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Congratulations to:

-David and Janie Strange
upon the birth of their daughter,
Louise Taft Strange, who
was born on January 14th.

A Frank Discussion on Dating Abuse

March 26 at 6pm-TCLC

Come learn about the signs of dating abuse and the resources available to help potential victims. The guest speakers will be Jan and Ron Kimble, former Greenville City Manager, whose daughter was murdered by an abusive boyfriend. Call the church office at 752-3101 for more information.

*22 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23*

This is a call to pray, every day, in the days leading up to the special Called General Conference (Feb 23-26) in St. Louis, Missouri. Delegates from around the world will consider the recommendations of The Commission On The Way Forward. This is not a prayer vigil. There is no limit on how many times you may pray during the day. The important thing to realize is how important prayer is in our life together. Remember, "the Church is of God and shall be preserved to the end of time," therefore, we pray in a spirit of hope-filled surrender. "Thy will be done," Jesus prayed, and so we follow his practice of seeking God's will first. We pray, seeking to hear a word from God, and aligning ourselves with the will of God. Below is a simple guide to assist each of us in faithfully seeking God's direction in the coming days. You are invited to begin with a prayer John Wesley and the early Methodist's embraced in their shared life, A Covenant Prayer.

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (Contemporary Version)

O Lord, I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.

Pray whenever you have the opportunity. If possible, mark each day on your calendar and pray from 2:23 pm - 2:26 pm (as a reminder - the dates for General Conference are Feb 23-26).

How can we pray? We are encouraged to practice prayer, as well as prayer with fasting. In keeping with the early Methodist's, we encourage you to consider fasting from Thursday sundown to mid-afternoon on Friday. Fasting may be a temporary refraining from food, or social media, or television, or whatever you choose. As Marjorie Thompson notes: "Fasting and prayer, . . . seem to be two of the most effective tools in clearing away our self-preoccupation so we can be more responsive to God's life in and through and around us." To learn more about John Wesley's practice of prayer and fasting visit:

<https://www.methodistprayer.org/wesleyfast/>

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A Call To Prayer (continued)

1. Pray for a spirit of unity, understanding and compassion among those who will be attending General Conference from around the world.
2. Pray for wisdom and strength for those who are called upon to lead the session of General Conference; especially pray for our bishops.
3. Pray for the North Carolina Delegation by name so that they might be faithful to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Those who are serving on the North Carolina Delegation, including both clergy and lay, are: Gray Southern, Beth Hood, Tim Russell, Lisa Yebuah, Bob Bergland, Trish Archer, Tim Reaves, Laura Fine Ledford, Gary Locklear, Emily Innes, Duncan McMillan IV, Christine Dodson, Mack Parker, Steve Taylor, Eston Brinkley, LaNella Smith, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Herbert Lowry, Jacob Beasley, Ellen Beasley.
4. Pray for all of the delegations from all over the world for safe travel and strength and wisdom to faithfully seek God's Will.
5. Pray for the movement of the Holy Spirit to guide the gathering so that all that is discussed and decided will have only one function; to bring honor to God in all that is said and done.
6. Pray for God's love and understanding to flow in and through our Jarvis Memorial church family, and to be evident in all our interactions.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us, wherever he may send us; may he guide us through the wilderness and protect us through the storm, may he bring us home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown us. This is our prayer in the Blessed name of Jesus who was, and is, and shall be, forever the same. Amen.

"To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension which squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive." Henri Nouwen

An Evening of Prayer and Praise

An Evening of Prayer and Praise will be held on Sunday, February 17th at 7:00 pm in the Taft Christian Life Center. Join with friends for "An Evening of Prayer and Praise" as we gather to lift prayers of thanksgiving and intercede in prayer for our church, our community, the world-wide United Methodist Church and our shared mission. This is a time for us to celebrate God's promise to hear us when we pray, and recommit to our need to listen for God's answers in our prayers. It is open to one and all. Please join us and invite your friends.



General Conference - February 2019

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is slated to gather February 23 to February 26 in St. Louis, Missouri. The governing or executive arm of our world-wide United Methodist Church is called, General Conference. Typically this body convenes once every four years to discern God's Vision for the church and to set our shared missional agenda. A special meeting called the General Conference is slated for February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri to discern our Church's position on ordination of persons identifying as LGBTQ and on whether the church will sanction same sex unions; neither of which are currently sanctioned. General Conference is a gathering of approximately 900 delegates (half are clergy and half are laity) from all over the world. Bishops, while helping to preside at General Conference, have no vote. The North Carolina Conference (think eastern half of our state) will be sending sixteen (16) delegates to GC 2019. General Conference is part of a three-pronged organizational structure to ensure the Church stays true to our mission. Like our own US government there is an Executive (General Conference), Administrative (Council of Bishops) and Judicial (Judicial Council) branch of leadership. To learn more about the issues under consideration Feb. 23-26 please visit:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/whats-a-general-conference-special-session-why-now>

Celebrating Our Financial Stewardship

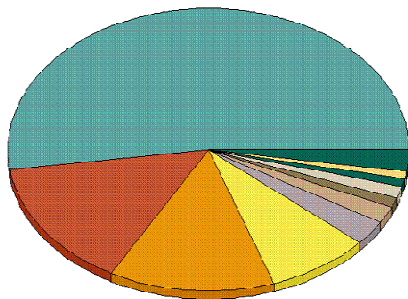
2018 Points to Celebrate

- \$185,123 in apportionments were paid in full
- As a congregation we gave more than \$185,000 to other benevolences. This includes \$17,700 to UMCOR and \$11,600 for the Sound District Christmas Eve Offering.
- We began to accept gifts online in 2016. We received more than \$150,000 from online giving in 2018.

Ten Year Financial Comparison

Year	Budget	Expenses	Contributions	Pledge Total	% of Pledges Not Paid	Apportionment Paid %
2018	\$ 1,358,715.00	\$ 1,253,021.00	\$ 1,306,124.00	\$ 779,742.00	5.00%	100%
2017	\$ 1,412,565.00	\$ 1,279,613.00	\$ 1,278,689.00	\$ 810,474.00	6.50%	75%
2016	\$ 1,386,256.00	\$ 1,291,339.00	\$ 1,318,884.00	\$ 906,202.00	6.60%	100%
2015	\$ 1,214,287.00	\$ 1,237,869.00	\$ 1,231,457.00	\$ 819,848.00	9.50%	65%
2014	\$ 1,248,540.00	\$ 1,061,136.00	\$ 1,115,261.00	\$ 642,360.00	7.80%	36%
2013	\$ 1,305,089.00	\$ 1,212,995.00	\$ 1,232,368.00	\$ 852,490.00	11.00%	100%
2012	\$ 1,298,905.00	\$ 1,238,296.00	\$ 1,239,278.00	\$ 1,095,390.00	6.60%	80%
2011	\$ 1,259,478.00	\$ 1,196,676.00	\$ 1,198,698.00	\$ 1,117,309.00	13.00%	73%
2010	\$ 1,267,207.00	\$ 1,207,813.00	\$ 1,157,234.00	\$ 1,116,481.00	11.70%	100%
2009	\$ 1,100,541.00	\$ 1,088,152.00	\$ 1,131,211.00	\$ 1,035,359.00	11.40%	56%

2018 Total Expenses



Legend		
Staff Parrish	654,396.14	(52.25%)
GREENVILLE DIST. APPORTIONMENT	185,123.00	(14.78%)
TRUSTEE - CHURCH PROPERTY	164,986.99	(13.17%)
OPERATING EXPENSE	104,226.27	(8.32%)
OFFICE EXPENSE	36,005.78	(2.88%)
Music	22,968.60	(1.83%)
Youth Ministry	16,242.75	(1.30%)
Missions	15,000.00	(1.20%)
Worship	12,094.65	(0.97%)
Children's Ministry	9,755.47	(0.78%)
Other	31,523.19	(2.52%)
Total	\$1,252,322.84	

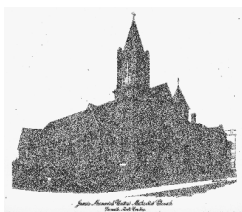
2019 Numbers to Know

Total Operating Budget: \$1,341,492

Total Pledges: \$875,352

Total Number of Pledges: 153

Jarvis Memorial received 53 pledges from families or individuals who did not pledge for 2018. Three of those individuals are new givers. Fifty of those families have given before, but did not submit a pledge for last year. **If you would still like to submit a pledge for 2019 and need a pledge card the church office staff would be happy to help you with that.**



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Yard Sale - March 16 from 7 am to 11 am

Accepting items in the TCLC: Monday, March 11th through Wednesday, March 13th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm and Monday & Tuesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm.

We accept most things except: large appliances, old computers, fatback TV's, women's clothing, and books. NOTE: we do accept children's books.

Please take women's clothing to My Sister's Closet on Arlington Blvd. We do accept men's and children clothing and all shoes and accessories, furniture, household items, lamps, toys, electronics, linens, seasonal. We have a separate area for collectibles. Tax receipts available. Anyone who donates or works on sale can shop early.

Lenten Worship Series

This year during Lent, starting on March 6 (Ash Wednesday) through Holy Week, we will focus on the risks of entering Jesus' passion. Building on the themes of Amy-Jill Levine's writing, we will explore these themes in worship and study. Levine notes: "This Lenten journey challenges us to examine our consciences and find out how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us into closer relationship with others and the world." We will focus on the following in Sunday worship at all three services: **March 10 Jerusalem: Risking Reputation, March 17 The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger, March 24 Teachings: Risking Challenge, March 31 The First Dinner: Risking Rejection, April 7. The Last Supper: Risking The Loss Of Friends, April 14. PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Gethsemane: Risking Temptation.**

Invite a friend or a small group to worship with us!

The Congregation and Staff of Jarvis UMC wish to extend their sincerest sympathies to:

- Don and Boots Mills upon the death of Don's mother, Eleanor Haynes Mills, who passed away on December 25.
- The Hicks family upon the death of Connie Hicks who passed away on January 1.
- Madoline Murphy upon the death of her husband, Doug Murphy, who passed away on January 11.
- Bobby Deloatch upon the death of his father, James Deloatch, who passed away on January 14.
- Greg and Waz Miller upon the death of his mother, Vivian Louise Miller.
- Amy and Ken Howard upon the death of Amy's father, M.T. Simmons.