

Third Quarter Financial Update

At the end of 2016, the church adopted a General Operating Fund budget for 2017 that anticipated (based on historical giving) contributions for the quarter of \$109,000. In the first three months of 2017, the church received \$94,500 in contributions for the General Operating Fund. Fortunately, general fund expenses were also reduced in the first quarter, resulting in a net loss for the quarter of \$13,500.

A large proportion of the general fund contributions must be used to pay operating expenses, which include salaries, building upkeep, debt service, and support paid to the United Methodist Church. The finance committee, trustees, and SPRC are working together to reduce these church operating expenses in order to provide funding for the missions of the church which include the Reach, Serve, Worship, Invite, and Grow-learn teams. However, even with cost reductions identified and implemented thus, the church will continue to experience a loss each month unless general fund contributions increase by approximately \$3500 per month. Please prayerfully consider this financial need of FUMC – Pine Mountain.

Please direct any questions you may have about the church 2017 budget or financial condition to Dail Fields, Chair of the Finance Committee at dfields414@att.net or 757-639-4370.

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A Note From Our Pastor

I have never been very good at goodbyes; even though I have had lots of experiences with it! The first half of my adult life as a military wife who held my children's hands and waved goodbye to a husband and a Navy ship more times than I like to remember..... the second half a United Methodist pastor whose life is itineracy..... should prepare me for such things as gracious and easy goodbyes. It does not work that way. And well it should not.

The appropriate time has come for a new leader and a new vision here at Pine Mountain.. That is the way our church moves forward. It is time for us to go. However, there remain strong bonds of Christian love and connection for Jim and me. Please

know that our lives will not be the same because of having known you, loved you and ministered to and with you. We are better and stronger and more aware of God's beautiful mercies because of you and your love. It is my deepest hope that you have seen Christ in us and that because of that, you have grown as well. Thank you for your welcoming us, taking us in, and sharing the love of Jesus.

Now it is time to welcome a new pastor, and a new pastor's spouse. Liza and Michael Marler have been appointed by our Bishop and Cabinet to lead this great church. I have known Liza for several years, and find her to be compassionate, experienced, dedicated and capable in her

role as elder. She will bring a newness and a challenge! That's good! That's what Jesus did every day!

Yes, she is a woman. Another woman, some are saying!! Over one in four clergy in the UMC are women. Clergywomen have been a part of Methodism since John Wesley licensed Sarah Crosby to preach in 1761. Women have been ordained as full clergy members since May 4, 1956. And the number will continue to grow!

Please welcome your new pastor not as male or female, but as called by Christ, bringer of the Word, lover of the flock, and leader of the church. When you do, the Spirit will smile and this wonderful church will grow into a new day and a new way!

REACH FOR THE STARS OR JUST THOSE CLOSE BY

The Reach Team works to be "Christ's hands and feet while serving the congregation" through family ministry, Sunday morning coffee fellowship, Wednesday night meals, bereavement meals, congregational care and various other areas.

When the Pine Mountain Student Ministry leaders had to

choose a team to work on Kenny Evans chose the Reach Team. When asked his opinion on working on the team, he said, "When I serve with the Reach Team at lunches, dinners or other events it makes me feel like I have helped someone at that time, because I can see the people I am serving. The REACH team has helped me to be a good example for others and to have a

Servant's heart. I actually don't mind doing dishes when Miss Sally asks, like I do at home.

If you are interested in this ministry please contact Sally Cobb @ 706-881-4029 or tslcobb@gmail.com or Frankie Mabry @ 706-801-6042 or mabry-f@harris.k12.ga.us.

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Coming Up:

- ◇ Martha & Jim Dye Farewell Reception June 11
- ◇ Cub Scout Camp June 12-16
- ◇ North Georgia Annual Conference June 13-15
- ◇ Hero Central VBS June 19-23
- ◇ Liza & Michael Marler Welcome Reception June 25
- ◇ Youth Week with Aurburn Wesley Youth Caravan June 25-30
- ◇ Family Outing Big Bear Farms June 28

Save The Date for June 13th



United Methodist Women
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The UMW will not meet on June 5th but instead on June 13th for a trip to Barnstormer's Grill in Williamston, GA. Meet at the Church at 10:30 AM for an 11:00 AM departing time. Irene Mapes and Minnie Whitaker will be calling to confirm attendance so reservations can be made.



Cub Scout Pack 40 will be hosting a day camp at FUMC Pine Mountain on June 12-16 from 5:00 to 8:30 PM. Dinner begins at 5:00. Fun activities throughout the week will include Science, Cooking, and 3-d Arts & Crafts Stations, as well as, a nature hike to identify bugs.

Scouts will be able to earn their Archery, B.B. and Sling Shot Badges.

Cost = \$90.00

Contact Asst. Cubmaster Pack 40

Kristy Garner or the Church Office for more information.

RISING 3RD GRADERS GET BIBLES



On May 21st, as FUMCPM celebrated Graduation, Volunteer and Promotion Sunday, rising 3rd graders were given children's Bibles from the Church. They put their hand on their heart and the Bible and promised to read everyday. They have taken this oath seriously.



God's Heroes Coming to FUMC Pine Mountain



Come join Captain Shield and Flame in their epic adventures with wonderful Bible Stories, great music, cool crafts, exciting science, fun games, and more. Meet biblical heroes and discover the qualities that make us truly heroes in God. Don't worry about finding your way around; there will be plenty of fabulous heroes to show you around.



FUMCPM Family Life Center

June 19-23.

5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

See you there!



This year we are excited to support a very special mission project for our children while they are attending Vacation Bible School at FUMCPM : The United Methodist Children's Home!

The goal of the United Methodist Children's Home is to offer healing and hope to children, teens, and families, and to show God's love through their programs. They serve children of all ages from newborns in foster to older youth in Independent and Transitional Living programs, and have the #1 state-rated programs in Georgia. They also house families who might otherwise be homeless, providing parenting classes, vocational training, financial counseling, and more. The Children's Home works hard to keep families together, or find safe, nurturing homes for hurting children. They rely on donations from the churches of the North Georgia Conference to make these programs happen.

Please help your child think of ways that they could raise money to help these children. It can be helping out around the house, or even peeking under the sofa cushions to find loose change! Or, how about giving up that Happy Meal putting the money towards this mission? Each day we will encourage and challenge the children to bring in more than did the day before. Let's see what a difference our children can make as they work together to help the children of The United Methodist Children's Home!

Thank you for prayerfully considering this mission, and for making a difference in the lives of these children so close to home.

The United Methodist Children's Home | 500 S. Columbia Drive | Decatur GA 30030 | 404.327.5620 | umchildrenshome.org

Summer, Summer, Summer Time!!!!

The Youth are sure glad to be out of school but not away from each other. We began our summer season by saying goodbye to our friend, Lace Cobb who graduated from Troup County High School this year.



On Wednesday, May 24, we celebrated the end of our Wednesday night small groups by bowling with Lamar and Carol in Columbus.



On Friday night we celebrated the end of school with a lock-in. We certainly enjoyed the NERF Guns and Bubble Bumpers, even Mr. Dean got in on the action.



Youth Week with Auburn's Wesley Foundation Youth Caravan

The Youth Caravan is a team of Christian young adults on a summer mission geared toward youth ministry. Our team this year consists of three men: Kevin Lazarus, Stevan Marcus, and Bo Segrest, and two women: Rachel Bell and Lauren Potera. They can't wait!

The Youth Caravan will spend

five days with our youth, beside Rev. Kim and our adult volunteers. Each year the team develops five programs to offer a variety of emphases and topics. There is an overarching theme of "Living Water" this year that ties the programs together. Generally, the team will deliver a two hour program each day, including

worship, games, and small group time. The team will also travel to the daily activities that are planned during the rest of the week.

This is a big portion of our Team 316 funds. The youth thank everyone who contributed or will contribute to our campaign, to make this possible.



Detailed Youth Week Information

Sunday June 25	Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29	Friday June 30
5 to 8 PM	Meet at Church at 11 AM—		Mission Day	Morning off	Pick- Up 8AM
Pot luck Dinner and Introductions with the Auburn Wesley Caravan	Dinner at Whistling Pig Leave for GA Aquarium at 2 PM— Stay in Atlanta	Six Flags Atlanta—all day return to church by 8:30	Easter Seals Columba	Meet at Church 5PM for Dinner and Ice Skating	2 PM Water Day at Church
			Meet at Church	LOCK-IN	Dinner San Marcos—5PM
			Church Dinner Big Bear Farms at 5:30PM		8PM Caravan Leaves
			Pick up time 11 PM		