

MARCH

COMMUNICATOR



March 1

MEETINGS

Staff —Mon., March 16, 9:30am

Effie Ford Circle— Wed., March 18, 10am

Ad Council—Thur., March 19, 7pm

UMM--Sat., March 21, 8am

Women's Retreat Mtg.—Sun., March 22, 12pm



Sunday March 8

The Quilting Group meets at the home of Betty Vollenweider, 770-445-7689, on the 1st and 2nd Wednesdays of the month.

Pastor's Message...

Stay The Course!

This month I am veering away from what I would normally write for a newsletter article to share a concern that I have and what we can do about it.

Over the last few months there has been a lot going on in our denomination and in our North Georgia Annual Conference. We have a protocol for separation that has been sent to General Conference to be considered at their gathering this coming May. If this protocol passes at the General Conference gathering in May, the denomination will split; definitely into two separate churches and maybe three. Then there is the recent announcement that our Annual Conference is going to propose at their event in June that we restructure our districts and go from 12 districts to 8 districts. In addition to the shake up of conference staff, due to retirements and others going to different assignments is an issue. All of this is enough to fill those of us in the local churches with anxiety and fear about the future of Methodism and our

beloved County Line UMC.

So, what should we do?

First, we need to remember that God is in control. God has a plan for all of us and his church.

Second, we need to pray. We need to pray for the leaders of our denomination and conference that they will allow God to move as he sees fit and not try to force things to happen. If it is God's plan that the denomination should split, then let it happen and let it be amicably. We also need to pray for County Line UMC, that we can, in the midst of the chaos continue to be God's beacon of light, hope and love into our community and beyond.

Third, we need to give. I am aware that in some churches members are withholding or reducing their giving to their church because of fear or distrust or dislike of what is going on in our denomination and conference. This hurts the local church because it makes it increasingly difficult to pay for the ministries, salaries, and utilities of the local church. If you have reservations about

contributing money that will go to our apportionments, then consider designating your contributions to local church activities only. Either way we ask that everyone continue to give generously to your church.

The bottom line is that County Line Church will continue to be the church in our community. We will continue to be the place of God's love, grace and compassion. We will continue to be a church that teaches and preaches the word of God.

So, stay strong in your faith, stay together and stay the course.

Your Friend and Pastor,
Steven



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FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE...

We are asking for your help in making our sanctuary especially beautiful on Easter Sunday. We are offering Calla Lilies this year instead of Easter Lilies. The cost will be \$10.00 per plant and you may designate them in honor or in memory of a loved one. As always, the plants can be picked up after the 11 a.m. service on Easter. These beautiful flowers can be replanted and will bloom year after year. There will be forms available in the Narthex and on the side door table on Sunday. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynda Teague or Becky Rogers. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, March 8. Thanks in advance for helping make our sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

We are looking for church members willing to participate in the Palm Sunday procession. You would be asked to wave palm branches as "Jesus" enters to take his seat at the front. If you are willing, we would like as many as possible to be in costume for that day. We are hoping to have 10 or 11 adult costumes. Children are of course welcomed to participate and will have costumes for them as well.


If you are interested in being part of this special event, please see or contact Nadine Lacy, nlacy@bellsouth.net or 770-428-3585 by March 8 or sooner! Please also let her know what size will be best for you: small, medium, large or extra large. If you wish to participate but do not wish to be in a costume, you are welcome to join in this celebration too!



We would like to welcome
 Courtney and Teresa Jensen
 3590 N. Cook Rd.
 Powder Springs 30127
 to our church family!

Our Staff...

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Pianist	Jan Stedman	
Weekday Director	Vicki Jenkins	(ext. 105)
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On March 31, we will be hosting a HOA meeting for a local neighborhood. Please consider volunteering to greet our neighbors! Please arrive at 7pm.

Email steven@countylineumc.org to volunteer.



Effie Ford Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 18 in the Conference Room at 10 a.m. Our program will be "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial" and will include a special offering. We will also be continuing to make plans for our Women's Retreat in April. We will be planning a cleaning and organizing of the UMW room. All women of the church are invited to attend.



COMING SOON: The Women's Retreat! There will be an informational meeting

following the 11 a.m. service on March 22 in the Conference Room. All women interested in participating in this special weekend are encouraged to attend. We will be deciding on various activities for that time. Come join us and help decide plans for this women's get-away!!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY...

The Sager Brown Mission Trip (UMCOR) September 27--October 2, 2020

The cost of the Mission trip to Sager Brown is \$255.00 per person
 \$25.00 Non refundable deposit
 \$120.00 for meals
 \$110.00 Lodging
 The \$25.00 deposit is due when you sign up and the rest will be collected in two instalments between now and August. See Pastor Steven to sign-up.

WEEKDAY MINISTRIES...

Community Registration—
 Monday, March 9, 9:30am

Hanging Basket Sale—March
 2-20



Finance Update

FINANCIAL REPORT:
 January 2020

Revenue (Funded)-24.78% under budget;
 expenses 6.92% under budget;
 resulting in a \$7,606.66 deficit for the month.

As of 01/31/2020:

Budget	\$292,337
Unfunded	\$ 274,012
Funded	\$ 18,325
Expenses:	\$25,932

Balance FLC Mortgage \$212,027



February 2020 Giving:

2/02	\$3,695
2/09	\$3,875
2/16	\$2,497
2/23	\$3,190

Total February Giving: \$13,257

2020 BUDGET: The average giving needed (44 Sundays remaining in 2020) to meet 2020 budget: \$25,525 per month or \$5,800 per week.

If you have any questions about the finance reports, please contact Deborah Bentley, Finance Committee Chairperson



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please visit our website (www.countylincumc.org) click on the Stewardship and Giving tab, then scroll down to the **DONATE NOW** icon and click on the button to set up your online recurring giving. Please contact the church office if you have any questions about the online giving.

