

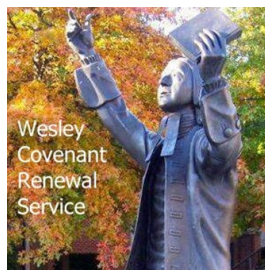


The Circuit Rider



January 2023

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer



*"I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."*

In 1775, John Wesley introduced a covenant service as an important part of spiritual life in the Methodist Societies. This renewal service was a time for the Methodists to gather annually in a time of self-examination, reflection and dedication, wholly giving up themselves and renewing covenant with God.

Repentance through confession and commitment was a key focus of the service, demanding humility from those willing to submit themselves to the dynamic words stated within the liturgy.

Wesley recognized that people needed not just to accept but also to grow in relationship with God, emphasizing the need of God's grace and love to constantly prompt and transform us. Therefore, we should continually seek and pray to grow in holiness and love of God and love for each other.

I felt it important that we begin a new year in the life of Camp UMC, by reflecting on the historic liturgy in the Wesleyan Covenant Service, reminding ourselves that we, as the Body of Christ, willingly adhere ourselves together, embracing the yoke of Christ upon us.

The Covenant Prayer and service calls us to a missional life, devoted to following Jesus and serving as Christ' representatives in the world he loves and is working to redeem.

Camp United Methodist Church

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Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional

Studies/SALT.....2	Youth.....7
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Being a Christian is more than a system of beliefs and doctrines. Being a Christian is a way of life, and this way of living and loving is possible, but only in a community that is centered in the life and mission of the resurrected Christ.

I pray that is how Camp United Methodist Church will move through 2023; centered in the life and mission of the resurrected Christ, living and loving God and one another.

Wesley's Covenant prayer, which you read at the beginning of this edition of Soul Purpose, helps us remember what this Jesus-way of life looks like and what loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbor as our self requires of us.

Happy New Year and may it be so.

Pastor Terry

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY STUDY

Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at The Ten Commandments

What would it mean to consider The Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments (or Words), author Rev. Eugenia Gamble suggests, may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the Gospel in the world.

Love Carved in Stone is a Bible study that helps us reframe the way we look at and live in the world.

Call Tamy Munns at her extension (910) 754-4840 or email her at cumc.tmunns@gmail.com to order your books today

Study begins on January 11th.

**Faith is taking
God seriously.**

God has made it clear to us how to live and what to do. The prophet, Micah said that what God is looking for in men and women is quite simple: ***"Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously."***

JANUARY SERMON SERIES

On January 15th, 22nd and 29th Pastor Terry will present a sermon series, ***What God is Looking For***. Please join us (and bring your friends and family with you).



Our SALT ministry had our last event if 2022 on the 19th of December. We had hors d'oeuvres and sang Christmas carols. Thank you to all who made a dish and a special thank you to Doug Lutzy for playing for us so we could make our joyful noise for all to hear as we spread our Christmas cheer.

On January 16th our meal will be cornbread, collards, and black eyed peas (A typical Southern New Years meal). New Years resolutions will be discussed.

KIDS SINGERS

Under the direction of Betsy Ward, the Kids Singers sang two songs during both services on December 18th. They performed beautifully.



ANGELS NEEDED

Before funds from the restricted Emergency Fund can be distributed, the client must first be vetted. The vetting is done by one of the Emergency Team Angels. When a call for assistance comes into the church office, the request is forwarded to one of the “angels” for investigation – including speaking with the prospective recipient. The vetting is done on a rotating basis. Thus, the number of times an angel is requested to contact someone depends upon the number of angels there are. Currently, there are five angels - we are looking for two or three more. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Donoghue at 910-540-3595. Thank you.



On Dec. 17th, a group of men did a yard cleanup for a member of Camp.

2023 UMM Kickoff Meeting
1/23/2023
6:00PM

Debbie Donoghue will provide our meal as a way of thanking the UMM for erecting and dismantling the manger scene.

Join us for an
Interfaith Prayer Luncheon
as we celebrate the legacy of
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
January 16, 2023 @ noon
in the Camp UMC Sanctuary
w/ guest speaker:
Rev. Regina Henderson Moore



Light lunch will follow.
All are welcome to attend!



Camp United Methodist Church
2023 Budget Summary Version
 January through December 2023
Approved by council on 12/1/2022

	Jan - Dec 2022 Budget	2023 Budget approved by council 12-1-2022
Total UnRestricted Revenue	570,191	500,000
Expense		
APPORTIONMENTS - CONFERENCE	79,906	0
ADULT MINISTRY	2,500	1,500
CHILDRENS MINISTRY	5,500	3,513
COMMUNICATIONS	3,000	1,550
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	4,000	1,500
EVANGELISM	500	0
FELLOWSHIP	500	0
LAY LEADERSHIP	1,530	200
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION	81,100	75,344
MISSIONS	10,000	5,000
PASTOR -Senior - Terry Williams	70,362	128,196
Pastor Steve Murphy	56,289	0
PASTOR Alex Parker	43,286	0
STAFF PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS	197,664	180,984
TRUSTEES	103,400	98,100
WORSHIP	10,254	600
YOUTH	6,700	3,513
TOTAL Expense	676,491	500,000
Budget Balance	(106,300)	0
Plus Transfer from Savings	106,300	0
Final Budget Balance	0	0

2023 Budget

The 2023 budget was approved by the Church Council at its December 17, 2022 meeting. It is a balanced budget in the amount of \$500,000. The budget process began in September. Budget Draft One projected offerings of \$573,100. This was based upon the January through August 2022 offerings annualized. Requested expenses totaled \$684,500. As the budget process continued there was a noticeable drop in weekly offerings. It was so substantial that by Draft Five the 2023 offering estimate was lowered to \$500,000. This resulted in requested expenses being reduced by \$184,500. These reductions are shown in the following table.

Apportionments	\$86,000	Wages/Employment Expenses	\$35,300	Trustees	\$23,300
Worship	\$11,200	Youth	\$ 6,300	Admin.	\$ 8,600
Missions	\$ 5,000	Adult Ministry	\$ 1,000	Children	\$ 4,600
		A/O	\$ 3,200		

This was a painful process. All ministries shared in the reduction.

We will carefully monitor the financial situation and pray for an increase in offerings.

Finally, it is believed that the issues facing the United Methodist Church are having a direct impact on this situation. **In spite of the reason please know that the Lord's work continues – it does not take a time-out because of differences.**

Note: *For a detailed copy of the budget please contact our Treasurer, Theresa Tese.*

Bob Fatzinger, Chair
Finance Committee

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



January 6th
1:30PM-6:30PM

Call Barbara Varnam
(910-619-5504)
for more information

ATTENTION
CHURCH MEMBERS

There will be a vote on Feb. 5th, 2023 concerning disaffiliation. Church members have to be present to vote. There will be **NO ABSENTEE BALLOTS**. More information will



Advent season flew by! I pray that you all had a spirit filled four weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus and experienced hope, peace, joy, and love.

Our children's ministry did not slow down in December. Our children were busy having fun and experiencing hope, peace, joy and love in our church environment through: Parents Day Out, our Christmas Program and our Christmas Celebration (caroling to some of our older members).

If you missed our **Christmas Program**, it's still available on the church Facebook page for your viewing!



Children hard at work preparing candles
for Christmas Eve Service

In January, our children will be taking it slow as we readjust to the return of school. Camp Kids will not meet on January 4. Beginning **January 11**, **Camp Kids** will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00PM in the Educational wing. Join us for a time of fellowship, devotion, music and dinner.

New Acolyte training will take place on January 8th & 15th after the first service for any of our 1st-8th graders interested in this ministry.

Safe Sanctuary recertification classes will take place on multiple dates in January and February. (You will receive an email from Allison in the event your training is set to expire by June 2023.)

January 18th @ 5:30PM in the Educational Wing

February 1st @ 5:30PM in the Educational Wing

February 5th @ 9:30AM (after first service) in the Family Room (Narthex)

Have a wonderful January church family! May God bless you and your family!

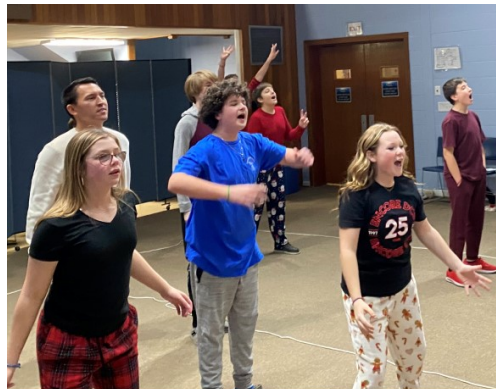
In Christ,

Allison Hunter

Director of Children's Ministry



We had a wicked blast at our Youth Christmas party on December 18th. Just look at the photos! We enhanced the fun by coming in our pajamas!!



We will all enjoy our 2 weeks off to spend with family and friends over Christmas and New Years and resume on January 8th with our Glow in the Dark version of 9 Square in the Air.

Please be watching for more details to come about the Soup-er Bowl Youth Fundraiser on Sunday, February 12th. We will be selling pints of soup and host a bake sale with all items "To Go" after both services! The money raised will offset our expenses for our Winter Retreat to Lake Junaluska.

Thank you so very much for all of your prayers and support this year. We are so truly grateful and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Kelly Littlejohn, Youth Director

I want to thank the fifteen people that showed up to help on Dec. 10th. It was a successful **Adopt-a-Highway** day. We picked up 20 bags of trash and finished in about an hour. The weather started out a bit chilly, but warmed up quickly once we started.

Mark your calendars for the next Adopt-a-Highway event. It will be the second Saturday in March.

Blessings, Hart Merriam

Some of Camp's trash collectors.



We finished our Christmas visitation on Monday the 19th of December. We will start again in the new year. Thank you to everyone for your support of this ministry.



The **Salmon Class** adopted 14 children from Longwood Head Start. Each child received 2 sets of clothing, pajamas, coats and toys. The class felt honored to be able to share Christmas blessings with the children.

JANUARY MILESTONES



1	Beth Hunter	11	Julian Brittain	24	Cindy Maynard
2	Thomas Adams	11	Joe Forrester	24	Bia Medley
2	Luanne Caudell	11	Margaret Hardin	24	Cheryl Mills
3	Kristen Hooks	12	Tammie Lewis	25	Libby Leggett
4	Lou Bell	12	Bob Winship	26	Debbie Vaughan
4	Tony Smith	13	Chris Hunter	26	Virginia Williams
4	Jim Wallace	17	Beth Baker	26	Laura Winship
5	Kate Inman	17	Eileen Markum	27	Maggie McKenzie
6	Judy Arnold	18	Barbara Kellett	27	Diana Oliver
6	Barbara Babcock	18	Felicia White	27	Stephen Sowder
6	Laura Freeman	19	Poli Barefoot	27	Jaxon Thompson
6	Cathy White	20	Alex Parker	30	Cindy Black
10	Harold Bland	21	Tom Evans	30	Debbie Donoghue
10	Kelly Littlejohn	23	Jeanne Frederick	31	Sondra McDaniel
10	Ray Nichols	23	Trinity King	31	Lisa Mintz

Jay & Derrice Combs	2 (53)	John & Debbie Donoghue	10 (36)
Angela & John Adams	2 (20)	Larry & Julie Harrelson	11 (37)
Art & Barb Jacques	3 (19)	Don & Lynda Eagle	11 (64)
Ted & Lynda Troutman	5 (43)	DeWayne & Betty Oakes	21 (61)
Derek & Madison Albertson	5 (5)	Doug & Nita Campbell	24 (47)
Robin & Randy Farmer	6 (5)	Alan & Peggy Russ	31 (59)



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

Jan. 1st	10:00 AM Church Service Only	
Jan. 5th	Blood Drive	1:30 PM
Jan. 8th	Acolyte Training	8:45AM
Jan. 11th	Wonderful Wednesdays Start Again	5:00PM FH
Jan 13-15th	Youth to Junaluska	
Jan. 15th	Acolyte Training	8:45AM
Jan. 16th	MLK Program & Luncheon	12:00PM Sanctuary
Jan. 16th	SALT Activity	5:00PM Fellowship Hall
Jan. 18th	Safe Sanctuary Recertification	5:30PM Education Wing
Jan. 26th	Church Council Meeting	6:30PM YFC



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3:00 Jail Ministry 5:30 Youth		Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Prayer Shawl 2:00 Basket Weavers	3:00 & 5:30 Bible Study W/Pastor Terry 5:00 WW Dinner 5:30 Camp Kids 5:45 Adult Choir 7:30 Bells	5:30 Praise Band	4:30 Community Meal	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 10:00 Service Only	2 4:00 SALT Planning	3	4	5 1:30 Blood Drive	6	7
8 9:30 Acolyte Training	9 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Joy Circle UMCW 6:00 Trustees	10 10:00 Susanna Wesley UMW	11 Wonderful Wednesdays Start Again	12	13	14
15 JUNALUSKA Training	16  12:00 MLK Program 5:00 SALT Activity	17 6:30 SPRC	18 5:30 Safe Sanctuary Recert. Class	19 6:30 Finance	20	21
22	23 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 UMM	24	25	26 6:30 Church Council	27	28
29	30	31				

Go to our web site at Campumc.org, click on Church Calendar Tab.

This information is in sync with the Office Calendar and updates as new information is entered.

You can also upload calendar to your google calendar!