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From the Lay
Leader Susan

“Prayer”

James 5:16 - The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

John Bunyan once said, “Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised.”

I want you to know that I am praying for you by name, each and every day. I pray that all your needs will be met. I pray God will grant you the desires of your heart. I pray that He will give His angels charge over you, to keep you safe in all your ways. I pray that He will bless you as you come in and as you go out. I pray that you will know His voice and follow in His ways. I pray that goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life and that you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

And remember, prayer is an amazing power!

If you have access to the internet, you can go to www.fumcwnnc.org to hear the Sunday sermon. If you can't do that and would like to hear the Sunday message, please let that be known so a way to get the message to you will be pursued. Contact Eduardo or Judy.

forward to these times of praise and sharing of God's gifts.



RICK'S REFRAIN

Words that we use every day can have multiple meanings. Church comes from Middle English *churches*, Old English *cirice*, Medieval Greek *kūrikon* and Late Greek *kūriakon*, all of these meaning "The Lord's House." We also use church from the neuter of Greek *kūriakos* which means "of the Lord." This latter meaning is the one that speaks to me the most. Our building is certainly beautiful and conducive to worship and for that I am most thankful. But meeting with other Christians "of the Lord" is the very essence of worship.

I am thankful for all of the prayers and words of concern and love that have been expressed during Kay's medical crisis. She is progressing nicely and improving slowly day by day. God is good all the time.

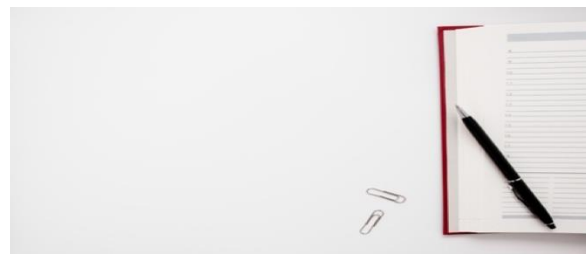
At our recent Planning meeting, it was determined that the time is here to resume choir. We had four regulars before Covid so rudely interrupted. We are always open to others who would like to join us as we blend our voices in praise to our wonderful Lord. Let's begin on Sunday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room. The music will not be difficult and the ability to read music is not required, (though reading words is helpful). I look



BETH'S MESSAGES

Missions

We will continue to collect food for Haywood Christian Ministry on a monthly basis even though Communion will be served quarterly now. Themes will be announced but you are always free to donate whatever you wish. In February we will collect breakfast foods. This might include cereal, pop tarts, oatmeal, granola bars, etc. We currently have enough birthday cake kit materials to last a few months. Since we collected for Heifer International for Advent (\$200.00), we have decided to collect funds for the Wesley Foundation at Western in Cullowhee. More about this foundation to come soon but begin saving now. If anyone would like to use the Heifer arks let me know and I will dig one out for you. You may donate by check at any time just mark memo Wesley Foundation. This project will culminate on Easter Sunday.



PPRC

Pastor Terry has notified our district superintendent and our church leadership team that he will not be available to be our

minister after June. Please be in prayer that God and Rev. Lee will find us a person to lead us into the future.



January 28,2022

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my Prayers, my Presence, my Gifts, my Service, and my Witness.”

2022 Budget \$58,453.00

Needed to date for budget	\$4,676.24
Received to date for budget	\$2,336.00
Behind budget	\$2,340.24
Paid out to date for budget	\$1,143.60

We thank you for your faithfulness!



This is a new feature of the newsletter to share joys of the congregation family and friends.

First one is....

Smokey Dooly will be Dr. Veronica Dooly after her Commencement Ceremony January 29. She will have her Doctor of Information Technology. Her study was Strategy to Master and Deter Cyberloafing in Small Businesses. Congratulations!!!!

Beth shares that robins have returned so that's a good sign that Spring is coming.

Spring is a good time to get out your golf clubs to support the 12th Annual Wesley Golf Classic at the Lake Junaluska Golf Course on Saturday April 23.

Contact Hannah Van Hooser, Associate Director of Missions & Ministry Support, Wesley Foundation at Western Carolina University.

www.wcuwesley.com or 828-508-1921

The Wesley Foundation at WCU has been in operation since 1946. For over 70 years, college students have been part of a loving church community that connects with each other, contributes to the world around them and celebrates God.

Church leadership meeting
January 27,2022

Present were Pastor Terry, Susan, Gerald, Judy, Smokey, Mark, Tryllis, Rick and Beth

Susan opened with prayer.

Minutes from charge conference were read and approved.

Lay leader Susan thanked Terry for inspiring messages and Judy agreed.

Treasurer Susan presented 2021 reports and 2022 report as of 1-27-22.

We discussed our churches financial contributions to the Wesley Foundation at Western Carolina University. They receive no financial assistance from the conference. Susan asked if we could plan on donating \$1,000 by the end of March. Their primary fundraiser is a golf tournament, and they sell hole sponsorships. Smokey proposed and Tryllis seconded that we plan on contributing a minimum of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Judy talked about the finance committee report. Eduardo has resumed recording sermons and posting to website. Discussion followed concerning other possible ways of making

sermons available to the public. Judy will put an article in newsletter seeking folks who would like sermons made available.

Some folks are having trouble hearing parts of the sermon. Options include checking volume of speakers and assigning earbuds to certain individuals to maintain covid precautions.

Missions—Beth asked if we wanted to continue communion food donations for Haywood Christian Ministry. Council agreed; Susan asked if maybe we could have themes. After some discussion we agreed that themes might be announced but people were free to bring whatever they might want to donate. We have sufficient birthday cake kits materials on hand to last for a few months. Beth then asked for input on a Lenten project since we had done Heifer international for Advent. After much discussion it was agreed to collect funds for Wesley Foundation. Beth will do a mission moment sometime in February and Susan will attempt to schedule a speaker from the Foundation for March 6 or whatever date works better. Collections will culminate on Easter Sunday.

Trustees—Gerald would like to schedule a workday to clean out the basement. Will do when a little warmer. Also need to have trees and bushes trimmed. Will check with Jeremy who mows our lawn and Richard Reeves if he wants the wood. Duke Energy can provide a motion light at the pavilion to increase security for \$10 a month. We should remove sink and cabinets. Also, he will look into getting our church sign at the corner of Hendrix Street replaced. He is still looking into getting air purifiers for sanctuary. It has been recommended to avoid units with filters. The carpet on front porch needs to be replaced and possibly the wood underneath. Judy will call Carpet barn. The preacher pointed out that the tables in the pavilion need to be sanded and refinished. Judy asked if high school or college might have a class that could help us.

PPRC—Beth will be meeting with district superintendent/ Pastor Terry has notified Rev. Lee

that he will not be able to continue being our minister after end of June due to health concerns.

Worship—We will do communion quarterly, using the prepacked cups with wafers while covid is such a concern. We will continue to collect food every month. Easter service will be our only special service for Holy Week but look for listings of other special services. If winter weather is a concern Rick and the Dooleys live close enough that they can determine if conditions warrant canceling service. They will notify preacher and Susan will send out a Reverend Robo call. Use your own common sense if you can't get out safely.

Sunday school-Mark asked what class would like to study next. Class was put off until March and time changed to 10 a.m.

Bulletins-Smokey said feedback will be appreciated. She creates the bulletins late Saturday afternoon and prints on Sunday morning.

Music—Rick is ready to restart choir. Rehearsals will be at 10:30 Sunday mornings, beginning Feb 6th.

Newsletter—Judy would like to add a “good news” feature to newsletter so send in those items when you send newsletter articles by 25th every month.

Partnership with First UMC. After much discussion we decided we are not really interested in partnering with them.

We need to increase attendance among members on rolls but not in church. Reach out and encourage them to join us.

Pastors report—nothing not already covered

Old business—nothing not already covered

New business---nothing

Next meeting date will be March 6th after church

FEBRUARY 2022 DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM RESUMES IN MARCH WORSHIP SERVICE 11 AM

February 2 - Candlemas, also called **Presentation of the Lord** or **Presentation of Christ in the Temple** or **Hypapante**, Christian festival on February 2 commemorating the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn (Luke 2:22–38). The festival was formerly known in the Roman Catholic Church as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is now known as the Presentation of the Lord. In the Anglican church it is called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. In the Greek church it is called Hypapante (Meeting), in reference to Jesus' meeting in the Temple with the aged Simeon.

February 6 – Choir Practice 10:30AM

February 14 – St. Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**,¹ is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and, through later folk traditions, has become a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Valentines connected to February 14, including an account of the imprisonment of Saint Valentine of Rome for ministering to Christians persecuted under the Roman Empire in the third century. According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer. Numerous later additions to the legend are better related it to the theme of love: an 18th-century embellishment to the legend

claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution; another addition posts that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry.

The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. In Italy, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off epilepsy (called Saint Valentine's Malady).



February Birthday – 28 – Rev. Terry Rowland

No Anniversaries