



"Greater Gifts"

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Mission Statement

"The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World".

Apple Pie Ridge Campus:

362 Apple Pie Ridge Road,
across from the elementary school.

WE WELCOME YOU TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

THE TEAR SHEET IN THE BULLETIN is provided for your convenience. As you arrive for worship, please fill it out including your prayer "joy and concern" as well as indicating your desire to participate in some of the ministries and activities provided by our church. Thank you!

WORSHIP IS CENTRAL to the life of our church. Next week, Rev. White continues the series titled "Greater Gifts" with the sermon "Gifted for Others". In preparation, you are invited to read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11.

FIRST FEEDS A FUMC MINISTRY

TODAY!!! at 11:00am, join the Dickens-Bowman family in the kitchen to assist with this ministry. Assistance in the delivery of the meals to the Budget Motel is also appreciated. First Feeds is in need of project leads, as well as assistance for future dates. You may sign up on the board in The Gathering Place. For additional information, please contact Donna White (703-577-4988).
Join us in this ministry.

Sunday Lunch Bunch

NEXT Sunday, January 20th at noon in The Gathering Place, join us for lunch and a book study of "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When The Stakes Are High". *See you there.*
Sign up using the Tear Sheet

Lots of information is shared by newsletter and e-mail. Please indicate on the Tear Sheet your preference on receiving the monthly First Word newsletter, as well as updating your information for your e-mail address for Rev. White's congregational e-mails. Contact the Church Office if you have any questions: 540-662-3151 or fumcoffice@fumcwinchester.org

Next Sunday!!! ...Join in with **New Voices**

At 9:45am in The Gathering Place
No formal training required.
Come sing along with us just for the joy of it!!

Estimate of Giving Cards

For those who have not had a chance to complete an Estimate of Giving card, please pick up one from the back of the sanctuary. Please place it in the box that is provided.
Thank you for your tithes and gifts to FUMC.

Offering Envelopes

Please help us minimize the cost of postage and pick up your Offering Envelopes from the back of the sanctuary. *Thank you for your support of FUMC.*

Children's Church Children Are Important at First Church!

FUMC offers **Children's Church** during our 8:30 & 11am worship services at the downtown campus. We also provide a *nursery* during our 9:45am Sunday School hour. For a list of upcoming topics in Children's Church, please visit the information board located outside of the nursery, Room 105.

Upcoming Events



Serving in Worship Next Sunday, January 20th, at 8:30 and 11:00am

Acolytes: Kaitlyn Nichols 8:30am ☼ Sophia Palombi 11:00am Reader: Janie Dickens-Bowman

ABBREVIATION LEDGER

APR - Apple Pie Ridge Campus	NT - New Testament	TGP - The Gathering Place
FUMC - First United Methodist Church	OT - Old Testament	UMC - United Methodist Church
GF - General Fund	RNP - Reaching New People	UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
HO - Hunger Offering	STZ - Stanza	UMM/W - United Methodist Men/ Women
LVT - Lay Visitation Team	TFWS - The Faith We Sing	

LUNCH / DINNER WITH THE PASTOR

During the January gatherings, the focus will be on scriptures related to the new "Greater Gifts" series. The scripture for the events will be 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 with an opportunity of focused and group dialogue with Rev. White. *Please see your Tear Sheet for details... and to sign up!*

FUMC Basics

What does it mean to be a Christian?
What does it mean to be a United Methodist?
What does it mean to be a member of FUMC?

Come join Rev. White and explore these questions in a series of three classes that will meet in February. Please indicate your interest on the Tear Sheet so dates and times can be calendared according to your input.

THE HUNGER OFFERING

On **Sunday, January 27th**, at 9:45am in The Gathering Place, Rev. White will explain the current process and our procedure for distributing these monies, and solicit input regarding the future direction of these funds.

New Year Resolution

With the start of the new year, there will be efforts by the Church Office to verify and update member information. Your timely responses to request are appreciated. If you would like to update by email: fumcoffice@fumcwinchester.org Or complete the Tear Sheet with your updates. *Thank you for your support.*

MISSION TRIP ERT TRAINING

Saturday, January 26th
9:00am to 5:00pm
at Braddock Street UMC
ERT (Early Response Team) prepares people to help out with the aftermath of future disasters. Training is classroom and hands on. Call Jill Johnson at 540-247-2990 for additional information or see the board in The Gathering Place for details.
Sign up using the Tear Sheet.



Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter At First United Methodist Church February 2nd through 9th

Volunteers are needed to assist in this city-wide mission. Tasks and duties include registration, shelter set-up, shelter break-down, photographer, breakfast cooks, dinner cooks, overnight supervision, and evening activities. For additional information, contact Jill Johnson at 540-247-2990. Or **sign up** using the Tear Sheet.



If you are unavailable to commit to on-site duties for WATTS, your assistance is appreciated in the collection effort, "Underwear for WATTS". Drop off your donations of **new items** in original packaging in the box in The Gathering Place.

Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Andy Kiser, Nancy Crim, Phyllis Lee, Elsie Benegar, Herbert Darr, Gloria Darr, Phyllis Steele, Reba Cooper, Emily Dick, Amy and Stanley Barnes, Tabby Starks, Oline Wright, Melvin and Aleane Wine, Willene Brooks, Bob Gray, John Shepard, Ruth Stonesifer, Sarah Miller, Jim Coffenberger and the families of Orlando Benitez and Mike Brooks and Bruce Dawson.

Tear Sheet

Visitors & Members

Please fill out as applicable, then hand to the Reader during the first hymn.

Name(s): _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

- Visitor: 1/13/2019
- Desire a Call/Visit
- Wish to become a Member
- Am a Member
 - Please update my info!
- Desire a Call / Visit

Prayer Request / Joy / Concern

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

- Do not read aloud
- Please share with congregation
- Church Prayer Chain (to be shared in the Pastor's weekly congregational e-mail)

Monthly First Word Newsletter

Please include me on the:

- hardcopy mailing
- e-mail distribution
- both hardcopy and e-mail (helps church)

Congregational E-mails from the Pastor

Please send e-mails to: _____

Order of Worship

Welcome Everyone! We are delighted to have you in worship.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please use the Tear Sheet portion of the bulletin to provide us with your information.

If you would like to join our church, please indicate this on the Tear Sheet portion as well. We hope this service helps you in your walk with God. Please greet those around you as you gather for worship.

Reader: Bob Johnson **Acolyte:** 8:30 am - Sophia Palombi & 11:00 am - Zeke Wilfong

Chimes		Peter Uhler
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. White
Prelude		Peter Uhler
Entrance of The Light of Christ		Acolytes
Collection of Bulletin Tear Sheets		Bob Johnson
*Hymn	<i>"Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine"</i>	# 606 (UMH)
	<i>Please hand your "Tear Sheet" to the Reader during the hymn.</i>	
Children's Time		Rev. White
	<i>Parents may pick up their children in Room 105 after the service.</i>	
Anthem	<i>"Amazing Grace"</i>	Choir
	Lew Costello, Soloist	
*Scripture Reading	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Bob Johnson
Sermon	<i>"You Are Beloved"</i>	Rev. White
Offering Our Tithes and Gifts		
Offertory		Peter Uhler
*Doxology		# 95 (UMH)
*Offertory Prayer (Unison)		Reader
	God of water and wind, we are grateful for the good things that fill our lives, but many of us still carry feelings of emptiness, unworthiness, and failure. We need to be reminded that, in our baptism, there is an affirmation that we are loved by you, just as we are. We could do more; we could be better; yet you say to us, "My child, with whom I am well pleased." May we open our hearts in generosity as those who are claimed as your children. In the name of Jesus, who pleased you so well, we pray. Amen.	
Baptismal Remembrance		(see insert)
Prayer Requests and Joys		Rev. White
Our Witness Last Week		Rev. White
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. White
The Lord's Prayer (Unison)		#895 (UMH)
*Hymn	<i>"Baptized in Water"</i>	#2248 (TFWS)
Benediction		Rev. White

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERIES:

"Greater Gifts"

The season after Epiphany this year has been broken into two complementary series designed to equip us to "see all the people." The first series, "Greater Gifts" focuses upon lifting up the gifts in the community, strategically acting together as one body with many interconnected parts. This body, then, works as a cohesive unit to reach out beyond the walls of the church and bring people to know and receive the love of God.

The season after Epiphany almost always begins with a transitional Sunday—Baptism of the Lord—in which we encounter the narrative of Jesus' baptism and John's very dramatic description of baptism in Jesus' name. The voice of God rings from heaven at Jesus' baptism: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Lk. 3:22, NRSV). When we are baptized, or gathered at the baptism of others, how do we hear God's voice affirming each new member of God's family? The second week contains Paul's description of spiritual gifts—how the Spirit works in and through them and how we are gifted for being a part of the body of Christ with one another. A little bit of explanation is needed around the theme for week three, "Being Needy": This phrase has a certain negative connotation that often relates to people who require a little more attention than others (we all likely know people like this). We all need one another, however, in order to be part of the whole body of Christ. The purpose of all these gifts is revealed in week four, in which the whole point of acting together is revealed—"having love," which is the most important of the "marks of the new birth" (faith, hope, and love), as shared by both the apostle Paul and John Wesley. We'll examine spiritual gifts together.

THIS WEEK: Baptism of the Lord	January 13	"You Are Beloved"	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Week 2: Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 20	"Gifted for Others"	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Week 3: Third Sunday after the Epiphany	January 27	"Being Needy"	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Week 4: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 3	"Love"	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

THIS WEEK (January 13 – January 20)

Monday - 6:00pm, Trustee Meeting, Parlor // 7:15pm, Council Meeting, Chapel
Tuesday - Noon, Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place // 7:15pm, Worship Committee Meeting, Parlor // February Newsletter Articles Due
Wednesday - 6:30pm, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel // **Thursday** - 1:00pm, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Café
Sunday - 8:30am, Worship Service // 9:45am, Sunday School Classes // 9:45am, New Voices, The Gathering Place // 11:00am Worship Service // Noon, Sunday Lunch Bunch, The Gathering Place // Noon, UMM/W Meeting, Fellowship Hall

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP: 8:30am: 40 11:00am (includes Facebook): 174 **Sunday School:** 30 **Small Group:** 20

OFFERINGS TO GOD:

General Fund Received: \$ 5,532.34	GF Needed Weekly: \$ 6,065.00
GF Received Year To Date: \$ 5,532.34	GF Needed YTD: \$ 6,065.00
Hunger Offering: \$ 225.00	Hunger Offering YTD: \$ 225.00
Capital Improvements: \$ 85.00	Christmas Offering: \$ 1,567.00

A LOOK AHEAD

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events and keep an eye on your bulletin for more information!

January 21, Martin Luther King Holiday, Office Closed	January 28, Lunch with the Pastor, Mission BBQ, Noon
January 23, Staff Meeting with Choir, Fellowship Hall, 5:45pm	January 29 & 30, Rev. White in All-Day Meetings in Richmond
January 23, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm	January 30, Choir Rehearsal, Chapel, 6:30pm
January 24, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Bar & Café, 1:00pm	January 31, Coffee with the Pastor, Espresso Bar & Café, 1:00pm
January 26, ERT Training, Braddock Street UMC, 9:00am - 5:00pm	January 31, Dinner with the Pastor, TGI Friday, 6:00pm
January 27, Hunger Offering Discussion, The Gathering Place, 9:45am	February 2 through 9, WATTS, Fellowship Hall

Sign Me Up!!!

SMALL GROUPS

If you are able to make it to one, some or all of these member/guest events, please let us know by checking the box(s) below.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH

- I will be there for lunch and book study on Sunday, January 20th at noon in The Gathering Place.

ERT (Early Response Team) TRAINING

- I would like to attend ERT training on Saturday, January 26th, 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Jill Johnson can contact me with further information at

(phone)

WATTS at FUMC

During WATTS at FUMC, February 2nd through February 9th, I would like to volunteer for:

- Registration
- Shelter set-up and/or break-down
- Photography
- Cook breakfast
- Overnight supervision
- Evening activities

For information and/or sign up, Jill Johnson can contact me at

(phone)

FUMC BASICS

- I am interested in attending the February Classes. To schedule the three dates and times, Rev. White can contact me at

(phone)

JOIN THE PASTOR

- Coffee with the Pastor**, Every Thursday, Espresso Bar & Café, Downtown Walking Mall, 1:00pm
- Lunch with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of January, Monday, January 28th, Mission BBQ, Noon
- Dinner with the Pastor**, on the fourth week of January, Thursday, January 31st, TGI Fridays, 6:00pm