

COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER



Pastor Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, Oct. 6
12pm

MEETINGS

SPRC—Thurs., Oct. 3,
7pm

Staff Mtg.,--Tues.,
Oct. 15, 9:30am

Effie Ford Circle--
Wed., Oct. 16, 10am

Worship Team—
Thurs., Oct. 17, 7pm

UMM--Sat., Oct. 19,
8am

Finance Com.—Tues.,
Oct. 22, 7pm

Church Council—
Thurs., Oct. 24, 7pm



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27
4-5pm trick or
treating
5-6pm dinner
Invite your friends
and neighbors!

Pastor's Message...

For most of us fall is a welcome relief to the long hot summer. The temperatures start to cool off, (I am still waiting for that to happen) and the leaves on the trees start to turn from green to reds, golds oranges and browns.

I remember many people from Florida who would make the pilgrimage to the mountains every year to take in the beauty of the fall colors, drink apple cider and breath in the crisp mountain air. For me personally, after growing up in Florida where we didn't get to see much color change, I especially enjoyed the fall when I moved to Eastern Kentucky where the mountains would be covered with the colors of fall.

However, there was one man in Florida who did not like fall. His name was Norman and he was my supervisor at a company I worked for before going into ministry. He said that fall represented death because all the leaves were dying. He could not for the life of him

understand why people got so much pleasure out of watching something that was dying. My response to Norman when he told me this was, Norman you're nuts! Of course, I wasn't a pastor yet and thus had not taken the time to ponder the relationship between creator and creation.

What I would tell Norman today is that seeing the leaves turn colors before falling off the trees is a beautiful thing, because it is not a sign of death but a sign of preparation for new life. We know that trees and plants lose their foliage in the fall so that they can strengthen their root system during the winter. This allows the trees and plants to be full of new life the following spring. In other words, death is not the final word rather it is just a season in life.

The same is true in our life as well. When someone we know dies in this life, we often focus on the death and we grieve that that person is not here with us. But nature shows that death does not

have to be the end but rather a transition. When a Christian leaves this life, they are birthed into life eternal. They are made into a new life, a new creation with God. Therefore, in the face of death as Christians we can recite with confidence 1 Corinthians 15:55-57, (Where O death is your victory? Where o death is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.)

So, this fall be filled with joy as you watch the leaves turn color and fall off the trees knowing that new growth, new life is right around the corner.

Your Friend and Pastor,
Steven



Welcome New Members!

Linda Concannon, 192 Wyndham Lakes Ct., Dallas, GA 30157

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WEEKDAY MINISTRIES...

Open House Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6pm.
 Please consider greeting at this Open House, contact Pastor Steven to volunteer.

Poinsettia sale begins
 October 15th!



Our Staff...

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We're going to the **Apple House!**
 Friday, Oct. 18
 We will leave the church at 9am and go to Mercier's as well as Panorama for apples, etc. Lunch is being planned at Pat's Country Kitchen. For reservations contact Nadine Lacy at nlacy@bellsouth.net or 770-428-3585. This is a great time of fellowship, delicious apples and terrific home cooking! All are welcomed!



It's that wonderful time of year! It's time to plan our annual Trunk or Treat event. We will, of course, have decorated cars with buckets of candy to hand out to the kids dressed up to scare, delight and amaze us with their costumes! We will have a Halloween Parade, prizes for best costumes in various categories, our annual chili cook off as well as a dessert contest! This year, we're having special categories for kids baking for the dessert contest: Prettiest, Scariest, Funniest, Most Unique and Tastiest. No need to label which one — all will be considered for each category.

Needless to say, we need the congregation's help! We have boxes available for donated candy, sign up lists for those willing to decorate their cars and hand out candy, those entering our chili cook off, as well as for our dessert contest. Kids can sign up on the same list for desserts, but we will have a separate table for their entries that day.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27 for Trunk or Treat. We will begin at 4 p.m. with the kids treating for goodies, then at 5 p.m. we will begin judging of the chili and desserts. After the judging, everyone will enjoy the wonderful food. This is a special event that we open to the community. Please join us for the fun and plenty of food!!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2020 “DEEP ROOTS-GOD’S WORK THROUGH OUR HANDS”.

As of Sunday, September 29, 2019, we have kicked off the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. A letter, commitment card and a prayer will be mailed the first week of October for your 2020 giving pledge. This is not just about financial gifts, but also giving your prayers, presence, service, witness and your talents to GOD to continue the work of CLUMC in the local and world community. Commitment Sunday is October 20, 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT: As you can see from previous monthly newsletter information, the church’s finances each month continue to fall short of the budgeted revenue amount and remain in a deficit situation. Fortunately, expenses have been slightly under budget, however we are still at a deficit (revenue less expenses) YTD as of August 31, 2019 of **(\$21,021)**. The Committee on Finance respectfully requests that you prayerfully review you giving, continue to pray for our church, and allow God to guide your decision. We want to thank you for the gifts you have already given to our church this year.

FINANCE REPORT Month Ending Aug 31, 2019

September Weekly Offering Received:

		Total Annual Budget:	\$300,000
9/1	\$2,912		
9/8	\$3,937	Year-to Date 8/31/19:	
9/15	\$3,197	YTD Funded (giving received):	\$169,914
9/22	\$3,710		
9/30	\$3,143	YTD Unfunded (Giving needed):	\$199,667
		YTD Revenue Shortage:	(\$29,753)

Average Weekly Giving needed to meet Budget in the remaining 3 months (Oct – Dec.):

FLC Loan Outstanding (08/31/19): \$224,414

“Average Weekly Giving needed to meet the Budget” will change each month based on the YTD unfunded less remaining advanced giving received and the number of remaining Sundays in 2019.

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

Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please visit our website (www.countylinecume.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 during the remainder of 2019.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions about the online giving.



Effie Ford Circle will meet October 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. We will continue the discussion of ideas on a T-shirt fundraiser, the planned bake sale November 17, as well as other social events to plan for the future. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Women's Christmas Dinner — We now have a date and place for our annual Women's Christmas Dinner! Betty Vollenweider has graciously offered her home for our party. It will be held Friday, December 13. We're checking on various caterers, so more details will be announced later. If you know of a great caterer, please let us know. Please save this date on your calendars. Thank you, Betty, for your generous hospitality!!

Mark Your Calendars!

**Sunday, November 3—
Fellowship Lunch &
pick-up your OCC boxes**



**Sunday, Nov. 17—
Return your shoebox!**

**Sunday, Nov. 17—Cluster Charge
Conference at Hillside UMC**

Mark Your Calendars! The Sager Brown Mission Trip was a great success so we have already set the dates for next year! Make plans to attend September 27--October 2, 2020!



April 24 - 26, 2020

Mark your calendars!
We now have a place for our weekend retreat. Thank you to Diane Alred for finding a terrific spot for us!

