

A Message from Phil Robbins, Finance Committee Chairman

After taking a new job, analyzing what had been done in the past, makes you realize how big the shoes you are trying to fill really are. Following Spencer Quesenberry as Chairman of the Finance Committee is a large task. Thanks for a job well done Spencer.

I will use all forms of reporting to motivate our congregation to meet our financial obligations. Therefore, the first installment will be to compare our financial pictures to the 4 downs in football that are needed to move the ball forward.

For many years, coaches, players, writers and fans thought third down was the crucial down. Gradually, the thought became that first down was really the crucial down.

Dividing our year into quarters, then January, February and March become our first down. During this year I want to help our church reach our monthly obligations, but also reduce the deficit we have carried for the past 3-4 years. This deficit is \$4500.

The first strategy to reduce this deficit starts now. I would like to encourage each member to place a \$1 bill in the offering plate each week or the loose change you get back from any financial transaction you have during the week. This small amount will help to reduce or eliminate the above stated deficit.

You ask how? Consider this—if the average adult attendance is 80 people on 50 Sundays during the year, and they all placed a loose \$1 bill in the offering plate each Sunday, we would collect an extra \$4000, or nearly what our deficit has been.

If we start to work on this deficit in the first quarter of the year, we have a real chance to eliminate the \$4500 deficit we have.

The **Power of One**, regardless if it's one person or \$1, can be a real player in the growth of our church.

Martin Luther King Celebration

There will be a Martin Luther King Celebration Monday January 16 at 5:00 pm at the Wise Church of God.

UMYF Resurrection Trip

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be leaving Friday afternoon, January 20 to travel to Pigeon Forge, TN and they will be returning Sunday January 22. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they are traveling to attend this life changing event.



Norton UMC Epiphany Service

The Norton United Methodist Church will have their Epiphany Service on Sunday January 22 at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Please Participate in the Lenten Devotional Study

Now that Advent and Christmas are behind us, we begin looking towards Easter Sunday. As a time of preparation leading up to Easter Sunday, we will enter into a season we refer to as Lent. This year, I would like for us to all engage in a Lenten devotional study. I propose that we use the book "40 Days with Wesley: A Daily Devotional Journey" written by Bishop Ruben Job.

According to Cokesbury bookstore: the book is...

"In an accessible, inviting format, this forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day. Even those new to Wesley or a daily prayer guide will find this book an easy read for reassurance and inspiration during the Lent and Easter season. Those familiar with Rueben Job's writing will be delighted to find selections of his writing from the past two decades in a new format."

If we order the books as a group, they will only cost \$10 per book. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 1. If you want to participate in this Lenten devotional time, then please contact the office by January 31 so that we will know how large of an order we need to place. You can pay for the books ahead of time by marking your checks "Lenten devotional."

For more information, you can go to Cokesbury.com and search for the title. It is also available at Amazon.com for those that would prefer to read it on their Kindle.

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

Robert Holbrook

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The Trinity Companion Sunday January 15, 2017



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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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Let me tell you how glad we are to have you at our worship service today. We hope that you will encounter the presence of the risen Christ. We'd really like to get some contact information. Would you please text your email and name to 80123 and we'll get back in touch with you.

Greeters: Alberta Mitchell and Sandra Rich

Announcements:

Diane Botts

***Prelude:**

***Call to Worship:** (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Leader: Today the Spirit makes us one,

People: United for life by the water and the Word.

Leader: Reborn in one Spirit,

People: Reborn in one hope,

Leader: Drenched in grace, bathed in love.

People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

Leader: One God and Father of us all,

People: One who is above all, and through all, and in all.

***Opening Hymn:** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

No. 610

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving. After you state your concern, everyone will join together and say: Lord. In your Mercy. Hear our Prayer.)

The Lord's Prayer

(as found at No. 895)

Gloria Patri

No. 70

Children's Message:

Mary Beth Allen

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Sandra Rich, Christy Smith, Kathleen Gillespie, Alberta Mitchell

***Offertory:**

***The Doxology:**

No. 95

***Special Music: "Psalm 43"** -Robert Holbrook, composer

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Andrew Holyfield

Lector: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "A Never Ending Supply of Water"

***Closing Hymn:** "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

No. 608

***Pastoral Benediction:**

***Postlude:**

****Please stand, as you are able***

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January Events and Activities

◆ **Sunday January 15, 2017—Baptism of Our Lord Sunday**

- ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF
- ◆ 5:00 pm—Asbury Circle

◆ **Monday January 16, 2017—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

- ◆ **Office will be closed**
- ◆ 6:00 pm—Garden Club

◆ **Wednesday January 18, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

◆ **Friday January 20, 2017**

- ◆ UMYF Trip to Resurrection

◆ **Sunday January 22, 2017**

- ◆ UMYF Return from Resurrection
- ◆ Pastor begins Winter Retreat

◆ **Wednesday January 25, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

◆ **Sunday January 29, 2017**

- ◆ 5:00 pm—UMYF

February Events and Activities

◆ **Wednesday February 1, 2017**

- ◆ 6:00 pm—Prayer Team
- ◆ 6:30 pm—Fellowship Supper
- ◆ 7:00 pm—Choir Practice

◆ **Thursday February 2, 2017**

- ◆ 10:00 am—Susanna Wesley Circle
- ◆ 12:00 pm—Wesleyan Circle

**Pray for safe travels for the UMYF
As they travel to Pigeon Forge, TN this
Friday for Resurrection 2017**



January

Van Drivers and Riders

- 1—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan
- 8—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 15—Christy Smith, Donna Mahan
- 22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 29—Pat Bowden, Diane Botts

Children's Church

- 1—Donna Mahan
- 8—Ashley Turner
- 15—Christy Smith
- 22—Patty Robbins
- 29—No Children's Church

Money Counters

- 1—Chris Higgins, Paul Clark
- 8—Diane Botts, Christy Smith
- 15—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons
- 22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock
- 29—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner

Children's Message

- 1—No Children's Message
- 8—Christy Smith
- 15—Mary Beth Allen
- 22—Nancy Toney
- 29—Diane Botts

Greeters

Alberta Mitchell
Sandra Rich

Announcements

Diane Botts

Ushers

Christy Smith, Alberta Mitchell
Kathleen Gillespie, Sandra Rich



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Debbie Cooper; Phyllis Gilley; Melody (Mellie) Gilley; Doris Berta; Denise Qualls; Kathy Hirsch (Larry & Teddy Bland's daughter); David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack Carter; Carey Mills; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister)

Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Helen Cochran; Mary Warner; T. R Davidson; Melanie Sturgill; Mark Nickels; Jim Cooper; Ronnie Phillips (Patty Robbins' brother); Benny Clifton (Lillie Clifton's father); Elizabeth White; Terry Goodman; Karen West; Dotty Allen; Dell Williams

Non-Specific Prayers for:

The Polly family; Geneva Allen; Jim Gates; Jennie Shupe; Hope Meade; Matt Carroll; Bill & Jean Hendrick; Peggy Bates; Marion Kocher; Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Debbie Goodman; Sarah Shores; Elmer Lowe; June Pendergrass; John Wheeley; Louise Wright; Joyce Ann Harver; Irene Black

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.

- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.

- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.