

# THE MESSENGER

## Cunningham United Methodist Church Newsletter

### Feeding the Hungry

*Monday, Mar. 2 11am-2pm*

CUMC cooks and serves a nourishing meal for Charlottesville's hungry on the first and fifth Monday of each month. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Bill Peters at 434-825-7044. All ages are welcome.

### Singles Gathering

*Friday, Feb. 14 @ 11:30 am*

All singles are invited to gather for a Valentine's lunch at Sal's. Following lunch we'll go to church and enjoy an afternoon of games. Contact Betty Meyer at 434-589-2343 for more information. The group meets on the second Friday of each month.

### Food Bank Collection

*Sunday, Feb. 9*

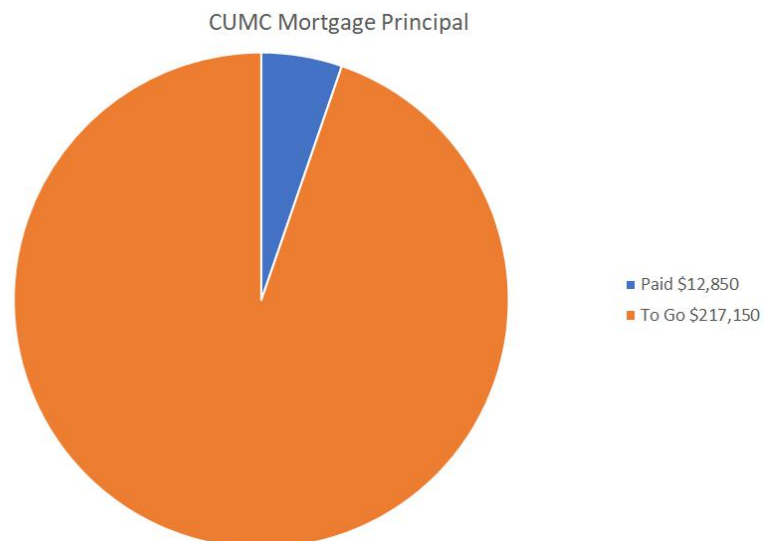
Please bring items for the food bank to church on Communion Sundays (2nd Sundays). Contact Tricia Callahan ([tricia\\_callahan@comcast.net](mailto:tricia_callahan@comcast.net) or 434-326-1112) with questions.

### Financial Stewardship

CUMC's Finance Committee and Church Council would like to sincerely thank the CUMC family for their 2019 financial commitments and gifts. Thanks to your prayerful consideration of Cunningham's ministries and needs, the end-of-the-year 2019 General Operating Fund Contributions (\$168,703) were well above our budget (\$163, 058).

### Gathering Place Mortgage Report

CUMC continues to pay off the Gathering Place mortgage. Since assuming the mortgage in August 2019, we have made \$12,850 in principal payments. This is well above our minimum monthly payments, and it lowers our remaining principal balance to \$217,150.





### February Birthdays

- 2/1 - Irene Murray
- 2/2 - Brock Hull
- 2/3 - Harrison Lee
- 2/6 - Elizabeth Liles
- 2/7 - Todd Carney  
Trish Smith
- 2/9 - Maggie Benvenuti  
Merry Craft
- 2/10 - David Simmons  
Dick Sindy
- 2/12 - Janice Eanes  
Walter Hussey
- 2/13 - Marshall Taylor
- 2/15 - Chase La Rochelle  
Anne Peed
- 2/16 - Leigh Osteen
- 2/17 - Wallace Browning
- 2/18 - Zoe Luniewski  
Kate Skovira
- 2/19 - Neal Robinson
- 2/20 - Willie Harlow
- 2/28 - Mary Anne Benvenuti

## Treasurer's Report (as of 12/31/19)

Union Bank Checking Account Balance	\$6
<b>Subtotal Checking Accounts</b>	
	<b>\$63,854.97</b>
Investments	
VUMDC 12 month CD	\$12,525.26
VUMDC 6 month CD	\$6,000.00
Other Assets	
Contribution Transit Account	\$0.00
Total Cash Assets	\$82,380.23
<b>Unrestricted Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$35,640.56</b>

## Christian Youth Fellowship Inaugural Event a Success

In the fall of 2019, CUMC convened a meeting of representatives from several area churches to discuss collaborating on a multi-church youth group. So many local churches have a small number of youth, making it difficult for individual churches to get the volunteer resources of adults and critical mass of youth to make it successful and enjoyable. CUMC believed that if we combined efforts, we could best serve our youth with much-needed Christian fellowship, fun, and faith formation.

Several churches (CUMC, Salem UMC, Palmyra UMC, Grace & Glory Lutheran) agreed to work together to form Christian Youth Fellowship. Monthly gatherings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, and are open to 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. The location changes each month, taking place at the participating churches. The gatherings would initially be planned by a steering committee of adults, with the goal of adding student to the planning group.

The initial meeting was held on January 12, 2020 at CUMC. We hosted 31 youth from 6 area churches! CYF's next meeting is February 9 at Salem UMC from 4-6pm. Please contact Pastor Amy if you are interested in learning more.



## February Liturgists

Feb 2 - Margaret Alderman  
 Feb 9 - Jan Butcher  
 Feb 16 - Richard Payne  
 Feb 23 - David Eddy

## February Acolytes

Feb 2 - Blair Marshall  
 Feb 9 - DJ Wilkerson  
 Feb 16 - Zoe Luniewski  
 Feb 23 - Lillian Hull

## February Ushers

Feb 2 - Bill Alderman  
 Betty Meyers  
 Feb 9 - Betty Meyers  
 Mike Wilkerson  
 Feb 16 - Mike Luniewski  
 Betty Meyers  
 Feb 23 - Betty Meyer  
 Bill Whyte

## Communion Stewards

Feb 9 - Marie Hussey  
 Walter Hussey  
 Richard Sindy

# Upcoming Events

## Monday Evening Bible Study

*February 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7 pm*

Each Monday in February we will explore having faith in an anxious world. This 4-week study will allow us to test some material that might be used with our high school youth. All are welcome to attend. Contact Pastor Amy (804-366-9433 or [cunninghamumcpastor.org](http://cunninghamumcpastor.org)) for more information.

## School Kits Packing Party

*February 22, 4-8 pm*

Cunningham children and youth and their friends are invited to join us on Saturday, February 22nd from 4-8 PM in the Gathering Place for lots of fun and fellowship. In addition to packing School Kits for Conference, we will have games, crafts, and pizza. Parents, please register your children and youth by Wednesday, Feb 19th. For questions and to register contact Marie Hussey at [kmf122@gmail.com](mailto:kmf122@gmail.com) or 703-786-8671.

## Summer Camp @ Westview on the James

Each year the Cunningham United Methodist Men, with support from the UMW and our Congregation, offer scholarships of up to \$350 for each CUMC child who will be attending a Summer Camp at Westview. Just register your child at <https://www.westviewonthejames.org/> for the Camp (the deadline is May 1, but register early to get your choice) and provide Walter Hussey a copy of your confirmation email so he can arrange for you to get a check for you to send to Westview. Questions? Please email or call Walter at [whthinker@yahoo.com](mailto:whthinker@yahoo.com) or 703-967-1798.

## District Youth Mini Retreat

*February 29, 9:45am - 4 pm*

The Charlottesville District Youth invite grades 5th-12th to a mini-retreat on Saturday, February 29 from 9:45 am - 4:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC for worship, fellowship, fun and food. Bring toiletries for TOP (Teens Opposing Poverty). Sign-up with Pastor Amy ([cunninghamumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:cunninghamumcpastor@gmail.com)).

# Prayer Requests

## As of February 1, 2019

### Present Requests

- Larry Boehl
- Mike Alderman
- Melissa Bowers
- Lewis Boyd
- Ginny Brennan
- Lindsay Coffey
- Ashley Craft
- Craig Dresser
- Carol Frost
- Libby Hoyle
- Linda Merhar
- Doug Mills
- Herbie Neher
- Lucas Norcross
- Robert Peterson
- Janet Reed
- Ed Whalen

### CUMC Home Bound & Assisted Living

- Marilee Black
- Edna Clark
- Ann Peed
- Carl & Adalene Peters
- Charles Ruehle
- Pam Smith

### CUMC College Students

- Emily Baker
- Kendall Baker
- Morgan Baker
- Victoria Berman
- Conner Brophy
- Caleb Carney
- Jacob Carney
- Nathan Carney
- Jacob Critzer
- Maddie Garrett
- Nicole Kent
- Harrison Lee
- Emily Liles
- Noah Perry
- Towler Wescoat

### Long Term Requests

- Gabriel Albers
- Judy Baker
- Lisa Beck
- Bev Blankenbeckler
- Ellis Brown
- Jim Butcher
- Zaden Clark
- Wayne Craig
- Sally Dunning
- Janice Eanes
- Lucy Fillmore
- Jean Foley
- Doug Frazier
- Jim Gianniny
- Oliver Daniel Glick
- Laura Goodwin
- Robbie Greenlee
- Dana Hawks
- Kevin Keeney
- Bill Kent
- Susan Kreps
- Mike Landis
- Joe Mannina
- Tom Marshall
- Kim Maxey
- Rob Maxey
- Rebecca Moorefield
- Cindy Munro
- Sharon Nalle
- Dottie Nickerson
- Betty Piccione
- Colton Prince
- Kay Ruckdaschel
- Ritchie Schaeffer
- Theresa Shifflett
- Laura Stoneman
- Rosemarie Sutton
- Bill Wentz
- Walter West
- Andi Wheeler
- Peter Willis
- Sheila Willis

### Our Troops

- Peter Bakke (husband of Marilee Black's granddaughter)
- Gene Benvenuti (son, Stan & Mary Anne Benvenuti)
- Mark Buell (brother of Adam Buell)
- Lindsay Coffey (sister of Briget LaRoche)
- Annie & Josh Gooch (granddaughter of Judy Southworth)
- Trevor Grant (son of Ken & Brenda Grant)
- Stephen Hall (nephew of David Zimmerman)
- Caleb Haney (son, Brian Haney & Rose Brogan)
- Jeremy Haney (son, Brian Haney & Rose Brogan)
- Saige Haney (daughter of Brian Haney & Rose Brogan)
- Stan Jacukowicz, Jr. (brother of Theresa Simmons)
- Mattheus Jonkman (son of Mark & Chandra Jonkman)
- Shae Jonkman (daughter of Mark & Chandra Jonkman)
- Jennifer Landis (daughter of Jim & Celia Landis)
- Jeff Pullinger (son of Steve & Debbie Pullinger)
- Eric Wentz (son of Brad & Kim Wentz)



# Rise Against Hunger

The Richmond District Youth gathered at CUMC on 12/29/19 and packed over 11,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.





## Habitat House Dedication

CUMC took part in Fluvanna Habitat for Humanity's latest home dedication on 1/5/20. We participated in the build and presented the homeowner with cleaning products for her new home.





# Feeding the Hungry & Christian Youth Fellowship



## February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
9:30am – Worship & Kids Sunday School	11am – Feeding the Hungry  7pm – Bible Study	10am – UMW Workday  6pm – UMM Meeting	7pm – Choir Rehearsal			8-10am – Pancake Breakfast
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
9:30am – Worship & Kids Sunday School  <b>4-6pm Christian Youth Fellowship</b>	7pm – Bible Study	10am – UMW Workday	7pm – Choir Rehearsal		11:30am – Singles Gathering	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
9:30am – Worship & Kids Sunday School	<b>Presidents' Day</b> 7pm – Bible Study	9:30am – UMW Meeting  11:30am – Prayer Shawl  7pm – Church Council	7pm – Choir Rehearsal			
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
9:30am – Worship & Kids Sunday School	7pm – Bible Study	10am – UMW Workday	Noon – Ash Wednesday Service  7pm – Ash Wednesday Service			9:45am - 4pm District Youth Mini-Retreat