

# First Word

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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**CHURCH GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

Perhaps you remember the worship series “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” which was in January of 2011 at First United Methodist Church. Our Sunday School classes read the book by Bishop Robert Schnase. Our Church Council approved the concept that our church’s Laity Team would develop goals and objectives based on the congregational feedback from this series. Bulletin boards were set up around the church to receive immediate feedback on each of the concepts. Small group discussions were facilitated in people’s homes. A large group met on Sunday morning in the sanctuary overflow to provide thoughts on the kind of efforts our church might perform in light of this provocative book. The Laity Team developed the goals and objectives

which were presented by Rev. White to the Church Council. At two successive meetings the Church Council approved the Goals and Objectives.

Now that the goals and objectives have been approved by our church, church leaders will begin implementing them. Thank you for participating in this process. The results can be found below.

**UMC Mission Statement**  
**Matthew 28:18, “All authority in heaven and in earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you to the end of the age.”**

**First UMC Mission Statement**  
**“God is calling us to grow in Christ as Christ grows in us through discipleship, service, unity and love.”**

**Goals and Objectives for First UMC**  
 \*The goals and objectives regarding the five practices should be considered a high priority for all of the responsible parties below.  
 \*\*If additional funding is needed to complete the tasks below, then responsible parties must develop agreements with the Committee on Finance prior to proceeding.  
 \*\*\*Progress on Goals and Objectives will be managed through the Church Council quarterly.  
 (Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations)



## Goal #1 First United Methodist Church will become intentional about “Radical Hospitality” ...

Objective	Responsible Parties	Target Date
Obj.1.1 by developing appropriate signs that will help guide visitors through our facility.	Nancy Crim, Tim Day, and Pastor White	fall 2011
Obj. 1.2 by developing a rudimentary way through which handicapped persons may enter our facility.	Trustees	spring 2012
Obj. 1.3 by developing big worship events each year that will attract visitors to our church outside of Christmas and Easter. (quarterly)	Worship Committee	Oct. 2011, 2012
Obj. 1.4 by developing brochures that will describe our church to visitors.	Evangelism Committee	Sept. 2011,12
Obj. 1.5 by implementing congregational “welcoming” training.	Evangelism Committee	Oct. 2011,12
Obj. 1.6 by implementing congregational “invitation” training.	Evangelism Committee	Nov. 2011,12
Obj. 1.7 by hosting quarterly congregational clean up/ fix up events through which volunteers clean, reorganize, repair, and paint (when necessary) entrances so that members and visitors alike are given a good first impression when they enter the facility.	Trustees leading the congregation.	Aug. 2011
Obj. 1.8 by providing usher and greeter training.	Worship Committee Evangelism Committee	Sept. 2011, 2012
Obj. 1.9 by promoting through the bulletin and newsletter a “crying room”(nursery/library) where parents can hear/ see the worship service while caring for their infant children.	Staff	immediately
Obj. 1.10 by providing “Andrew” events designed to invite people to church.	Evangelism Committee	2011-2012
Obj. 1.11 by promoting Sunday School Classes through bulletin.	Sunday School Teachers and Superintendent	immediately
Obj. 1.12 by finding an entity within the church to send out the church van to pick up people who may wish to come to church but could not without a ride.	Church Council	fall 2011
Obj. 1.13 by inviting persons to come for special Sundays such as teacher recognition.	Evangelism Committee Worship Committee	2011-2012
Obj.1.14 by creating an “invitational culture” for youth ministry participants and parents.	Youth Director	2011, 2012 ongoing

## Goal #2: First United Methodist Church will become intentional about “Passionate Worship”...

Objective	Responsible Parties	Accomplishment Date
Obj. 2.1 by sending the Pastor, Staff Members, and Worship Committee members to visit high quality contemporary worship services that are appropriate within the United Methodist context.	Worship Committee & Pastor Parish Committee	fall 2011 and spring 2012
Obj. 2.2 by implementing a contemporary worship option for members, friends, and visitors of FUMC that is appropriate in our setting.	Worship Committee PPR	fall 2012
Obj. 2.3 by training Worship Leaders.	Laity Team	quarterly 2011-2012
Obj. 2.4 by training Lectors	Worship Committee	ongoing
Obj. 2.5 by offering opportunities for periodic testimonials.	Worship Committee and Pastor	fall 2011
Obj. 2.6 by offering fifth Sunday hymn sings in lieu of the middle hymn.	Worship Committee	2011-2012
Obj. 2.7 by offering frequent opportunities for children and youth to help in worship leadership.	Worship Committee, Youth, Children, and KFC Leaders	2011-2012 ongoing
Obj. 2.8 by making greater use of visual arts to support worship themes and scriptures.	Worship Committee	Jan. 2012

## Goal #3: First United Methodist Church will become intentional about “Faith Development”...

Objective	Responsible Parties	Target Date
Obj. 3.1 by requiring Council Members, PPR Members, and Trustees to attend District or Conference training yearly.	PPR, Trustees, Council, Finance	spring 2011,2012
Obj. 3.2 by offering a long term Disciple Bible Study for congregational leaders and members so that leaders and members may develop a shared biblical understanding of the church’s mission.	Pastor	fall 2011
Obj. 3.3 by offering day time VBS in order to involve more children at church.	Children’s Ministry	summer 2011, 2012
Obj. 3.4 by enhancing KFC (Kid’s for Christ) ministries.	KFC Coordinator/ Children’s Ministries	2011-2012
Obj. 3.5 by having “preschool Sundays” which invite and involve preschool parents in the life of the church.	Pastor and Preschool Director	fall and spring 2011-2012
Obj. 3.6 by teaching the youth about the importance of their participation and leadership in worship ministries.	Youth Director	ongoing, 2011, 2012
Obj. 3.7 by men’s spiritual life retreats through the Winchester District and the Virginia Annual Conference.	UMM President	June 2011, fall 2012
Obj. 3.8 by encouraging men to participate in a study such as “Ten Brave Christians” or some other appropriate study for men.	UMM President	2011- 2012
Obj. 3.9 Prayer ministries to support the mission of the church, pastor, and staff.	Martha Ingliss	immediately

## Goal #4: First United Methodist Church will become intentional about “Risk Taking Mission and Service”...

Objective	Responsible Parties	Accomplishment Date
Obj. 4.1 by hosting WATTS.	Mission Chair	winter 2011-2012
Obj. 4.2 by hosting CCAP school supplies distribution.	Mission Chair	spring and summer 2011, 2012
Obj. 4.3 by planning an adult mission trip.	Pastor and Mission Chair	2011-2012
Obj. 4.4 by providing a meal for the Living Faith Center.	UMM President	spring 2012
Obj. 4.5 by taking on a children’s mission such as “Heifer International” and/or “Nothing But Nets”.	Children’s Coordinators KFC	immediately 2011-2012
Obj. 4.6 by teaching missions to children and youth.	Children’s Coordinators Youth Director	ongoing 2011-2012
Obj. 4.7 by encouraging men to participate in “Impact the Valley”.	UMM President	summer 2011, 2012
Obj. 4.8 by encouraging men to participate in “hands on ministries” such as gardening at Heart Havens.	UMM President	periodic 2011, 2012
Obj. 4.9 by investigating the possibility of a community garden and working with other groups within the church.	UMM President	2011-2012

## Goal #5: First United Methodist Church will become intentional about “Extravagant Generosity”...

Objective	Group Responsible	Accomplishment Date
1.1 by securing leadership for annual stewardship education.	Finance Committee	Aug. 2011, Aug. 2012
1.2 by teaching stewardship through an annual stewardship campaign.	Finance Committee	Sept. –Oct. 2011, 2012
1.3 by hosting a “stewardship day” at church through which members and friends of FUMC can learn about wills and planned giving.	Finance Committee	fall or spring 2012
1.4 by periodically teaching stewardship principles throughout the year.	Pastor and Finance Committee	2011-2012



## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

There is something special about Disciple I. Individuals and congregations alike have experienced the transforming power that comes as persons open themselves up to God through the study of scripture. Disciple Bible Study combines individual study, group reflection, and taped presentations in a format that lays bare the major themes of the Old and New Testaments.

Disciple Bible Study gives equal

time to the Old and New Testaments. You'll read about creation and Patriarchs. You'll read about the captivity in Egypt and the Exodus. You'll read the legal books around which God formed the Hebrew people.

You'll learn more about the various gospel writers, Paul, and the life of Jesus than you knew before. Disciple I utilizes the work of some of the best biblical scholars. It is a thirty-four

week course. Each session is two hours. Participants will commit to reading large portions of the bible in preparation for class.

Please come to an informational meeting on Sunday, August 21, at noon in the fellowship hall. A light lunch will be provided. Please call the church to let us know you are coming 662-3151.

## PICNIC AT THE RIDGE PARSONAGE

### Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm

Join the fun! The White family is hosting a picnic. An enormous sub sandwich and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish (like a salad or dessert). Please let us know if you are coming 662-4706.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual **Charge Conference** has been set by our District Superintendent for Sunday, September 25th at 5:00 pm. The Charge Conference will be held in the sanctuary with the Rev. Larry Thompson presiding. Please come and participate in this annual ministry meeting for First UMC. Church Council members are especially encouraged to come. **Committee Chairpersons please get your reports to the office no later than Sunday, September 4th. Contact the church office for any questions.**

## TO THE FUMC CONGREGATION

I would just like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Shickle and Omps Families, Pastor Will White, Mary Vorous, Jennifer White and the church Treasury, and the entire congregation for your generosity during my high school graduation. Your gift will be very helpful as I begin to pay the many expenses of college and I can assure you that all the money will go directly to funding my education and preparing for my future. Thank you for all your support through the years and all your thoughtfulness during my transition from James Wood to Virginia Tech.

Thank you and God Bless,  
*Tyler Dick*

**August Youth Happenings First United Methodist Youth  
Mission Statement**

**“We are servants of Christ witnessing to His people through our words and actions as we grow in discipleship.”**

**Aug. 3rd-** Bible Study/ Pool Party at Mary’s house, 11:30-2:30. Come for some Bible study, cook-out and swimming. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone. Meat and drinks will be provided. Sign up on the youth board if you are able to come.



**Aug. 8th-** “Mission Monday”, meet at the church at 11:30 to help prepare meals and we will go to the Budget to serve them. Donations of toiletry items and microwavable food is now being collected. Please put in the blue tub downstairs in the youth hallway. For this “Mission Monday” we will also help out with the C-Cap book bag give-away.

**Aug. 13th-** Men/Youth BBQ from 11:30-2:00, helpers are needed, please sign up on the youth board if you are able to help out.

**Aug. 14th-** Youth Mission Presentation at both church services.



**Aug. 17th-** Bible Study/ Pool Party at Mary’s house, 11:30-2:30. Come for some Bible study, cook-out and swimming. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone. Meat and drinks will be provided. Sign up on the youth board if you are able to come.



**Aug. 22nd-** “Mission Monday”, meet at the church at 11:30 to help prepare meals and we will go to the Budget to serve them. Donations of toiletry items and microwavable food is now being collected.

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Dear Parents & Youth,

The last week of August will be the ending of our summer together and what an awesome summer it has been so far!! Thank you for all your time and efforts in becoming ONE Body of Christ together, through mission, fellowship, food and Bible studies. Parents, as mentioned many times before, your help is especially appreciated. I look forward to another amazing fall/winter in the ministry together. Blessings,

Mary

## W A T T S

Please collect extra travel size shampoos, soaps and other hygiene items this summer during your vacations. These items are perfect for the

WATTS clients. Donations of men's and women's pants, tops, sweaters and new underwear and socks. Items should be placed in the

labeled box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!



## C C A P S C H O O L S U P P L Y - G I V E - A W A Y

Believe it or not it is not too early to begin thinking about the 2011/2012 school year. First Church is blessed again this year to host the CCAP School Supply Give-Away. It will be held Tuesday, August 9th and Wednesday, August 10th from 8:00 am to noon.

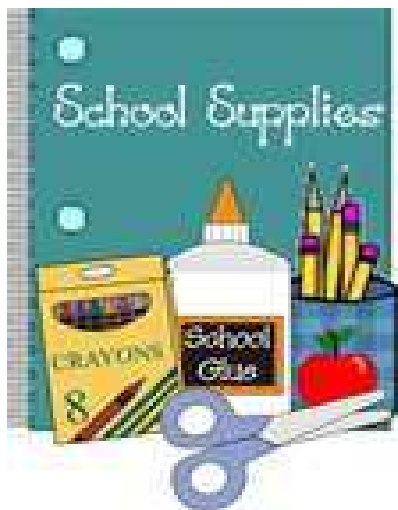
We are asking for donations of the following supplies:

book bags, lunch boxes, pencils, pens (black, blue and red ink), rulers, erasers, colored pencils, markers, tissue boxes, gallon size ziplock baggies, crayons, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, 3 ring binders, pocket folders, pencil cases, protractors, calculators, white board markers, notebook dividers, glue, glue sticks, scissors, highlighters and composition books. Items may be placed in

the box located in the church narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity by helping children in our area whose

parents cannot provide the required school supplies their children need.

**If you would like to volunteer to assist with the give-away please sign-up on the sheet located in the church narthex.**



## Red Cross Blood Drive



First Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011** from noon until **6:00 PM** in the fellowship hall. Our goal for this drive is **40 units**. We have established a reputation for supporting the Red Cross and our local community by rolling up our sleeves and giving the gift of life. Each unit of blood can potentially save up to three lives. **Call Susan Cain to sign up 662-1548.**

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to assist with the weekly Sunday worship services. There are no tests or auditions required, just a personal desire to worship and serve God. If you feel called to help, please contact one of the people listed below for that particular activity or let Kristen know at 540-662-3151 and she will relay the information to the appropriate coordinator.

<b>Altar Guild</b> -----	Cheryl Dyksen	540-662-1348
<b>Communion Assistant</b> ----	<b>Music/Choir Rep</b>	
	Mark St. Amand	540-247-3372
<b>Scripture Readers</b> -----	Melody Harmon	540-974-9753
<b>Worship Leader</b> -----	Susie Brown	540-877-9016
<b>Sound System</b> ----- 8:30	Alan Cavanagh	540-678-9042
11:00	Jack Wilfong	540-662-2348
<b>Ushers</b> -----	Kenny Burcham	540-667-5262
	Craig Stultz	540-662-3651
<b>Greeters</b> -----	Joan Bush	540-662-6469
	Nancy Crim	540-722-3541
<b>Acolytes</b> -----	Mark St. Amand	540-247-3372

**AUGUST CALENDAR**

**August 3**

Noon Red Cross Blood Drive

**August 7**

8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service

**August 8**

11:30 am Youth Mission Monday  
 7:00 pm Finance Meeting

**August 9**

8:30 am CCAP School Supply Give-Away

**August 10**

8:30 am CCAP School Supply Give-Away  
 11:30 am Youth Bible Study/Pool Party

**August 13**

8:00 am UMM Meeting  
 11:00 am UMM & Youth Chicken BBQ

**August 14**

8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service

**August 15**

9:00 am Preschool Day Camp all week  
 6:45 pm Worship Meeting

**August 16**

7:00 pm PPRC Meeting

**August 17**

11:30 am Youth Bible Study/Pool Party

**August 20**

10:00 am Acolyte Training

**August 21**

8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:15 pm Invitation to Disciple 1 Bible Study

**August 22**

11:30 am Youth Mission Monday

**August 27**

Brethren Singers at First UMC

**August 28**

8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 1:00 pm Picnic at the Ridge Parsonage

**August 29**

7:00 pm Church Council



**Rev. White and family will be on vacation from July 25th through August 14th.**

Please keep the White family in your prayers as they travel. If you require pastoral care during his absence, please call the church office 662-3151. The PPR Committee has secured pastoral care during Rev. White's absence. Thank you!

## FALL CHOIR NOTES

Greetings from the choir room! There are a few important dates you need to know as we prepare for the Fall Worship season. First, we will be hosting a group called Brethren on Saturday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. *Brethren*, based out of the Northern Virginia/Washington D.C. area, is a professional, Christian male ensemble. The group comprises 30 singers from all walks of life. More information can be found at <http://www.brethrengroup.com/> If you are interested in helping with this event, please let me know. Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 31. Our first Sunday to sing will be September 11. The schedule for the fall is still in the planning stages, but there will be many opportunities to sing and perform to the Glory of God in the coming months. I invite you to join us in the first rehearsal on August 31 at 7:00 p.m. I plan to have a full list of music we will perform available that night. Plans include a possible lessons and carols for Christmas.

If you have any questions about the choir, joining the choir, or the music for our worship services, you can call me at 540-974-9752 or e-mail me at [hrmy@comcast.net](mailto:hrmy@comcast.net). I look forward to seeing you this fall!

**Jim Harmon**



## FUMC FINANCIAL HEALTH

I am sure many of you have been paying attention to the financial part of your Sunday bulletin. Below are some facts regarding FUMC financial health and a call to action.

### Facts about FUMC Financial Health

- #1 - For the first half of 2011, FUMC's expenses exceeded its income due to a decrease in giving.
- #2 - If these income and expense patterns continue, the year end deficit will be in excess of \$30,000.
- #3 - FUMC Council is proposing to enact a 15% reduction in non-ministerial support salaries and ministry activities and a withdrawal from our general fund securities to address this shortfall for 2011. Obviously this action is not sustainable for FUMC's future.
- #4 - Through a joint effort, the collective FUMC congregation can take small steps to minimize the proposed reductions and withdrawal this year and into next year. If every giving family/individual provided an additional \$5 a week (for some that would be giving up one's daily 5 dollar footlong from Subway one day a week for a brown bag lunch) then much of the above actions to address the shortfall can be averted.

Many thanks for the shrewd caring of FUMC's financial health by the Finance committee and Church Council. Now it is time that FUMC's congregation provided its own oversight to our church's financial health so it can carry on its mission within the community as a loving and compassionate family of Christian fellowship that is firmly grounded in the faith through worship, service, life style and study. So please accept this "**Five Dollar Call to Action**", our collective individual actions can make a difference. Thank you for all that you do to financially support the ministries of FUMC."

## B L E S S I N G S F R O M T H E B A C K R O W

**How well do you know our parishioners?**

Several weeks ago I had a call from someone in our church who asked if I would change dressings for her husband who had undergone surgery with a skin graft. The surgery was removal of a cancerous lesion from the scalp. Without hesitation I agreed that it was not a problem and I would be happy to do so.

On his first visit he came with orders and medical supplies and we got to work. After a couple of visits, my new found friend appeared with some homemade vegetable soup sent by his wife. As the days passed we shared stories about our families, friends, local news, or whatever topics the newspaper offered. Once again my friend arrived with a container of the most beautiful homemade ginger cookies I had ever seen. Delicious too!

The visits began at 7:00 am on a daily basis until the doctor ordered the dressing off in the day and on for protection at night. And so our visits changed from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. The wounds were healing nicely! Our brief visits began and ended with smiles and well wishes.

And now the rest of the story.... The person who called me was Amy Barnes. Her husband Stanley had driven himself to Martinsburg for his surgery. He went alone had his surgery and drove himself home. WOW!

Did I mention the delicious applesauce cake with walnuts that Amy had made and shared with me? I always asked about Amy who was at home cleaning, cooking, doing laundry and baking. Incidentally I have sight and manage to burn anything I bake!

One day as I greeted Stanley, he was driving a neat pick-up which he offered his services if I had a need. What a friend to have! On a Tuesday Stanley returned to Martinsburg where his doctors released him for six months. When he called to tell me, I suddenly realized how much I would miss our chats. I had lost my "patient" but gained friends for life. I am so blessed.

On Tuesday evening I had another call from Amy "Will you be home in the morning?" My reply was "Amy, what are you up too?" On Wednesday morning I anxiously waited for Amy and Stanley to arrive. I was greeted with Amy holding a beautiful red rose with babies breath and Stanley holding a box of Amy's molasses cookies! What a treat. Amy tried to apologize "we didn't know it would be this long". My response was how much I would miss our visits.

Their visit ended too soon. These two very special people left me with so much more than I can put on paper. How do you measure God's blessings? I have learned how Amy chose to call me, but my heart tells me that our Lord had a hand in it. I will always treasure our time together and look forward to seeing them on the back row.

We are so fortunate to be able to share with others, especially when you receive more than you give! Blessings ten fold. From Romans "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Yours in Christ,

**Nancy Crim**



*\* If you have a story you would like to share and have placed in the monthly church newsletter, contact the church office at 662-3151.*

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## VBS and Heifer International

The children of this year's Vacation Bible School raised over one hundred dollars for Heifer International. With this donation, five flocks of chickens will be sent to the neediest places around the world or in our own country. The chickens will provide eggs which can be used for food or sold, helping needy families make their way in the world. Congratulations children on your mission work!

