

The Messenger

CUNNINGHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A caring church family expressing Christ's love to all

November 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

Thank You, with Feeling!

Perhaps you have said it before to a child who has received a gift. "What do you say?" "Thank you." We recognize that it is important to teach thanksgiving to our children, so we teach them to say "thank you" whether they feel thankful or not. All too often, we do the same!

It's November. That means that it is time for both gratitude and thanksgiving. I say both because gratitude and thanksgiving are not the same thing. One is subjective; one is active. Gratitude is an internal feeling that we experience. Thanksgiving is an active expression of the gratitude we experience. We need both of them.

Gratitude without thanksgiving is self-centered. At its best, Thanksgiving without gratitude is insincere; at its worst, thanksgiving without gratitude is dishonest. Those are the extremes; so much of the time, we seem to be stuck somewhere in the middle. We have some vague notion of having received a gift, and we offer (mostly out of a nagging conscience) an equally vague, general "thank you."

We need to add a third ingredient to the mix. We need to develop the awareness of the gifts we have received and see them as gifts rather than as something we deserve or something we have earned.

Think about the parable Jesus told of two men praying at the Temple. A Pharisee prays, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income" (**Luke 18:11-12, NRSV**). The tax collector gave thanks without gratitude because the Pharisee was blinded by his own hypocrisy. The tax collector, on the other hand, prayed, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" (**v. 13**). The tax collector was aware of who he was and of his need for God's mercy. The tax collector had the vision to see his need for God.

You also might think about the ten people with skin disorders who came to Jesus seeking healing. He told them to go show themselves to the priest—a step that was required for their entry back into society. When they became aware that they were healed, I have to believe that all of them rejoiced with gratitude. But only one of them returned to Jesus to express his gratitude with thanksgiving. (**Luke 17:10-19**).

This Thanksgiving, I invite you to a time of awareness of God's many gifts offered to you daily. I invite you to reflect on those gifts with gratitude. And I invite you to express your gratitude in moments of deep, heartfelt thanksgiving. The good news is that this sort of thanksgiving doesn't have to be a practice you observe once a year. The process—of awareness, gratitude, and giving thanks can be followed every day of the year as part of your spiritual walk with God. Your life will be richer for it!

The musical *Godspell* features a song that expresses thanksgiving with feeling in this way:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from Heaven above.
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.
I really wanna thank you Lord.¹*

I invite you to observe a Happy Thanksgiving, with feeling!



¹ Stephen Schwartz, "All Good Gifts," from *Godspell* (1971), accessed on the internet on November 8, 2018 at <http://www.musicalschwartz.com/godspell-all-good-gifts.htm>. Based on the hymn "We Plow the Fields and Scatter," words by Matthias Claudius, tr. by Jane Montgomery Campbell, in *The Hymnal 1982* (New York: Church Publishing Incorporated, 1982), 291.

Prayer Requests (As of November 7, 2018)

Current Requests

Steven Flanders	Rob Maxey	Patty Thompson
Dana Hawks	Jack Moore	Jennifer
Boone Hichborn	Charles Ruehle	Wilkerson
Laymon	Lisa Shiflett	

Higgenbotham

Long Term

Gabriel Albers	Chuck & Melanie	Steve Peters
Terri Allen	Harlow	Betty Piccione
Cindy Baker	Margaret	Bobby Powell
Judy & Ron	Hufstedler	Judy Powell
Baker	John Hughes	Mabel Powell
Joan Banks	Sydney Hurley	Kim Rumsey
Roger Black	Nancy James	Ritchie
Bev	Susan Kilgore	Schaeffer
Blankenbeckler	John Kimberlin	Doreen Self
Jessica Brennan	Piper LaRochelle	Luke Sheridan
Teddy Brennan	Norman	Teresa Shiflett
Dennis Brent	LaVerdiere	Jim Spaulding
Theresa Brown	Hank Luniewski	Michael Spencer
Jim Butcher	Beth MacKenzie	Scott Stenerson
Candy	Betty Mallory	Laura Stoneman
Kylie Carling	Joe Mannina	Mike Stoneman
Zaden Clark	Bill Mattson	Harry Strang
Sandy Coffey	Linda Mattson	Rosemarie
Ron Comfort	Faith & Alexis	Sutton
Wayne Craig	McAleer	Brian Taylor
Thea Distephano	Stephen McCall	Claudette
Karen Dorsey	Donita McGear	Thompson
Janice Eanes	Patsy Mead	Michael & Laura
Robin Enright	Scott Miller	Walsh
Evelyn	Kathy Milliser	Dottie Wampler
Barbara Fechter	Doug Mills	Evelyn Watts
Lucy Fillmore	Betty Moore	Judy Wentz
Jean Foley	Sharon Nalle	Andi Wheeler
Doug Frazier	Herbie Neher	Karen White
Jim Gianniny	JoAnne Nelson	Latham White
Caleb Gibson	Harriet Parrish	Russ Whyte
Elizabeth Goforth	Kay Payne	Bonnie Wigley
Lynda Gray	Barb Perry	Peter Willis
Rose Gurkin	Bill Peters	Sheila Willis
Norma Haney	Jackie Peters	Dawn Wolf
		Lori Wolf

Cunningham Homebound

Marilee Black	Ann Peed	Pam Smith
Carolyn Kozerski	Carl & Adalene	
	Peters	

Our College Students

Emily Baker, Kendall Baker, Morgan Baker, Victoria Berman, Stephanie Brady, Conner Brophy, Jacob Carney, Nathan Carney, Maddie Garrett, Saige Haney, Nicole Kent, Zack Kent, Harrison Lee, Emily Liles, Evelyn Marshall, Noah Perry and Braden Turley.

Our Troops

Peter Bakke (husband of Marilee Black's granddaughter)
Gene Benvenuti (son of Stan & Mary Anne Benvenuti)
Mark Buell (brother of Adam Buell)
Lindsay Coffee (Bridget LaRochelle's sister)
Trevor Grant (son of Brenda and Ken Grant)
Stephen Hall (nephew of David Zimmerman)

Caleb Haney (son of Rose Brogan and Brian Haney)
Jeremy Haney (son of Rose Brogan and Brian Haney)
Stan Jacukowicz, Jr. (brother of Theresa Simmons)
Mattheus Jonkman (son of Chandra & Mark Jonkman)
Jeff Pullinger (son of Steve Pullinger)
Eric Wentz (son of Brad & Kim Wentz)

Additional Requests

Rebekah Koch, Serving in the Peace Corps.

Lost Loved Ones

Victims of the recent tragedy at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA

The motorcyclist who lost his life in the accident on Oct. 17.

Brent Deshaies (friend of Karen Craig) passed away on October 23.

George Grekos: George, (A student at CNU and friend of the Liles family) died on Oct. 17 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Maxine Baird: Maxine (mother in law to Hester Baird) passed away on Oct. 15.

Victims of Hurricane Michael

Jane Caccipaglia: Jane (sister of David Zimmerman) passed away on Oct. 11.

Bruce Maskey: Bruce (uncle of Alicia Peterson) passed away on Oct. 4.

New Loved Ones

Huxley Rae Haney: Huxley was born on Oct. 5 to Caleb and Alex Haney; first grandchild to Rose Brogan and Brian Haney.

November Usher Schedule

Nov. 4	Betty Meyer, Andy Peterson
Nov. 11	Mike Luniewski, Betty Meyer
Nov. 18	Candy Pleasant, Bill Whyte
Nov. 25	Michael Wilkerson, Candy Pleasant

Communion Servers for November

Nov. 11	Mabel Powell, Janice Eanes
	Jeff Butcher, Jan Butcher

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet immediately following the UMW meeting on November 13.

Feeding the Hungry

On Monday, December 3, Cunningham once again will have the opportunity to help feed the hungry of Charlottesville at First United Methodist Church. We will gather at First Church at 11:00 am. By 2:00 pm, our cleanup will be completed. If you would like more information, please speak to Bill Peters.

Youth News

Our Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Nov. 11 from 6-7:30pm. Dinner will be provided by the Carney family and we will be packing exam care packages for our friends away at school. Please provide a snack, favorite non perishable food, and/or fun item like bubbles, etc. to place in the boxes. If you have a child or sibling away at school, please make sure Theresa Simmons has an address to mail the packages.

FCSS

Food will be picked up by Craig Conboy on the second week of every month. You can help by bringing cans, jars, cereal, peanut butter, vegetables and other basic healthy items for next week. Please give generously to help the hungry of Fluvanna County.

Partners in Ministry Update

as of Nov. 4, 2018:

Source	Amount	Contribution
34 Pledges	\$465,070.00	\$444,700.57
Other Contributions	*\$137,204.16	*\$137,204.16
Total	*\$602,274.16	*\$581,904.73

*Includes approximately \$13,000 donated for classrooms.

We welcome and encourage additional donations to help us stay within our budget and reduce the amount we will need to borrow to complete the new fellowship hall. Thank you for your faithfulness!



Linda Davidson	1	Don Ragland	17
David Shanklin	3	Henry Southworth	17
Morgan Baker	5	Marion Schaeffer	20
Kristy Muddiman	8	Mel Hinkley	22
Mary Whalen	8	Hester Baird	28
Susan Keeney	11	Fred Kent	28
Sue Palmer	12		

Just Moved Ministry

This ministry provides women who have recently moved to the community, help and encouragement for a smoother transition into their new surroundings and to feel “at home” more quickly. We offer a chance to meet with other women who have gone through similar transitions, learn about our community, and we laugh together about the ups and downs of moving. Our classes are on Friday mornings at 10 am. For more information, contact Carol Frost: cifrost@aol.com or 589-8423.

What is in the box?



The box contained light that could not be seen while the box was closed. “... [L]et your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

UMW Bazaar

UMW Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale Schedule:

Final preparations for this year’s Bazaar are underway! Sunday, Nov. 4 Sunday School teachers pack up and clear rooms. Begin to drop off items for Grandma’s Attic in Sunday School classrooms.

Monday, Nov. 5-Wednesday, Nov. 7 Grandma’s Attic items (no clothes please) accepted 9-12 a.m., also the evenings of Monday, Nov. 5, and Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 6-8 p.m. No items accepted after Wednesday!! Call Judy Southworth, (434)589-8860, if you need to make other arrangements.

Friday, Nov. 9, Bazaar Committee sets up for the Bazaar 10:00-Noon or until done.

Friday, Nov. 9 Please bring your baked goods, craft items, etc., priced for sale, from 4-7 p.m. Baked goods must be packaged, labeled and priced. Remember they must be made from scratch, and please note any ingredients that may aggravate allergies, such as nuts and peanut butter. We will also need any advance sale quilt tickets and money, as well as unsold tickets turned in by Friday.

Saturday, Nov. 10 BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE 8 a.m.-2 p.m., includes breakfast and lunch, raffle drawing for quilt and other prizes at 2:00. Clean-up will be from end of raffle until done.

Contemplative Thursday

As summer fades into autumn, we are reminded that “to everything there is a season.” In our Contemplative Thursday Service on November 15, we will observe the seasons in our lives as we listen together for the voice of the One who loves us always. Our service will begin at 7:00 pm. Please join us!

The Building Continues!



Pictures taken November 8, 2018

Church Council Highlights

October 16, 2018

TREASURER'S REPORT - Richard Hawks
 CUMC Cash Assets, Restricted Fund Summary and
 General Fund Budget as of September 30, 2018

Union Bank Checking Account Balance	\$89,256.50
Union Bank 2845 (building fund)	\$69,526.55
Union Bank 2640 (building fund)	\$135,863.98
Subtotal Checking Account	\$249,647.03

Investments

VUMDC 12 month CD	
VUMDC 6 month CD	\$7,000.00
Subtotal Investments	\$25,000.00
Total Cash Assets	\$319,647.03
Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 26,986.39

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
Last Year	\$107,163	\$94,427
This Year	\$114,282	\$104,365

- One Building Fund account will be closed out during October after payment of the current billing from the contractor.

FINANCE – Richard Payne

- Finance Committee members will speak on two upcoming Sundays to present the 2019 budget and an update on the status of the Building Fund.

TRUSTEES – Mark Liles

- Focus continues to be on the new building where construction is proceeding on schedule.
- The Trustees were notified that the women's toilet had a small leak. A plumber repaired the leak.
- Construction Updates:
 - The inspections on the mechanicals were underway on Tuesday. Once approved, the insulation will go in and then sheetrock will be put up.
 - Waiting on a pallet of top-row decorative brick before adding the siding.
 - Requested Alexander Nicholson to breakdown total painting cost into materials and labor.
 - We expect to draw down on our construction loan by the end of next month.
 - Decor Committee is working on guidelines for furnishings.
 - We need to determine when resume fund-raising for furnishings, etc. for the new building, so as not to conflict with the raising of Building funds.
 - We will create a pamphlet with recommended major items to go into building, i.e. - chairs, blinds, tables, audio visual equipment, Sunday school items, etc.
 - We will request the Trustees' to designate the Decor Committee to purchase furnishing on behalf of the congregation to keep them uniform.
- Kitchen Committee will meet Thursday, October 18 at 7:00 pm to discuss anticipated costs on the construction side before getting furnishings quotes.

MISSION OUTREACH – Mary Kalchbrenner

- We are combining a Habitat for Humanity work day on November 3rd with Parents' Night Out to enable parents of younger children to participate in a mission activity.

- Parents' Night Out will run from 10 to 2pm on that day and will include packing Christmas Shoe Boxes.
- Shoe Box collection of loose items will begin on Oct. 14 and boxes will be dedicated on Sun., Nov. 11.
- The Mission Outreach Committee will once again organize a list of possible giving opportunities for the Christmas season. That list will be available by November 4th at the latest.
- Sunday, October 7, we will dedicate the special collection on World Communion Sunday to the Charlottesville Apartment Complex for intellectually

- \$18 impaired adults.
- The new name for the Community Outreach Program (COP) in Roanoke will be called "Kids Soar."

UMW – Linda Merhar

Saturday, November 10 – Fall Bazaar

- Need some help with set-up (Fri., 10-2), tear-down (Sat. 2-5) and workers the day of the Bazaar. Contact Carol Eddy.
- We need lots of crafters and bakers. Baked goods and crafts will be accepted between 4-7 pm on Fri, Nov. 9.
- Great raffle prizes available in addition to our beautiful hand-crafted queen-size quilt. Please turn in your left over raffle tickets on or before November 9 to Margaret Alderman or Jan Butcher.
- High school Sunday school will NOT be held in the Potters Wheel on Nov. 11 to allow additional pack up time for "Grandma's Attic" following the Bazaar.
- Richard Hawks and Richard Payne will set up the Bazaar advertising sign.

UMM – Bill Alderman

- Thank you to all who contributed their time and effort to organize and serve the BBQ on October 5 and to all those who purchased tickets.

Pastor's Report and Concerns:

Thank You...

- To Mike Wilkerson for reporting on Annual Conference and the upcoming United Methodist special conference in February,
- To everyone involved in Homecoming – we made a deliberate attempt to get younger families involved with speakers and activities, To Wally White for his musical efforts, To Rhonda Kay Black for a great job in coordinating the event. To Richard Payne, Mark Liles, Todd Marshall and Bill Alderman for all their on-site efforts involved with the new building.
- October 7 Charge Conference Report is in Narthex.
- No information is currently available from the nominating committee on coming year chair positions due to the transition during the church building process. Many current chairs have given new meaning to the term "interim".
- Sat., Feb. 16, 2019 has been confirmed with singer-songwriter Chip Richter to present a family concert event for the community in the new building.
- Carla Lee will pull together a task force to study what kind of unique worship-type events are to be held in the new building while respecting what brought us to this point while looking toward the years ahead.



November 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10:00a Moving On	3 8:00a-3:00p Habitat for Humanity Build 10a-2p Parents' Night Out
4 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Pageant Rehearsal 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class	5 11a Feeding the Hungry 6:15p Fellowship Supper 7:00p Bible Study	6 6pm UM Men	7 7p-8p Choir Practice	8	9 10:00a Moving On	10 8s-2p UMW Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale
11 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Pageant Rehearsal 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class 5p Hand Chimes 6 p Youth Group 6 p Nominations Comm.	12 6:15p Fellowship Supper 7:00p Bible Study	13 9:30a UMW Meeting and Prayer Shawl Ministry 7p Church Council	14 7p- 8p Choir Practice	15 7p Contemplative Thursday	16 10:00a Moving On 11:15a Delivering Meals to Ronald McDonald House 12p Cunningham Singles meet at KC Burgers then to the church.	17
18 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Pageant Rehearsal 11a Sun. Schooll Teachers Mtg. 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class 3:00 p Community Thanksgiving Service 5p Hand Chimes	19 6:15p Fellowship Supper 7:00p Bible Study	20 7:00p Church Council	21 7p- 8p Choir Practice	22 	23	24
25 9:30a-10:30a Children's Sun. School 9:30a-10:30a Worship Service 11a Blood Pressure Checks 11:15a-12p Adult Sun. Sch. Class 5p Hand Chimes	26 6:15p Fellowship Supper 7:00p Bible Study	27	28 7p- 8p Choir Practice	29	30 10:00a Moving On	

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Church Directory Corrections and Additions Please Notify:

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Cunningham United Methodist Church

9:30 am

Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
Nursery Care for Infants &
Preschoolers

11:15 am

Adult Sunday School Class

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Wheelchair Accessible

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Frost, Pastor