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The Next 60 Years of Church

We just celebrated our 60th anniversary as a church, so what's next? What are the plans for the future? What does the next 60 years hold? How about next year after General Conference? Some wonder if there will still be a United Methodist Church. Not only do I not have those answers, I know that Scripture is rather clear that we cannot know the future. It is also clear that God knows and holds our future and has good plans for us! And THAT is trustworthy and true. We can hold on to and claim the truth of Jeremiah 29:11 for ourselves and for our church. God has our good in mind and can give us hope.

I do know some things: I know our church is working towards some clear goals for 2020. We are working to increase attendance. We are working to increase the general energy level. We are working to launch at least one Fresh Expression, and are in the process of launching 3 more. And we are working to have a way to disciple folks who are new to the faith. To achieve some of this we will be having new learning opportunities. We will also be launching a second service in 2020 (there's a separate article about that within).

Why? Why are we concerned with these things? Aren't we vital? Don't we celebrate in worship how well we are doing? Yes. We do. And we are vital. We are doing better than we have done in a long time. But what matters more than statistics and us feeling good is the tens of thousands of people around us who need to know Jesus and don't—I'm also concerned that the Church (not just our church but the United Methodist Church, and the Church in general) tends to operate in a model that no longer fits the world around us. So to position ourselves to succeed, not just in 2020, but for the next 60 years and beyond we need to continue to follow Jesus and to seek God's will. We will need to make modifications to the way we have done some things. And while we make those changes we will also hold on to what is essential—the core of who we are. What never changes is the message. What might change is the method.

This year I have been a part of something called the Pioneer Generative Leadership Academy, it ties in, loosely with my Doctoral Program, and some ongoing work with the conference which also ties into my doctoral work. All of this flows into what I am working on—to Re-Mission and Re-Tradition (to help us live into a living tradition) and Re-Tool the Church through Fresh Expressions. Through November I will be sharing in the sermon time some insight on how Fresh Expressions are formed and how that might apply to the church of the present and the future. Still not sure what I mean by Fresh Expressions? That's ok. You will—it is really just the newest way of fulfilling the Great Commission Jesus gave us in Matthew 28:19-20—to go and make disciples.

The most important part of the church of the future though, is YOU, you have a part to play. You have a place in the church of the present and the future. You are a part of the hope that God gives us for the future. I'm not sure what all the future entails but I know God will be with us as we walk the road together and for that I am thankful!

Amazed by Grace, *Pastor Bridget*

Financial Update

Thank you for your continued generosity! We value transparency as an organization and so we want to share where we are financially as of the end of SEPTEMBER 2019.

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Total Income	\$242,717.00	\$244,869.00	-\$2,152.00	\$340,450.00
Expenses:				
Capital Improvements	\$18,621.00	\$24,000.00	-\$5,379.00	\$32,000.00
Pastor Salary & Benefits	\$65,126	\$64,983.00	\$143.00	\$88,317.00
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$58,712.00	\$64,764.00	-\$6,052.00	\$88,496.00
Apportionments	\$18,249.00	\$18,249.00	\$0.00	\$24,332.00
Programs	\$15,828.00	\$18,538.00	-\$2,710.00	\$25,300.00
Church Operating	\$45,935.00	\$56,439.00	-\$10,504.00	\$68,855.00
Parsonage	\$9,458.00	\$9,961.00	-\$503.00	\$13,150.00
Net Income	\$10,788.00	-\$12,065.00	\$23,853.00	\$0.00

Explanatory Notes:

- What does the “Variance” column represent? To find the variance subtract the “Budget” from the “Actual.” If this is a negative number in income it means that we budgeted to receive more than we have actually received. If this is a negative number in expense it means that we have spent less than we budgeted to spend.
- Income: Once again, we budgeted for a large increase this year. Through SEPTEMBER we are ahead of budget but it should be noted that some givers choose to pay their entire tithe at the beginning of the year. Also, income in churches tends to be cyclical meaning that we receive more income at the beginning and end of the year. We have also kept spending under budget in most areas.
- Expenses: These are grouped for convenience.
- Capital Improvements – This includes all improvements to all Church-owned facilities. We expect to spend additional funds in the coming months.
- Pastor Salary & Benefits - This includes salary, business reimbursements, pension, and health care stipend.
- Staff Salaries – This includes salaries for all Church staff except for the Pastor.
- Apportionments – The global United Methodist Church and the Florida Annual Conference bill us monthly for our portion of shared expenses. These apportionments are calculated based on how much money a church spends on itself (verses spending on mission in the world.) It goes to support such things as the bishop’s salary, conference staff salaries, district needs, and global work of the church.

Update on Church Parsonage

On Sunday, October 20th, a Town Hall meeting was held after church to share with the congregation the plans for the sale of the church parsonage at 1040 Penman Road. This parsonage was purchased in 1985, but was constructed in 1955. With an older home (65 year old home) comes a high cost of upkeep and maintenance both inside and out (on the 1 acre lot) that continues to grow. In addition mold has been found in the parsonage in the past and again this year. It was re-mediated. However, the house continues to have moisture problems.

When the house was purchased it was expected to be a terrific location for the pastor and family and it was! However, in the 30 plus years Penman Rd has become a very different place to live. It is a very busy road and is very difficult to get in and out of the driveway. This year Pastor Bridget was in a minor car accident trying to get out of the driveway and previously Pastor Chris had been in a very near miss. It's also not a safe location for children to run and play in the front yard.

An appraisal will be obtained for the current parsonage to assess the value. The broker we are working with, who is well established at the Beaches, presumes that the house will be flipped (torn to the studs) or torn down completely and the primary value of the property is the land and the location. Comparable properties have sold for anywhere from \$350,000-\$500,000 and have been on the market for 4-45 days. We will have a specially called charge conference, an official act of business with the District Superintendent, Rev. Jay Therrell, on Monday, Nov. 4th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary to have an official vote.

A task team has been established to purchase a new parsonage. Using the guidance of both the conference and the District Superintendent, we will be purchasing a new parsonage rather than switching to a housing allowance. We will follow conference and district guidelines and have set as a church additional parameters to assure that we take into account maintenance, travel time, and other factors. These include that the home have 3 bedrooms with an office, or 4 bedrooms. It must be no more than 20 minutes away. It needs to be in an A/B school zone (for all grades). Additional guidelines are in place as well.

The task team is well rounded and well thought out. They will secure a bridge loan and purchase the new parsonage this fall/winter. Pastor Bridget and family will most likely move by the end of the year. The current parsonage will be put on market in the spring, its sale will close the bridge loan. Should the old parsonage sell for more than the new parsonage cost, the difference will be used for capital needs at the church (per the requirement of The Book of Discipline).

If you were not able to make the Town Hall meeting and still have questions, you may send those questions to the current chair of the Operations Team, Wanda Lee (ugalee1933@gmail.com) or the chair of the Parsonage Task Team, Teresa Romano (Treestur@bellsouth.net).

Security Corner

Here are a few key reminders to keep us all safe at Church. Review the RUN, HIDE, FIGHT information found in EVERY ROOM on our campus. Program your cell phone with the Neptune Beach Police Department's direct line (904) 270-2411. In case of a true emergency your call will be answered immediately rather than forwarded from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office 911 number. Always know where your exits are. Remember this information even when you are outside our church campus.

Stay Alert, Stay Safe!

The **NOMADS** Are Coming This Month

The **NOMADS** are coming to work on our church. Look for them working as our covered walkway poles are replaced, our Nursery and Children's room is updated and the Women's Restroom in Wilson Hall is updated. These are projects the **NOMADS** will complete. A BIG thank you for donating to this project, our 6th! The **NOMADS** will be here from November 4 through November 21 Monday through Thursday each week from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

New Member Information

Welcome to our new members who joined on October 6, 2019!

Barbara Edwards—2530 Defender Ct. E, Jacksonville, FL 32233,
bedwards42@att.net, (904) 247-0989

Susan Hunter & Brian Walker—12417 Nesting Eagles Way, Jacksonville, FL 32225,
Susan: shunter914@yahoo.com, (203) 464-1877
Brian—bwoody_bwoody@yahoo.com, (904) 742-5114

Mae Jones—1102 16th N., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, (904) 537-4128—text only

If you are interested in joining Christ United Methodist Church, plan to attend the New Member Orientation on November 10, 11:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

Youth News

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE

BEING THANKFUL, EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT

Happy November! This month you'll hear a lot of talk about Thanksgiving and giving thanks, natch! That's great and all, but what do you do when you don't feel very thankful? Let's face it, most teens have a hard time finding the bright side of things. However, just because you don't **FEEL** thankful, doesn't mean that you shouldn't **BE** thankful, or that you don't have things to be thankful for. I know, I know...bear with me.

Being thankful is more than an emotional response, it is an attitude...a frame of mind. It is possible to be in a bad mood and still be thankful for something. For example, you break up with your bae; you feel like

crud, but you think to yourself, "Thank God I don't have to deal with XYZ anymore." Your sad feelings or hurt emotions haven't changed, but you are still experiencing thankfulness or gratitude. It's all about the way you look at things. So this month, I'm challenging you to make a Gratitude Journal. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Just write something down that you're thankful for every day. At first, it might be hard to think of something, but I bet that by the end of the month, you'll find that it's a lot easier to see the things in your life that are good. You might even start to **feel** better, too!

I'm thankful for you! Karen

Parent Portal

YOUR DOORWAY TO INFORMATION

Welcome to the new Parent Portal. Here you'll find information about upcoming events, reminders, opportunities to "Raise Up" or volunteer, and encouragement as you navigate the world of parenthood. I hope that you will find it helpful and informational.

The first thing I would like to share with you is an opportunity to serve. We are in need of a few teachers to take turns teaching our Sunday School classes. I will provide the curriculum for all lessons, and you would supply your time and connection with the students. Who wants to go first??

Secondly, please plan on attending a Spaghetti Dinner and Informational Meeting on Wednesday, November 20th. We meet at 5:00 pm and the students will serve you, then we will discuss a possible trip to Universal Studio's Rock the Universe. Please R.S.V.P. to Karen at (352)263-6618, youthleader.karen@gmail.com, or through Instagram @CUMCNB_YOUTH or Facebook /CUMCNBYOUTH.

Thanks for letting me share Christ with your children! Karen

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11/2 **SS Lesson:** Attitude

Dinner: Chili

11/6 **Service Project:** Pumpkin Patch Cleanup

11/9 **SS Lesson:** Encouragement

Dinner: Rotisserie Chicken

11/13 **Service Project:** Candle project

11/16 **SS Lesson:** Thankfulness

Dinner: Spaghetti
11/20 Parent meeting to discuss Rock the Universe

11/23 **SS Lesson:** Thanksgiving

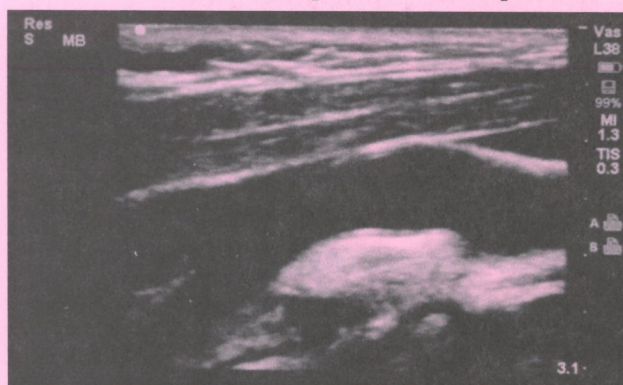
11/27 No Youth Group
Happy Thanksgiving!

11/30 **SS Lesson:** Inappropriate Wreaths

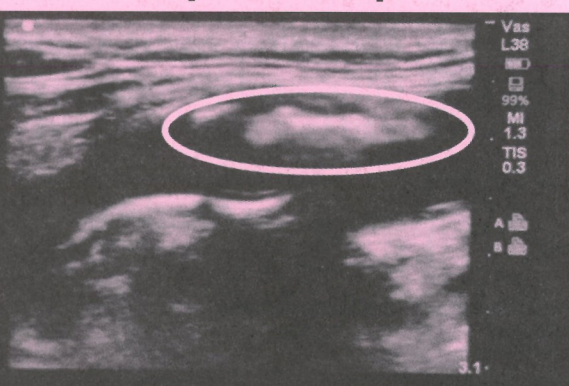
Take a step toward staying **Healthy & Active**

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup
That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those
with key risk factors*

*Key Risk Factors include Age 55+, High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Obesity, tobacco usage, family history of CVD or stroke

We are coming to your neighborhood.

80% of Strokes can be Prevented! Screenings Provide Peace of Mind or Early Detection

Where: Neptune Beach -

Christ United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Pre-registration is required. Call: 1-888-653-6450

To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please
call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners

A New Service is Coming in 2020

Why on earth would we launch a new service? I could hear you scream at the front page article! I heard it before the Beacon was ever published (ha!). So, let's answer the question. Here's the top reasons for starting a new service:

1. We want to reach people who cannot attend on Sunday morning. The new service will be Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. It will offer folks a chance to RAMP UP for their weeks spiritually as they also are ramping up other ways (finalizing homework, packing lunches, etc.)
2. We want to reach **new people**. This service will be designed for folks who do not attend our traditional worship service. It will be EPIC—Experiential, Participatory, Image Driven, and Connected (technologically and socially). It will be more targeted toward a younger demographic.
3. We want this to be a unique expression of Christ UMC. This service will not look like anything at another church. It will have elements of our 10:15 am service and it may have elements of other church's services but it will also become its own unique blend.
4. Our own members have been asking for something like this. Many are very happy and completely satisfied with our traditional worship. And I have made a promise and intend to keep it that we will always have Traditional Worship as long as I am here. But for some here, they would like something different, AND they do not want to leave this church.

We are currently working toward launching the new service around Easter 2020. If you would like to help with this endeavor: 1) PRAY and 2) Contact Debbie Pound or Pastor Bridget for ways to get involved.

Amazed by Grace, *Pastor Bridget*

UM Men Invite All Men to Dinner Meeting

**FREE FOOD
FOR MEN!**

The United Methodist Men invite ALL men to come to our quarterly Dinner Meeting Thursday November 14 at 7 pm in Wilson Hall. Come learn about the great events the Men have planned for 2020. You won't want

to miss this FREE dinner Men. RSVP at the information table so we know how many to plan for. We'll see you there!

Stewardship: What is it Really?

Stewardship: noun: the conducting, supervising, or managing of something especially : the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care

Stewardship is such a church-y word. It's probably one that you don't hear used a lot outside of the context of the church world. The word appeared in the middle ages and is tied especially to taking care of another's property. Often this was done during the crusades or when one had to travel from one part of the country to another as that took so long. The steward had full responsibility for the owner's property and was to manage it responsibly.

There is an example of a steward in Scripture. We just don't see it called "Steward" anywhere but in the King James Bible. Why? Because the King James Bible was written to an audience that had and knew what Stewards and Stewardship meant. The story is found in Luke 16. All of today's translations render "steward" as "manager." And that is fitting. Think about it. We don't tend to hand over all of our household to another person. But in the business world the owner or owners often entrust the finances of their company to a manager (or several depending on the size of the business) and they expect the manager will treat the money not as their own but that they will manage it according to how the owner would like. So there are some guiding principles we can pick up from Luke 16 which is the only place in all of the King James that the word steward or stewardship is mentioned.

1. You, I, we are in fact the steward, the manager. We are not the owner. God is the owner. Psalm 24 makes that clear. Genesis 1 makes that clear.
2. You, I, we have been entrusted with a little or a lot depending on our situation—our job is faithfulness. Our job is to make God (the owner) look good (—this is what the steward is praised for in the parable in Luke 16). How can you use what's been entrusted to you to make GOD, not you, look good?
3. You cannot serve two masters, you cannot ride two horses with one rear-end, you must choose which one is more important—God or money. That does not mean you cannot have money and love God, but it means you cannot mix up your priorities. Where does your loyalty lie? Which is more important? Having a stocked up retirement account, or a nice house or both—OR making GOD look good with your money (being generous)?
4. The one who really knows our hearts and our intentions is God. We do not have to worry about what others think or how they respond to our stewardship.

If you have not read Luke 16, I encourage you to go read it. Read it in a couple of different versions. It will be eye opening to see the differences in the translations and what that may tell you about how the culture has changed through the years in its views of stewardship.

Thank you for all you do in your efforts to make God look amazingly good here at Christ UMC Neptune Beach!

BEAM Thanksgiving Bags



It is through your kindness that Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) is able to offer a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner to families in need at the beaches. Please feel free to add whatever you wish to make this special and memorable. Your “basket” can be a paper bag, reusable grocery bag, or a basket, or even a laundry basket. Pick up your bag November 3 and bring it overflowing with goodness and thanks by November 17. Contact Johnna Ware if you have any questions.

Thank you from the Pumpkin Patch

Thank you to everyone who publicized the patch, told a neighbor, unloaded, decorated, fetched pallets, set up fences and lighting. Thank you to all who sold pumpkins, turned pumpkins, threw away rotted pumpkins, and counted the money each day. Thank you to the story telling team that added so much joy to the patch. Thank you to everyone who has or will help take down and store items from the patch. Together you helped make our patch the best, most welcoming beacon of Christ’s love to our community. Thank you with all my heart, Hanna Thomas

Children’s Corner

Bible Verse:
“Give thanks to the Lord.”

Psalm 136:11



Prayer:
We thank you, Lord,
that you will stay
beside us each and
every day. Amen

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday!





7 Helen Rose
12 Gigi Rice
13 Peggy Adolphson
16 Dick Footh
17 Eva Berry

18 David Wood
19 Erik Stoneberger
22 Tracy Thompson
23 Richard Buswell
28 Mike McEvoy
29 Brandon Goodner

November 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends 9 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship 11:30 am Usher Training 11:30 am Fellowship	4 NOMADS here 5-9:15 am Camp Gladiator 10 am Disciple 4 5 p.m. Camp Gladiator 6 pm BSA/CSA 282 6 pm Called Special Charge Conference, Sanctuary 6:30 pm Disciple 4	5 NOMADS here 9 am Camp Gladiator 9:15 am Exercise Class 10 am Missn' Stitches 4:30 pm Feed the Hungry 4:45 pm Camp Gladiator 8 pm Alcoholics Anonymous	6 NOMADS here 5-9:15 am Camp Gladiator 10 am UMW Board Mtg. 10 am Preschool Chapel 1 pm Worship Design Team 5 pm Youth Night 5 pm Camp Gladiator 6:30 pm Choir Practice	7 NOMADS here 9 am Camp Gladiator 10 am Christ Quilters 4:45 pm Camp Gladiator 5 pm The Knight Chess School	1 5-9:15 am Camp Gladiator	2
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