

"Our mission is to be the helping hands of God, reaching out to all people with the love of Christ"

From the Pastor . . .



Warning. Those of you in the habit of writing checks, it's about to happen. You'll write January 5, 2017 on your utility bill. Or January 7, 2017 come the first Sunday offering of the year. Some of us may even make it to Tax Day, writing April 17, 2017 (though I'm pretty sure Uncle Sam will still deposit the check).

It's a basic thing, writing down a date, a month, and a year. But for a time we'll be befuddled and bemused adjusting to the departure of 2017 and the arrival of 2018. Practiced as we are (it happens EVERY 365 days) a new year is still that — new. And it takes a little getting used to.

There's a new king in town, the magi tell Herod. And what does Herod do? He orders all first-borns killed. *There's a new prophet who speaks with authority!* And the pharisees plot Jesus' demise. God promises a new land. And the the people gripe, *but we had it so good in Egypt.*

Call it what you will, but as much as we acknowledge change, we don't change all that well. After all, we just got used to writing 2017. And now we have to write 2018?

Which is why it's a good thing God's love is steadfast and God's mercies without end. Phew! We don't have to act on our New Year's resolutions after all! We don't have to make the adjustments we keep promising ourselves or others we'll make. We can disappoint. We can fall short. We can give up.

It's true. You can. I can. But we can also keep trying. Knowing we don't have to get it perfect the first time or the nth time, we can pick ourselves up and get back on the exercise bike.

We can try kale again. We can work on building bridges at home and at work. You may write 2017 all the way to September. But I'm betting you'll write 2018 sometime before 2019 shows up. So keep trying. After all, I'm fairly certain God's been working on us far longer still. Happy 2017! =)

Pastor JP

The **2018 Church Directory** will be put together and printed in January. If you have any changes (not already given) to your information, please email or call me with those changes..If you would like to have your mobile number added, I will do this 'by request' only.

"Let's Get Crafty" meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. It is open to the community – bring your friends! Contact Leslie Jane Fahrney for more information.



Rebuilding Rainelle April 25-28, 2018

Mark your calendar and commit to that home-building mission trip you've been wanting to do. Many survivors of the 2016 floods in the small mountain town of Rainelle, WV, are unable to rebuild their homes, having no insurance, no access to emergency loans and few, if any, personal resources. Over 90% of the homes in the downtown area were destroyed. The Hunger Church will be sending a team of volunteers to Rainelle for 2 ½ work days next April. We'll work with the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) and dozens of other volunteers in building and repairing homes.

See www.asphome.org/disasterrecovery or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ASPGreenbrier> and contact Tylee Smith, tylees@verizon.net, for details.



From The Hunger Church Staff *Thank you!*

The entire staff of Charles Wesley UMC would like to thank you all for your Christmas gifts this season. Your generosity continues to bless us in so many ways throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this church in 2017 and we look forward to serving with you all in 2018!

*Blessings,
JP, Matt, Mary and Marcie*

Inclement Weather Policy

There will be an announcement ONLY IF SUNDAY ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED, due to hazardous weather conditions. To find out if Sunday School and Sunday Worship are cancelled, please refer to the website: **www.TheHungerChurch.org** or call the office voice mail for info: **703-356-6336**.

For cancellation of activities during the week due to weather, the leaders of Missionettes, UMM, UMW, choir, etc. will contact their members directly.

Support Heifer International December 31 Through May

What do water buffalos, bees, cows, rabbits, sheep, chicks, and goats have in common? Each has been donated to people in need in more than 125 countries to provide both food and reliable income, since milk, wool, eggs and honey can be traded or sold at market. Heifer International (Heifer Project) also provides training in animal husbandry and hope for communities since recipients pass along the first offspring of their animal to another in need. Learn more at www.heifer.org.

The people of the Hunger Church have a special opportunity to help our hungry neighbors toward the end of each month. Your Hunger offerings starting in December and for the next five months go to Heifer International.

Then in June - November, the growing season, our Hunger offerings support the gleaning projects of the Society of St. Andrew.



Happy JANUARY Birthday!

9th: Marshall Brown

15th: Bill Powell

26th: Janet Davenport, Emilie Paulk, &
Sharon Pedersen

We want to celebrate YOU by posting your birthday in our monthly newsletter. Please let the office know your date of birth so we can update our membership database. Not to worry - only the date will be posted, not the year. *Thank you!*

UM-Women News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Wesley Housing's "HOLIDAY HELP" project. We were able to send \$320.00 to make their Christmas a little brighter.

The **Missionettes Circle** meeting will be on Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 pm at the home of Vickie Hawes. *All women of the church are invited to attend.*

2018 Stewardship Commitment

Bob Schneider, Stewardship Chair

With 2018 upon us, we have received pledges for the new year amounting to \$70,690 for the general fund (This amount is approximately 12% below 2017 pledges). We also received \$7,610 in extra mile giving for sewer debt.

We thank all who have thus far pledged your financial support for 2018. We also want to thank those members and friends who do not make an annual commitment but continue to financially support the church.

If you have not had the opportunity to send in your Commitment Card, please consider doing it as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your card and would like a replacement, please call the church office (703-356-6336) and one will be mailed to you.

Sunday Volunteers - Thank you!

Sunday Greeter Schedule

Janet Davenport, Contact

January 7	Becky & Leslie Jane Fahrney
January 14	Sharon Pedersen
January 21	Bill & Barb Powell
January 28	Soon Young Carroll

Sunday Usher Schedule

Bob Schneider, Contact

January 7	Sharon Pedersen, Bob Schneider
January 14	Soon Young Carroll, Mary Lucius
January 21	Bill Powell, Bob Schneider
January 28	Soon Young Carroll, Leslie Jane Fahrney

Sunday Reader Schedule

Marcie Tuggle, Contact

January 7	Vicki Herrmann
January 14	Joe Baker
January 21	Kimberly Luke
January 28	Jennifer Baker

Sunday Fellowship Reception Schedule

See Bulletin Board for Sign-ups (needed!)

January 7	Sharon & Poul Pedersen
January 14	Sharon & Poul Pedersen
January 21	<i>open</i>
January 28	<i>open</i>

Monthly Building Steward

Dave Smith, Contact

January	Dave Smith
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If you need to change your volunteer date, please arrange it with another volunteer and let the church office know right away.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when you're forced to.



Plan Ahead for Peace of Mind

Do You Have Your Final Affairs in Order?

Plan now to attend this upcoming 3-part series of local professional speakers to walk you through the process of putting your affairs in order and to answer your questions. These FREE workshops will each be from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Come to one or come to all. They are open to the community so please pass this information on to your friends and family.

They are to include:

Part 1: Saturday, January 27

Hospice Philosophy/Hospice 101

Our guest speakers will guide us through the hospice process, what it is, and what they can do for your loved ones.

Presented by Ms Julia Bush, Chaplain and Ms Joy Walker, RN,
Clinical CARE Representative.

(Inclement weather date: February 3)

Part 2: Saturday, February 10

Funeral Arrangements.

Pastor, JP Hong, and a representative

From Murphy's Funeral Home in Falls Church will speak about making funeral arrangements and pre-planning a funeral/memorial service.

(Inclement weather date: February, 17)

Part 3: Saturday, February 24

Financial Planning and Medical Directives

You will learn about the importance of having a will and a medical directive.

Presenters:

James L Hicks, CFP, ChFc, ChSNC, MBA
Certified Financial Planner

&

Brandon A.S. Ross
Estate, Trust and Tax planner

(Inclement weather date: March 3)

Hosted by: Charles Wesley United Methodist Church

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2018 Administrative Council

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Chair, Stewardship	Bob Schneider
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Team Leader, Welcoming and Spiritual Growth	Jennifer Baker
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Reserve District Conf. Delegate	Vickie Hawes

Members At Large

2018	2019	2020
Becky Fahrney	Jennifer Baker Mary Brown	Dave Smith

Board of Trustees

2018	2019	2020
Pat Cox	Dave Smith Marshall Brown	Bill Powell Sheila Frace



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January 2018

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
	1 <i>New Year's Day OFFICE CLOSED</i> 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room	2 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 6:45 pm AA Group Disciples' Room	5	6 7:00 pm AA Group Disciples' Room
7 <i>Communion Sunday</i> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Reception	8 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room	9 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 6:45 pm AA Group Disciples' Room 1:30 pm Missionettes Meet at the home of Vickie Hawes	12	13 BI-DISTRICT TRAINING DAY <i>Christ UMC, Fairfax</i>
14 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Reception	15 <i>Martin Luther King Day OFFICE CLOSED</i> 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room	16 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 pm Let's Get Crafty FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18 6:45 pm AA Group Disciples' Room	19	20 7:00 pm AA Group Disciples' Room
21 9:00 am Sandwich Making 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Reception	22 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room	23 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25 6:45 pm AA Group Disciples' Room	26	27 7:00 pm AA Group Disciples' Room 10:00 am "PLAN AHEAD" WORKSHOP #1 <i>(see flyer in this newsletter for more information)</i>
28 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Reception	29 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room	30 10:00 am AA Group Disciples' Room 7:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	31			

Please remember to let the office know of any meetings or events you wish to schedule/announce on the church calendar!

Thank you.

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Email:

Sign up on our **Listserv** page at: TheHungerChurch.org/connect to get information emailed regarding church events! It's easy and it's free.

Podcasts & Publications:

You can listen to today's sermon and others, as well as most of our special music, at TheHungerChurch.org/podcasts. Also on this site are our Sunday Bulletins, as well as the monthly Newsletter. We encourage you to share those especially meaningful to you with friends and family.



Guest WiFi:

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NOTICE: All newsletters are emailed AND can found on our website at www.TheHungerChurch.org

If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy in the mail, you must let the church office know by either calling at 703-356-6336 or email us at charleswesleyumc@verizon.net



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