what the church knows as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. As a sign of his servant-love, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them. We see ourselves in the disciples, who will abandon their Lord in various ways as Jesus makes his way to the cross.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
10:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M.

All candles are extinguished to remind us how we, the human race, rejected Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22:1-31;
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

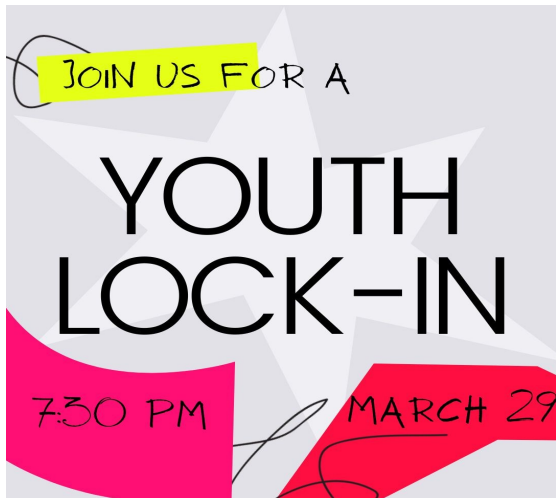
This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus' life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity's sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.



Following the evening Good Friday service, we will have a **PRAYER VIGIL**. A prayer vigil is a watchful, awake time set apart for the purpose of prayer. As an act of public witness, it offers the community a space to connect with God so that God's vision for love and justice can be carried out through us.


Union understands prayer vigils to be grounded in the power of the Holy Spirit to change people's hearts and minds and to strengthen us in our work and witness.

If you would like to participate please sign up on the sheet coming soon to the front pew in the Sanctuary.



Our Middle & High School youth will have a **Lock-in** at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday, March 29, to prepare for Easter Sunrise.

✝ 40 Days Of Lent Calendar ✝

This Lent, we invite you take on something instead of giving up something!

A REVERSE CALENDAR will be distributed that will have an item to bring every week. These items will support the NALC Disaster Response and Food Pantry at Organ Lutheran Church, Salisbury.

*Everyone is invited to bring spring into the Sanctuary this **Easter Sunday, March 31**. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to **members bringing their own beautiful spring potted flowers**.*

Examples are tulips, hydrangeas, geraniums, peace lily, gerbera daises, etc.

*Please remember to mark your potted flowers before you **drop them off** on **Saturday, March 30**, between **11:00 a.m.-12 noon**.*

*The church office is offering to create an Easter Potted Flowers booklet of flowers placed in honor and/or in memory of loved ones. Deadline to turn in the information to the church office is **Palm Sunday, March 24**.*

Those Serving in March

Acolytes:

Caylea Cline and Addison Queen

Altar Guild: Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

Communion Assistants: Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

Lay Readers: Jennifer Curlee, Scott Curlee and Cathy Painter

Ushers: Steve Arey, Phil Cauble, Ali Davis and Don Davis

Offering Counters: Patsy Lyerly, Sonya Mulkey and Vivian Sprinkle

The Decorating Committee needs your help for the **Easter Cross**.

Easter is March 31 this year, and that means the Decorating Committee will probably not have the availability of Elbert Klutz's beautiful flowers for the Easter cross. They probably will not be in bloom.

We are seeking anything white - particularly all white daffodils and white spirea.

If you have anything blooming the week before Easter, please contact Deena Lanning, Karen Morgan, or Dawn Merrell **NO LATER** than Palm Sunday, March 24. That way we can ascertain what may need to be purchased.

Any white flowers you have should be brought to the church the morning before Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. service no later than 9:15 a.m.

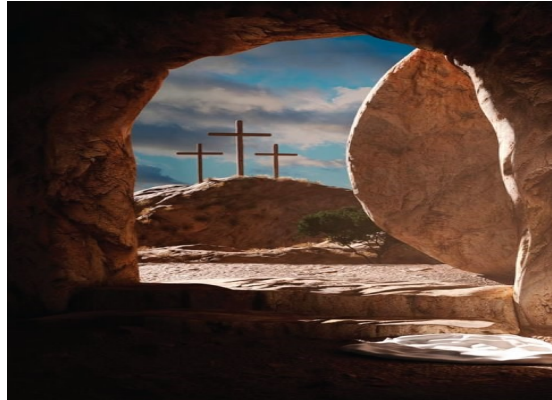
You are welcome to stay and help fix the cross to be placed in the church for 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

Thanks so much!



*He is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
Wishing you a blessed Easter!*

ULC Staff



EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we have no choice but to respond to.

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service

Exodus 15:1-11; Psalm 188:15-29;
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-18

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Easter Service

All altar candles are lit representing Jesus is the light of the world!

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16:1-11;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
Sermon: *Why the Resurrection Story*

This year we will have an Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School. Get ready for our children and youth to hide and seek!

Needed: Volunteers, Easter Eggs, Candy, Prizes.

Each Sunday, the church office needs to establish a record of communion and giving.

How can you help? Please fill out a communion card and hand to the Usher and don't forget to use your offering envelopes!

Celebration of our 250th Anniversary will run through next October 2024.

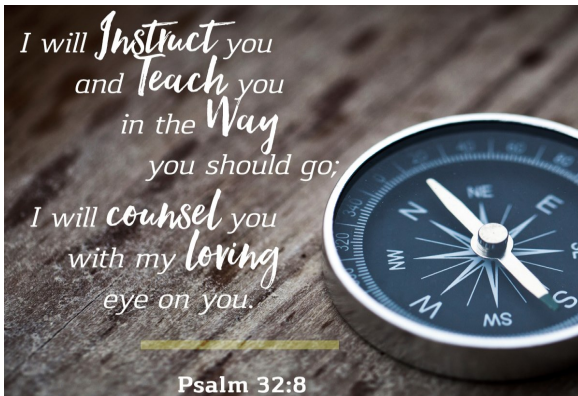
For more information please review the first issue of **The Chronicles**. Each month information will be available on our heritage, identity, how God is working in our lives, and anticipation of our future!

*Did you know that the **Mission Team** will mail out **cards** (get well, thinking of you, birthday, etc.) to members of the church? All you have to do is place your card and addressed envelope in the blue basket in the Narthex. The Mission Team will provide the postage and mail the card out for you.*



Thank you to Dusty Morgan, Sr., Phil Cauble, Don Davis, Brad Huffman, and Kevin Huffman for installing the floor in the downstairs West Wing Hallway!





Middle & High School Youth
Upcoming Activities

Confirmation

Wednesdays, March 13, 20 & 27
 at 6:30 p.m. Class will not meet on March 6.

Sunday School

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
 9:35 a.m.

Union & Salem Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 3
 4:00 p.m.

Beginner Bells

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

CMR Youth Retreat

Friday, March 15-Sunday, March 17

Piedmont East Luther League

Sunday, March 24
 Organ Lutheran Church
 4:00 p.m.

Youth Lock-In

Friday, March 29, following evening
 Good Friday service

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31
 9:35 a.m.



Little Lutherans
 5th grade and younger
Upcoming Activities

Kids Choir

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
 9:15 a.m.
 The choir will sing during worship on
 Easter Sunday, March 31.

Sunday School

Sundays, March 3, 10, 17 & 24
 9:35 a.m.

Faith, Fun & Fellowship

Sunday, March 10
 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31
 9:35 a.m.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray, Jay Rusher (Autumn Care)

Homebound/Shut-ins Members – Sarah Bame, Arnold Cauble, Glenn Eagle, Rachel Earnhardt, Tommy & Joan Kerns, Teresa Kesler, James Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, Frances Norris, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery –Brenda Cauble, Lucinda Fraley, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, John Knight, Wade Leazer, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Janet Overcash, Doris Page, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne Vellines & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

Continual Prayer –Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning’s daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Brenda Killby (Jennifer Curlee’s mother of a friend), Pat Kluttz, Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

Confirmands: Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

Please let us know...church staff are not automatically made aware of you or your family members and loved ones who are in the hospital, Hospice, a nursing home or shut-ins at home. This means we cannot minister to them without you letting us know. Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 to keep us informed.



Our Love and Sympathy is extended to Tommy Goodman and Family on the death of his mother, Earleen Holshouser Goodman.

Stewardship Update

January Sunday School & Offering

7	46	\$37.02
14	46	\$35.00
21	37	\$10.00
28	<u>38</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total	167	\$127.02
Average	42	\$31.76

Loose Offering on Sundays is distributed to: 1st Sunday (Social Ministry Fund), 2nd Sunday (Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund), 3rd Sunday (Building and Repair Fund), 4th Sunday (Youth Missions/Retreats Fund), and 5th Sunday (Current Fund).

January Worship

7	110
14	112
21	71
28	<u>90</u>
Total	383
Average	96

February Sunday School & Offering

3	Fundraiser	\$559.00
4	42	\$49.00
11	45	\$50.00
18	42	\$62.00
25	_____	_____

Mid-Week Lenten Worship & NALC Disaster Relief Offering

February		
14	10 (10:30 a.m.)	\$98.00
14	56 (6:30 p.m.)	
20	35	_____
21	4	
27	_____	_____
28	_____	_____

February Worship

4	101
11	98
18	103
25	_____



02/04/24	\$ 4,472.00
02/11/24	\$ 2,651.00
Online Giving	\$ 110.00
Transfer in from Cemetery Fund	\$ 6,327.65
Thrivent Financial (Parsonage Fund)	\$ 7,560.00
Total Income for 02/04/24-02/11/24	\$21,120.65
Expenses (including fuel)	- \$ 8,466.98
Payroll Expense	- \$ 4,992.86
Credit Card fee	- \$ 5.72
Total Expenses for 02/04/24-02/15/24	\$13,465.56
Income over expenses	\$ 7,655.09



*The stewardship of our finances, service and time is an area of our lives where we can faithfully proclaim the gospel. **Giving** strengthens our devotion to Christ and frees us to live open-handedly with the gifts God gives us.*

We trust in Him and His provision. As people of faith, we give faithfully and generously supporting the mission of the church – “Love God and love our Neighbor.”

Avenues of Giving:

- *Weekly Sunday Offering*
- *Mail*
- *Online <https://ulcsalisbury.org/give-online/> (Please note a service fee is charged using online giving.)*

Each year the congregation approves certain benevolences as part of the yearly Ministry Support Plan. Members are encouraged to give to this by earmarking their giving as **Benevolence**.

Every quarter, the fund's are equally distributed to the approved benevolence.

Please note that every month the monthly newsletter highlights one of these benevolences in order to tell you the story of what they do and what difference your giving makes.

March Benevolence Teaching Moment Water Missions International

We are a nonprofit Christian engineering ministry providing sustainable safe water solutions, through a Christian world view perspective, to people in developing countries and disasters. We approach all our work with a sense of urgency and a commitment to excellence. Our faith and our belief in the sanctity of life compel us to develop and implement the best technologies and community development programs so that, through our work, God will be honored and glorified and lives will be transformed for eternity. Water Mission serves all people regardless of age, gender, race or faith. .

Our Vision: That all people have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love.

Our Mission: To honor God by developing, implementing, and sharing best-in-class safe water solutions that transform as many lives as possible, as quickly as possible.

Our Values: Water Mission's values guide our strategy, culture, and daily decisions as we pursue our mission and vision.



Good Timers

The Good Timers met for their monthly meeting on February 8, 2024 in the Dutch meeting hall with Frank Merrell presiding. Deena Lanning had devotions from the book *Be Still and Know that I Am God* and prayer. We had 17 members and 1 visitor (Teresa Pierce-also known as Martha Washington). The offering was \$19.00. The door prizes were won by Jack Lanning and Nancy Kesler.

February birthdays: Dawn Merrell (17), Tommy Kerns (23), Sylvia Peeler (26)

February wedding anniversaries: Jean and Tommy Kerns (17)

Sick Report: Patsy Sigmon (Autumn Care), William Page (taking a few steps now), Glenn Eagle (home), Shonna Black (Deena and Jack Lanning's daughter-surgery).

Program in March: Dawn and Frank's Travelog to New England.

Lunch will be at Lakeview Restaurant.

Doris Shepherd will have the devotions and furnish the door prize.

The Good Timers will lead the worship service in June.

Trivia on this day in:

- 1693-The college of William & Mary was chartered.
- 1870-The 15th amendment was ratified.
- 1910-The Boys Scouts of America is founded in Washington, DC.
- 1922-President William G. Harding has a radio installed in the White House.
- 1978-Senate debates are broadcast for the first time on the radio.

The program today was given by Martha Washington (Teresa Pierce). Martha spent half of her time fighting along side of her husband in the Revolutionary War. She managed and ran her husband's estates. She approved the menu for the day. She raised her children and grandchildren. Martha was the "1st" Lady. She told about the clothing that was worn then. Girls were taught how to serve tea (early afternoon and evening). The language of the fans are: fanning slowly means married, twirling in the left hand means being watched, little finger extended means goodbye.

Deena Lanning had the blessing before we went to lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruby Leazer

Good Timers February Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance for February	\$316.26
Received	\$ 19.00
Disbursed	\$ 25.00
Ending Balance for February	\$310.26

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Shue

UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A charter congregation of North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

OFFICE HOURS: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

9:35 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

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What God Has, Is, and Anticipating the Future!



In 1772, Christopher Layrle from St. John's and Christopher Rintlemann from Organ Church in Rowan County were commissioned to go at their own expense to Germany to seek a minister and schoolteacher.

Governor Tryon of North Carolina wrote a letter of recommendation to the "Society for the Spread of Gospel in Foreign Parts" at London. With this and a petition requesting a pastor and a schoolteacher signed by sixty families, and other necessary credentials, the commissioners departed on their long journey.

They rode their horses to Charleston, SC, where they sold the horses and there took passage to Europe in an ordinary sailing vessel. They were most graciously received and well-treated.

They were sent to Europe, for the purpose of applying to the Consistory Council of Hanover, in Germany, for a supply of ministers of the gospel and schoolteacher, for the various Lutheran congregations then organized in North Carolina. The reason is also stated, why the delegation were instructed to apply to the proper authorities in Hanover in preference to any other place or kingdom: *"Because at that time North Carolina, as well as all the other free American States, were under the jurisdiction of the king of England, who was at the same time elector of Hanover."*

The Missionary Society endorsed their cause, the King of England and many English noblemen gave liberally of their means and St. James Lutheran Chapel in London gave them a handsome amount of money for that day, in all amounting to more than eight hundred dollars value.

Pictured to the right is St. James Lutheran Chapel

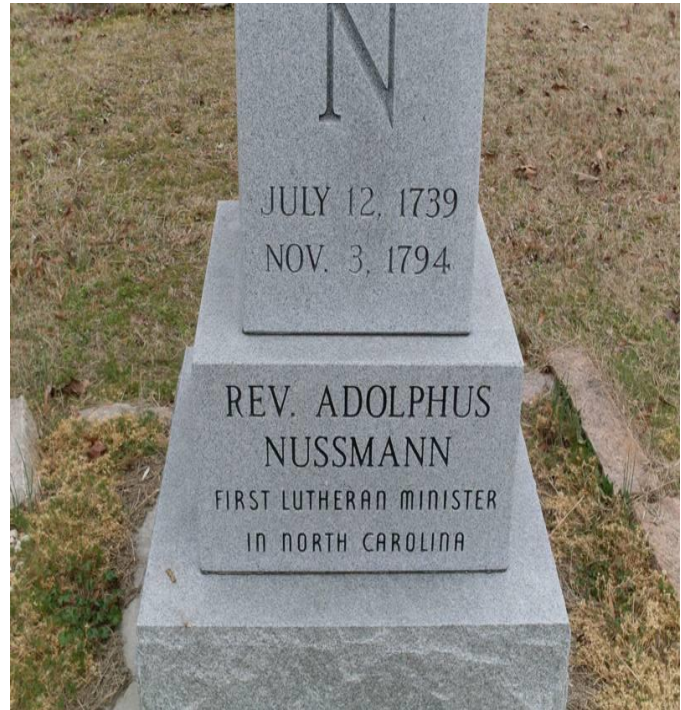


The Chronicles

Layrle and Rindlemann continued to Hanover Germany where the Consistory of Hanover readily granted their petition for a pastor and schoolteacher. The Rev. Adolph Nussman was officially called and commissioned as pastor and Mr. Johann Gottfried Arends as a schoolteacher by the consistory. In addition to these learned men, donations of books, Bibles, hymnals and catechisms among them, were assembled to bring back to Rowan County.

The Rev. Nussman and Mr. Arends arrived in North Carolina in 1773 after coming from London and Charleston, SC. Although the new minister and school master took passage to Charleston, Christoph came back via Philadelphia, reaching 30 April 1773 along with Johan Freidrich Rintelmann.

North Carolina had its first Lutheran pastor to locate permanently within her boundaries. Pastor Nussmann's first sermon was preached on the second Sunday in August 1773 in Zion Church. Both Nussmann and Arends proved to be eminently fitted for the work to which they had been called. Upon their arrival, these men located near Organ (Zion) Church and immediately began their work as pastor and teacher, respectively.



Kay Morgan, Co-Chair

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If you have any information to add to our history, please contact Kay Morgan, Co-Chair.

The Chronicles



We are excited to have Rev. Tom Corbell as our 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor on Sunday, March 10!

Pastor Tom Corbell has served in ministry for fifty years. In Statesville he was the pastor of St. John's Lutheran for seventeen years, a chaplain for Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County for six years and served as the pastor of Mt. Hermon Lutheran church in Statesville for seven years. He also served as President of Lay Pastors Ministry Inc. for over ten years, he serves on the board of Iredell Adult Day Services/ElderCenter, and has been instrumental in writing part of 365 devotions for CancerCompanions. He is presently doing his last Intentional Interim ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran in Gastonia, NC.

He is married to Anne Tysinger Corbell. They have two grown daughters; Dr. Kristen Corbell and Dr. Jennifer C. Hough and two wonderful grandsons! Anne and Tom live in Charlotte, NC about fifteen minutes from their grandsons!

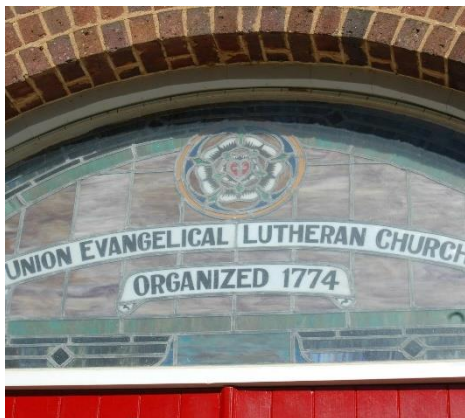
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We need YOUR Help with the following:

- Items to display (pictures, newspaper articles, etc.)
- Share your favorite Bible verse and what it means to you
- How has Union touched your life?
- Share feedback with the committee on ideas to implement

Please turn in items and information to a member of the committee or email the church office.

(Please include your name.)





250th Anniversary Committee Members:

Kay Morgan, Co-Chair

Dusty Morgan, Sr.,
Co-Chair

Frank Merrell

Susan Knight

Tara Davis

Elbert Kluttz

Pastor Heidi Punt

250th Anniversary Celebrations Guests

March 10, 2024 Rev. Tom Corbell

May 12, 2024 Rev. David Nuottila

July 14, 2024 Rev. Dr. Jarrod Lanning

August 13, 2024 Homecoming with Bishop Dan Selbo

October 13, 2024 Rev. Darrell Norris

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING December 3, 2023

The following minutes were approved at the Church Council meeting on February 18, 2024 with an amended correction under New Business.

The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met on December 3 2023, with 9 members present along with Pastor Punt and Lucinda Fraley. Larry Barringer Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt and Vicki Hunter were absent. Newly elected Council members, Thad Mulkey, Kevin Huffman, John Knight and Phil Cauble were also in attendance. The meeting opened with devotions given by Pastor Heidi.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MINUTES - Tara Davis

There is an addition to the presented minutes from the November 19th Congregation meeting: An answer to the question asked during the meeting (Question: Are we meeting our current goals set forth in the 2023 plan? Lucinda Fraley answered “we are not meeting our current goals.”) A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with the addition. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Current Treasurer’s Report/Finance: Lucinda Fraley presented the August report to council. There was a question about when a check would be written to the cemetery fund for the reimbursement of funds loaned to the current fund for repairs to the sanctuary? Lucinda stated that a check would be posted this month.
- Social Ministry -Balance \$1883.39
- Cemetery Fund -Balance \$1543.36
- Good Timers -Balance \$348.25
- Mildred Merrell SS Class -Balance \$466.17
- Union Women -Balance 1693.68

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Heidi presented to council a reflection report. We were asked to focus on future goals for our council and ourselves. This report gave us items about financial, policies, community outreach and our strengths and weaknesses. We will refer back to these items throughout the coming year.

Pastor Heidi requested the following vacation days: December 26-Sunday, December 31, 2023. Motion was made and seconded to approve these days. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTS’S REPORT: No report

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Jennifer Curlee continues to post the openings for our music ministries. She will investigate other avenues of social media that may be available. She will work on drafting a letter to colleges and universities in our immediate area that have music programs, hoping to gain interest in applying.

Jennifer reported that staff contracts are ready to be signed. She will complete this by the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***250th Anniversary Committee:** Our celebration of our 250th Anniversary will continue through October 2024. *The Chronicles* will be available monthly and will contain information about our past, present day and our future as a church family. Tonya Brittain will be our next guest Pastor in January.

***Cemetery: Tara Davis** – Luminaries were placed around the cemetery on All Saints Sunday. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. The armed forces flags have been replaced.

***Evangelism(Mission):** Tara Davis- The Faith Formation Series (a discipleship class) continues.

***Finance:** A suggestion from the floor was made to have the most recent financial report be available to the congregation before there is a vote on approving the ministry support plan.

***Lay Ministry: Tara Davis** – Lay Ministry will meet December 6th, at 4pm. This group will personally reach out to members listed as inactive.

***Land Sale Committee:** After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to appoint Jennifer Curlee as the person to act on behalf of the church council to reach out to Jeremy Carter, an attorney, about where we are in the process of breaking the current trust concerning the property located on Walton Road. Motion carried.

***Social Ministry Committee:** This group will be collecting items for the Battered Women's Shelter in preparation of Christmas and items for making bags for the homeless.

***Property Committee:** Council reviewed the minutes of the latest committee meeting. Phil Cauble presented a recommendation from the Property committee: The flooring located in the downstairs hallway in the west wing of the main church building needs to be replaced. A cost of \$2000.00 was quoted with members doing the labor. Council approved this expenditure.

***Youth and Family Ministries:** A list of upcoming events had been emailed to council earlier.

The Little Lutherans will meet in December.

All ages are invited to participate in the Christmas Program in December.

The Middle and High School Youth are staying busy with meetings and activities.

***Worship and Music Committee:** Reviewed upcoming services.

The Live Nativity has been cancelled for this year.

Plans for the Christmas Program are underway.

***A motion was made and seconded to approve the committee reports. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS/CONTINUING BUSINESS

***Office Safe Cleanup** is still ongoing. Lucinda Fraley has assured the council that this will be completed by year end.

*** Copier:** the new copier has been installed.

***Amanda** is still working on securing a church credit card. There are a number of year-end financial reports that will need to be completed before the new card can be issued.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Amended correction approved on February 18, 2024 by Church Council: Our handbells will be taken to a factory (not company) in Pennsylvania for refurbishing after the first of the year. The bells should be back by homecoming (not Easter). Malmark (handbell refurbishing): Our handbells will be taken to a company in Pennsylvania for refurbishing after the first of the year. Frank and Dawn will transport the bells which will save the church a considerable amount of money. The bells should be back home by Easter. The cost of the refurbishing was approved by council two years ago.*
- The 2023 Annual Report and State of the Church was presented to council for review. A copy of the letters that will be sent to members who are becoming inactive and those who are to be removed were also provided. After review, council approved the reports and the letters provided. These letters will be sent from the church office after the first of the year.
- 2024 Church Yearbook: All organizations, committees, groups and individuals who are to turn in reports for the Annual Yearbook Report are asked to turn in their reports by Sunday, January 21, 2024.
- Pastor Heidi's vacation days; approved earlier.
- Clergy Retreat: Pastor Heidi will attend January 15-19, 2024. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried to approve.
- Election of Council Officers: Pastor reviewed with council the duties of the different officers of the church council as stated in our church by-laws. The following officers were elected:
 - Council President: Dusty Morgan
 - Council Vice-President: Phil Cauble
 - Council Secretary: Tara Davis
 - Current Treasurer: John Knight

With no further business to come before the council, we adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Council members, their families and staff will attend lunch together following service on Sunday, December 17, at Blue Bay.

Next meeting will be Saturday, January 30, 2024. Time and venue will be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis, Secretary

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING December 17, 2023

The following minutes were approved at the Church Council meeting on February 18, 2024.

The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met on Sunday, December 17, 2023 after Sunday worship, with nine members present. Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt, Matt Miller and Lucinda Fraley were absent.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and vote on two items: a motion from Frank Merrell and the disbursement of offerings received during the current Advent season.

Frank Merrell came to council to request funds to cover the cost of having a piece of a wooden beam that he believes may have been from the original Pine Meeting House. He had previously contacted the North Carolina State Archaeological which was able to put him in touch with a lab in Maryland. This lab should be able to tell us when the beam was cut and give us a closer date for the Pine Meeting House. The cost of the services of this lab will be \$300.00. A motion was made and seconded to approve these funds coming out of the Archive Fund. Motion carried.

The disbursement of the offerings collected during the Advent services were discussed. There were two different places that these monies could go to: NALC Disaster Relief or SMI-Haiti. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to send the Advent offerings to SMI-Haiti. Motion carried. There will be a special offering collected after the first of the new year which will go to NALC Relief.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis, Secretary

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING **January 21, 2024**

The following minutes were approved at the Church Council meeting on February 18, 2024.

The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met on Sunday, January 21 after Sunday worship, with eleven members present. Debbie Rinehart was absent. Pastor Heidi was also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and set a salary range for a potential candidate for the Music Director/Organist position.

Dusty Morgan called the meeting to order. Salary amounts to compensate for job requirements were discussed by the members. A motion was made and seconded to approve \$51,000.00 as a salary cap. After much discussion, motion carried with a vote of 7-4.

This information will be passed on to the Music Discernment Team.

Pastor Heidi closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis, Secretary

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING **February 14, 2024**

The following minutes were approved at the Church Council meeting on February 18, 2024.

The Congregational Council of Union Lutheran Church met in a called meeting on February 14, following the Ash Wednesday service, with ten members present. Amanda Cauble and Ali Davis were absent. Pastor Heidi was also present. Lucinda Fraley was a guest. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent information received concerning the possible land sale.

Dusty Morgan called the meeting to order.

Lucinda Fraley had been in touch with the potential buyers of the land located off Walton Road. The potential buyers were requesting an extension until June 30, 2024, in regard to closing on the property. Lucinda was told that the company had secured financing.

A motion was made and seconded to grant the potential buyers the requested extension.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Davis, Secretary

250TH ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE **January 16, 2024**

Kay talked to Karen Plyer about making a replica of the Old Pine Church. She is going to get a picture of it from the 200th Anniversary book as a reference and make to display for Homecoming.

Frank sent a piece of wood from the pine log originally from the Old Pine Church to have it checked for the date of the wood. Our church as long suspected that Union church was organized much earlier, and this will be a true test of time.

Frank will talk to Pastor Heidi about using the 1912 common service hymnal for the August Homecoming service. Also, he will get me a list of people that need a personal invitation to come to the Homecoming service.

Susan will help me get those ready when it is time to send out invitations.

Dusty showed us a copy of the new church directory and plans to have the directory ready by Easter if possible. He will be responsible for getting the t-shirts ordered. We will have a few sizes available to see what you are ordering, then we will set up to get the orders. Frank suggested getting a polo shirt also in case some would like another choice.

Dusty will eventually take care of this project. He will also work with the youth to get a time capsule so that they can decide what would be interesting for them to open up in 25 years. They decided to do this in October,2024.

Tara will order 250th Anniversary fans to be placed in the choir pews and randomly throughout the church. Also, plans to place 250 Anniversary flags throughout the cemetery on Homecoming Sunday.

Susan check with Pastor Heidi about having a children's sermon about the use of bread (and a bite to taste) which would have been done in the early days of the church. This would be done in the month of March. She will continue to think of items to use for a monthly Childrens' sermon.

Elbert will continue to research information of the last 25 years and compile information from the older members of the church. He will also get a registry book with nice paper ready for sign in on Home Coming Sunday.

Kay talked to Lynn Coughenour, and she is willing to work on a Pictionary for the 250th Anniversary book of the last 25 years.

Kay will continue the Chronicles for the Messenger.

We need to meet this month to plan for Pastor Tom Corbell. Do you want to call him about what he would like for us to do after church? Giving him a choice of congregation meal afterwards, meet with committee for lunch and lite refreshment with the congregation?

Let me know if you have any questions.
Thanks, Kay Morgan

PROPERTY, CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM REPORT

January 18, 2024

Property, Cemetery & Columbarium Committee met on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

In attendance: Phil Cauble, Don Davis, Brad Huffman, Thad Mulkey, Larry Barringer, Ronald Vellines, Scott Curlee, Cathy Kluttz Painter, Kevin Huffman, and Matt Miller.

Property:

- Both well houses on the property will be secured to prevent unauthorized persons from tampering with the wells.
- Dusty Morgan will be picking up the floor covering for the Prayer Room hallway.
- Dusty and the other volunteers will install new flooring saving the expense of paying for the installation. The approximate cost of the supplies and flooring is \$1,500.00.
- There is a water leak in the sound room and in the Narthex causing damage. After locating the leak and repairing, Richard Hinson will repair the damage to the Narthex with sheetrock and plaster. Estimated cost at this time is unknown.
- Tim Eagle will replace the water fountain as his time permits.
- Restoration of the Costume Room has been completed. Ronald Vellines and Larry Barringer painted, new hanging racks, and cubbies for storage were installed so that our various costumes can be organized and hung and rehung in an orderly manner for storage.
- Matt Miller will refill with rock the hole in the parking lot when it gets warmer. Weather and repaving (patching) can be done.
- Dobson Pest Control recommends instead of replacing all mulch around the church that an 18" or 20" border between exterior walls and the mulch. There could be a possible border between the two. This project will be addressed when warmer weather returns.
- A project workday is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24. Volunteers are to meet at Cagney's in Granite Quarry at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast then afterwards to the church for cleaning out the light covers in the Dutch Meeting Hall and replacing any bulbs that need replacing. Volunteers needed!
- Workday: Saturday, March 23, at 9:00 a.m. (Saturday before Palm Sunday)
- Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

2023 Property Projects:

- Updated Fire Alarm Communicator
- Central Piedmont - repair floor damage caused by termites.
- Installation of Vapor Barrier and wrap the exposed ducts under the Educational Building.
- Dodson Pest Control-Treatment around the Sanctuary for termites.
- New Ice Maker
- New sinks and counter tops in the Educational Building bathrooms.
- New River Rock in front of the fellowship building
- Wainscoating in the Sanctuary
- Mulch around the church

Cemetery:

- Damage to the Kluttz Marker in the Cemetery to be repaired soon.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cathy Kluttz Painter and Phil Cauble

PROPERTY, CEMETERY & COLUMBARIUM REPORT February 11, 2024

The Property Committee held a called meeting on Sunday, February 11, 2024 after the morning worship service to discuss one order of business.

Phil Cauble explained that the youth has requested that a project be approved with the funding for the project covered by the youth.

The Youth Group of Union has requested that a shower be installed in the Men's Room and a shower be installed in the Ladies Room located in the Educational Building. The estimated cost of the showers is \$ 2,500.00 which would be funded by the youth. The youth along with volunteers will be doing the tear out, remodification and installation, Tim Eagle has agreed to do the plumbing work required for the showers. There was discussion among committee members present. A motion to approve this project was made by Thad Mulkey. Don Davis made a second to the motion with committee members voting unanimously to approve the motion.

This recommendation in the form of a motion will be presented to council at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Information submitted by,
Cathy Kluttz Painter

ULC CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UMBRELLA February 6, 2024

The Christian Education Umbrella team met on February 6, 2024 with 17 in attendance.

The by-laws concerning Christian Education were discussed and recommendations were made for changes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to:

- 1) Change the term of service from 2 years to one year
- 2) Scholarship Committees, Youth Council, Union Women Group(s), and Good Timers are to be added under the Christian Education Umbrella.

Officers were elected as follows:

Chair: Pete Nguyen

Vice Chair: Vivian Sprinkle

Treasure: Jan Huffman

Secretary: Janie Lesley

Other topics discussed were:

Sunday School curriculum

Bible School during the summer

Easter

Youth activities

Bible study

The meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting will be April 28, 2024.

ULC FINANCE UMBRELLA MEETING

February 11, 2024

The following members of several committees met on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2 pm: John Knight, Amanda Cauble Frank Merrell, Mary Hutchins, Tara Davis, Brad Huffman, Phil Cauble and Jennifer Curlee.

Pastor Heidi joined us after she returned from visiting a member.

Frank Merrell called the meeting to order. We read several passages from the Bible reminding us of ways to love our neighbor.

The year-end financial reports were not available for members to review.

There will be a meeting soon for the transition of duties relating to the finances of the church. (John, Amanda, Mary and Lucinda)

The following officers were elected: Chairperson: Amanda Cauble
Vice-Chairperson: Mary Hutchins
Secretary: Tara Davis

Mary and Amanda will begin generating a semi-monthly financial update to be presented to the congregation via the bulletin with a monthly financial report due to the Current Treasurer and will be published in the monthly newsletter.

Amanda continues to work on securing a different credit card for the church. Once she receives the completed year-end financial reports, she will be able to move forward.

A motion was made and seconded to change the wording to the beginning paragraph about the Jimmy Troutman Youth Education Scholarship: The Union Evangelical Lutheran Church Education Scholarship is administered by the Scholarship committee made up of at least five members of Union Evangelical Lutheran Church congregational advocates, financial consultant, the Pastor and one Council member.

This change will go before the Church Council for final approval.

Pastor Heidi will meet with members of the Gerald Bame Scholarship committee to re-evaluate the guidelines for those serving on this committee.

A recommendation is coming from this committee to the council to freeze the duties of the current Long Range Committee and create a committee to oversee all fundraisers and assist in all fundraising activities.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on May 5, 2024 at 2pm.

Pastor Heidi closed the meeting with prayer.

Tara Davis, Secretary

ULC MISSION OUTREACH UMBRELLA February 4, 2024

At the meeting of ULC Mission Outreach held on February 4, 2024 at 2 pm, it was decided to combine several committees with similar definitions and activities under one umbrella to become Mission Outreach Committee.

These individual committees have been previously called: Evangelism, Great Commission Mission Team, Lay Ministry and Social Ministry. These committees all are involved in projects, activities, visiting, etc. that are centered around church and community outreach.

We would like to add our Women's Group under this umbrella also. Our Women's Group is not set up as a committee but would like to be included under the umbrella.

We would like to recommend these committees now become "Mission Outreach and work together as one to provide support and outreach using loving God and our neighbors as our guide. The committee would consist of no less than 9 members and officers would be elected annually. Individual committees could be reinstated as the need arises due to church growth or specific needs."

Respectfully Submitted,
Robyn Arey, Chair

ULC WORSHIP & MUSIC UMBRELLA February 1, 2024

Met at 6:00 p.m.

The Worship & Music Committee met February 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. with the following in attendance: Robyn Arey, Genevieve Baker, Phil Cauble, Scott Curlee, Brad Huffman, Jan Huffman, Micah Nguyen, Nikki Nguyen, Pete Nguyen, Deena Lanning, Patsy Lyerly, Dawn Merrell, Gladys Morgan, Karen Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Thad Mulkey, Vivian Sprinkle, and Pastor Heidi.

Pastor Heidi opened the meeting with prayer and led Bible Study on Mark 12:30-33 and Matthew 25:35-40.

The minutes from December 14, 2023 meeting were reviewed.

***A motion was made by Dawn Merrell and seconded by Genevieve Baker to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

Continuing Business

- The choir robes were sold to someone in Maryland who will be shipping them to Africa.
- Frank and Dawn Merrell will take the handbells Malmark to be refurbished on April 21st. Refurbishing will take 4-6 weeks.
- We may have the Stations of the Cross around the cemetery again this year.
- Ash Wednesday Services are on February 14th at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten services will be Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings February 20th – March 20th.
- Robyn Arey will order the Palms for Palm Sunday.
- Maundy Thursday Service – Stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday – Service, Prayer Vigil, and Youth Lock-In
- Phil will put the crosses up for decorating for Easter Sunday.

- Members will be invited to bring potted spring flowers for the front of the church and other flowers to place on the crosses.
- Setting 1 and the Nicene Creed will be used during the Easter Season.

New Business

- Reviewed Pastor Heidi’s worship outline for Lent and Easter.
- Election of 2024 Officers:
 ***A motion was made by Dawn Merrell and seconded by Pete Nguyen to keep the current officers which are: Scott Curlee – Chair, Jan Huffman – Vice-Chair, Sonya Mulkey – Secretary.
- Purpose & Function of “Umbrella” – Include more folks in the meetings for better communication. The committee reviewed the Worship & Music Committee information in the Continuing Resolution. The Worship & Music Committee is recommending the following revisions to Continuing Resolution #15 to the Council: Include in Paragraph #1 - The Worship & Music Umbrella includes but is not limited to: Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, Sound System, Technology, Facebook, Website, Vocal Choirs, Bell Choirs, and Choir Director/Organist. Paragraph #3 – Change “no less than 9” to “no less than 7”. ***A motion was made by Genevieve Baker and seconded by Nikki Nguyen to approve the recommendation. Unanimously approved.

The next Worship & Music Committee will be Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,
 Sonya Mulkey

2024 HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AT UNION

The following activities represent some of the special highlights and events of the year, but they do not cover many daily, weekly, and monthly ministries and activities of Union Lutheran Church that takes place in our endeavor to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and proclaim His gospel.

FEBRUARY

- Following up from Leadership Retreat the following Umbrellas met during the month of February: Worship & Music (*Worship & Music Committee, Altar Guild, Choirs Sound System, Technology: Live Streaming, Facebook, YouTube, Pictures, Website*); Mission Outreach (*Evangelism, Great Commission Mission Team, Lay Ministers, Social Ministry Committee*); Christian Education (*Good Timers, Scholarships, Sunday School Teachers, Union Women, and Youth Council*) and Finance (*Finance Committee, Audit, Endowment, Franz Merrell Community Crisis, Long Range and Stewardship*).
- Thank you to Karen Barringer for coordinating the successfully Chili Cook Off on Saturday, February 3, in the large fellowship hall! Around 13 various chilis were sampled with hotdogs, desserts, and drinks. Again, Deena Lanning was victorious with the favorite chili. A grand total of **\$579.00** was raised to go towards the Sunday School Department. Thank you to everyone who participated by providing chili and desserts! Thank you to everyone who came out to make this event a success!
- Thank you to Phil Cauble for providing an Usher Greeter Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, February 8.
- On Shrove Tuesday, the youth prepared and served a Pancake Dinner on February 13 in the small fellowship hall. All proceeds went towards the Youth Ministries Fund.
- Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes services were held on February 14 at 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- This year's Lenten Theme: *Thus It Is Written* with Tuesday evening worship services at 6:30 p.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship services in the large fellowship hall.
- This year the Lenten meals were provided by individual members of the congregation before the Tuesday evening worship and following the Wednesday morning worship.
- During Lent, the congregation is invited to donate items for the NALC Disaster Relief and Organ Lutheran Church Food Pantry. A reverse calendar is available with items needed to support these two causes.
- Sunday, February 18, the remaining make up photo sessions were taken for the upcoming Pictorial Directory. Thank you to Dusty Morgan for facilitating!

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	01		02		03		04		05		06
	Pancake Mix	Syrup	Instant Grits	5 gallon bucket with lid	Boxed Breakfast Bars	Instant Oatmeal					
07	08	09	10	11	12	13					
Peanut Butter	½ gallon Bleach	Jelly	Vienna Sausages	Spam	Large Trash Bags (Contractor 3mil)	Tuna					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20					
Beef Stew	Canned Salmon	Paper Towels	Spaghetti Noodles	Rags	Canned Pasta (Ravioli)	Chicken Noodle Soup					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27					
Rice (in Bags)	Comet Cleaner	Canned Chicken Breast	Bagged Egg Noodles	Canned Corn	Pine Sol	Canned Green Beans					
28	29	30	31	32	33	34					
Canned Carrots	Canned Fruit Cocktail	Scrub Brush	Canned Oranges	Dry Cereal	Canned Peaches	Reusable Rubber Gloves (large)					
35	36	37	38	39	40						
Canned Pinto Beans	Canned Pineapple	Potato Flakes (Box)	Leather Working Gloves	Canned Peas	Canned Potatoes						

Mark 12:30-33

Matthew 25:35-40

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These are suggestions of things Organ Lutheran Church distributes regularly in the pantry, and items the NALC Disaster needs for Flood Buckets. This is a way in which we help to share the love of Jesus to those in need.

Instead of giving up things for Lent, we can have a discipline of giving to those in need in our county.

*They are only listed by day in case one would want to make a grocery game out of it, especially with youth. If at all possible, **please opt for plastic containers (rather than glass), and donating only “in date” items helps even more!** You may bring these items every week to worship, or as you can, or all at once. But the idea is to dedicate our Lenten season to being helpful in some way each day.*

Please know that each client, who receives help, is “vetted” (identified per address), and that each box of aid is specific to the dietary needs and wants of the client, for better stewardship.



THANK YOU

March – dates/times subject to change

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 2-23-24					1	2
Old Pine Center	Dutch Meeting Hall	Youth	Meetings	Both Fellowship Halls		
3 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion Brief called Church Council (yearbook) 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Union & Salem Youth 6:30 p.m. The Love Dare Bible Study	4	5 5:45 p.m. meal 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	6 10:30 a.m. Lenten Service 12 noon meal 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir <i>No Confirmation Class</i>	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Corbell, Guest 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee 2:00 p.m. Church Council 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Little Lutherans (5 th grade & younger) 6:30 p.m. The Love Dare Bible Study	11	12 2:00 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle 5:45 p.m. meal 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	13 10:30 a.m. Lenten Service 12 noon meal 2:00 p.m. Chapel Time 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	14 10:00 a.m. Good Timers	15 CMR Youth Retreat at ULC	16 CMR Youth Retreat at ULC
17 St. Patrick's Day 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells (B 'n B) 6:30 p.m. The Love Dare Bible Study <i>CMR Youth Retreat at ULC</i>	18	19 5:45 p.m. meal 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	20 10:30 a.m. Lenten Service 12 noon meal 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	21 6:30 p.m. Campus Maintenance <i>(Archives, Property, Cemetery, Columbarium, Fact Finding Land Sale, Landscape, Woodlands)</i>	22	23 9:00 a.m. Congregational Workday
24 Palm Sunday 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting (yearbook) Town Hall (financials) 2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Beginner Bells 4:00 p.m. Luther League (Organ) <i>Deadline for April articles</i> <i>Deadline for Easter Potted Flowers list</i>	25	26	27 4:30 p.m. Haiti (online) 6:30 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Belles & Beaus 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 10:30 a.m. Service 6:30 p.m. Service	29 Good Friday 10:30 a.m. Service 6:30 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Youth Lock-In 7:30 p.m. Prayer Vigil	30 11:00 a.m.-12 noon potted flowers drop off to the Sanctuary
31 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:15 a.m. Kids Choir 9:35 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Easter Service	<p><i>Pastor Heidi Punt is on vacation from Tuesday, March 5-Friday, March 8.</i></p> <p>Church Yearbooks will be available for pick up beginning Sunday, March 10.</p> <p>An opportunity to journey through the Stations of the Cross will be available during Holy Work.</p>					

March Birthdays						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Revised as of 2-23-24					1	2
3 Glenn Honeycutt Karen Morgan	4	5	6	7 Debbie Rinehart	8	9 Linda Hartley
10 Daylight Savings Time	11	12 Brad Trexler	13 Tonya Burgess	14 Frank Merrell	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Kat Clifton	18	19	20 Nancy Kesler Steve Peeler	21	22	23 Patrick Sigmon
24 Palm Sunday	25 Mark Cauble	26 Monica Harris	27 Eddie Morgan	28 Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday Nikki Nguyen	30 Judy Boyd Lucas Kesler
31 Easter Sunday						

March Anniversaries:

March 4 Tyler and Felisaty Hunt
 March 20 Joel and Tonya Burgess
 March 27 Paul and Lynn Coughenour
 March 28 Steve and Mary Hutchens

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the church office (704) 636-5092 – we don't want to leave anyone out!

