



# First Word

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Consecration Sunday



**STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay it's bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Church Council  
Chairperson,  
Patrick Barker



## Worship Plans

### October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Theme: Children's Sabbath; Title: "Let the Children Come to Me"

Scripture: Matthew 19:14

### October 10<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Stewardship

### October 17<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Stewardship (Laity Sunday)

### October 24<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Consecration Sunday

### October 31<sup>st</sup>

Theme: Love; Title: "Love Jesus Style"

Scripture: Mark 10

### November 7

Theme: All Saints; Title: "Ordinary Saints"

Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12

### November 14<sup>th</sup>

Theme: New Life; Title: "New Life"

Scripture : Mark 5:21-42

### November 21<sup>st</sup>

Theme: Discernment; Title: "How Do You Know if it is Jesus?"

Scripture: TBA

### November 28<sup>th</sup>

Theme: Prophecy Title: "The Beginning and the End Game"

Scripture: Isaiah 64



## *Financially Speaking ...*

### *Give Unto the Lord*



As a follow up to the last “Financially Speaking” article, I want to update you on the financial status of the Church. I am pleased to inform you that we have shown a marked improvement since last report. If you remember, I previously reported that as of the end of April our expenses were greater than our income by \$7,443. As of the end of August, our expenses year-to-date are \$3,153 greater than our income – an improvement of \$4,290. This improvement is significant because this was accomplished during the summer months when many of us are traveling, on vacation, or involved with many other activities than take us away from church. Historically, the summer period is difficult because offerings are usually lower. However, not only did we maintain our offerings we were able to improve our financial position. Each of you should give yourself a “pat on the back”!

Also in my last article I commented that we anticipate to “break even” in 2010 in terms of our expenses and our income. Considering the improvement noted above, I believe our expectation of breaking even not only becomes more solid but lends itself to the distinct possibility that income may slightly exceed expenses and thereby be “profitable” for 2010. This would be a wonderful accomplishment for our Church!

With this month’s article I want to discuss – and hopefully shed some light upon – how the Finance Committee addresses the various expenses of our Church. As you know, we have *operating expenses* ( payroll, heat, light, maintenance, apportionments, etc. ) and *capital expenses* ( major expenses for projects such as A/C replacement, large building repairs, or acquisition of various equipment ). The common element between these types of expenses is *cash*. From a priority standpoint, payroll of our staff comes first, followed by the upkeep of our facilities, our apportionments, and special projects. This is important to know. Many of you have given money on behalf of various projects conducted within or by the Church. Your committed efforts and the funding that is generated is *greatly* appreciated. Many times, because of cash flow issues, the funds generated by these projects are used to pay the normal operating expenses of our church. And this brings me to the point I want to make very clear. Although the funding for various projects may be used for more immediate needs, in *ALL* cases the exact funds are kept track of very meticulously.

This month, and in the months to come, our church will incur significant expenditures to maintain our facility and to support activities that promote good fellowship. These expenses will be in addition to the normal expenses incurred each month to maintain the operations of the church. I encourage each of you to continue in the excellent efforts you are making to support these various projects and the funding you are generating. However, please do not forget the church needs your assistance in the funding of our recurring expenses. Your commitment to our Sunday offering is just as important as your support of the various projects of the church.

Respectfully,

**Larry Dick**

Finance Committee Chair



## HOW TO JOIN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church membership is open to any and all who seek the presence of God in their lives. Baptism is a requirement for membership. If you have not been baptized, please contact Pastor White to schedule a personal pre-baptism counseling session. If you have been baptized in any denomination, you are free to join whenever your heart is called to do so.

### Persons may become members of the United Methodist Church by:

- Vows and profession of faith;
- Transfer from another United Methodist Church;
- Transfer from another body of the Christian Church;
- The renewal of vows if they have lapsed;
- Affiliate transfer if they are Methodists and will be in town a short while;
- Associate transfer if they belong to another denomination and are in town for a short while.

### Profession of Faith includes:

- Affirming your baptismal vows;
- Commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord;
- Accepting the Old and New Testaments as normative for faith and practice;
- Commitment to live the Christian life and remain a faithful member of Christ's Holy Church through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and witness.

### If you would like to join our church, please do one of the following:

- Indicate "Desire to join" when filling out the pew pad during the worship Service
- Call or email to discuss your interest with Pastor White in the church office at (540)-662-3151 or [pastorwill@fumcwinchester.org](mailto:pastorwill@fumcwinchester.org).

*Once you are ready to make your commitment, please come forward during the last hymn in the worship service. You will also need to fill out a membership form for the church's record prior to or after the service at which you join.*

Please remember all the men and women serving our country in prayer.



**Robert Leonard** Army  
serving in Iraq

**Bobby Vorous** Army  
serving in Afghanistan

**Brandon Laughrey** USMC  
serving in North Carolina

**Stephen Storrs** USMC  
serving in Afghanistan

**Michael Timbrook** Army  
serving in Afghanistan

**Please remember the families of these servicemen in your prayers also. If you would like to list a service member or write to any of these heroes please contact the church office at 662-3151.**





# October Calendar

## October 1

5:00 pm Discovery Preschool Fall Fun Fair/Auction

## October 2

8:00 am UMM Breakfast

## October 3

8:30 am Worship Service World Communion Sunday  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Sunday Evening Youth

## October 5

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

## October 6

3:30 pm "Devo-Coffee" Hour Sr. High Youth  
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner  
6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## October 9

7:00 am Pancake Breakfast  
4:30 pm Wedding

## October 10

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
3:00 pm Unite Youth Service Day

## October 11

6:45 pm Trustee Meeting  
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

## October 13

3:30 pm "Devo-Coffee" Hour Sr. High Youth  
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner  
6:00 pm Apple cutting for apple butter  
6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm Laity Meeting

## October 14

6:00 pm Apple cutting for apple butter

## October 15

6:00 pm Apple cutting for apple butter

## October 16

8:00 am Apple Butter Making  
12:00 pm Chili cook-off

## October 17

8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:00 pm Sunday Evening Youth

## October 18

6:45 pm Worship Meeting

## October 20

3:30 pm "Devo-Coffee" Hour Sr. High Youth  
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner  
6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## October 21

1:30 pm Preschool Advisory Meeting

## October 24

8:30 am Worship Service Consecration Sunday  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service Consecration Sunday  
12:15 pm Consecration Sunday Luncheon  
4:00 pm Sunday Evening Youth (Corn Maze)

## October 25

7:00 pm Church Council

## October 27

3:30 pm "Devo-Coffee" Hour Sr. High Youth  
5:15 pm 3-F Dinner  
6:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

## October 30

9:30 am Charge Conference

## October 31

8:30 am Worship Service\*  
9:45 am Sunday School\*  
11:00 am Worship Service\*  
4:00 pm Kids for Christ & Sunday Evening youth

**\*Blood Pressure Clinic after both services and during Sunday School**





## Kids for Christ & Confirmation Info

### **Kids for Christ (a new small group for children K-5<sup>th</sup>)**

Rev. White would like to find out if there is any interest in a mini-youth group for children K-5<sup>th</sup>. As a pilot program, the group will be called Kid's for Christ or "KFC". The first event will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-5pm. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes (if they desire to do so) and they will receive candy, but the program will be on the subject of "All Saints" with Rev. White leading. The UMYF, and Mary Vorous, will assist in providing games. The KFC will meet again on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the same time.



### **Confirmation Classes (for 6<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Confirmation is an important milestone in the life of a young person. It is the time when they learn about their faith as they approach the age at which they can decide for themselves whether or not to follow Christ. Confirmation at First United Methodist Church is especially for sixth graders, but is also open to older children who have not yet been confirmed. Confirmation Class will begin with an orientation meeting at 10am on Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> in the "Confirmation Room" adjacent to the balcony in the sanctuary. Classes will begin on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue through March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Confirmation Room. Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information about Confirmation, please contact Rev. White or Mary Vorous.

## Attention All Junior & Senior High Teachers!

On Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> which is "Pancake Breakfast Saturday", I would like to schedule a 9:30 am meeting to discuss the current teaching curriculum as well as answer any questions anyone may have. So let's all meet for breakfast and then go to the

Junior High room. I would like to invite anyone interested in substituting or teaching for Junior or Senior high this year.

Hope to see you there!

**Liz Gronlund**  
Junior/Senior High  
Superintendent





# Prayer Concerns

## SHUT-INS

**Hilltop** Mary Everline, Clara Kerns,  
Thelma Rockwell  
(111 Denny Lane Winchester, VA 22603)

**Spring Arbor** Hazel Fries, Jean Loy  
(2093 North Western Pike Winchester, VA 22603)

**Amerisist Assisted Living Home** Pearl Gaines  
(110 Spanish Oak Road Stephens City, VA 22655)



## Please remember to add the following friends and family in your prayers:

Don Smallwood, Janice Dickerson, Dessie Taylor, Gary Houck, Jennifer Carper, Paul Carper, Shirley Miller, Ralph Miller, Lorraine Vann, Ian Eckert, Sarah Kingery, R. C. Simmons, Jennifer Lewis' brother Harry, Our Military, Alexandra Combs, Fran Ricketts, Sonny Cooper, Barbara Rinker & Family, Andrew Partlow, The Family of Marjorie Brown, Roxanne Gear, Anita "Ditty" Dickens, The homeless in our community, Bobby Vorous and family, Ruth Holmes, Marlene Fisher, Terri McCallister, Marlene Fisher, Candy Snapp.

## Please remember the following members in your prayers:

Bonnie Keplinger, Doris Harding, Rose Patton, Hilda Patton, Velma Ritenour, Pearl Gaines, Edith Anderson, Robert Spaid, Carole Lineberg, our church and church leaders, Hazel Starke, The Slonaker Family, Barbee Marlin, Kathy Dunn, Richard Swisher, Madge Fries & Helen Abshire, Ed Grove, Susan Horton-Pannell, Faye & George Weidig, Betty Dunn, Thelma Rockwell, Doug Koch, Charles Greeb, Thelma Driver, Steve, Sarah & Sydney Kahle, Darla Redmond and Kendall, Lori Ravenscraft, Paul Brooks, Jessie Wismer, Mary McGaffick, Debbie O'Hara, Hazel Starke, Betty Sager.

# WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter)

This year First United Methodist Church has joined the many other churches that will be housing individuals that are homeless here in Winchester during the winter months.

We are scheduled to house guests here the week of January

24th thru the 30th. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for opportunities to help with this very important mission. There will be many different areas help is needed. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Jill Johnson at 667-0575 or the church office at 622-3151.





## Did you know.....

Papillon is a toy breed, a small spaniel with a silky coat heavily fringed tail and ears. Papillon is from the French word literally meaning “butterfly” because its pointed ears resemble the shape of a butterfly’s wings!

“He’s cute. Not bad for a lap dog.” He is cute but on a farm we need a large working dog.” “Awwww. What a sweet puppy!”

These are among the more common responses from people who are meeting Teddy for the first time. Many are captivated by his looks - his intelligent expression, his color and markings, his elegant waving plume of a tail and his “trademark” butterfly wing ears.

His personality is truly that of a social butterfly - he loves to meet new friends (those with two legs and those with four). Whatever is happening around him draws his immediate attention. He wants to be part of the action. Even so, he loves to be close by when his family is sitting quietly reading, watching TV or sleeping.

As for those comments from people just meeting him? He is cute (I will confess to thinking that of my own dog.) He is a lap dog. Bred for centuries as lapdogs, papillons gained the favor of royalty and have appeared in famous paintings with them as far back as 13th century. Lapdogs served an important function in providing warmth to the owner by lying on the feet or the lap. As the only ones who had leisure to sit during the day were the wealthy, these little dogs were typically owned by upper class nobility and royalty.

Recently Teddy and I spent a week visiting friends in Vermont. Teddy traveled like a true companion, getting ex-

cited at each rest stop to meet new friends, and settling quickly to rest quietly when we returned to the car. We met some of those working farm dogs. We also met some chickens and pigs and had a nose to nose encounter with a friendly cow.

While I wouldn’t recommend (due to his size) that Teddy be put to work on a farm, he is a working dog. As a registered therapy dog, Teddy is certified to work in nursing homes, hospitals and schools. His job? He brings joy, laughter and lots of tail wagging love to people who need to feel special, who need a bright spot in their day.

Four times a month we visit in local nursing homes with some of Teddy’s best friends (also therapy dogs). There are some residents (and staff) who have developed a special bond with Teddy and look for him to come down the hall for a visit. We hear stories of pets from long ago childhoods and some sadder stories of pets left behind when the owners moved into the nursing home. There are tears of remembrance, but joyful smiles shine through those tears as Teddy (warm, soft and wiggly) gives them some of the love once experienced with other pets.

Teddy is a sweet puppy. He loves to please, loves to greet all who come near, and seems puzzled when someone walks past us and doesn’t stop to visit. He lies patiently enjoying the strokes offered him by young children in the library while they read to him as part of the PAWS program.

In his own unique way, he touches hearts and draws people to a place beyond themselves, to a place of acceptance and peace, and along the way leaves a trail of joy.

“Not bad, for a lap dog.”

Article submitted by Martha Inglis who attends our church.





**October Youth News 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."*



**Oct. 1st-** Pre-School Fun Fair ~ The preschool has asked for our help with games and serving food at their fun fair at the APR campus. It will start at 5:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. Please sign up on the youth board if you are able to help out.

**Oct. 3rd-** Sunday Evening Youth from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Come for snacks, games and a devotional time together!

**Oct. 6th-** "Devo-Coffee" for senior high youth! Meet at the church at 3:45 pm every Wednesday afternoon. We will walk downtown and have an hour devotion and coffee together. This will be a time for sharing scripture and talking about how you can apply it to your teenage life!



**Oct. 10th-** "Unite" Winchester's youth group service day, held at the APR campus. During the day we will do a neighborhood mission and then in the afternoon share youth worship and music with other area youth groups. Please watch for more details coming soon.



**Oct. 13th-** "Devo-Coffee" 3:45-4:45 (see above details)

**Oct. 11th-** Apple Butter ~ The youth will sponsor a Chili-Cook-off and also sell concessions in the afternoon. Please sign up to help with this fundraiser.



**Oct. 17th-** Sunday Evening Youth from 4:00 to 5:30 pm.

**Oct. 20th-** "Devo-Coffee" 3:45 pm-4:45 pm (see above for details)

**Oct. 24th-** Hill High Orchard Corn Maze 4:00 -6:00 pm. Watch for more details.

**Oct. 27th-** "Devo-Coffee" 3:45 pm-4:45 pm (see above for more details)

**Oct. 31st-** Sunday Evening Youth 4:00 pm-5:30 p.m.



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## Charge Conference

Our annual Charge Conference has been set by our District Superintendent for Saturday, October 30 at 9:30 am. 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.



**Basket Auction at First Church!**  
**Saturday, November 13th at**  
**5:30 pm.**  
Check weekly bulletins for more  
information closer to the date.