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Campobello United Methodist Church

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2011 has been a busy year at Campobello United Methodist Church. Each member of the council has worked tirelessly with their committee for the betterment of our church. As a first year chairman this has helped me considerably and I am deeply appreciative.

In March of this year our church began sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 6 which had recently lost their meeting place and sponsor.

In addition to our normal spiritual growth opportunities of Worship, music, Sunday School, and Bible studies, this year during our Season of Lent activities we focused on our Church heritage. Each Sunday a member of the Church shared their past memories of time spent at the Church along with testimonies. We also celebrated with a special service the National Day of Prayer, our graduates, and honored our veterans on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

In April our PPRC committee informed us that our Pastor would become a fulltime minister after Annual Conference. In addition he was appointed to serve a third church, Liberty UMC located on Hwy 414 which was previously with the Greenville district. We later met with the councils from Fingerville and Liberty along with our District Superintendent Paul Hardin to discuss the changes that would occur.

Our UMM and UMW in addition to providing fellowship on a monthly basis continue to support our ministries at our church through their support of our youth, members of the church and community that are in need.

Our youth continue to focus on their relationship with God by assisting with our Church Service and other activities. This year they again participated in the Salkehatche projects. Six youth and two adults spent a week helping others in another part of our state repair houses for those in need.

This year our Trustees in addition to their normal upkeep of our Church and its property created much needed extra parking spaces along with steps, sidewalk, and handrails leading from the spaces to the Church.

Our Finance committee has done an extraordinary job this year keeping our Church finances in order. In these trying economic times we have been truly blessed by God to be able to maintain the level of support for our ministries within our Church, Community, Nation, and abroad.
Our NOW committee has overseen meal preparations and deliveries to our members in need as well as our extended church families. They have also arranged trips and donations to disaster areas and continued to support prison ministries.

In June of this year our Pastor made the statement in his sermon that truly defines Campobello United Methodist Church. It is as follows: “Without change growth is impossible. Churches are either growing or dying, not standing still.”

Our church has seen a lot of changes this year and we continue to grow spiritually. Our members are more of an extended family rather than just a congregation. We support each other in the good times and bad. We pray for each other when there is sickness, death, or in time of need and we celebrate when there are times of joy. Our prayers extend out into our Community, State, Nation, and the World.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
The year 2012 started off just as 2011 ended with new and returning committee members eager to continue to grow spiritually and hopefully to spread the word of God through our missions.

During 2012 we have moved into the technology age with a Church facebook page and we are working on a CUMC website. With these we hope to reach those who are searching for a Church and keep our members up to date with current Church happenings.

During our first council meeting in January discussion was held about the future of our Church. It was decided to form a Joel Committee to discuss the future. A committee was formed and held its first meeting in February. During the meeting the committee stated the mission of the Church is to make disciples and that everything is to that end. With that in mind the committee began to take a hard look at where CUMC is and where God wants us to go. After several more meetings the committee came up with our focus for one year and five years.

Our one year plan focuses on improvements at our current location. Doing more for the community, increasing our Sunday worship attendance, having a choir, etc, basically being more people centered.

Our five year plan is more about structural changes. Do we want to stay where we are or move to another location? These ideas were brought to the council where it was decided to poll the congregation with a list of questions to see what the majority would favor.

On the first Sunday in June these ideas were presented to the congregation and cards were made available each Sunday in June to determine what our congregation would prefer. After the results were tabulated it was determined that the majority of the congregation would like to pursue a long range goal of purchasing land to build a new Church. These results were presented to the Council and a motion was made and passed for the trustees to begin a long range goal of securing land to build new facilities.

We had several outreach programs during the year such as having our Spartanburg County sheriff Chuck Wright do a program and give his testimony, Hospice of the Carolinas did a program resulting in several members becoming trained as volunteers, winter coat giveaway, Easter
egg hunt, again we did a summer feed program for disadvantaged families with school age children in our area, supported Kairos ministries, Shoebox ministries, solider boxes, and vacation Bible school. Our Boy Scout troop meets weekly and completed several good turns for the Church during the year.

During the year CUMC continued to focus on our spiritual growth opportunities with four Bible studies, started a children’s Church, our prayer meeting group meets every Wednesday, and we have a regular pianist for our music program.

We celebrate the addition of 3 new members this year, our women’s and men’s club continue to be strong, our youth again participated in the Salkehatche project as well as have taken a more active role in our worship service.

In conclusion CUMC core values continue to be a caring, prayerful, hospitable, and mission minded congregation. As we look towards the future with anticipation we are mindful of our past and present as God’s stewards of our facilities and his servants to our fellow man.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
The year 2013 has been one of change at Campobello United Methodist Church. Our long time Pastor Ron Towery and his wife Cindy moved to a new charge in Buffalo, SC at the end of June and we welcomed our new Pastor Fred Parker and his wife Debby. It was a special treat for our Church as we had an appreciation dinner for Ron and Cindy for their years of dedicated service and a welcome breakfast for Fred and Debby. Both of these were held in the same month and the members benefited from a double dose of food and fellowship.

During our first council meeting in January the council decided to take funds from our savings to bring our fund balance to back to a positive figure and to strive to live within our means this year. Through the diligence of the Finance committee we have accomplished this even though we have not been able to completely fund our apportionments. Our Men’s Club facilitated a yard sale and barbecue that helped raise funds to pay our apportionments. We continue to pray and thank God for the blessings that our Church has received through the member’s tithes and offerings.

Our Trustees have completed some much needed repairs to our Church building this year by adding vinyl siding and gutters to the outside and repairs to our heating system.

Our Men’s Club continues to meet and provide projects to help our Church, members, and community. The men started a monthly dinner for the members of the Church for fellowship.

Our Women’s Club has recently reorganized and is meeting each month.

We continued our summer feed outreach program this year for disadvantaged families with school age children. This year we were able to assist eight families during the distribution. Our Boy Scout troop had a young man achieve his Eagle Scout rank this year. For his Eagle project he installed a flag pole in front of the Church where our Nation’s flag now flies proudly.
We continue to focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday nights to pray for the needs of the congregation, our friends, nation, and the world. There have been two small group studies this year. One was led by Merrie Likes and the other by our Pastor. Our choir has again begun singing during our worship service and we welcomed a new pianist this year.

We mourned the loss of our long time member Jual Collins this year whom along with her late husband, MJ were pillars in the Church for many years. Also we have rejoiced with three baptisms this year.

Finally as with all changes we have had some members that have decided to move to other Churches. We understand and continue to keep them in our prayers as we move forward. Campobello UMC continues to be a prayerful Church as we support one another, our community, nation, and the World in both the good and not so good times.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
The year 2014 started with a planning session retreat in January. At the retreat we planned to have communion on the first Sunday of each month and the fifth Sunday. Along with communion on the fifth Sunday we decided to have a hymn service with a fellowship meal afterwards.

During this year we have strived to be good stewards of the money that our members have tithed and raised through fund raisers. Due to several factors our offerings have decreased but we have been able to keep our bills paid. Our Men’s Club again this year facilitated a yard sale that helped raise funds to pay on our apportionments. We continue to pray and thank God for the blessings that our Church has received through the member’s tithes and offerings.

This year our trustees with the help of some members repainted the main room of the social hall and refinished the floor. Also due to some severe cold weather some plumbing had to be repaired in the main Church building.

Our Men’s and Women’s Clubs continue to meet monthly and provide projects to help our Church, members, and community. The monthly dinner that was started last year has continued this year for the members of the Church for fellowship.

This year thanks to our member’s donations we were able to continue our summer feed outreach program for disadvantaged families with school age children. This year we were able to assist ten families during the distribution and also a single man down on his luck.

We continue to focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday nights to pray for the needs of the congregation, our friends, nation, and the world.

We celebrated the addition of two new members this year. We had one wedding and rejoiced with one baptism this year.
Finally we at Campobello UMC continue to be a prayerful Church as we support one another, our community, nation, and the World in both the good and not so good times.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
The year 2015 has been one of change at Campobello United Methodist Church. Our Pastor Fred Parker and his wife Debby decided to retire at the end of June and we welcomed our new Pastor Dan Mason and his wife Debbie. We also went back on a charge as we share Dan and Debbie with our sister Church Liberty UMC. It was a special treat for our Church as we had an appreciation dinner for Fred and Debby for their dedicated service and a welcome luncheon along with Liberty for Dan and Debbie.

Our Men’s Club continues to meet monthly and help out with projects around the Church and in the community if needed. They also sponsor a monthly fellowship supper for the congregation and also for our friends from Liberty UMC.

We continue to focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday nights to pray for the needs of the congregation, our friends, nation, and the world. Our choir continues to sing each week without rehearsal. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month we celebrate with a service of song from the choir and individuals from the congregation followed by a meal. Our sister Church Liberty shares this service and meal with us and we rotate locations with them.

With all changes we have had some members that have decided to move to other Churches. We understand and continue to keep them in our prayers as we move forward. Campobello UMC continues to be a prayerful Church as we support one another, our community, nation, and the World in both the good and not so good times.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
Campobello United Methodist Church  
Annual Council Chair Report to Charge Conference  
2016

During 2016 Campobello has continued to focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday nights to pray for the needs of the congregation, our friends, community, nation, and the world. We had a Mayberry Bible Study which included watching an episode of Andy Griffith, relevant scripture and a discussion of the lesson from the show. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month we celebrate with a service of music and fellowship with our sister Church Liberty. Lead by our Men’s Club we have continued our monthly fellowship evening meal inviting the community to share in this with us. On the first and third Sunday we celebrate Communion.

This year thanks to our member’s donations we were able to resume our summer feed outreach program for disadvantaged families with school age children. We also provided back to school supplies for the students. We have continued our Christmas Can project where members donate change from their pockets and the money is used to help families at Christmas time. For a new outreach project this year, Operation Stand Down, we donated toiletries, clothing, books, pencils and food for a program to help soldiers in need. One of our members Bob Nichols went with UMVIM to Louisiana to help out after the flood.

During this year we have strived to be good stewards of the money that our members have tithed and raised through fund raisers. Our Men’s Club again this year facilitated a couple of yard sales that helped raise funds to pay on our apportionments. They also sponsored the annual Chili Cookoff and again serviced a water stop on the 4th of July for the Columbus bicycle ride. We continue to pray and thank God for the blessings that our Church has received through the member’s tithes and offerings.

This year we lost faithful members of our congregation, Dave Terio, who fought a long battle with cancer and Paul and Christina Turner who moved to another state to be closer to their family.

We look forward to 2017 as we continue to be a prayerful Church in both the good and not so good times.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman  
Chairman Administrative Council  
Campobello United Methodist Church
For the year 2017 our Minister Dan Mason and his wife Debbie remained at Campobello United Methodist Church for which we are thankful. We have maintained our small but faithful congregation and have started a monthly munch and mingle for the congregation before Church. We held a Mayberry Bible Study which included watching an episode of Andy Griffith, relevant scripture and a discussion of the lesson from the show. Later this month we will be doing the same using the I Love Lucy series.

Our United Methodist Men’s Club meets once a month and helps with projects around the Church and in the community if needed. The UMM continued to sponsor a monthly fellowship supper for the congregation and community, our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser, and our annual yard sale to help with our apportionment payments.

The congregation collected food for the community food bank, school supplies at the beginning of the school year and donated money to purchase Bibles for distribution in Cuba by our pianist Madia during her mission trip. Our congregation continues to pray and thank God for the blessings that our Church has received through the member’s tithes and offerings.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. Our choir small but faithful continues to sing at our worship service. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
For the year 2018 our Minister Dan Mason and his wife Debbie remained at Campobello United Methodist Church for which we are thankful. We have maintained our small but faithful congregation.

Our United Methodist Men meet once a month for breakfast; during this time they plan projects to be done at the Church and in the community, if needed. The UMM continue to sponsor our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser and this year we had two yard sales to help raise money for our missions.

This year we replaced the floor joist, subfloor, and wood flooring in the Church entrance along with installing a vapor barrier under the Church.

We have partnered with Rev. David Eubanks mission trips to provide gift cards, food boxes, clothing and household items for the less fortunate families in the West Virginia coal mining communities. Our congregation continues to pray and thank God daily for the blessings that our Church has received through our member’s tithes and offerings.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. Our choir small but faithful continues to sing at our worship service. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
Campobello United Methodist Church
For the year 2019 our Minister Dan Mason and his wife Debbie remained at Campobello United Methodist Church for which we are thankful.

To try and increase our membership we begin having brainstorming sessions to discuss ways to increase our presence in the community. Several of the ideas that came from these sessions are an information card that we have distributed to area restaurants and door hangers for neighborhoods. One of members has taken over our message board in front of the Church. Each week she posts an inspirational message for the community to see. We have received many praises and a note including a check that we are using to help repair the sign boards and frames. We have begun an exterior update to the grounds in front of our Church to make it more attractive and noticeable to motorists as they drive by.

We continue to partner with Rev. David Eubanks’ mission trips to provide gift cards, food boxes, clothing and household items for the less fortunate families in the Kentucky coal mining communities. This year we are participating in the School Ministries of Spartanburg County. This program allows Middle School students to leave their campus once a week to receive a period of religious education during the public school day. CUMC furnishes snacks for the Boiling Springs Middle School students. The mission of the program is to present the Gospel, promote Christian development, discipleship, and provide quality Biblical instruction to every student that participates.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. Our choir continues to sing at our worship service. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Our United Methodist Men meet once a month for breakfast; during this time they plan projects to be done at the Church and in the community. The UMM continue to sponsor our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser.

This year we have welcomed two new members into our small but faithful congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
For the year 2020 our Minister Dan Mason and his wife Debbie remained at Campobello United Methodist Church for which we are thankful.

This has been an unusual year to say the least. We had to stop in person worship, fellowship, and meetings. However through the use of virtual technology we were able to continue to worship together until allowed to resume meeting in person. From the virtual service we found others were watching, so we have continued to use Facebook to stream our Sunday service.

We were able before the pandemic to partner with Rev. David Eubanks’ mission trips to provide gift cards, food boxes, clothing and household items for the less fortunate families in the Kentucky coal mining communities. Along with the Dutch Plate restaurant we provided meals for anyone that was homebound due to the Covid 19.

This year we are again participating in the School Ministries of Spartanburg County. This program allows Middle School students to leave their campus once a week to receive a period of religious education during the public school day. CUMC furnishes snacks for the Boiling Springs Middle School students. The mission of the program is to present the Gospel, promote Christian development, discipleship, and provide quality Biblical instruction to every student that participates.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Our United Methodist Men have resumed meeting monthly for breakfast. They were able to sponsor our annual Chili Cook-off fundraiser before the pandemic shut most events down.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
For the year 2021 our Minister Dan Mason and his wife Debbie remained at Campobello United Methodist Church for which we are thankful.

This year with caution, we were able to return to in person worship, fellowship, and meetings. In September, Pastor Dan and Debbie came down with covid and for 3 weeks we used alternative ways to have our worship service. On most Sundays we have continued to use Facebook to stream our Sunday service to anyone unable to attend in person.

We have continued to partner with Rev. David Eubanks’ mission trips to provide gift cards, food boxes, clothing and household items for the less fortunate families in the Kentucky coal mining communities. In addition last Christmas and again this year we adopted a Kentucky family to supply with gifts for the children and adults. Along with Liberty Church we collected used prescription bottles to send to less fortunate countries.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. Once a month after prayer we have fellowship meal. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month. During this difficult time we have supported our home bound members with visitation, meals, and helping with any household needs they’re unable to do themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Inman
Chairman Administrative Council
This year has been one of joy and sadness for Campobello United Methodist Church. In May our Pastor Dan lost his wife Debbie. We grieve for Dan but rejoice that Debbie is now pain free in heaven. Two of our long-time members had to move to other states to be cared for by their children and several members have dealt with sickness. One of our members became a foster parent through Epworth and has been blessed with a little boy. We welcomed four new members this year. Through all we have kept our faith in God and continue to try and do his work.

In the first half of the year, we helped a single mother, that works with one of our members, with food and supplies. We completed and stocked our blessing box located outside the church. We began making and distributing care bags to the homeless. We installed a new flag pole at our church, and participated in the Epworth Mother’s Day offering.

In the 2nd half of the year, we participated in the town of Campobello’s back to school event where we gave out 550 composition books and other supplies to local students. We also sponsored a community picnic with 60 participants.

For the remainder of the year, we have planned a community spaghetti dinner and trunk or treat for Halloween.

We continue to partner with Rev. David Eubanks’ mission trips to provide gift cards, food boxes, clothing and household items for the less fortunate families in the Kentucky coal mining communities who in addition were stricken by severe flooding this year. Again, this year for Christmas we will adopt a Kentucky family to supply with gifts for the children and adults.

We focus on our spiritual growth opportunities as our prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings to pray for our congregation, friends, nation, and the world. Once a month after prayer we have fellowship meal. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sunday of each month.

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