

MEMORIAL UMC  
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## *The Memorial Messenger*

***YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF  
REVEREND DAVID HOCKETT  
AS METRO DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT***

***JOIN US!***



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018  
3:00 PM**

**UNIVERSITY CITY UMC  
3835 WEST W. T. HARRIS BLVD., CHARLOTTE**

**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.**

**CLERGY AND LAITY FROM EVERY CONGREGATION ARE ASKED TO SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATORY  
WORSHIP SERVICE TO AFFIRM AND BLESS THE  
LEADERSHIP OF OUR NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.**



9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 & 12:30 Worship

**August 5, 2018**

Worship .....	84
Sunday school .....	29
Receipts.....	\$5,293
"Repair Fund" .....	\$85

**August 12, 2018**

Worship .....	89
Sunday school .....	
Receipts.....	\$4,216
"Repair Fund" .....	\$46

**August 19, 2018**

Worship .....	92
Sunday school .....	24
Receipts.....	\$2,689

**August 26, 2018**

Worship .....	114
Sunday school .....	28
Receipts.....	\$8,811



**GENERAL BUDGET**

*"In Memory of Lex Cox"*

- By: Martha Stacker
- By: Trinity Sunday school class
- By: Willis Goodrum

**CHOIR FUND**

*"In Memory of Lex Cox"*

- By: Lewis & April Brooks
- "In Memory of Rick Leach (Matt Leach's brother)"*
- By: Lewis & April Brooks
- By: Willis Goodrum
- "In Memory of MacRae Howard (Doris Wright's brother)"*
- By: Lewis & April Brooks



*For those who have lost loved ones, the family of Rick Leach*

*For all our shut-ins & families living in stressful times.*

**For those who are sick or in need of healing...**

*Gloria Barbe, Allen Bellamy, Harold & Brenda Boone, Harold "Buddy" Brockman, Kutyna Carl, Kathleen Casimo, Stan & Joan Cude, Carolyn Derr, Kathleen Dorn, Martha Dukes, Barbara Edmunds, Jerri Funderburk, Willis Goodrum, Dave & Pat Hampton, Maralon Haviland, Karlene Henry, Sandy Holland, Sarah Hopkins, Eric Lanier, Mary Ann LeGrand, Blanche Lambert, Linda Prater, Gary & Ann Reid, Herb Russell, Jeanette Short, Gene & Mary Tayloe, Gladys S. Tayloe, Iva Wagner, and Ada Watson.*

**"Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear."  
Isaiah 65:24 (NRSV)**



**Called Charge Conference to Vote on New Leadership Model**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the church council met on July 30th and unanimously approved the new "One Team" ministry model. We will now hold a Charge (all church) Conference on September 9th immediately following the 11:00 service to vote on it as a church. If the leadership model is approved, the lay leadership (nominations) committee will then meet to nominate the members of that board to then be approved at our regularly scheduled charge conference which will be held at a later date.

**Conferencia llamada Charge para votar sobre un nuevo modelo de liderazgo** Como se mencionó en el boletín del mes pasado, el concilio de la iglesia se reunió el 30 de julio y aprobó por unanimidad el nuevo modelo de ministerio "Un equipo". Ahora tendremos una Conferencia de Carga (todas las iglesias) el 9 de septiembre inmediatamente después del servicio de las 11:00 para votar como una iglesia. Si se aprueba el modelo de liderazgo, el comité de liderazgo laico (nominaciones) se reunirá para nominar a los miembros de esa junta para luego aprobarlo en nuestra conferencia de cargos programados regularmente que se llevará a cabo en una fecha posterior.



**Think About This...**

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.  
William Blake

# Pastor's Post

We will begin our 2018 stewardship campaign on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This year we will take 4 weeks to look at stewardship at Memorial UMC. Oftentimes, a stewardship campaign focuses on encouraging those who have not given regularly to the church to begin giving and for those who are already giving, to give more. Although I certainly encourage both of these, our focus will be not solely on raising the funds, but how we have used our resources throughout the history of MUMC, how we use them now, and how we might use them going forward. We'll take these four weeks to look back to the beginning of Brevard St. Methodist Church, what led to the move to Albemarle road (now Central), what our history has been as Memorial United Methodist Church, and what our present and future situation could look like. In this newsletter, and soon in your mailboxes, you will be receiving detailed information about our church's budget and pledges. At the end of the stewardship campaign you will also be asked to submit or renew your financial pledges. I hope you will do so prayerfully as you reflect over the impact our church has made on your life and the impact you have made, and will make, on this church and our surrounding community. Our gifts to the church are not just financial sacrifices but a commitment to partner in ministry to reach out to our neighbors and fulfill our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Peace,  
Brandon

Comenzaremos nuestra campaña de mayordomía 2018 el 9 de septiembre. Este año tomaremos 4 semanas para ver la administración en Memorial UMC. A menudo, una campaña de corresponsabilidad se enfoca en alentar a aquellos que no han dado regularmente a la iglesia a comenzar a dar y para aquellos que ya están dando, a dar más. Aunque definitivamente aliento a ambos, nuestro enfoque no será solamente recaudar los fondos, sino cómo hemos utilizado nuestros recursos a lo largo de la historia de MUMC, cómo los usamos ahora y cómo podemos usarlos en el futuro. Tomaremos estas cuatro semanas para mirar hacia el comienzo de la Iglesia Metodista de Brevard St., lo que condujo a la mudanza a calle Albemarle (ahora Central), nuestra historia como Iglesia Metodista Unida Memorial, y cuál es nuestro presente y futuro situación podría ser similar. En este boletín, y pronto en sus buzones de correo, recibirá información detallada sobre el presupuesto y las promesas de nuestra iglesia. Al final de la campaña de custodia, también se le pedirá que envíe o renueve sus promesas financieras. Espero que lo hagan en oración mientras reflexionan sobre el impacto que nuestra iglesia ha tenido en su vida y el impacto que han tenido, y harán, en esta iglesia y en nuestra comunidad circundante. Nuestros dones a la iglesia no son solo sacrificios financieros, sino un compromiso de asociarnos en el ministerio para llegar a nuestros vecinos y cumplir nuestra misión de hacer discípulos de Jesucristo para la transformación del mundo.

Paz,  
Brandon





**ALMOST  
7 MONTHS OLD!!!  
WHERE DOES THE  
TIME GO!**

## Yard Sale September 15th

On Saturday September 15th the Church will be having a yard sale. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the general budget and to the pastor's discretionary fund. More details will come at a later date as far as exact times, ways to help out, and when to bring your items. In the meantime, start cleaning out those closets, attics, garages, and storage sheds for items to donate!



## Venta "Yard Sale" 15 de septiembre

El sábado 15 de septiembre, la Iglesia tendrá una "yard sale". Las ganancias de la venta se destinarán al presupuesto general y al fondo discrecional del pastor. Más detalles vendrán en una fecha posterior en cuanto a las horas exactas, formas de ayudar y cuándo traer sus artículos. Mientras tanto, ¡comience a limpiar esos armarios, áticos, garajes y cobertizos de almacenamiento para artículos para donar!



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 – Joan Cude*
- 6 – Joey Aycock, III*
- 6 – James Whalen*
- 12 – Robby Payne*
- 15 – Nanci Case*
- 16 – Zerlina Shafer*
- 16 – Peggy Bridgers*
- 21 – Matt Leach*
- 23 – Harold Howard*
- 24 – Daniel Silva*

## United Methodist Women



**UMW MEMBERS  
AT LARGE  
HAVE ALTAR FLOWER  
DISTRIBUTION**

## Memorial's UMW Mission Project

~ Project Agape ~

## Christmas Boxes for Armenia

UMW is beginning to collect for their  
yearly mission project!

Delivering to conference in  
September.

You can find packing lists for boxes  
on the communication center and the  
Narthex.



**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

## ONE CAN EVERY SUNDAY!!

Cereal, grits, canned meat, soups, canned pastas (Ravioli & spaghetti-o's) Dry Pastas & Sauces, canned vegetables, can or dried beans, peanut butter, 100% Fruit Juice, and toilet paper. (For Safety ~ No Glass Please) If you would like to make a monetary donation for Loaves and Fishes, just tag your check or envelope for L & F Pantries

God Bless you, The Outreach  
Committee



To Memorial's Church Family,  
From time to time it becomes necessary to take an assessment of where we are as a church and as a people. And this is something we all do in our own households. We are doing this assessment now in preparation for making plans for our church for the year 2019 and beyond.

Memorial has changed considerably over the past few years and these changes have impacted our financial condition. As you are aware, the most noticeable change is in our attendance. While the attendance has dropped over the years, our spending for the operation of the church has continued. Certain expenses are ongoing on a monthly and yearly basis regardless of church attendance.

Memorial Church has maintained its excellent physical condition and appearance over the years by our being diligent toward its needs and careful use of financial resources. And with that thought in mind, the Committee on Finance would like to share some numbers with you.

The following is what the church actually spent from July 2017 to June 2018.

**Property Expenses runs \$92,950.00 per year.**

Property expenses include insurance, utilities, routine maintenance, and keeping the church grounds mowed and clear of clutter. The unexpected breaking of equipment, plumbing problems, etc. are an additional expense. The Trustees make such repairs as necessary to ensure the safety and comfort of all.

**Office Expenses runs \$24,200.00 per year.**

Office expenses include paper products, office equipment, phone charges, bank

service charges, professional fees, computer expenses, and postage.

**Worship Expenses runs \$12,000.00 per year.**

Worship expenses include music and choir expenditures, the sound system, guest speakers, sanctuary flowers (only when no one signed up to pay this cost).

**Salary Expenses runs \$150,000.00 per year.**

Salary expenses include those for our Pastor, Associate Pastor, Music Director, and Administrative Assistant. In addition to the salaries the church contributes health and retirement benefits for the Pastor and Associate Pastor.

**Conference Apportionment runs \$21,000 per year.**

Conference Apportionment is money given by each conference's 1,100 plus churches to fund the Western North Carolina Conference and the local districts. These monies fund the conference staff and pay for conference wide programs on a wider scale than the local church.

All the numbers above represents what it takes to operate Memorial Church. More telling is this: virtually all these expenses are ongoing regardless of attendance.

In summary, the year-round operation of our church's programs and facilities requires a weekly offering of over \$5,500.00. (This is only operating expenses, does NOT include apportionments).

We ask you to give considerable thought to these numbers as the church and its people make plans for 2019 and years later.

For the Committee on Finance,  
Mac McGee  
Committee Chair

# Church Trustees

UPDATE



From the Trustees

A huge thanks to architect Ray Case (husband of Nanci Case, our Preschool Director) for donating his time to design and manage the security renovations to the Preschool space. Ray's expertise saved the church money and created a more secure space for the Preschool.

We also want to thank Nanci Case and the Preschool for paying for some of the renovations to the space. We appreciate their support of this project.

# Thank you!



A big thank you to everyone who has donated and supported our school supplies effort. Your contributions have helped the Montagnard and Hispanic children at our church as well as students and Winterfield and Merry Oaks elementary schools. We will continue to collect supplies during September and your ongoing support would be very much appreciated. Thank you again.

**MEN'S SHELTER BREAKFAST** will be held Sunday morning, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 AM. Be on the lookout for baking pans and recipes to help make at least **35 casseroles**. Many workers make for light work! Thanks in advance for helping with this ministry. Please leave casseroles in Munday Hall. **Please deliver casseroles by 4:00 pm on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>!**



**EL DESAYUNO DE REFUGIOS PARA HOMBRES** se llevará a cabo el domingo a la mañana, 23 de septiembre a las 7:00 a.m. Esté atento a las fuentes y recetas para hornear para ayudar a hacer al menos 35 cazuelas. ¡Muchos trabajadores hacen un trabajo liviano! Gracias de antemano por ayudar con este ministerio. Por favor deja las cazuelas en Munday Hall. ¡Entregue las cazuelas antes de las 4:00 p.m. el jueves 20 de septiembre!