

A Note From David

Dear Fellow Ministers,

In our society we often hear about "fake" news or "real" news. Much of that seems to depend on one's perspective. In the month of January we are going to be talking about the TRUE news of Jesus Christ! As we begin a new year together, I hope we can be in prayer for Christ to work through our church in every way. We will be preparing to welcome a new Associate Pastor, Rev. Avery White in early February (see article on next page). We will be looking for Christ to work through us in new ways! Please pray through our worship scripture with me as God prepares in us worship experiences:

- January 5 Isaiah 60:1-6 (Lay Reading Matthew 2:1-12)
- January 12 Baptism of our Lord. Matthew 3:13-17 (Lay Reading Acts 10:34-43)
- January 19 (Human Relations Day Special Offering) John 1:29-42 (Lay Reading Isaiah 49:1-7)
- January 26 Isaiah 9:1-4 (Lay Reading Matthew 4:12-23)

I look forward to being in mission AND ministry WITH you in the month of January! Let's keep at it! In Christ's Service,

David



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Take Note

Minister on Call Schedule

David: 828-400-4552 Tripp: 704-477-7715

January 3-5: Tripp January 10-12- David January 17-19: Tripp January 24-26: David

Sunday Morning Attendance



Date	Church	Live	FB
Dec. 1:	437	55	350
Dec 8.	468	118	257
Dec 15:	453	87	384
Dec. 22:	529	107	279

Sympathy to

- Hunter Eaddy and family on the death of his father.
- -David Nanney and family on the death of his mother.
- -Stephanie Jenkins and family on the death of her grandmother.

Joy to

- -Merritt Anderson Crawley & Seth Crawley on the birth of their daughter Holland Reid.
- -Mark & Denise Skillestad on the birth of their grandson, Everest Jack.
- -Chris Giles & Tiz Johnston on the birth of their granddaughter, Scarlett Wren.
- -Seth & Meredith Pendleton on the Baptism of Coraleigh Palmer (Photo Below)



This month we are hositng...

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts-Various nights of the week)

Learning to Live NA Group- Monday, Wednesdays, & Fridays @ 11:30am

Gaston Clergy & Citizens Coalition-January 9, 9am

Gaston Music Education Foundation-January 18, 8am

We have a large and busy campus. Please go to https://www.fumcgastonia.org/calendar for a full list of our calendar and events.

FUMC wishes you and your family a Happy New Year!

Note from the Catawba Valley District Office

We are ready in the Catawba Valley District to begin registering our Lay Servants in the online database. Many of you may have begun this process last year, and may have partial information already entered. To register for this 2019 Charge Conference year, please use the following steps.

Go to the People Dashboard, www.wnccumc.org/peopledashboard Log in.

If you began this process earlier *and you created a log in* then sign in using those credentials you created at that time

If you have not created log in credentials at an earlier time, sign in using the following:

Username: first initial, last name, ex. JAlexander

Password: servant123

If you have any trouble logging in, please email me for help. I fully expect there to be some issues at first, so don't hesitate to reach out!

Once you log in, you can change the username and/or password to whatever you wish Click on "Update LSM Data"

Click on the green "Update" button to make changes

Click on the "Save" button when finished

You will use these same steps each fall to update your LSM (Lay Servant Ministry) data. Please feel free to share this information with other Lay Servant ministers (in the Catawba Valley District) who may not have email.



New Associate Pastor Named

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee has been informed that Rev. Avery White will be our new Associate Pastor! Avery has served as an Associate Pastor at Groce UMC in Asheville, and most recently has been the pastor of Rhyne Heights UMC in Lincolnton. She is uniquely gifted and serves in leadership in our Conference as a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Details are being worked out, but Avery will come to be with us sometime in February of 2020. Please feel free to send Rev. White an email of welcome! Her email address is awhite@wnccumc.net or avery@fumcgastonia.org



Yellow Hat Report

Happy New Year! We have much to look forward to in 2020 here at FUMC... including completion our Building Project!!!

On the Outside:

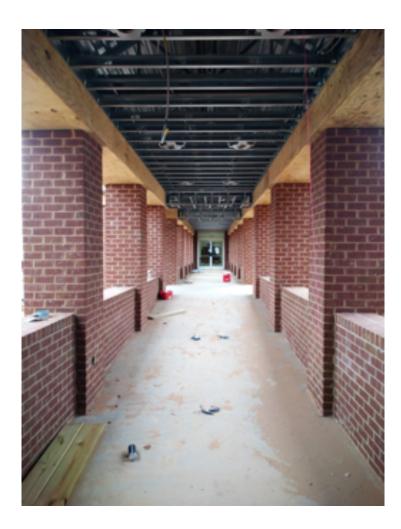
In December, tons of brick were laid around the new gathering space and the connector between the Family Life Center and Greene House (next two photos)...







The "1900" façade at our new drop-off lane received sheating and some brickwork, too....





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On the inside...



Electrical passed inspection, allowing the lights and HVAC system to be turned on (yay heat!!!). This photo shows a neat, tidy new electrical room...

Drywall finishing is nearly complete on the first (basement) floor and progressing nicely on the second and third floors, as this photo shows. Paint won't be too far off now!!!



A milestone was reached in December when Mike and Zach, along with other Pinnix crew, broke through the wall between the old and new building. Mike (left) is standing in the hand bell room and Zack is standing in the new hallway leading to the Kids' check in station...which is way down at the other end of the hallway. Finally, countertops were installed in several of our new restrooms; floor tile will soon follow and fixtures after that...





Worship Arts Ministry

Special Sundays this month



Sunday January 6 - Epiphany Sunday: a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ, a revelation for all peoples and nations. Epiphany also celebrates the visit of the Magi, and is the conclusion of the Christmas season.

Sunday January 13- Baptism of the Lord: a remembrance of the Baptism of Jesus, and a celebration of our identity as his people who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism.



This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,"



Brass & Bells Concert

Sunday, January 26 5:00pm Sanctuary

First Brass / Youth Bells / Chancel Bells

January is a great time to participate in a choir!

Morning Song- Sings 8:45am worship I Meets 8:00pm Sundays I Begins January 5
Contemporary Choir - Sings various services I Meets 6:30pm Sundays I Begins January 5
Chancel Choir- Sings 11:00am worship I Meets 7:30pm Wednesdays I Begins January 8
CrossFire- Plays 162 East I Meets 7:30pm alternate Sundays
& 6:30pm alternate Wednesdays I Begins January 8
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First Brass- Plays various services I Meets 5:15pm Sundays I Begins January 5
Youth Praise Band- Plays 162 East I Meets 5:00pm Sundays as scheduled
[contact Dr. Aaron Prillaman]

Youth Handbells- Plays various services I Meets 4:30pm Sundays I egins January 5
Youth Vocal Ensemble- Sings various services I Meets 5:15pm Sundays I Begins January 5
Children's Handbells- [2nd-5th grades] I Meets 4:30pm Wednesdays I Begins January 8
Asbury Choir- [4th-5th grades] I Meets 5:00pm Wednesdays I Begins Jan 8
Wesley Choir- [3rd-4th grades] Meets 5:00pm Wednesdays I Begins Jan 8
Carol Choir- [K-1st grade] I Meets 5:00pm Wednesdays I Begins Jan 8
Music Makers- [3-4yr olds] I Meets 5:15pm Wednesdays I Begins Jan 8







Sports Ministry

Our Kids Sports ministry has looked a little different during construction. We have had a "pause" on kids sports but as construction is coming to an end SOON, we will be ramping back up. As our entracnces to the FLC are sitll under construction, we can't do a full Basketball season. BUT, we are inviting all of our 3 & 4 year old friends to the gym in February (see below).



We have continued our adult sports this past year. We had softball and kickball and introduced some new sports to FUMC. We played sand volleyball this summer and are playing pickleball.

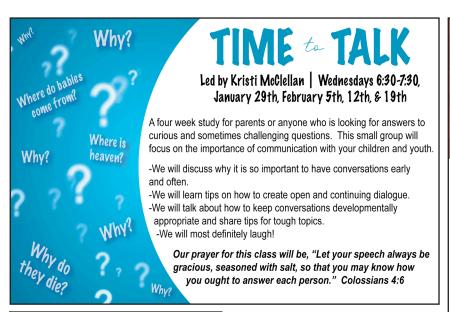


Children's Ministry



Kristi McClellan

Director of Children's Ministries & Weekday Preschool kristi@fumcgastonia.org





FUMC families are invited to the

HORNETS GAME

Sunday, March 1st Worship at the early service and then go to the game Tickets \$22

Come cheer on the Charlotte Hornets as they take on the Milwaukee Bucks at the Spectrum Center!



We had so much fun in the Christmas season!



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January

8th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games
12th 5:00-7:00 Supper Club
15th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games
22nd No WEF (Gaston County Schools Out)
29th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games
29th-Feb 19th 6:30-7:30 Parenting Class
"Time to Talk"

February

2nd Bring donations for CAM- Souper Bowl 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

Parent Class

9th 5:00-7:00 Parent's Pre-Valentine

Night Out

12th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

Parent Class

19th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

Parent Class

23rd 10:30 ONE service to consecrate new

building & meal to follow

26th 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service

March

1st 1:00 Hornets Game 4th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story 0

6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games 5:00-7:00 Supper Club

11th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games 18th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games 25th 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

April

8th

1st 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games 5th 2:00-4:00 Easter Eggstravaganza Holy Week- Services throughout week

12th Easter Services- Releasing Butterflies @

10:40 after Sunday School 6:30-7:30 Bible Story Games

24th-26th Family Camp

29th Spring Children's Concert

May

22nd

10th Muffins to Moms in Classes
29th-30th 5th Grade Retreat
31st 10:30 ONE service for 150 years

celebration & meal to follow

Save Dates for Summer

June 7th 9:45 Safe Sanctuary Training June 15th -19th Camp Vista June 21 Doughnuts to Dads in Classes Aug 3rd-5th VBS Interest Camps

Family Camp 2020

WHERE: Camp Tekoa which is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, near Hendersonville. Tekoa is owned and operated by the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church. http://www.camptekoa.org/

WHEN: Friday, April 24- Sunday, April 26th

HOUSING: 2 to 3 family units per cabin (try to honor suggestions)

FEE: \$65 per person, children 3 and under are free! Camp fee includes lodging (linens and towels NOT provided), all meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday), and all activities at camp (climbing tower, zip line, gaga ball, & lake swimming). (If needed, scholarships are available.)

ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE: Registration will be at 7 p.m. on Friday evening. Our first event will begin at 7:30 p.m. (dinner will NOT be served on Friday). On Sunday, we will conclude around 11 a.m.

HOW TO REGISTER: Complete the registration form below; include a \$65 deposit, and give to Kristi McClellan.





Deposits are due by February 28th (NON-REFUNDABLE)

Final balance will be due before April 8th
If you have any question or concerns, please contact:
Kristi McClellan: kristi@fumcgastonia.org

Please tear off and give to Kristi by February 28th. You will receive a tentative schedule in April.



Family	Camp	2020	April 24 th	-April	26 th	

Parent's names:	Phone:	
Kid's names & ages:		
Email:		
Families to room with:		

Total Amount: (\$65 per person) _____ Deposit: \$65 Balance due by April 8th: ____ Example: Family of 4 Total Amount: \$260 Deposit: \$65 Balance due: \$195

Youth Ministry



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irst United Methodist

Winter/Spring Calendar 2020

UMYF: 6:00 -7:30 pm *Program activities and time subject to change

January

5: Winter Kick-Off 8: Dinner 5:30,

Bible Study 6:00 *Provide Dinner for Boys & Girls Club **12:** UMYF

15: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00 19: *NO UMYF* 22: *NO WEF* **26:** UMYF

5pm Youth Music Concert

29: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00

Magnets coming soon!

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2: Super Bowl Party 5: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00 7: Mid-Hi Lock In 12: Dinner 5:30,

Bible Study 6:00 **16:** UMYF

19: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00 23: Consecration Service @ 10:30am

26: Dinner 5:30. Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30

6pm UMYF

Feb. 27-March 1: Boys Chrysalis Flight

March

1: UMYF 4: Dinner 5:30. Bible Study 6:00

7: Angel Bowl with Holy Angels 8: UMYF

11: Dinner 5:30. Bible Study 6:00 **15:** UMYF

18: Dinner 5:30. Bible Study 6:00 **22:** UMYF

YS Full Rehearsal 25: Dinner 5:30. Bible Study 6:00 **29:** YOUTH

SUNDAY *No UMYF*

April

1: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00 5: Palm Sunday Crowders Mountain Hike *No UMYF

8: Dinner 5:30, Bible Study 6:00

9: Maundy Thursday 10: Good Friday

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Camp Sunshine July 25- August 1

Senior High Mission Trip September 9

WEF Starts back

Bessemer City News



Rev. Trip HordPastor at First UMC Bessemer
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FUMCBC Happenings!

As we prepare for a new year, I would like to wish everyone good health, much love, and a bunch of happiness in 2020! I look forward to our continued partnership and as this year ends it's important that we look back and witness to God's successes in our churches and to look forward as God continues to makes God's presences known at FUMCG and FUMCBC! I hope this year we will dream big as we celebrate 150 years in Gastonia and we celebrate 129 in Bessemer City!

As many of you know one of our greatest successes this past year was moving our worship downstairs to the fellowship hall during the summer. It allowed us the opportunity to grow spiritually as we experienced a new type of worship. Part of the worship included the use of video screens, and a more relaxed atmosphere. Out of this new opportunity and as we moved back into the sanctuary in September, the members of the church decided to make an effort to bring some of the change we had during the summer to a year round change for the sanctuary.

I'm excited to announce we were gifted some money and we have installed video screens and new sound for the sanctuary. We also have installed new wall TVs in our Sunday school rooms! We hope by adding this new technology it will improve our worship and teaching experiences and open the door for growth. I hope sometime during the next year you will be able to come over one Sunday to join us and see the changes. I'm so blessed to be a pastor for such wonderful churches. So let's push through another year and dream big as we engage in the wonderful and powerful ministry of God! God bless you always.

Pastor Tripp

Upcoming Events

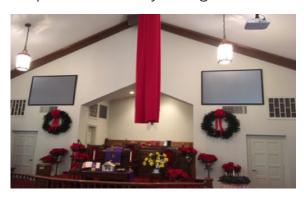
Choir Practice Wednesday's at 7:00
Sermon Talk Wednesday's at 10:30
January 23rd- BC Travelers hosting BINGO and SOUP
March 26- Mint Museum
May 28- "Steel Magnolias" at Flat Rock Playhouse, Hendersonville, NC
July 16- Ballgame (Charlotte Knights or Hickory Crawdads)
September TBD- A day trip to Saluda, NC

Pictures from The Bessemer City Ministerial Alliance Community Thanksgiving meal and worship hosted by FUMCBC.





Updated Sanctuary during Christmas





Winter/Spring 2020 Season Pass

Wednesday Evening Fellowship Begins January 8, 2020!

Purchase Your Season Pass Today! A Season Pass gets you 15 weeks of dinners for the price of 13 weeks!

Adult's Meal Season Passes are \$91.

Child's (ages 3 to 12) Meal Season Passes are \$39.

Direct Link to purchase WEF Season Pass or a Single Meal: https://fumcgastonia.org/givepay/wef-registration

You may also purchase Season Passes in person on Jan. 8, 2020, at the reception desk in the Family Life Center.

Season Passes will be distributed at the FLC reception desk on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15.



Chapel- Mid-week prayer service. I 6:30pm I Chapel Rev. David Christy

Sabbath- A women's study based on Christian sabbath finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives. 6:30pm I Greene House I Anne Mallonee

Chancel Handbells- Music Room I 6:30pm Rev. Saxon Scarborough

Crafts- Share Christian fellowship while using your God given gifts of creativity. I Craft Room I 6:30pm

Prayer II Pause- Even if you are a busy mom, you can stay connected to God through prayer and passages of scripture. Just 30 minutes of pause to ask the holy spirit to guide you. We will study the book of proverbs in addition to Hoda Kotb's book "I Really Needed This Today." I 6:30pm I Room #315 I Becky Greene

FUMC Kids Bible Story Games- Birth-5th graders will play games, learn, and discuss a Bible story. Gym in January & February I 6:30 pm Kristi McClellan

Youth- Meet at 5:30pm for dinner with the church followed by breakout sessions I Stephanie Jenkins



Wednesday Evening Fellowship Classes

Funeral Pre-Planning- Preparing in advance for end of life decisions is important. Walking through the steps ahead of time eases the burden for loved ones. Join a church member and funeral planning specialist for this important program. I January 8 & 15 I 6:30pm I Clay McLean

Understanding Other Faiths- Discover the spiritual riches God can teach us from the faith of others. January 8 & 15 I 6:30pm I Rev. Dr. Jim Westmoreland

NO Wednesday Evening Fellowship- January 22

Parenting Class- "Time to Talk" is a four week study for parents or anyone who is looking for answers to curious and sometimes challenging questions. This small group will focus on the importance of communication with your children and youth. I January 29-February 19 I 6:30pm I Kristi McClellan

The Enneagram: Mirror for the Soul- Knowledge of the Enneagram leads us into more authentic self-awareness, richer relationships, and deeper places in the soul where we can worship God in truth and grace. I January 29-February 19 I 6:30pm I Rev. Eddie Ingram

Boomer Ministry- We want this generation to continue to connect to the church community, to God, and to each other. As we age, we all face similar issues and we believe they can be better addressed by achieving a level of spiritual maturity, and we want to be here to help you through them. A soft launch of this ministry will be held Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:30 pm at Lotus where Boomers come together for fun. Contact Mark and Theresa McIntosh or Kent and Angie Huggins for more details.

Did you get yours?

Grab your 2020 Church Directory, Small Group Booklet, and 2020 Worship Guide today! All items are placed around the church for your convenience.

We have lots of new small groups this season! Pick up a Small Group Guide to see all of the new offerings or check out our website

https://www.fumcgastonia.org/ get-involved/small-groups



2020 Worship Guide

150

years

Be sure to also pick up the "52 Week Bible Reading Plan," as the one in the Worship Guide isn't the entire bible (we apologize). This guide is a great source to have on Sundays to take notes and to use daily for your personal devotion.



Save the Date for **UMW SUNDAY February 16** with a UMW fundraiser luncheon for local missions after the 11am service.

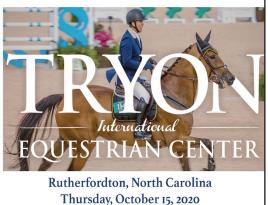
Friends on the Go





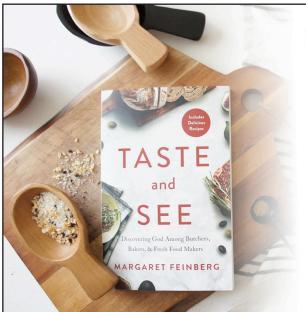






save the dates

Watch the newsletter for more information to come!



Sunday School Special: Part 2

Taste and See

January 19, 26, & February 2 10am in Room 312

Led by Pat Quinn



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BOOMER MINISTRY

We want this generation to continue to connect to the church community, to God, and to each other. As we age, we all face similar issues
—issues of mortality, family dynamics
(multiple marriages, growing children, empty nesting), financial changes (retirement), health changes, and more. We believe all of these issues can be better addressed by achieving a level of spiritual maturity, and we want to be here to help you through them. A soft launch of this ministry will be held Wednesday,

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Led by: Juta Carpenter and Rev. Dr. Jim Westmoreland

Sunday, January 12, 2020 10 am in Room 312

This months topic: dealing with illness, handicap, health and death.

Coming up: Feb 9- Technology March 8- Viewing us as role models



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