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Thank you for your feedback!

Thank you to all who attended one of the Presentation and Listening Sessions hosted by the Trustees and the Building Renovations Sub-committee! These committees have created a list of needed renovations that would make our campus more hospitable. The feedback you provided at our listening sessions was crucial in helping to refine the project list. (If you would like to see a list of the proposed projects copies are available in the church office.)



The Board of Stewards will discuss the projects at a called meeting on Sunday, April 30 immediately following the church-wide picnic. We look forward to sharing more information soon!



NLR FUMC has New Members!

Kevin and Roz Newton have joined in our WayPoint service! Kevin & Roz have joined NLR FUMC by transfer from another denomination. Please join us in welcoming the Newtons to NLR FUMC!

Operating Budget Summary for March 2017			
	2017 YTD	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Operating Income	224,429	838,000	235,240
Operating Expenses			
Staffing	100,562	438,000	107,800
Office & Facilities	61,300	261,000	70,311
Programs	11,930	45,500	8,338
Apportionments	24,852	93,500	25,876
Total Operating Expenses	198,644	838,000	212,325
Net Income from Operations	25,785	0	22,915
Building Mortgage Fund Revenue	4,226		5,769



Contemporary Service 9:00

The Reverend Lynn Kilbourne

Sunday School 10:00



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from our Associate Pastor >>>

In the book *The Wycliffe Handbook of Preaching & Preachers*, the author W. Wiersbe wrote these words, for family devotions, Martin Luther once read the account of Abraham offering Isaac on the altar in Genesis 22. His wife, Katie, said, "I do not believe it. God would not have treated his son like that!" "But, Katie," Luther replied, "He did." This is the seriousness that we have just experienced during the Lenten, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday celebration.

What a wonderful week we had from Palm Sunday to Easter with a lot more in between. The wonderful music on Palm Sunday with the cantata "There Stands A Cross"; then ministerial staff taking communion to shut ins, to include those from other churches and faiths to join their Methodist friends and neighbors in celebrating the Lord's Last Supper; the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Saturday was a day of rest which our Lord was in the tomb, with a stone in front of, and a soldier marching in front of the opening; then the Sunrise service at Woodies Sherwood Forest with so many people coming to that service, and then the two services here at FUMC. What a celebration we had over that Sunday, when we celebrated "He is

Risen; He is Risen Indeed". The church was filled with people, old and young alike. You could see that God was alive and working in this house. What a wonderful opportunity to come experience God's love and the celebration of His resurrection.

Now we much rely on the fuel that we have received during these services in the calm that had descended upon us and just look back at the excitement, the joy of the celebration and listen for the wee small voice in the calm, to call us to his work. HE IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED.



Rev. Brent Higdem

thanks...

To all the fabulous volunteers who participated in the Saturday before Palm Sunday Clean-Up! We raked, weeded, trimmed, mulched, weeded, and more. Trees were also trimmed up. A big thanks also goes to those who donated money for the mulch. Thank you to all for helping to spruce up our church grounds.

- Alison Harris

...from our Minister of Youth and Families >>>



Steven Carr

Parents and Youth,

Spring is definitely in the air and I can tell by all the yellow cars! I hope this spring season has already brought you joy as you celebrated Easter and have engaged in all the spring activities. As summer approaches, schedules become very full, so please take time and connect with the Youth calendar from now until the end of July.

Upcoming Events:

- > May 7 - Mission Trip Meeting - Session 1 @ 4 pm
- > May 21 - Youth Sunday - Senior Celebration
- Mission Trip Meeting - Session 2 @ 4 pm
- Parents Meeting @ 6:30
- > June 4 - Confirmation Sunday
- Mission Trip Meeting - Session 3 @ 4 pm
- > June 25 - Mission Trip Meeting - Session 4 @ 4 pm
- > June 26-30 - Vacation Bible School
- > June 30-July 8 - Summer Mission Trip (7th - 12th grade) to Denver, CO - Cost: 250.00
- > July 24-28 - Assembly at Hendrix College (6th - 12th grade) - Cost 135.00

Our UMY NextLevel Youth work the concessions stands at Dickey-Stephens Park to raise money for youth trips and events.

So, COME OUT AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AT THESE UPCOMING TRAVS GAMES!

Wednesday, May 3rd @ 11 am
Sunday, May 14th @ 2:10 pm

FYI, you can bring your church bulletin to Dickey-Stephens Park to Sunday games and your family (two adults and up to four kids 14 and under) will be admitted or only \$10!

...from our Minister of Children and Families >>>



Laura Kent

Our Great Surprise Easter Celebration turned out to be a great event! Many families and friends came to participate. So many people helped lead and assist through the event. Thank you to all of you who gave your time and energy to the kids at NLRFUMC so they could learn about the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. A special thanks to Chris and Laura Nick who coordinated the event.

Upcoming Events:



- Saturday, May 6th is our annual field trip to the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR. We will leave the church around 8:45am and return around 3:00pm. Reservations were due this past week, so I hope everyone got signed up who want to go. Please remember to bring a sack lunch for our picnic there. You will also need bug spray, sunscreen, and comfortable shoes. This is always fun! \$12 per adult. Kids under 11 are free.
- Our first night with Splash Zone this summer is on Sunday, June 11th from 6:30-8:30pm. Please RSVP to Laura Kent at atlent@nlrfumc.org by Wednesday, June 7th.



• VBS 2017 Maker Fun Factory is set for June 26-30th!

Make sure to mark your calendars, be on the lookout for pre-registration, and let Laura Kent know if you are available to help out!





A 5th Sunday Church-Wide Picnic & Celebration will take place THIS Sunday, April 30th!

Make plans to join us for Sunday school at 9:00 am, a combined worship service at 10:30 am, followed by a Potluck Picnic at 12:00 noon! Our church is providing Hamburgers & Hot Dogs!



If your first letter of your last name falls within the following categories, then please bring that assigned dish. **A-F : dessert; G-S: side dish; T-Z: chips.**

You will then want to stick around and spend the afternoon in fellowship with our church family! Fun and games for all ages are sure to bring lots of smiles! **Make sure to invite your families, friends and neighbors to our 5th Sunday Church-Wide Picnic and Celebration!**

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

This is the greeting that Paul used to start most of his letters we read in the New Testament. Paul is credited with writing 13 of the 27 letters in the New Testament. Other than Jesus Christ no other person has had as large an impact on the Church as Paul.

Join us April 23- May 14 as we learn more about Paul and from Paul in our new series, "Following Paul: Persecutor, Disciple, Apostle."



Native American Ministries Sunday is April 30, 2017.

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

To give by mail: Send checks to: GCFA, P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203. Please put name of Sunday in note section.

You're Invited

to a church-wide baby shower

for Jocelyn Nancy

infant daughter of Hugh & Annie Boatwright-Wang (born March 30th, 2017)

Saturday, April 29th from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the church Parlor

Jocelyn was born six weeks early. They are registered at Target.

Hugh will be there and he would like for men to come so he can meet them also, so please try to make this a welcoming shower for them.

Hosted by Pat Barnett, Sue Shirley and Judy Dicus

The North Little Rock Kiwanis Club is again sponsoring the Annual Central Arkansas National Day of Prayer Breakfast,

in conjunction with the 66th Annual National Day of Prayer. The breakfast will take place on Thursday, May 4th, 2017 from 7:00—8:15 am at the Wyndham Hotel, 2 Riverfront Place, NLR., 7am-8:15am. Tickets are \$20/person or \$175 for a table of 10. FUMC will purchase a table of 10, so your cost will be \$17.50. Tickets will be available in the church office. Make checks payable to the NLR Kiwanis Club. Money must be received by May 1st. For more information, call Kiwanis and church member, John Drake, at 912-4127, or the church office, 835-2201. Or go to nationaldayofprayer.org or KiwanisNLR.org.



Office Angels are needed to help with our welcome desk. We have one regular time available—the 4th Wednesday afternoon of the month from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Also needed are people we can call on to fill in when needed. If you might be interested, please see Mary Beth in the church office.

Church Women United will have their annual May Friendship Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin on Friday, May 5th at Bethel AME, 600 N. Cedar, North Little Rock. Refreshments at 10:30 am, Business Meeting at 11:00 am, Program at 11:30 am, and Lunch at 12:00 pm. Carpool will leave NLR FUMC at 10:00 am.



A Women's Wellness clinic will take place on Thursday, May 4th at Sylvan Hills UMC. All kinds of women's health screenings, vendors, food, yoga, and massages, etc. will take place at the event. Sylvan Hills UMC are hoping that this will be a big community event and has extended their invitation to NLR FUMC.

April 30		May 7
Financial Assist	Steven Strode & Larry Tadlock	Barbara Boyd & ?
Van Driver:	Danny Scruggs	Phil Holder
WayPoint Communion & Ushers	Duke & Linee Ophof, Chris Bradley, and Alison Harris	Jim & Terry Brush, Richard Wilson, and Angie Curran

...events for the weeks of April 30 - May 14

SUNDAY, April 30

NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY

10:30 Kid's Praise
9:00 Sunday School*
10:30 Combined Worship Service*
10:30 Argenta Service*
12:00 Church-Wide Picnic!
2:30 Called Board of Stewards Mtg.
(following Church-Wide Picnic)
5:00 UMY NextLevel

MONDAY, May 1

6:30 Scouts Meeting

TUESDAY, May 2

6:30 Bible Study
9:30 Creative Hands
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness

WEDNESDAY, May 3

9:00 CEC Story Time
9:30 Quilters
11:00 UMY @ Travs Game
5:00 JuBellation Ringers
5:00 Soul Café—Chick-fil-A!
6:00 UMY NextLevel
6:15 WOW Group*
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 Wacky Wednesday
6:30 Chapel Service*

THURSDAY, May 4

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:00 Prayer Breakfast @ Wydham Hotel
10:00 Bible Study
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness
7:00 Faith Ringers

FRIDAY, May 5

5:30 Builders Class Shrimp Boil

SATURDAY, May 6

8:00 Body & Soul Fitness
8:45 Children's Ministry @ Heifer

SUNDAY, May 7

9 & 11 Family Worship
9:00 WayPoint Service*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:30 Argenta Service*
11:00 Sanctuary Service*
12:00 Faith Sisters UMW Circle
3:30 Confirmation Class
5:00 UMY NextLevel

MONDAY, May 8

NEWSLETTER WEEK

10:00 Morton-Wayland UMW Circle
11:00 CEC Chapel Time
6:30 Scout Meetings

TUESDAY, May 9

9:30 Creative Hands Group
11:00 Pastoral Care Team Meeting
5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class

WEDNESDAY, May 10

9:00 CEC Story Time
9:00 Quilters
5:00 JuBellation Ringers
6:00 UMY NextLevel
6:15 WOW Group*
6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
6:30 Wacky Wednesday
6:30 Chapel Service*

THURSDAY, May 11

5:00 Body & Soul Fitness Class
7:00 Faith Ringers Rehearsal

SATURDAY, May 13

8:00 Body & Soul Fitness

SUNDAY, May 14

MOTHER'S DAY

9 & 11 Kid's Praise
9:00 WayPoint Service*
10:00 Sunday School*
10:30 Argenta Service*
11:00 Sanctuary Service*
2:10 UMY @ Travs Game
4:00 Missions Team Meeting
5:00 UMY NextLevel

*Denotes Childcare Provided

Let Us Pray >>>

May we give thanks for
all those in our church who
touch our souls with their
music and for the
leadership of Kurt, Linda
and Sandra.



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