

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MOCKSVILLE



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope Thanksgiving has taken on a deeper meaning for you this year as we continue to endure the pandemic. Looking back on November, I was pleased how much ministry went on. Thank you to those responsible and in particular, thank you to those who made a call or sent a text or email to encourage someone else. Let us keep that up, or do it more. Think about those for whom these times are the most difficult and reach out.

We had hoped to reinstate our indoor worship services in late November. When the governor came out with the county by county analysis with Davie county in the "red" (critical community spread), we felt it best to postpone the resumption of indoor worship and to reduce the number for indoor group meetings to 10 per building.

Let us stay spiritually strong in December by staying in God's Word, praying without ceasing, having personal and family devotions, listening to Christian music/Christmas carols and taking advantage of the services offered online and on the radio. Take some time to reflect on what is really important and show appreciation to those who have blessed and benefited you.

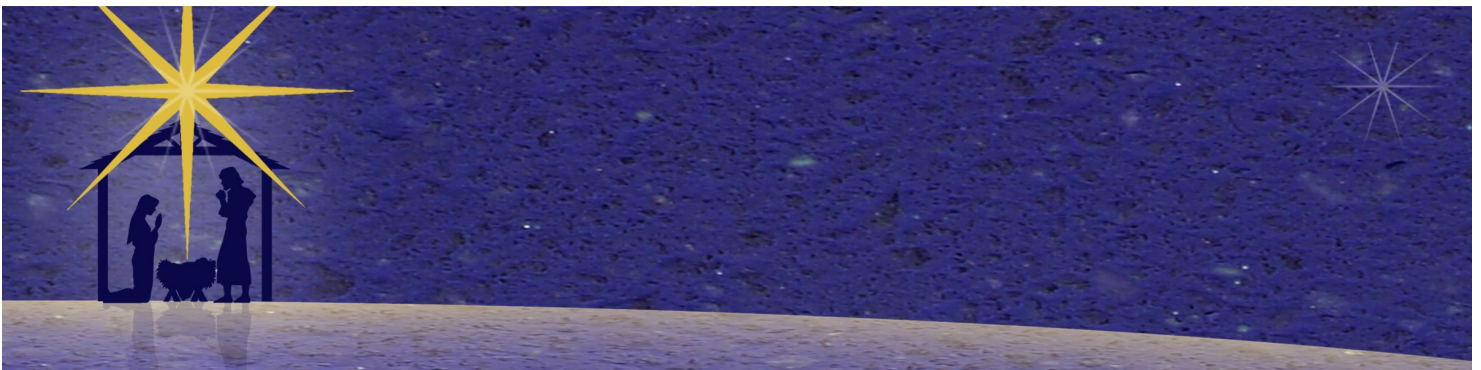
An experience flashed back to me today. I was a student Chaplain at Emory Hospital in Atlanta in my senior year of seminary. Our small group of fellow Chaplains met weekly to reflect on our experiences. We were discussing how people cope with the challenges of serious illness. One chaplain told about an encounter he had with a woman who quoted the scripture from Luke 2:1 in the King James Version, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree..." The New Revised Standard Version says, "In those days a decree went out..."

The woman put her difficult situation in perspective by quoting the KJV and saying, "It came to pass, it did not come to stay."

I would like to apply that to the pandemic, "it came to pass, it did not come to stay." Thankfully, there is hope that its days are numbered with the promising vaccines recently unveiled. Praise the Lord for these developments.

Thank you for your prayers for me when I was exposed to the virus. It was a relief to get the result of the test being negative. Remain vigilant. Stay positive and test negative.

Blessings,  
Pastor Glenn





**IN MEMORY**

**RUTH DAVIS**

By Chris & Alice Hanes  
By FUMC Fellowship Class  
By Joe & Yvonne Butzbach  
By Kathleen Cartner  
By Don & Sarah Wood

**CARROLL FOSTER**

By Melza Craven  
Charles & Patsy Crenshaw  
Blair & Gloria Gardner  
Mike & Paula Harrison  
Randy Hendricks  
Wink Hendricks  
Carl & Shirley Wicker

**IN HONOR**

**BETTY FROST**

By FUMC Fellowship Class  
By Joe & Yvonne Butzbach

**Prayers and Squares** are taking request for prayer quilts again. Please call Cathy McClamrock (336-909-4150) email : cmccla1439@aol.com, or Carolyn Cartner (336-909-0053) email: cjar0486@yadtel.net with your requests.

The Worship Team is working to increase online opportunities for worship and praise. At the same time, we'd love to see more of our church family members share their faith journey. If you would be willing to occasionally video one of your daily devotions for us to post, please email Barbara Laymon at blaymon14@earthlink.net or call her at 3367510465. Thanks for helping us out!



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If you got a teen to buy for from Storehouse for Jesus, please return your gifts, UNWRAPPED, and with your label attached to the clear bag . Please bring to the church office by THURSDAY, December 3.

**WHEN** will be collecting food for the families that are living at both Lakewood Motel and the Scottish Inn. Our hope is to have a large box of food to help our friends there during Christmas week. Shelf stable items are needed (and please make certain the freshness date is at least mid to late January). The best items are canned fruits, vegetables, meats and soups. Other items that work well are single serving or individual packages of Mac and Cheese, soups, cereals, grits oatmeal and fruits. There are also some shelf stable microwaveable meals that work well. Most of the residents there only have a "dorm size" refrigerator and a microwave for storage and cooking so we need to be mindful of that when shopping. In addition, shelf stable quarts of milk would be appropriate along with single serving packages of wrapped desserts. If you would prefer, you can donate money and specify it for WHEN Christmas Boxes and the WHEN team will do the shopping. We have always been blessed with your generosity for this project each year and we thank you for your continued support of this ministry. I do believe this year the need is great and this is one way we can share our abundant blessings with others. Collections and donations will be received from now until Sunday, December 20 in the Narthex of the Family Life Center. You may drop off your donations during regular church office hours or on Sundays when attending worship. Our thanks to the youth who will be helping to pack the boxes on Sunday night, December 20. They have also asked for donations when cars come through for the live nativity the previous Friday and Saturday nights. We so much appreciate their help and support. Help will be needed to deliver the boxes on Tuesday, December 22 late in the afternoon. If you would be willing to help, please let Natalie Gray or Nan Neal know. Delivery will be contactless... our plan is to place the box in front of the door, knock and have the resident pick up their box. Again, thank you for your continued support of this project.

**BLESSING BAGS:** the winter Blessing Bags will be packed in mid-December and be available just before Christmas. They will be available at worship on Sundays and at the Family Life Center. Be on the lookout for them and share a blessing this winter. Thanks to all of you who have been handing them out. You are a blessing!



As the holidays approach, your Stephen Ministry team wants to remind you to be listening and watching for those who are struggling this Christmas. As we know, it is not always the most wonderful time of the year for some...many have had deaths in the family this past year, job changes, childcare interruptions and sickness. And then on top of our other life changes, we have the struggles from the Covid crisis and all of the interruptions that have come about in just our regular routines. If you, a family member or friend are struggling and would like to have someone to share your feelings with and to just listen and stand with you during this difficult time, please call Pastor Glenn or one of our Stephen leaders and let us discuss Stephen Ministry with them. It is a caring, listening and completely confidential ministry and the Stephen Ministers have a 50 hour training course and continue training every year. The ministry has been able to continue with telephone and other electronic media and those who have requested a Stephen Minister are being served during Covid. If you would like more information on Stephen Ministry so you can determine if it would be a good choice for you or someone you love, please get in touch with Pastor Glenn, Susan Myers, Jean Hinshaw, Jenny Turner, Betty Ward or Nan Neal. The Stephen Ministry Team wishes each of you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and blessed New Year.

**Job Vacancy**

Our janitor, Natalie Sanders, recently resigned, and we are now in a search to fill this vacancy. We are open to hiring another individual or team or a cleaning company. If you know of someone who is interested, have them email, call or send a resume to Glenn. In the meantime, we are most grateful to Alice Hanes and Maryanne Peale who are volunteering to clean for a few weeks.



**December 18 & 19, 6pm-8pm.** Join us as **IMPACT Youth** hosts our **Drive-Thru Live Nativity** in the parking lot of our Family Life Center. Enter at police station on Ken Dwiggins Rd., and drive thru Bethlehem as we tell the great story of our Savior's birth. Stay in your cars and follow the guided route around our parking lot. At the portico, volunteers will be there to accept your non-perishable food donations or cash/checks donations for our WHEN ministry families. Some examples are single serve soups, mac and cheese, fruit cups, pudding, oatmeal, grits, and other non-perishables. The food donations or monetary donations will go towards Christmas food boxes for our WHEN families. The Youth and WHEN volunteers will pack the boxes Sunday Dec. 20, 3pm-4:30pm, and they will be delivered Christmas week.

#### **Dress Rehearsals/Costumes Fitting Schedule**

If you are volunteering for the Drive Thru Live Nativity, please make plans to stop by the church December 13-17 to get fitted for your costume and final instructions. All characters and townspeople (those that are collecting food and giving out church info goody bags) will wear a costume. Please make arrangements to come try on your costume that week. If the below times do not work for you, please see Natalie to schedule a time. Please dress in layers-it could be cold. Hopefully you should be able to put your biblical costume on over your clothes.

We need work lights and spotlights to shine light on each of our scenes during the event. If you have work lights or spotlights that we can borrow December 18 & 19, please contact Natalie or bring them to church by December 13.

Sunday Dec. 13, 3-7pm

Monday Dec. 14, 4-8pm

Tuesday Dec. 15, 9am-12 and 4-8pm

Wednesday Dec. 16, 4pm-8pm

Thursday Dec. 17, 9am-12pm and 4-8pm

There still may be a few volunteer slots left, so please contact Natalie or visit this link to see what is still available!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AACAC2DA0F94-live>

Special thank you to John Cottle, Mike Brill, Wylie Berry, Carmen Radson, and the Youth for their hard work on construction on the sets for the Drive-Thru Nativity. Thank you IMPACT Youth, and Lisa Prillaman for your dedication in making this event possible. Most importantly THANK YOU CHURCH family who helped by giving your time to tell our community about Jesus' birth!



The Pacesetters Class will be doing virtual classes until the end of this year. On Sunday, November 29, we will begin a new 4-week Advent Study by Adam Hamilton called "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas." Again, books are readily available via all online booksellers and as an e-book. All are welcome to join us for this study during these weeks. If there are any questions, please call, text or email Angie Jordan at 336-909-4327 or [ajordan9801@gmail.com](mailto:ajordan9801@gmail.com).





THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
**FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT**

Thank you for your generous financial support. Your ongoing gifts are vital to the ministries of FUMC! Please continue to mail your offerings to the church or drop them off in the mailbox beside the front doors of the Family Life Center. The mailbox is locked, and it is checked regularly.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

	Oct 20	Jan-Oct '20
Tithes/Offerings	\$54,188	\$441,957
Memorials GF	20	8,397
W/S Foundation		7,902
Other Income		7,978
Total Income	\$54,208	\$466,234
Expenses	- 71,113	-514,824
Total	- 16,905	- 48,590
ADA Restroom	- 4,183	- 83,669
Net Income	-21,088	- 132,259

Please let us know of any additional names to be added or any names which should be removed. We like for our Prayer List to be current and correct. To contact the Prayer Chain with a prayer request or to become a part of the Prayer Chain, please contact:

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 02	Belinda Brewer	Dec. 19	David Hunter
	David Neal	Dec. 20	Brad Clark
Dec. 07	Joshua Woods	Dec. 21	Charles Evans
Dec. 09	Rob Taylor	Dec. 22	Nancy Harpe
Dec. 10	Inez Miller		Billie Bean
	Carol Foust	Dec. 23	Aaron York
Dec. 12	Maggie Ritz		Sam Jordan
Dec. 13	Nathan Foil		Doris Snyder
	Donna Henderson	Dec. 24	Dianne Brown
	Wade Dyson		Chris Hendrix
Dec. 14	Gena Taylor	Dec. 27	Mike Hinshaw
	Pam Bahnson		Priscilla McCullough
Dec. 15	Suzanne Hendricks		Chris Shuskey
Dec. 16	Clinton Carter	Dec. 28	Bess Hatley
	Wink Hendricks (90)	Dec. 29	Tommy Joe Boyette
	Madeline Shelton		Sarah Carter
Dec. 17	Ryanne Wallace	Dec. 30	Doug Kelly
Dec. 18	Sonny Stanley		Sidniee Suggs
	Rachel Jordan		
	Susan Myers		

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**ARMED FORCES**  
FN Collin Russell

**Advent Devotionals**

Advent devotionals from the Society of St. Andrews are available now for pickup on the FLC porch. You may also want to check out Adventus, a devotional available for download on the Annual Conference website [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org).

**Nominations update:**

We welcome Shirley Cottle who has accepted the call to chair our Evangelism Team.

**FLC building update**

There is a mold issue involving moisture coming from outdoors into the basement of the Family Life Center. At this time, it is a hazardous space, so please do not go into basement until it is safe to do so.



*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

It is time, my friends. Time to wait, expectantly, for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. And our waiting will look slightly different this year, but oh, the joy of His birth will be the same! Focus on that joy, focus on the preparation, focus on the hope that His birth brings. And take the time to listen to the beautiful music that brings us such comfort during our time of waiting.

Join us each Sunday morning as we sing the beautiful hymns of Advent and Christmas. Listen to the choir recordings of some of your favorite Christmas anthems. And be ready to light your candle at home, as we lift them up together, virtually during "Silent Night" on:

**Sunday, December 20: Virtual Candle Lighting Concert on YouTube**

**Thursday, December 24: Virtual Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols**

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.*

*Lou Ann Wilson, Director of Music*



## Missions

Carolina Honduras Medical Mission – we have received thanks for our ongoing support for the people who have endured so much destruction from hurricanes Eta and Iota.

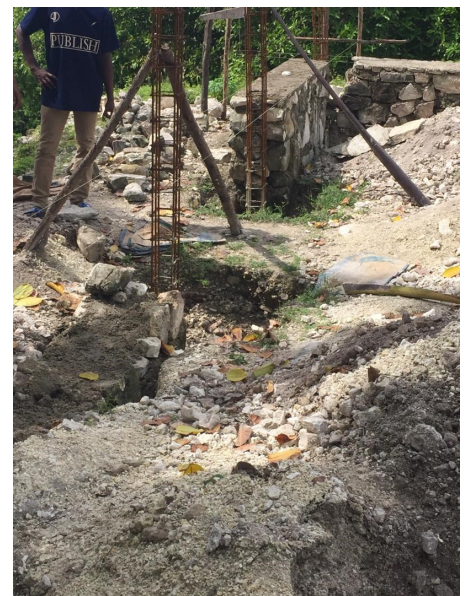
Davie County Family Promise has been assisting graduate families to keep their housing. Many have lost jobs during the pandemic.

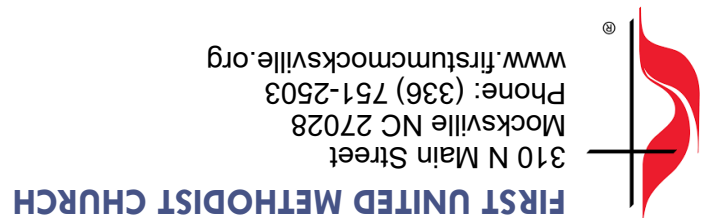
The Advocacy Center continues to help families living on the edge. A new director has been hired.

A Storehouse for Jesus continues to support people in dire need in our community. "Thanks" to all who adopted a teen for Christmas through A Storehouse. Gifts due to the church by Thursday, Dec. 3, labeled, in clear bags.

We have the opportunity to virtually fill an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox online. Many lives can still be touched.  
<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/covid-19/>

We are making possible a new church in Haiti now laying foundations. Thank you for your support.





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**The mission of First United Methodist Church is to *believe* in Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to *receive* the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and to *respond* to the needs of others with the love of God the Father.**