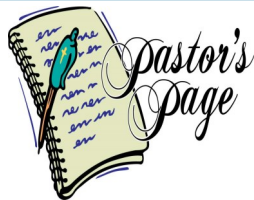


CHURCH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE LINK

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Endings are hard. I had an old preacher in seminary who said that in the average 3-year appointment, you spend your first year getting to know people. You spend your second year and half of your third year preaching good sermons, giving good counsel, and leading your congregation well. The last six months that you have is when you watch the congregation disconnect from you

as they begin to anticipate the appointment of a new pastor. I've been appointed here for four years, and I hope that means that you got to hear two and half years of good sermons, have received good counsel, and I hope I've led you well so far. I know that now I am very near the end of tenure as the Sr. Pastor of Church Street UMC. Even so, I feel that I still have some wisdom to share, and so I would invite you to read on that we all might "... press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

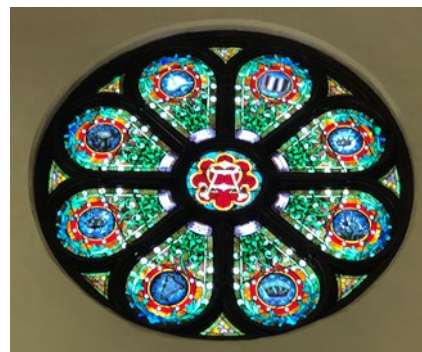
Each and every pastor in the United Methodist Church is appointed for 1 year at a time. So, since I've been serving Church Street UMC for 4 years I've been appointed here 4 times. The only elder that serves more than 1 year at a time is the Bishop who serves for a quadrennium (or 4-year term). This June, Diane will begin her first 1-year term. As Diane prepares for you, and as you prepare for her, let me encourage you to do 2 things. 2 Things that I know are already in the DNA of Church Street UMC.

First, pray for her. Moving is never easy. Moving to a new place with new faces that will know you within a couple of weeks that you won't know is difficult. The learning curve for pastors in new appointments is steep. Not to mention the fact that she has to try to explain the unexplainable—the ineffable every week. Diane will need your prayers. She will be praying for you. She needs you to do the same for her.

Second, Diane needs to experience the hospitality that CSUMC can offer. Church Street UMC has been one of the most hospitable churches I have ever been a part of. We have acted like a family and we have stuck with one another. If I need someone in any of 100 different arenas, I can call someone at our church who can take care of it personally, or they can direct me to the person/group who can. Be as hospitable to Diane as you have been to me and she will be able to attest to the incredible nature of your hospitality too!

That's it. That's the wisdom I'll leave you with. Pray for your pastor. Be hospitable to her. I have a feeling though, that if you do those two things that this will be an amazing appointment both for Diane and for Church Street UMC!

Lance



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Friday

8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Music Ministry Notes From Gordon

It was a joy to hear from our Sunday School children as they sang so beautifully for worship last month (May 9). These children bless my heart each Sunday as we gather to sing praises at the beginning of our Sunday School period. Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him! And our Church Street children do just that!!

We are fast approaching the summer months during which we will once again sing the "good-old favorite hymn" medleys during worship. Let me ask that if you have a favorite hymn you would like for me to include in these medleys, please do not hesitate to let me know. Call the church office and leave it with Pat or speak to me following our worship service. I hope to hear from you.

Consider becoming a "summer singer". Practice and sing with the choir this summer to see if this is a ministry you would like to consider. Rehearsals Wednesday evening beginning at a 6:00 p.m.; great fellowship; forty-five minutes long. Come and check us out!

Gordon



A Note from Diane Everette

As I write this, I am only thirty-two days from calling Selma home. I am looking forward, with great anticipation, to the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

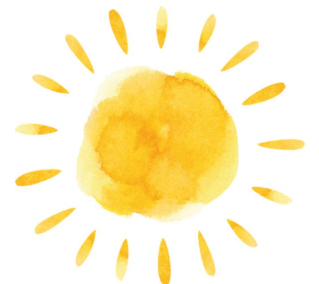
I will be arriving on June 22nd. With my first day in the office being on July 6th. My first day in the pulpit will be on July 11th.

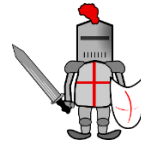
Please feel free to stop by the parsonage to say hello. (And maybe bring some banana pudding or pound cake).

I will be praying for you during these final days of saying goodbye to Lance. Please say a prayer for the sweet people of Mt. Zion.

I can't wait to meet you!

Diane





Children's Ministry

A great big THANK YOU to all of our wonderful Bible School volunteers who unselfishly and with smiles gave their time and talents to make our VBS GREAT! Not only did we learn to ARMOR UP with God's Word, but also we realized that the more we learn about Him the better we are prepared to do His will and serve Him.

June 20th is Father's Day, and we wish all of our Church Street fathers and grandfathers a very special day! We celebrate you and are thankful for you! Psalm 103:13 says, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

As we embark on these summer months, please remember that our church doors are open and we will continue to have Sunday school each and every Sunday! For those of you who will be traveling, be safe. "Let's put ourselves in the hands of our loving God and pray together that He will bless all of us and our families during the wonderful months of summer" (Archdiocese of Baltimore).

HaPpY Summer,



Frances



**I will support Church Street United Methodist Church with my....
PRAYERS**

Current: Sherry Taylor, Caroline Thomas, Carolyn Dunaway, Caroline Thomas, Randy Smith, Sarah Thomas, Brandon McHugh, Sherie Sherrer, Helen Rogers, Pierson Dick

Ongoing Michael & Katie Collins, Bill Goodwin, Avere Adams, Linnie Kopp, Suzanne Ingram, Misty Edwards Barrett, Brandie Friday, Jennifer Williamson Stone, Anita Waldrop, John Stringer, Jeanette Faile Hardin, Daniel Jordan, Jeff Cogle, Jim Kennedy, Amy & Jim Sims, Keith Stephan, Blake Flanagan, Gary West, Tommy Eiland, Kathryn Hardy, Russ Jackson, Bill Livingston, Clark Schatz, Shannon Miller Cook, Cassandra Steele

Homebound: Eloise Trammel, Jean Walker, Helen Rogers, Ann Pegues, Edna Wiechers, Barry Blanton, Camille Salter, Lucille Jordan Sellier

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PRESENCE**

Average attendance YTD as of April

Sunday School: 72 Worship Service: 109



**We hope to see each of you each week for
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., and
Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

**If you miss a service, be sure to catch the
service on the Church Street Web page or
the Facebook page or listen to the prior
week's sermon on Sundays, at 9:00 am on
Dixie Country - WDX 100.1**

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GIFTS**

Memorials

Russell Foster

By: Harrell, Cheryl and Fielding Watts
By: George & Melanie Sedberry

Dennis Sweeney

By: Wayne & Paula Vardaman

**Memorials to
Leika's Playground**

Marsha Powe

By: George & Melanie Sedberry

**Income vs Expenses
January—April 2021**

Month	Income	Expenses	Month End	
			Negative	Positive
January	40,363	40,778	(415)	
February	35,385	34,833		552
March	31,071	44,874	-\$13,803	
April	34,726	33,074		1,652
Year to Date	141,545	153,559	-\$12,014	



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Remember that charitable contributions, in memory or in honor of someone special, are a great way not only to honor them, but to contribute to the work of the Church as well.

June 6th Communion Offering
The Communion Offering on Sunday, June 6th will be given to United for the City.

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SERVICE**

Teams Serving in June

Ushers: Robert Beers, Matt Oaks, Buddy Perkins, Mike Bruner, Joe Moore, Randall Beers, John D Stallworth

Security: Bart Adams, Buc Shaw, Tom Lang, Leigh Lang, Judy Moore

Worship Steward:
Em Moore & Polly Sellier

Collection Counters:
Myrna Hollis & Julie Drinkard

If you are unable to be present, please find a replacement and contact your captain.



**Princess Angel Farewell Party
for**

**Anna Claire Eiland
and her Parents!**

**Sunday, June 20th
During Sunday School Hour
9:15-10:15
Windham Hall**

June Meetings

Trustees

Tuesday, June 8th, at 5:00 pm, in Grist Library

Finance

Thursday, June 24th , at 5:00 pm, in the
Grist Library

Church Council

Thursday, June 24th at 5:45 pm, in the
Grist Library

**Please contact your chairperson or the
Church Office if you will not be able to
attend.**

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WITNESS

Happy Father's Day!



Vacation Bible
School Pictures

Coming Soon!



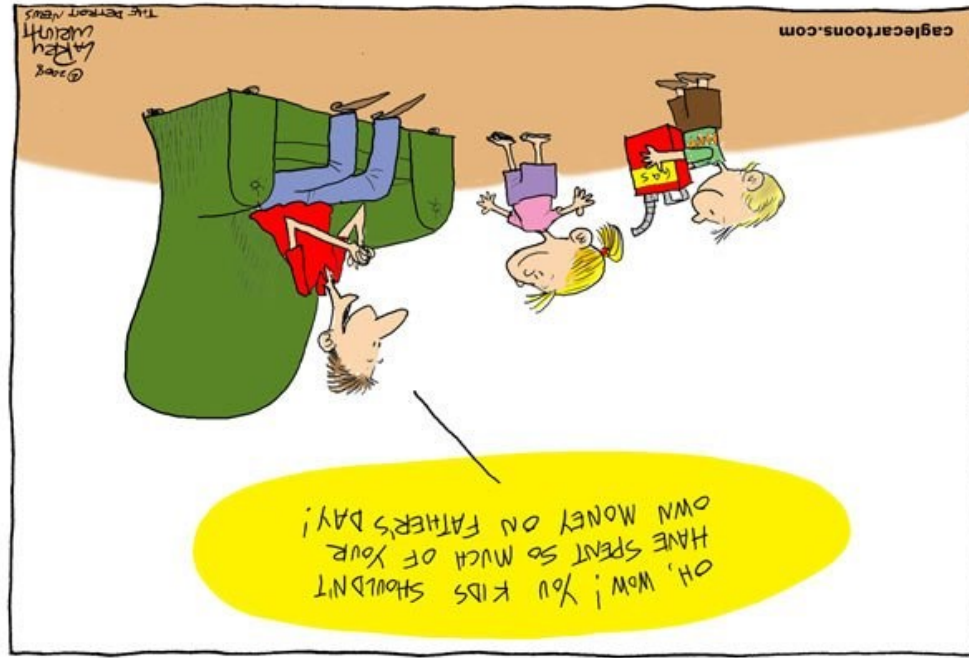
Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 20th

AS ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A
MIGHTY MAN, SO ARE THE
CHILDREN OF YOUTH.



HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT HATH
HIS QUIVER FULL OF THEM.

PSALM 127:4-5



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