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CUMC Church Council Agenda – January 25, 2018

Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy

Review of Minutes: Ann Gainey

Standing Reports

1. Treasurers Report: Alice Furman
2. Finance: Johnny Sellers – *Recommendation on Distributing 2017 Excess Funds
3. Lay Leader: Joe Bouknight
4. Trustees: Clay Shelton
5. Missions: Walley Turner

Staff Reports

1. Student Ministry – Hugo Muraco
2. Contemporary Worship – John Dukes
3. Congregational Care: Paul Allen
4. Children’s Ministry: Natalie McCoy
5. Assimilation: Marcy Kenny
6. Facilities: Curt Mitchell
7. Operations: Rick Faulkner

Other Reports

New Business
- UMW Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser – Cornelia Smith
- Missions Trip Consolidated Fund Raiser – Rick Faulkner

Old Business

Pastor’s Report
Members in Attendance:

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Visitors:
John and Carson Chitty, Victoria Chitty, Carolyn Potts

I. Welcome: Rick Faulkner

II. Review of minutes: from October 19, 2017

Unanimous approval

III. Pastor’s Report – Jody Flowers:
1. The Chitty family service to CUMC was spotlighted and they were given a token of our appreciation.
2. The Christmas Eve services schedule was presented.
3. Jody asked that the Council approve 100% of the Christmas Eve offering be given to special needs children – part to Screaming Eagle and some to Rodney Watson who has cerebral palsy and whose father recently passed away. The Council voted by:

Unanimous approval

Meeting was closed with groups at each of the four tables praying in particular for Kathie Wilkes and Hunter Bramlett with Jody ending the session. Then pumpkin pie was served for a time of fellowship.
IV. Assimilation Minister – Marcy Kenny (not presented):

**First Connection**
- Successfully transitioned leadership from Mike Still to Mike Henderson for the usher/greeter team at 11:15am. Recruited new leader, Lynn Dempsey, to take Mike Henderson’s place on Week 4.
- Continuing to bring in new servants from membership class.
- Due to increase in attendance, have increased chairs in place for Fusion service.
- With encouragement and training, ushers are doing better about seating late comers
- Working on updating the Information wall.

**Make the Connection/New Members**
- On Oct 15th had the New Member Welcome Lunch for 2017. Will be having these quarterly moving forward. Was great success from those that helped plan to the event itself. Lots of good fellowship and connections.
- Using revised pamphlet now to lead MTC with a little more meaty content. Continuing to move folks from info session, to received in, to serving.

**Small Groups**
- Small groups have provided feedback that they are not seeing drop offs and attendance is staying good.
- In process of recruiting new leaders for short term study on Ephesians.
- Working and developing small group vision as a stronger discipleship process.

**Sunday School**
- Have helped several new members join Sunday School groups.
- Have leaders that are interested in forming a post high school Sunday School group. Working with Hugo to develop this.

**Miscellaneous**
- Formed team to look at creating the Connection Pavilion space on the patio. Goal is to “open” either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday

V. Children’s Ministry – Natalie McCoy (not presented):

**Highlights:**

**Sunday Morning**
- We have seen a continued increase in the number of first time families. We celebrate that the majority of these families are returning and becoming regular attendees.
- Chris Faulkner has done a super job training and mentoring several Wave Leader Assistants to take on a more active role in teaching lessons at the 9am Kids Worship service.
- Our Sunday School Small Group Leaders are doing a fantastic job implementing the D6 curriculum. The children are engaged and learning at a level deeper and more meaningful than we have ever seen before. We are seeing results of this teaching and change in curriculum through the thoughtful
questions and answers they are providing as well as feedback from parents.

- We trained and added approximately 15 new Wave Leaders to our team in the past two months.

**Sunday Afternoon**

- Over the past several months, at Sunday Afternoon at the Wave, the children have been working hard during their mission’s rotation to make items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. They made stuffed bears, pencil pouches, crosses, soap fish, special tic-tac-toe games, etc. to go in the boxes.
- On Sunday, November 5, the children packed over 70 boxes! They prayed over the boxes and the children who will be receiving them. A generous donation from the UMW, along with offering given by the children, enabled us to pay for the postage to ship the boxes.
- We have been working hard to prepare for Jingle Jam, our family outreach event, to be held on December 10th at 3pm in the sanctuary.
- The children will sing on the following dates:
  - December 3 – 9am and 11:15 Worship Services
  - December 3 – Chapin Town Hall Christmas tree lighting 4-6pm
  - December 6 – Praise Wavelets will sing for the Senior Brunch
  - December 10 – Jingle Jam

**VI. Congregational Care Minister – Paul Allen (not presented):**

- Deaths since my last report in September connected to our church family (We had 15 deaths connected with our church family including 1 member)
  1. Bobbie Swink – David Swink’s Mother
  2. Addison Richburg (Infant) – Jean Jonte’s Great Granddaughter
  4. Hester Hughes – Widow of Bubba Hughes
  5. William Curtis Mitchell, Sr. – Curt Mitchell’s Grandfather
  6. Elizabeth Smith – Margaret Fowler’s Sister
  7. Douglas Gore, Jr. – Thomas Gore’s Father
  8. Logan Hutchinson – Becky McCormack’s Nephew
  9. Mark Hipp – Michael Hipp’s Brother
  11. Celand Day – Sherry Mack’s Father
  12. Temple Lamar – Rick Lamar’s Uncle
  13. Sarah Kneece – Jane Dennis’s Mother
  14. Claire Osterholm – Kimberly Smith’s Grandmother
  15. Dalsy Mike – Tony Fry’s Mother

- Illness/ Serious Concerns Currently requiring our prayers
  1. Kathie Wilkes – Cancer Cells in Lungs
  2. Frances Chitty – Adapting to Lowman Assisted Care
  3. Ben Creed – Still unable to swallow (Praise that he is able to be in church)
  4. Mr. Charlie Farley, Sr. – Continues to have difficulty with oxygen and strength
• The Stephen Ministers are doing an outstanding job of complimenting hospital visitation. Their efforts are coordinated by Carol Weathers. We currently have 45 commissioned Stephen Ministers.

• CUMC is offering both GriefShare and Divorce Care this fall. Marcy Kenny is facilitating GriefShare and Andi Cornelison is facilitating Divorce Care.

• “The Spirit Lifters” continue sharing their food & love. These visits, meals, and touches of Christ’s love are appreciated. They are always looking for some folks to add to their Team. If you might be interested please contact Mary Linda Rye or Betsy Weaver.

• CUMC’s Free Medical Clinic is currently operational at their new location relocated to the old We Care Facility. They are open from 4 – 6 PM every second and fourth Thursday.

• The Thanksgiving Community Service will be held on 11/22/2017 at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Meal will be at 6:00 and service at 7:00.

• Please continue to pray for our church families. Issues of life affect us and those in our families we love and hold dear. Christians are not immune from the attacks of Satan. We have to deal with the issues of Finances, Health, Relationships, Addictions, Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits also.

VII. Operations Minister – Rick Faulkner (not presented):

1. Amick’s Ferry Access Driveway: With the exception of some striping, the project is complete. Signage is posted and landscaping should be finished by the end of November.

2. Staffing: Mark Slice began his duties as the Media and Production Director on November 1st. He is working part time through the end of December, and will commence full time duties on January 1st. We are delighted to have Mark on the team.

3. Advent/Christmas. The Advent/Christmas season is going to be spectacular this year! There will be a full slate of worship opportunities over the next month, and the staff is excited to be a part of what the Lord is doing at CUMC.

2018 is shaping up to be an awesome year, staff is calendaring and planning with great excitement. There is a great momentum in place at CUMC, and we consider it a privilege to be part of this great work of God!

VII. UMW – Evelyn Anne Neal (not presented):

The success of our Chapin UMW can be measured in the fact that each circle has added new members and has continued to promote the purpose of the United Methodist Women by building our knowledge and faith in God. We seek to be whole persons through the power of Jesus Christ as we support each other and expand our concept of mission realizing that, though we may not be able to go personally to the mission field, the money that we raise can. We also realize that we live in the middle of a field of missionary need of all kinds. As a whole, the sisters of the Chapin UMW have learned that when we join together, we are a powerful force in the service of God!

Five Channels of Giving...
After our 2017 fund raisers including The Festival of Tables on August 26 which not only raised over $5000, but also promoted connections across age levels and encouraged participation from nonmembers, we were able to give funds to our 5 UMW missions individually according to identified needs plus to some additional missions close to our hearts... over and above our budgeted amounts...

To our 5 Channels of UMW Giving...
1. Rural Missions...$1000
2. Killingsworth Home for Abused Women, Columbia, SC...$800
3. Wallace Family Life Center...$800
4. Columbia Bethlehem Center...$150
5. Spartanburg Bethlehem Center...$800

Additional Chapin UMW Channels of Giving:
Epworth Children’s Home...$500
Mully Children’s Family, Kenya...$500
Home (in church) Mission...$500
Newberry Boy’s Farm...$500

Additional Channels of Giving in the Local Chapin Area:
HUB...$500  We Care...$500  Good Works...$500

Spiritual Growth/Advocacy/Social Action...Our September General Meeting had Susan Turner, one of the CUMC members of the mission team that went to Kenya and visited Mully Children’s Family, as our speaker. Susan gave an eye opening, heart wrenching view of the situation there and the wonderful work being done with Mully’s children.
Fellowship and outreach... Circles had summer activities with our 2 adopted cottages...The Boys in Grey Cottage and Girls in Stokes including a picnic on the lake.
Items were donated to We Care and Killingsworth. Terri Phillips organized several men and they built a storage room at the HUB.
Many members helped with, participated in, and attended Chapin UMC’s huge mission weekend GIC...Global Impact Celebration with missionaries from worldwide including Mully’s assistant from Kenya.
We have 6 women participating in the UMW Book Club, and 6 attended the Columbia District 45th Annual UMW Meeting at which Cornelia Smith was honored as Chapin UMW’s Woman of the Year.
Cards are sent to our members who are sick or shut in, and a birthday basket was sent to Caroline Connelly.
Chapin UMW Unit Officers have been elected for 2018-2019...
President...Cornelia Smith
Vice President...Pam Nesbitt
Treasurer...Terri Phillips
Secretary...Judy Hannah
Plus there are others who will chair 6 work areas.
Communication Chairman...Linda DuRant
Spiritual Growth Chairman...Ann Gainey
Social Action Chairman...Evie Shelton
Education and Interpretation Chairman...Joanne Brucker
Membership, Nurture, and Outreach Chairman...Leslie Watford
Secretary of Program Resource...Terri Phillips

As my 2 years as Chapin UMW comes to fruition, I have witnessed evidence of the Holy Spirit moving in and through these women as they work to fulfill our purpose to know God, experience freedom as whole
persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative and supportive fellowship, and to expand the concept of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

I hope that I have helped to accomplish a purpose of my own that I set for the Chapin UMW...To show members and staff of CUMC that the United Methodist Women are a powerful source of energy used by God, guided by the Holy Spirit, and filled with a strong faith in Jesus Christ the Son... a source of energy that has the gift of helps that began years ago with “The Church Ladies” (as I lovingly call them), but now has moved out of the kitchen into every area of the spiritual growth and mission of CUMC. God’s vision our mission... because our Lord knows the future; we pledge our hands... our feet... our minds... and our creativity to continue to do his work and to do it for God’s greater glory! Amen.

Next Church Council Meeting – January 18, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Gainey
Finance Committee Report for the Church Council Meeting for January 25, 2018

Year-end General Fund excess $233,234.00  
Year-end Budget Surplus $20,404.00  
Total of $253,638.00

Finance recommendation for use;  
FCA Clemson $3,600.00  
Missions $25,000.00  
Building Fund $25,000.00  
Capital Expenditures $35,100.00  
Audio Visual $164,938.00  
TOTAL $253,638.00
PROTECT

1) 2 Weeks Budget ($41,090 x 2) 82,180.00
3) Accounts Payable & Designated Funds (Treasurers Rpt.) 563,399.00
4) Budget Surplus (53 wks. Approved Budget - YTD Actual Expenditures) 20,377.00

WORKING BALANCE 665,956.00

Budget Surplus Calculation:
Wks. of year times requirement (53 x 38,337) 2,031,861.00
Ytd. total expenditures from treasurer's report 2,361,446.00
Less unbudgeted ytd. expense from treasurer's report 349,989.00
Actual budgeted expenditures 2,011,457.00

PROTECTED BUDGET SURPLUS 20,404.00

B. AVAILABLE Funds available for other use = (Total Assets - Working Balance) 233,234.00
Total assets from treasurer's report 899,190.00
Working Balance from Section A of this report 665,956.00

AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR OTHER USE 233,234.00

C. ANALYSIS Analysis of Expenditures
2017 Approved Expenditures (53 wks x requirement from Section A) 2,031,861.00
Actual Budget Expenditures from Section A 2,011,457.00
2017 Approved Expenditures Exceed Actual Budget Expenditure by 20,404.00
# of weeks surplus 0.5

D. ANALYSIS Analysis of Receipts
Cumulative Receipts through 53 wks 2,394,690.00
Budgeted Needs 53 wks x 38,337 2,031,861.00
Actual Cumulative Receipts Exceed Budgeted Needs by 362,829.00
# of weeks surplus 9.5

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDS AVAILABLE TO USE
General Fund Excess 233,234.00
End of Year Budget Surplus 20,404.00
 $ 253,638.00

FCA Clemson 3,600.00
Missions 25,000.00
Building Fund 25,000.00
Capital Expenditures 35,100.00
Audio Visual 164,938.00
Once again, our Laity are doing great work for the Lord as all the various reports will demonstrate!

Some areas that I would like to highlight:

- Christmas Eve services were attended by some 2,700 people. Untold numbers of laity worked behind the scenes to accomplish this. To name a few areas: parking, greeting, communion preparation and serving, ushers, musicians and choir, dancers, sound and video, nursery, security, and ..... well, you can probably name several I have overlooked.

- I would like to give a special thanks to Sharon Veronee who takes care of worship preparations for us. She quietly works behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly at all services. She sets up the sanctuary, lines up the acolytes, makes sure the candles are okay, and performs a hundred other duties we never realize. She and Tuggee can be found in the sanctuary during the week checking every pew to make sure the pencils are sharpened and everything is properly stocked. They are very faithful servants who never miss a church service and don’t expect any recognition for their contributions.

Our church is truly blessed!

Respectfully submitted:

Joe Bouknight
Lay Leader
Missions Report to the Church Council

1/23/2018

The following are highlights of what has taken place in the Missions Ministry since the GO Team last reported out to the Church Council:

1. On December 27, and 28, 2017, Eighty-two participants (20 youth and 62 adults) from CUMC worked on 6 homes in the surrounding Chapin Area as part of the yearly WARM Project (Weatherization and Repair Ministry). Work included repairing leaking roofs, repairing holes in rotten floors, laying down carpet and flooring, replacing windows and doors, etc. When all was said and done $7792.24 of mission funds was used, but more impressive was the 1148 hours of hard work, love and good will provided by CUMC volunteers. Leadership for this project was provided by James Fuller and John Nesbitt.

2. On Sunday January 7, 2018, the GO Team kicked off the new year for missions by sponsoring an appreciation luncheon for our trip leaders and co-leaders. These hard working men and women will take on the responsibility of taking youth and adults on 13 different trips in 2018 to places as near as South Carolina and as far away as Africa.

3. Looking ahead in February, Chapin UMC will send out its first two mission trips of the year. We have a men’s trip to Cabo, Mexico lead by Donnie Durant and an adult trip to Rural Mission on John’s Island in Charleston County, SC lead by John Nesbitt.

We are planning for a productive and exciting year in mission service as we meet the challenge of having more than 400 Mission GOERS from CUMC in 2018.

Walley Turner
GO Team Leader
Fusion Council Report

Our Vision for Fusion

As a ministry we have recently launched our new season with a new vision statement and a new logo. Our goal for this season is to bring our students back together and create a culture focused around one community and their love for Jesus.

Our new vision statement is designed to echo that of Chapin United Methodist Church. We want our students to be Found in the love of Jesus Christ, Equipped for the work of God, and Sent into the world to expand the kingdom of God. It can be summarized in those three words: Found, Equipped, Sent. This vision comes from the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20.

Sunday Night Gatherings

Our Sunday night gathering started this past weekend, January 21st. We had great attendance and are very optimistic about what the winter/spring season will look like for Fusion. We had 70 students in attendance and 3 students accepted Jesus as their savior this past Sunday night.

Small Groups

Our student small groups will be starting back up on Sunday Jan, 28. We have 8 small groups where we focusing our attentions on discipleship for students specifically dealing with their ages and genders.

Student Serving Teams

With the help of John Dukes we have started building a student worship team. We have students who are learning to serve in different ways including sound, ProPresenter, and the Welcome Team.

Upcoming Events

Fusion at the Park: Super Bowl Sunday we will not be meeting at our usual time, instead we will be meeting in the crooked creek fields to play football, kickball, and ultimate Frisbee.
Winter Retreat: We’re planning on taking our High School students away on a Retreat that strongly focuses on building relationships and community among the group. We’ll be going on President’s Day weekend Feb 16-19.

Middle School Bowling Night: Friday Night, February 23rd, we will be taking our 7th/8th grade students community and bowling.
Church Council
January 2018

Things have been going great in the Contemporary Worship ministry. Here are a few highlights:

1. I cannot say enough great things about the entire Creative Arts team and all they did during the month of December. The musicians were given huge challenges, Courtney Dox did an amazing job with the videos as well keeping everything moving on social media. December was a GREAT month and just revealed how great our volunteers are.

2. We were able to start using some of our students to lead worship for Fusion on Sunday night. These students completed the audition process and I was so proud of how they led this past week. The response was very positive and a few other students have also revealed some interest in using their gifts just from seeing students on the stage.

3. We have started the audition process with 3 adults who were interested in joining the worship team, and we have 1 more who just picked up an application.

4. There is so much to be excited about looking forward to 2018. Our musicians are gathering together for some specific vision casting for us as we look ahead to the journey God is leading CUMC. This will include writing original songs birthed from the heart of God here in Chapin, raising up more leaders who do not just sing songs but lead people as we add the 11:15 Fusion service, developing as a team in character, competency and chemistry.

5. We have created a new plan regarding our social media outlets because of the changes in the platform algorithms. This will include some Facebook Live broadcast, more video, a goal for more comment interaction. We have been testing this and for example I released a 2 min video regarding the Night of Worship and I had over 1,000 views after 48 hrs. Thanks to our Social Media Sunday push at the end of the 2017 we are now at 1,253 Likes on Facebook and 672 Followers on Instagram.

I say it every time, but extremely grateful to be a part in what God is doing in and through CUMC.
Church Council Meeting – 1/25/2018

• Deaths since my last report in November connected to our church family
  (We had 16 deaths connected with our church family including 3 members)
  1. Thelma Whitfield – AJ Guinyard’s Cousin
  2. Terry Goins – Donnie DuRant’s Cousin
  3. Mr. Charlie Farley, Sr. – Charlie Farley, Jr.’s Father
  4. Paula Schackmann – Seth Stoner’s Grandmother
  5. Troy Doss – Katie Doss’s Husband
  6. Lee Pearson – Lee Ann Lawrence’s Father
  7. Charles Jones – Tracy Jones Father
  8. Bobby Richardson – Laura Richardson’s Father
  9. Jim Cripe – Sean Cripe’s Father
  10. Jimmy Harrison – Clark Cowsert’s Brother in Law
  11. Becky Beard – Becky Day’s Mother
  12. Marian Widner – Gail Widner’s Mother
  13. Mr. Robert Dilworth, Sr. – Bob Dilworth’s Father
  14. Katherine Beard – Becky Davis’s Mother
  15. George McCoy – Gary Reinhart’s Father
  16. Roger Bellow, Sr. – Becky Summerford’s Father

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  1. Kathie Wilkes – Cancer Cells in Lungs
  2. Coleen Miller – Several health issues (Back in Hospital)
  3. Jan Daley – Lung cancer that has spread to her brain
  4. Evelyn Anne Neal – Multiple issues including her legs
  5. Ed Betz – Currently at NHC due to a decline in his health
  6. Gaye Brown – Currently at NHC due to a decline in her health

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in His Service along with you,

Paul
Highlights

Sunday Morning

- Our first Jingle Jam family event was a great success! We had over 300 in attendance. The event focus was on generosity and the evening ended with families putting together birthday cakes for Jesus kits as an outreach to invite families to our church. In addition, 100 kits were given to WeCare for distribution to families.
- Our Praise Wave Choir (k-4th grade) and Praise Wavelets (3-4 year olds) were busy during the month of December. They were invited to sing at the Chapin Town Hall Christmas tree lighting, sang for the CUMC Senior Christmas brunch and sang during both the 9am and 11:15 Worship Services.
- Andrea McFadden (Nursery Coordinator) and I attend a Children’s Ministry Conference the week of January 15th. This was a great week of learning, worshiping and refreshing our souls! We are excited to implement some of the new ideas we learned.
- During Vision Day, we shared information in the fellowship hall between services about the Wave Ministry. Parent resources and information were shared, along with a special giveaway. We also gained two new Wave Leader volunteers!

Sunday Afternoon

- On Sunday, January 21st, we kicked off Sunday Afternoons at the Wave with a pajamas, pizza and praise party. Over 80 children attended and we had a fun time learning the three reasons we worship and singing with John Dukes as we praised God through song and dance.
- The children will begin their rotations of choir, missions and games next Sunday and will be preparing to sing on Palm Sunday in both worship services.

Future Plans

- We are meeting to prepare for Palm Sunday picnic and Easter Egg Hunts.
- We are beginning preparations for VBS this year. It will be held June 18-22 and the theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.
- We are reviewing and will be updating the CUMC Safe Sanctuary Policies.
 Minister of Assimilation – Church Council Report January 25, 2018

First Connection

• Moved Guest Central to center of lobby; updated the Information Wall with new brochures for each ministry area – more visible, more welcoming.

Make the Connection/New Members

• Had first New Member lunch in fall. Very successful in making new members feel welcome, and will be doing this quarterly moving forward – next one in February
• Continuing to have lunch/coffee with MTC folks and new members to help them get more involved

Small Groups

• This session (Winter/Spring) we have three new couples leading new groups! Two couples were new members in 2017.
• Over 40 new folks have joined groups for the Ephesians study

Sunday School

• Continuing to explore options for one group that is exceeding the space in their room. May be moving them to the Fellowship Hall stage.
• Continuing to explore a new Sunday School class for post high school. Need space.

Miscellaneous

• Planning a women’s conference in February
• I am now on the Pastor on Call weekend rotation.
• Will be planning First Connection training – in particular to streamline communion in the balcony
Facilities Report to the
Church Council (November-December)

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1) We worked in collaboration with Mrs. Sharon Veronee and her team as it pertained to the decorating of campus for the Christmas season.

2) We assisted Mark Slice with the stage setup and set design for our Christmas Eve service.

3) Thanks to Pastor Jody’s incredible foresight to see the need for improvements around campus we were able to have a new sidewalk installed between the Fusion Center and Fellowship Hall. This work was completed by Chis Marra and his crew at Chapin Concrete.

4) We are continuing to work on our compliance with the Lexington County fire marshal.

5) We have set up and torn down multiple events in the fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT (Fall Festival event), UMW, small groups, circles, weddings, funerals, etc.

6) We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

We strive to make CUMC an attractive and appealing environment where all people feel comfortable and welcome. We consider our opportunity to serve the Lord and His people of this congregation a tremendous honor and we look forward to this service on a daily basis.

Curt Mitchell
Facilities Manager
Operations Report to the
Church Council (December 2017– January 2018)

The entire staff is extremely excited for all that God has in store for us as a church in 2018. We finished 2017 strong in all areas and there is great anticipation for the new year. Just a few highlights for Council’s information:

1. **Amick’s Ferry Access Driveway.** All improvements to Bennington Ct and our new driveway are completed and in use. Contractor needs to finish up some hydroseeding of grass, which will take place in the spring. Once permanent grass “takes”, the final sign off from Lexington County will wrap this project up.

2. **Finance.** It was an incredible year of God’s favor and generosity on CUMC in 2017. We closed out the books with almost $264k in excess general fund monies which means a proposal to Council at our January meeting for the distribution of these funds. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

3. **On Call/Duty Pastor.** In close collaboration with Pastors Jody and Paul, there is now a weekend “on call” pastor assigned among the staff to distribute the ministry load on the weekends. This new policy will ensure excellent pastoral call to all who need it on the weekends, and give both Jody and Paul a much needed “breather” from their enormous responsibilities to this congregation.

4. **Christmas Eve.** We had four amazing Christmas Eve services in 2017. Close to 2700 people joined us at CUMC, which was our largest Christmas ever! Staff and incredible volunteers created an amazing worship space and the gospel was shared with great joy!

It is such a privilege and joy to partner in ministry with the leaders and congregation at CUMC. Thank you so much – you mean the world to me!

Rick Faulkner
Minister of Operations
Church Council
Cornelia Smith, UMW President
January 25, 2018

UMW Shrove Tuesday Fundraiser

Originally I had planned to come before the Church Council to request permission for the UMW to hold a fund raiser (pancake supper) on Shrove Tuesday (February 13) to benefit our Scholarship Fund. We award two $1000 scholarships yearly to members of Chapin UMC.

At our UMW Executive Board meeting on Tuesday, the board decided to make a request to the Church Council to allow the UMW to keep 100% of the proceeds from our yearly Garage sale to help fund our missions including the Scholarship fund. Previously we only received ½ of the proceeds.

In the past, UMW held two fundraisers; the garage sale in the Spring and the Bazaar in the fall. 100% of the proceeds went to the Building Fund. Funds for the UMW missions were raised through Wednesday night suppers and the Graduate Luncheon.

Several years ago, when the suppers were discontinued, the Church Council agreed to allow the UMW to receive ½ of the proceeds from the Garage sale and the Bazaar to fund our missions as well as the proceeds from the Graduate Luncheon. We also started a new fundraiser “Festival of Tables”.

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CUMC Church Council Agenda – March 22, 2018

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Ministry Reports

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Other Reports

New Business
• Relay for Life Fundraiser – Dreama Watts
• Nature Trail Proposal – Walley Turner

Old Business

Pastor’s Report
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   - All bills paid as usual
2. Finance Report – John Sellers

Year-end General Fund excess $233,234.00
Year-end Budget Surplus $20,404.00
Total of $253,638.00

Finance recommendation for use:
FCA Clemson $3,600.00
Missions $25,000.00
Building Fund $25,000.00
Capital Expenditures $35,100.00
Audio Visual $164,938.00
TOTAL $253,638.00

Motion made on distribution of 2017 Excess Funds:

Unanimous approval

3. Lay Leader – Joe Bouknight (presented by Paul Allen)

Once again, our Laity are doing great work for the Lord as all the various reports will demonstrate!

Some areas that I would like to highlight:

- Christmas Eve services were attended by some 2,700 people. Untold numbers of laity worked behind the scenes to accomplish this. To name a few areas: parking, greeting, communion preparation and serving, ushers, musicians and choir, dancers, sound and video, nursery, security, and ..... well, you can probably name several I have overlooked.

- I would like to give a special thanks to Sharon Veronee who takes care of worship preparations for us. She quietly works behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly at all services. She sets up the sanctuary, lines up the acolytes, makes sure the candles are okay, and performs a hundred other duties we never realize. She and Tuggee can be found in the sanctuary during the week checking every pew to make sure the pencils are sharpened and everything is properly stocked. They are very faithful servants who never miss a church service and don’t expect any recognition for their contributions.

Our church is truly blessed!

4. Missions: Walley Turner

1. On December 27, and 28, 2017, Eighty-two participants (20 youth and 62 adults) from CUMC worked on 6 homes in the surrounding Chapin Area as part of the yearly WARM Project (Weatherization and Repair Ministry). Work included repairing leaking roofs, repairing holes in rotten floors, laying down carpet and flooring, replacing windows and doors, etc. When all was said and done $7792.24 of mission funds was used, but more impressive was the 1148 hours of hard
work, love and good will provided by CUMC volunteers. Leadership for this project was provided by James Fuller and John Nesbitt.

2. On Sunday January 7, 2018, the GO Team kicked off the new year for missions by sponsoring an appreciation luncheon for our trip leaders and co-leaders. These hard working men and women will take on the responsibility of taking youth and adults on 13 different trips in 2018 to places as near as South Carolina and as far away as Africa.

3. Looking ahead in February, Chapin UMC will send out its first two mission trips of the year. We have a men’s trip to Cabo, Mexico lead by Donnie Durant and an adult trip to Rural Mission on John’s Island in Charleston County, SC lead by John Nesbitt.

We are planning for a productive and exciting year in mission service as we meet the challenge of having more than 400 Mission GOERS from CUMC in 2018.

5. **Trustees – Clay Shelton**
   1. The digital portion of the entrance sign will be removed and banners will be used to advertise events.
   2. Additional speed bumps will be added to the Amick’s Ferry entrance.
   3. Parking lots will be re-tarred and striped soon.

IV. **Staff Reports:**

1. **Student Ministry – Hugo Muraco**

   **Our Vision for Fusion**

   As a ministry we have recently launched our new season with a new vision statement and a new logo. Our goal for this season is to bring our students back together and create a culture focused around one community and their love for Jesus.

   Our new vision statement is designed to echo that of Chapin United Methodist Church. We want our students to be **Found** in the love of Jesus Christ, **Equipped** for the work of God, and **Sent** into the world to expand the kingdom of God. It can be summarized in those three words: Found, Equipped, Sent. This vision comes from the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20.

   **Sunday Night Gatherings**

   Our Sunday night gathering started this past weekend, January 21st. We had great attendance and are very optimistic about what the winter/spring season will look like for Fusion. We had 70 students in attendance and 3 students accepted Jesus as their savior this past Sunday night.

   **Small Groups**

   Our student small groups will be starting back up on Sunday Jan, 28. We have 8 small groups where we focusing our attentions on discipleship for students specifically dealing with their ages and genders.
Student Serving Teams

With the help of John Dukes we have started building a student worship team. We have students who are learning to serve in different ways including sound, ProPresenter, and the Welcome Team.

Upcoming Events

Fusion at the Park: Super Bowl Sunday we will not be meeting at our usual time, instead we will be meeting in the crooked creek fields to play football, kickball, and ultimate Frisbee.

Winter Retreat: We’re planning on taking our High School students away on a Retreat that strongly focuses on building relationships and community among the group. We’ll be going on President’s Day weekend Feb 16-19.

Middle School Bowling Night: Friday Night, February 23rd, we will be taking our 7th/8th grade students community and bowling.

2. Contemporary Worship – John Dukes

Things have been going great in the Contemporary Worship ministry. Here are a few highlights:

1. I cannot say enough great things about the entire Creative Arts team and all they did during the month of December. The musicians were given huge challenges, Courtney Dax did an amazing job with the videos as well keeping everything moving on social media. December was a GREAT month and just revealed how great our volunteers are.

2. We were able to start using some of our students to lead worship for Fusion on Sunday night. These students completed the audition process and I was so proud of how they led this past week. The response was very positive and a few other students have also revealed some interest in using their gifts just from seeing students on the stage.

3. We have started the audition process with 3 adults who were interested in joining the worship team, and we have 1 more who just picked up an application.

4. There is so much to be excited about looking forward to 2018. Our musicians are gathering together for some specific vision casting for us as we look ahead to the journey God is leading CUMC. This will include writing original songs birthed from the heart of God here in Chapin, raising up more leaders who do not just sing songs but lead people as we add the 11:15 Fusion service, developing as a team in character, competency and chemistry.

5. We have created a new plan regarding our social media outlets because of the changes in the platform algorithms. This will include some Facebook Live broadcast, more video, a goal for more comment interaction. We have been testing this and for example I released a 2 min video regarding the Night of Worship and I had over 1,000 views after 48 hrs. Thanks to our Social Media Sunday push at the end of the 2017 we are now at 1,253 Likes on Facebook and 672 Followers on Instagram.

I say it every time, but extremely grateful to be a part in what God is doing in and through CUMC.
3. Congregational Care – Paul Allen

Deaths since my last report in November connected to our church family (We had 16 deaths connected with our church family including 3 members):

1. Thelma Whitfield – AJ Guinyard’s Cousin
2. Terry Goins – Donnie DuRant’s Cousin
3. **Mr. Charlie Farley, Sr.** – Charlie Farley, Jr.’s Father
4. Paula Schackmann – Seth Stoner’s Grandmother
5. Troy Doss – Katie Doss’s Husband
6. Lee Pearson – Lee Ann Lawrence’s Father
7. **Charles Jones** – Tracy Jones Father
8. Bobby Richardson – Laura Richardson’s Father
9. Jim Cripe – Sean Cripe’s Father
10. Jimmy Harrison – Clark Cowsert’s Brother in Law
11. Becky Beard – Becky Day’s Mother
12. **Marian Widner** – Gail Widner’s Mother
13. Mr. Robert Dilworth, Sr. – Bob Dilworth’s Father
14. Katherine Beard – Becky Davis’s Mother
15. George McCoy – Gary Reinhart’s Father
16. Roger Bellow, Sr. – Becky Summerford’s Father

- **Illness/ Serious Concerns Currently requiring our prayers**
  1. Kathie Wilkes – Cancer Cells in Lungs
  2. Coleen Miller – Several health issues (Back in Hospital)
  3. Jan Daley – Lung cancer that has spread to her brain
  4. Evelyn Anne Neal – Multiple issues including her legs
  5. Ed Betz – Currently at NHC due to a decline in his health
  6. Gaye Brown – Currently at NHC due to a decline in her health

- The Stephen Ministers are doing an outstanding job of complimenting hospital visitation. Their efforts are coordinated by Carol Weathers. We currently have 45 commissioned Stephen Ministers.
- “The Spirit Lifters” continue sharing their food & love. These visits, meals, and touches of Christ’s love are appreciated. **They are always looking for some folks to add to their Team. If you might be interested please contact Mary Linda Rye.**
- CUMC’s Free Medical Clinic is currently operational at their new location relocated to the old We Care Facility. They are open from 4 – 6 PM every second and fourth Thursday.
- The Fourth Sunday Community Service will be held on 1/28/2018 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 6:00 pm. I have the privilege of delivering the message.

Please continue to pray for our church families. Issues of life affect us and those in our families we love and hold dear. Christians are not immune from the attacks of Satan. We have to deal with the issues of Finances, Health, Relationships, Addictions, Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits also.
4. Children’s Ministry – Natalie McCoy

Highlights:

Sunday Morning
• Our first Jingle Jam family event was a great success! We had over 300 in attendance. The event focus was on generosity and the evening ended with families putting together birthday cakes for Jesus kits as an outreach to invite families to our church. In addition, 100 kits were given to WeCare for distribution to families.
• Our Praise Wave Choir (k-4th grade) and Praise Wavelets (3-4 year olds) were busy during the month of December. They were invited to sing at the Chapin Town Hall Christmas tree lighting, sang for the CUMC Senior Christmas brunch and sang during both the 9am and 11:15 Worship Services.
• Andrea McFadden (Nursery Coordinator) and I attend a Children’s Ministry Conference the week of January 15th. This was a great week of learning, worshiping and refreshing our souls! We are excited to implement some of the new ideas we learned.
• During Vision Day, we shared information in the fellowship hall between services about the Wave Ministry. Parent resources and information were shared, along with a special giveaway. We also gained two new Wave Leader volunteers!

Sunday Afternoon
• On Sunday, January 21st, we kicked off Sunday Afternoons at the Wave with a pajamas, pizza and praise party. Over 80 children attended and we had a fun time learning the three reasons we worship and singing with John Dukes as we praised God through song and dance.
• The children will begin their rotations of choir, missions and games next Sunday and will be preparing to sing on Palm Sunday in both worship services.

Future Plans:
• We are meeting to prepare for Palm Sunday picnic and Easter Egg Hunts.
• We are beginning preparations for VBS this year. It will be held June 18-22 and the theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God.
• We are reviewing and will be updating the CUMC Safe Sanctuary Policies.

5. Assimilation Pastor – Marcy Kenney

First Connection
• Moved Guest Central to center of lobby; updated the Information Wall with new brochures for each ministry area – more visible, more welcoming.

Make the Connection/New Members
• Had first New Member lunch in fall. Very successful in making new members feel welcome, and will be doing this quarterly moving forward – next one in February
• Continuing to have lunch/coffee with MTC folks and new members to help them get more involved

Small Groups
• This session (Winter/Spring) we have three new couples leading new groups! Two couples were new members in 2017.
• Over 40 new folks have joined groups for the Ephesians study
Sunday School

• Continuing to explore options for one group that is exceeding the space in their room. May be moving them to the Fellowship Hall stage.
• Continuing to explore a new Sunday School class for post high school. Need space.

Miscellaneous

• Planning a women’s conference in February
• I am now on the Pastor on Call weekend rotation.
• Will be planning First Connection training — in particular to streamline communion in the balcony

6. Facilities Manager — Curt Mitchell

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1. We worked in collaboration with Mrs. Sharon Vero nee and her team as it pertained to the decorating of campus for the Christmas season.
2. We assisted Mark Slice with the stage setup and set design for our Christmas Eve service.
3. Thanks to Pastor Jody’s incredible foresight to see the need for improvements around campus we were able to have a new sidewalk installed between the Fusion Center and Fellowship Hall. This work was completed by Chis Marra and his crew at Chapin Concrete.
4. We are continuing to work on our compliance with the Lexington County fire marshal.
5. We have set up and torn down multiple events in the fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT (Fall Festival event), UMW, small groups, circles, weddings, funerals, etc.
6. We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

We strive to make CUMC an attractive and appealing environment where all people feel comfortable and welcome. We consider our opportunity to serve the Lord and His people of this congregation a tremendous honor and we look forward to this service on a daily basis.

7. Operations Pastor — Rick Faulkner

The entire staff is extremely excited for all that God has in store for us as a church in 2018. We finished 2017 strong in all areas and there is great anticipation for the new year. Just a few highlights for Council’s information:

1. Amick’s Ferry Access Driveway. All improvements to Bennington Ct and our new driveway are completed and in use. Contractor needs to finish up some hydroseeding of grass, which will take place in the spring. Once permanent grass “takes”, the final sign off from Lexington County will wrap this project up.
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Council at our January meeting for the distribution of these funds. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

3. On Call/Duty Pastor. In close collaboration with Pastors Jody and Paul, there is now a weekend “on call” pastor assigned among the staff to distribute the ministry load on the weekends. This new policy will ensure excellent pastoral call to all who need it on the weekends, and give both Jody and Paul a much needed “breather” from their enormous responsibilities to this congregation.

4. Christmas Eve. We had four amazing Christmas Eve services in 2017. Close to 2700 people joined us at CUMC, which was our largest Christmas ever! Staff and incredible volunteers created an amazing worship space and the gospel was shared with great joy!

It is such a privilege and joy to partner in ministry with the leaders and congregation at CUMC. Thank you so much – you mean the world to me!

V. Other Reports:

- **SALT – Albert Cox**
  - 2018 calendar is filled and some of the highlights are:
    - Valentine luncheon
    - Ft. Mill on March 3

VI. New Business

- **UMW – Cornelia Smith**

Originally I had planned to come before the Church Council to request permission for the UMW to hold a fund raiser (pancake supper) on Shrove Tuesday (February 13) to benefit our Scholarship Fund. We award two $1000 scholarships yearly to members of Chapin UMC.

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### VIII. Pastor’s Report – Jody Flowers (presented by Ben McCoy)

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Next Church Council Meeting- March 22, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Gainey
UMW Report for March 2018 Council Meeting

Cornelia Smith, President
Chapin United Methodist Women
March 22, 2018

The Chapin UMW have been very busy since the first of 2018.

In January, we hosted the Columbia District Local Units Officers Training. We had approximately 90 people in attendance.

In February we attended Legislative Advocacy Day at Epworth Children’s Home. Keynote speakers gave informative presentations on children’s issues and domestic violence. At Washington Street UMC we heard singers from the Africa University Choir. Washington Street UMC was one of the few churches to host the choir on their 12-day tour. We also provided a meal with homemade desserts for the Methodist Student Network @ the University of South Carolina. They are a part of the Wesley Foundation.

In March we attended the Day Apart @ Cayce UMC where we participated in making sanitary pads for girls and women in Africa. Our March garage sale netted approximately $6000 which will be used to fund our college scholarships and other mission projects. March 23 is our Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund which was established to continue the work of United Methodist Women. We will celebrate 150 years of mission service in 2019. At our March 27 Executive Board meeting we will meet with Natalie McCoy to partner with her ministry to provide Bibles and other gifts to be given to new mothers in our church.

April 3rd we are providing lunch for the Literacy Camp at Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. Pizza, drinks, apples and ice cream will be served.

April 11 is the deadline for applications for UMW student scholarships to be turned in to the church office. We will be awarding two $1000 scholarships in May.

Fortunately since the first of the year, we have lost three of our dear members. We will dearly miss Marian Widner, June Grant and Kathie Wilkes. These women gave generously of the time and talents not only to UMW but also to Chapin UMC.
Good morning. Our next council meeting is this Thursday. Please send your reports to me and copy Paul Allen. Sharon Allen is filling in for me in this meeting.

I have attached the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting.

Thank you,
Ann

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NATURE TRAIL

CHAPIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Chapin UMC's vision for nature trail and environment is to connect the human spirit with nature while preserving and enhancing the majesty of God's creation.
POTENTIAL FEATURES

- Prayer Garden or Mediation Area
- Prayer Walk
- Labyrinth
- Picnic Shelter
- Children's & Youth Classroom Focus Areas
- Area for individuals with Special Needs
- Plant & Tree Identification
- Vegetative Plantings & Screens
NEXT STEP(S)

- Buy in
  - Buy in of Trustees, Church Council, etc.

- Construct
  - Construct Trail Through Woody Area

- Design & Construct
  - Design & Construct Bridges for 3 Stream Crossings

- Inventory & Identify
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CUMC Church Council Agenda – May 31, 2018

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Review of Minutes: Ann Gainey

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Pastor’s Report
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Visitors: Sharon Allen (for Ann Gainey), Leslie Watford

I. Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy presented a devotion centered around Matthew 8:1-3. He spoke about school shootings and asked do we share in the responsibility of growing these young men who act so violently. Do we miss our chances to help these youngsters who are headed towards these heinous actions? In the Scripture noted, Jesus touched lepers who were unclean and unapproachable and made them clean. Should not we also be like Jesus and ‘touch’ unclean people to turn them to Him. The answer is Jesus!

II. Review of minutes: from January 28, 2018

Unanimous approval

III. Standing Reports:

1. Treasurers Report – Alice Furman

All bills paid as usual
2. Finance Report – John Sellers

In the month of February, 2018, there was a sum of $14,262.00 that exceeded Budgeted needs. The Working Balance for this period was $755,962.00. The Finance Committee moves that the sum of $14,410.00 be immediately available for other use and should be credited as a Replenishment to the Capital Expenditures Account.

Unanimous approval

3. Lay Leader – Joe Bouknight

I continue to be amazed at the commitment of our laity at Chapin United Methodist Church. On any given day or evening, you will find a bee hive of activity in our church and community. All the various reports this evening will highlight the many activities of our people doing God’s work.

Lay Servant Training and Certification:
A major difference between lay people and ordained clergy is the required training. Becoming an ordained clergy requires years of college followed by divinity school. In a church such as CUMC we have a handful of ordained clergy who lead the rest of us – the laity. However, the United Methodist Church provides many opportunities for laity to be developed and certified.

The mission of the SC UMC Lay Leadership Area is “To create a culture of call by engaging, equipping, and empowering laity so that they might effectively partner with each other and their pastors to live out God’s call as they lead the church in transforming the world as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” In more simple terms, we participate in developmental activities to become more effective at doing God’s work.

There are several different levels of certification for laity:
- Local Church Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Servant
- Lay Speaker (Pulpit Supply)
- Certified Lay Minister

The differences between each level of certification are based on the type of service you desire to be involved in and the amount of training required.

The Local Church Lay Servant is the first step. The requirements are (1) submitting an application for approval through the Pastor, Church Council and District Superintendent and (2) completing the 10 hour Basic Lay Servant course. Local Church Lay Servants provide support to their pastor in leading various activities primarily with their local church. This could include leading Bible study, Sunday school class, mission work or other care-giving ministries.

The other levels of certification require additional courses and expand the role of the lay servant, both at their local church and beyond.
On March 3-4 the Columbia District conducted its annual Lay Servant Ministry training. Sharon Allen taught one course. Larry Killian and I attended two others. There are a number of other certified lay servants in our church.

If you are interested in learning more about developmental opportunities to better equip you as a Lay Servant, contact me or any of our pastoral staff.

4. Missions: Walley Turner

The following are highlights of what has taken place in the Mission Ministry since the GO Team last reported out to the Church Council:

- The GO Team is beginning to lay ground work for our annual Mission Ministry Global Impact Celebration (GIC). The dates are September 27 – 28, 2018. Mignon Fowler will be serving again as chairperson for this year’s GIC. She is in the process of putting together an awesome team to plan and carry out the many GIC activities. The first meeting of the team was held on March 20, 2018.
- Seven men from Chapin UMC recently returned from a mission trip to Cabo, Mexico where they poured concrete and God’s love into local Baja residents. In addition to the construction and ministry outreach, the group participated in Lead 222 leadership training for men. Lead 222 is a non-profit international coaching and mentoring ministry founded on the biblical mandate of 2 Timothy 2:2. Thanks to Donnie Durant for leading this group.
- During the period of February 18-23, 2018, approximately twenty men and women participated in a five-day mission trip to John’s Island, Charleston County, SC. Several renovation projects were completed through a partnership with Rural Missions. Thanks to John Nesbitt for leading this group.
- During this year’s school spring break in April, a team of approximately 20 folks consisting of youth and adults will travel to Guatemala for a week-long mission trip. Vacation bible school along with the construction of a house will be undertaken. Doug and Laurie Cartmell are providing the overall leadership for this team.

5. Trustees – Clay Shelton

Reported two HVAC units had to be replaced and monies from the Capital Expenditure Account were used. This is the reason Finance asked for funds to be replenished.

IV. Staff Reports:

1. Student Ministry – Hugo Muraco (not presented)

   Our Vision for Fusion

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kingdom of God. It can be summarized in those three words: Found, Equipped, Sent. This vision comes from the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20.

Recent Events:

1. We just had the Epworth Children’s Home join us for a joint night of worship and teaching. They brought 19 students and 7 adult staff. We had a great night filled with games and food.
2. We’ve recently started hosting HS boys hang out nights. We’re encouraging our HS boys to come and enjoy a casual night of fellowship and food. We’re hoping to strengthen the relationships and the community among this group of young men. Our goal is that they would remain involved in our Fusion activities and that they have an easy event to invite their friends to.

Upcoming Events

Chapin Baptist/Chapin United Methodist Church Dodgeball night-
In an effort to join hands with other ministries in our Chapin area we will be coming together with the Rush student ministry. We’ll have a night of fellowship and dodgeball on Sunday March 25th at Crooked Creek.

Summer Camp –

Summer Camp will take place from July 28 - Aug 1st. We have started sign ups and already have 24 students signed up to join us on this trip. We have a total of 120 spots for leaders and students. Our hope is to take 100 students from Chapin United Methodist Church and the surrounding community.

2. Contemporary Worship – John Dukes (not presented)

1. One of our goals for 2018 was to add to the worship team for the contemporary service. We began the year at 19 musicians. We had added 4 musicians through our audition process and have a 3 more that are nearing the end of the process. It has been a super exciting time for our band members.
2. We have continued to introduce new songs this year. I cannot say enough about the engagement and atmosphere of our 9 and 11:15 contemporary services. IT. IS. GOD.
3. We have hosted 2 nights of worship in 2018 and our last of the season is scheduled in April. We will then be taking a season to evaluate those nights. During the summer it is my hope and plan to host smaller worship nights centered around living rooms and not stages. Also a HUGE shout out to Mark Slice’s expertise that gave us an opportunity to be LIVE on Facebook for those nights.
4. Thanks to the leadership of Courtney Dox we have increased CUMC’s social media presence. We have been trying different ways to connect to not only our members on social media but also those who are not connected to CUMC.

I say it every time, but extremely grateful to be a part in what God is doing in and through CUMC.
3. Congregational Care – Paul Allen (not presented)

- Deaths since my last report in January connected to our church family
  (We had 16 deaths connected with our church family including 1 member)
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  2. Lester Renner – M.J. Sorrell’s Father
  3. Paul Loudner – Becky Gallman’s Nephew
  4. Dan Lindler – Donnie Lindler’s Father
  5. Dolores Storey – Jim Storey’s Mother
  6. Joanne Seay – Pat Mullin’s Sister
  7. Barbara Chambers – Toby Chambers Mother
  8. Willard Hutson – Heather Roger’s Grandfather
  10. June Grant – Linda & Barbara Grant’s Mother
  12. James Vernon Hatch – Kevin Hatch’s Father
  13. Karie Ann Carter – Tom O’Neal’s Cousin
  14. Jane McCoy – Gary Reinhart’s Mother
  15. Larry “Bubba” Long – Laura Richardson’s Father
  16. Garret Yates – Judy Sebesta’s Father

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- Please continue to pray for our church families. Issues of life affect us and those in our families we love and hold dear. Christians are not immune from the attacks of Satan. We have to deal with the issues of Finances, Health, Relationships, Addictions, Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits also.
4. Children’s Ministry – Natalie McCoy (not presented)

**Highlights**
- We hosted Bingo with the CUMC Seniors at Sunday Afternoon at the Wave. The children made Easter placemats and door hangings for each adult. They spent time getting to know the adults sitting at their table and enjoyed playing bingo with them. We plan to do this again!
- We have been preparing for the Palm Sunday Picnic to be held on March 25th. This year, we will have bounce houses, train rides, a petting zoo, balloon artists, face painters, snow cones, popcorn and more! The children will all leave with a bag of stuffed eggs, an Easter book, an invitation to VBS, and an invitation to Easter services. They will also take a different Easter activity bag and invitation to use to invite someone to our Easter services.
- We are hard at work preparing for Vacation Bible School this year. The theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and it will be held June 18-22nd. Registration is now open. We will be filming our own music videos again this year and are also working on several VBS promo videos. We attended a VBS workshop in Charlotte to share and gather information from other churches.
- On March 11th, we had Pajama Day all morning and then had Pajamas and Pancakes at Sunday Afternoon at the Wave. During this time, the children practiced their music for Palm Sunday and stuffed 350 Easter bags.
- The Praise Wave and Wavelets are singing on Palm Sunday. They will come into the church waving palms and then sing, “Hosanna Rock” for both the 9am and 11:15 services.
- We are continuing to conduct Safe Sanctuary training for new volunteers.

**Future Plans**
- We are preparing to welcome guests on Easter Sunday and share the good news of the resurrection with meaningful lessons, crafts and activities with all the children.
- We will continue to prepare for VBS and recruit volunteers.
- We are planning our summer activities.

5. Assimilation Pastor – Marcy Kenney (not presented)

**First Connection**
- Had a training session where about 40 attended. Sent recap by email. Started using flashlights to help people find seats after service has started.
- Started a Guest Central table in the Fusion Center. This was very needed for guests in Fusion so that they did not have to go over to the Sanctuary to get information on the church.
- Have new leaders of Guest Central as Pam Hipp, who was the leader, is traveling so much and does not have the time anymore. These new leaders are also new members!
- Information wall continues to grow and develop.
- Moving Guest Central to center of sanctuary lobby has worked well.
- Will be updating the name badge – possibly to a generic lanyard. Reason is to make them more visible to guests and visitors.
Make the Connection/New Members

- Had first New Member lunch this year in February. This continues to be a great way for folks to feel more welcomed in an intimate setting.
- Continuing to have lunch/coffee with MTC folks and new members to help them get more involved

Small Groups

- Ephesians small groups have seemed to do well.
- Two new groups that formed this semester just for Ephesians have committed to staying together!

Sunday School

- Continuing to explore options for groups that are exceeding the space in their room, as well as new groups that need to form for folks that are looking for a group.
- Continuing to explore a new Sunday School class for post high school. Need space.

Miscellaneous

- In February presented the IF:Gathering for women. Attended by 85+ and had very positive feedback. Two groups have been formed from this conference. Would like to present this again next year, with some adjustments that we learned.
- Continuing to be an On-Call Pastor for the weekend once/month. Helps me get to know more folks.

6. Facilities Manager – Curt Mitchell (not presented)

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1) We have assisted several other ministries with multiple events including, but not limited to, Vision Day, Two-Night of Worship events (Fusion Center), IF Conference, and the S.O.S. meeting hosted by our local SIC’s.
2) We worked with our subcontractor’s on the new flooring project in our administration entryway, hallways, and room 206. We are very excited to have these improvements to our facilities.
3) We are continuing to work on our compliance with the Lexington County fire marshal. Thanks to John Nesbitt and Clay Shelton on all their hard work removing the old lights and installing the new lights!
4) We have set up and torn down multiple events in the fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT (Valentine’s), UMW, small groups, circles, weddings, funerals, etc.
5) We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

We strive to make CUMC an attractive and appealing environment where all people feel comfortable and welcome. We consider our opportunity to serve the Lord and His people of this congregation a tremendous honor and we look forward to this service on a daily basis.
7. Operations Pastor – Rick Faulkner (not presented)

We are off and running in this new year! With lots to look forward to, and much already accomplished, here are a few highlights from the past 2 months:

1. **North Side Parking.** Lexington County has finished approval of the parking lot project and we are working with the contractor to have the silt fence removed. This project is paid in full and our congregation is taking full advantage of the excellent parking space.

2. **Outreach Projects.** We have 2 Outreach opportunities that are being planned for. The first is our Palm Sunday Picnic to be held this Sunday, March 25th. Staff has been working hard to get everything in order, and this year we are hoping for great weather and a great time. We will have bounce houses, a petting zoo, choo choo train and much more. The second event is our annual Patriotic Service of Worship to be held on June 24th at Chapin High School. Plans are in place and the entire community will be invited to worship us as one church.

3. **Leave of Absence.** Beginning April 9th, I will commence a 7 month unpaid leave of absence. My wife and I will attempt to thru hike all 2,190 miles of the Appalachian Trail, beginning on Springer Mountain, Georgia and hopefully finishing at Katahdin Mountain, Maine. I am extremely grateful to Pastor Jody and the SPRC for allowing me to have this opportunity, and I also thankful for an incredible staff who will be shouldering my responsibilities while I am gone. Everyone is very supportive and I just want to say thank you to all involved for allowing me to have this epic adventure.

I love you all and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

8. Media Director – Mark Slice (not presented)

January and February of 2018 have been extremely busy from a Media and Production standpoint. The following are the highlights during that period:

1. **Live Streaming.** We began testing of live streaming to our web page, Facebook Live, Roku, Google Chromecast and to mobile devices. We have successfully broadcast to all platforms and have ramped up production techniques to allow for a very professional look to our online church services. We have established a workflow utilizing volunteers to produce both the traditional and contemporary services. We will be ready to launch on April 1st with the Audio/Video team is looking forward to the challenge. We also broadcast to Facebook Live our “Pause-A Night of Prayer” services for both January and February. On Facebook, we recorded 888 views for January’s service and 423 views for February.

2. **Town of Chapin meeting (SOS) Save our Students.** On January 25th, we hosted a Town of Chapin meeting on the Opioid epidemic, organized by Chapin High School. We had a panel discussion with presentations from SLED, Lexington County Narcotics, along with representatives from Governor McMasters staff. WACH TV 57 was in attendance to document the discussion.

3. **IF Gathering.** On February 9th and 10th, we hosted a women’s conference webinar in the Fusion Center. We were able to download the live web stream and insert the content into our conference format, which consisted of discussions and worship featuring the praise team.

4. **Equipment upgrades.** Our main sanctuary front projectors have been replaced with a more efficient projector which uses lasers to project the image instead of bulbs. Bulb replacement is quite expensive while Laser’s have a life span of 50,000 hours compared to 2000 hours for a bulb.
5. **Service enhancements.** A few changes to our Sunday morning Services. Hand bells have been moved to a more central location, so they can be seen, heard and lit more effectively. The Contemporary service is being projected onto the front screens. The Traditional service will be projected on the front screens for the 5 big yearly services: Vision Day, Easter, Patriotic Service, GIC service and Christmas Cantata.

It is such a privilege and joy to partner in ministry with the leaders and congregation at CUMC. Thank you so much

V. **Other Reports:**

- **UMW – Cornelia Smith**

  The Chapin UMW have been very busy since the first of 2018.

  In January, we hosted the Columbia District Local Units Officers Training. We had approximately 90 people in attendance.

  In February we attended Legislative Advocacy Day at Epworth Children’s Home. Keynote speakers gave informative presentations on children’s issues and domestic violence. At Washington Street UMC we heard singers from the Africa University Choir. Washington Street UMC was one of the few churches to host the choir on their 12-day tour. We also provided a meal with homemade desserts for the Methodist Student Network @ the University of South Carolina. They are a part of the Wesley Foundation.

  In March we attended the Day Apart @ Cayce UMC where we participated in making sanitary pads for girls and women in Africa. Our March garage sale netted approximately $6000 which will be used to fund our college scholarships and other mission projects. March 23 is our Day of Giving for the Legacy Fund which was established to continue the work of United Methodist Women. We will celebrate 150 years of mission service in 2019. At our March 27 Executive Board meeting we will meet with Natalie McCoy to partner with her ministry to provide Bibles and other gifts to be given to new mothers in our church.

  April 3rd we are providing lunch for the Literacy Camp at Columbia Bethlehem Community Center. Pizza, drinks, apples and ice cream will be served.

  April 11 is the deadline for applications for UMW student scholarships to be turned in to the church office. We will be awarding two $1000 scholarships in May.

  Unfortunately since the first of the year, we have lost three of our dear members. We will dearly miss Marian Widner, June Grant and Kathie Wilkes. These women gave generously of the time and talents not only to UMW but also to Chapin UMC.
• **SALT – Albert Cox**

The Senior Adults took a great trip to Fort Mill, SC to see the “Fourth Cross”. It was an inspiring play about the life of Jesus and the change that Jesus brought to Barabbas. The senior lunch for April will be on the 4th with Amanda Breckenridge as our guest. She will give her testimony about how God brought her to recovery from a stroke when she was in her twenties. She will also sing as part of her program. A day trip to Magnolia Gardens in Charleston is planned for the first week in May. June is the picnic at Bobby and Ginnie Morris’ home. In July, the seniors have a trip planned with details forthcoming. “Golden Agers” is August 1.

### VI. New Business

- **Fundraisers for Relay for Life – Leslie Watford**

  Leslie requested permission to sell tickets for a spaghetti meal to be held on April 21. Also she requested approval to sell luminaries on April 15.

  | Unanimous approval |

- **Proposed Nature Trail – Walley Turner**

  Walley made a presentation of proposed trail. After discussion, it was determined work could begin on the trail and that the project will be incorporated into the Master Plan for the grounds.

  | Unanimous approval |

### VII. Old Business

None

### VIII. Pastor’s Report – Jody Flowers

None

Next Church Council Meeting- May 24, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Gainey
Church Council
May 31, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

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Visitors: none

I. Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy presented a devotion based on Matthew 5 and Luke 6. The point of was to reveal that we must connect to each other – enemies and neighbors. There is no asterisk to connect and Jesus demonstrated how to connect without asterisks. For instance, the thief on the cross who Jesus wrapped his arms around.

II. Review of minutes: from March 22, 2018

| Unanimous approval |

III. Standing Reports:

1. Treasurers Report – Alice Furman
   - All bills paid as usual
   - Loan balance is $5,808,700.00

2. Finance Report – presented by Paul Allen


   There were Recommendations For Funds Available To Use as follows:
Mortgage Reduction $40,181.00  
Cemetery Improvements $20,000.00  
Security Camera Request $ 9,500.00  
Choir Room Projector System or Large TV Monitor $ 2,500.00  
Transportation Fund (Bus Chartering Seniors) $10,000.00  
Additional Storage Shed $ 5,000.00  
Campus Improvement (New G Account) $33,000.00  
Total: $120,181.00

Unanimous approval

3. Lay Leader – Joe Bouknight
Since our last Council meeting we celebrated Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter sunrise and morning worship services. What a wonderful Holy Week! It would be impossible to mention everyone who participated to make all this happen but it was certainly a combined effort from all those who serve our church – both staff and laity.

With summer upon us we will be changing gears for the next three months. Here are Coming Events you might be involved in:

Annual Conference is coming up next week in Greenville, SC. Your lay delegates are Gail and Eldon Armstrong, Shirley and Bill Maybin, Lisa and Ed Gohn, and Sharon Allen.

Laity Sunday will be on Father’s Day, June 17. Contact me if you feel led to be involved in the worship services.

Vacation Bible School is June 18-22. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well it takes and army to put on VBS!

Mission Trips will be cranking up next week for another busy summer. It isn’t too late to join in. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your child or grandchild.

Holy Land Trip: It has been some time since a trip to the Holy Land was sponsored at CUMC. Mary Linda and Jerry Rye are planning to take a group February 26-March 7, 2019. I am planning to go. This is something I have looked forward to for much of my adult life. If you feel the Holy Spirit leading you there, pick up a brochure from the church office or from me tonight.

4. Missions: Walley Turner
The following are highlights of what has taken place in the Missions Ministry since the GO Team last reported out to the Church Council:
1. Over Spring Break eighteen adults and youth from Chapin UMC participated in a 7-day mission trip to Guatemala. The group constructed a 450 square foot houses for a very deserving family and held a vacation bible school for community kids. However, the major focus of the Chapin group was witnessing, praying and loving on families in the area near their work project site. The
participants experienced the overwhelming blessing of giving keys to a new house to the grateful family. Doug and Laurie Cartmell provided outstanding trip leadership for this group.

2. A Global Impact Celebration (GIC) Team has finalized many of the details for our annual Mission Ministry Global Impact Celebration (GIC). The theme for this year’s conference is “Homecoming”. The dates are September 27 – 30, 2018. Our featured speaker this year is our wonderful lead pastor, Jody Flowers. Mignon Fowler is providing overall leadership for the GIC.

3. Eleven individuals from Chapin UMC recently returned from a 12-day mission trip to the Mully Children’s Family (MCF) in Kenya. A few examples of the group’s mission efforts included mentoring and sharing testimony in church and classroom with 800 children, spent two days assisting with concrete pouring on a new kitchen and serving area at MCF headquarters, taught bible lessons and served meals at two local Mully supported elementary schools for approximately 1500 kids. Sally Tucker provided overall leadership for this group.

4. Looking ahead to a Summer of GOERS with following mission trips:

   Lead 222, Cabo, Mexico youth trip lead by Natalie McCoy
   Christ for the City, Peru trip lead by Doctor James & Jan Hunter
   Appalachian Service Project (ASP), Tennessee lead by Becky Wrenn
   Salkehatchie Summer Camps, South Carolina with leadership by John Nesbitt
   Faithful Servant Mission, Costa Rica lead by John & Carson Chitty
   Mission of Hope, Haiti lead by Emily Wheaton

5. Trustees – Clay Shelton (not presented)

   1. Fire Marshall visit had to be rescheduled to May 29 due to funeral being scheduled. We believe everything has been addressed.
   2. Recoating of older parking areas and additional speed bumps have been completed. Driveway will be completed as soon as weather permits.
   3. Planning is underway for improvements to Cemetery, including but not limited to: Grass, landscaping, and seating. Irrigation system for cemetery should be completed and started up soon.
   4. Approved a plan to place gravel in front of storage building as soon as driveway project is approved by Lexington County.
   5. Clay reported that Joe Bouknight had the AC on the Chevy bus repaired and was pursuing a place to get both buses professionally cleaned.
   6. Curt is putting together a plan for additional cameras.
   7. New storage building will be scheduled for late summer/early fall
   8. In light of possible funding we will revisit our minimalist plan for sign in front of church. This will also include possible signage on Amick’s Ferry entrance.
   9. Trustees approved plan to install an access door to “crosses” ledge in Sanctuary. Costs is expected to not exceed $200.
10. Trustees approved a review of current policy and authorized Curt to proceed with developing a revised Facilities Usage policy for the Trustees review.

11. Our mailbox on Lexington Ave had been knocked down, Alice Furman has received permission to relocate our box to the front of the Church by the drop-off lane. This will also make it safer for the staff to pick up our mail. Trustees approved.

12. Estimates are being gathered for the installation of a gate on the Amick’s Ferry entrance.

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   Recent Events:

   1. We are drawing the Fusion 17-18 school year to an end. Over the past few months Fusion has been involved in various community activities and programs.
      a. Fusion participated in the Chapin Middle School FCA and their end of year party
      b. Velocity community Bible study
      c. Community Baccalaureate service
      d. Spring Hill SIC
   2. Fusion has hosted several HS senior events and we have other Fusion events planned to finish the school year:
      a. HS senior graduation during Sunday Morning Chapin United Methodist Church service
      b. Fusion HS Senior Graduation service
      c. Memorial Day Pool Party
      d. Student Carowinds Trip
      e. End of school year party

   Summer Events:

   Blowfish Fusion Family Night –
   We’re inviting our Fusion students and their families to join us on June 30th for a night of baseball with the Lexington Blowfish. This night will be free for our student ministry families.

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- We have continued to add to the Contemporary Worship Team. Including Fusion students we are up to 31 people on our team. So grateful for the hearts and talents of the team God has allowed and called me to lead. We are a blessed family of believers because of the people that Father has brought together here.

- I just want to say how proud I am of our musicians and leaders for all they did on Easter. We had 2 bands leading simultaneously that morning so that we could offer 4 services Easter morning. The commitment and preparation was so encouraging and I thought they did such a great job. It is a WIN that we are raising up more and more leaders that can do more than sing songs but can lead people in worship.

- We hosted our last Night of Worship for the season in April. It was the lowest attended of the three nights, but I can’t express to you the presence of God in the room that night. It was a phenomenal night of worship and prayer. I am continuing to consider and pray about how we can create space beyond Sunday mornings to hear from God individually and as a family.

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5. Max Gazda – Sarah Jane Murphy’s Brother
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7. Coleen Miller – Bud Miller’s Mother
8. Mae Roberts – Kathy Roberts’ Mother in Law
9. Daniel Floyd – Stephen Pate’s Grandfather
10. Raymond Dzoba – Robert Dzoba’s Father
11. John Roberts – Kathy Roberts’ Father in Law
12. Evelyn Shieck – Gwen Stephenson’s Mother
13. Jack Rushing – Pam Cooper’s Brother in Law
14. Sylvia Waugh – Fritz Hill’s Sister
15. Pete Manos – Henry Manos’s Father
16. David Cobb – Christina Drag’s Father
17. Robert King – Tracy King’s Father
18. Nell Zeigler – Pat Zeigler’s Mother
19. Mary Clawson – Steve Clawson’s Mother
20. Perry Byrd – Jill Byrd Callais’s Father
21. Lee Wolfe – Staci Ward’s Sister
22. Dr. James White – Kim Snead’s Father
23. Kendrick Smith – Rebecca Smith’s Husband
24. Hal Dawson – Julie Dawson’s Husband
25. George Humphries – Carol Saxton’s Brother
26. Frederick Verner – Lisa Register’s Father
27. Ann Clary – Doug Clary’s Mother
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4. Children’s Ministry – Natalie McCoy

Highlights
• The Palm Sunday Picnic was a great success. Thank you to all the church volunteers and staff who helped prepare, monitor and work stations, and clean up. We had bounce houses, train rides, a petting zoo, balloon artists, face painters, snow cones, popcorn and more! The children received an Easter bag filled with stuffed eggs, an Easter Story book, an invitation to VBS, and an invitation to our Easter services. They also took a different Easter activity bag and invitation to use to invite someone to our Easter services.
• 80 Praise Wave and Wavelets sang “Hosanna Rock” for both the 9am and 11:15 Palm Sunday services.
• We welcomed many guests on Easter Sunday and shared the good news of the resurrection with meaningful lessons, crafts and activities in the Nursery, Wee Worship, Kids Worship, and Sunday School.
• To celebrate our last Sunday Afternoon at the Wave for this school year, we had an ice cream sundae celebration and made cards to give to someone special. We resume Sunday Afternoons at the Wave in the fall.
• Several members of our VBS team attended a workshop in Charlotte produced by Cokesbury.
we learned a lot and one of our participants even won a Cokesbury gift card to help us buy some needed supplies.

- We are hard at work preparing for Vacation Bible School this year. The theme is Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God and it will be held June 18-22. We have been recruiting volunteers and Courtney Dox did a great job producing our recruiting videos. We ask that you pray for the children attending to have open hearts to hear and receive the Gospel as it is presented to them through Bible stories, missions, games, crafts, music, snacks and skits throughout the week.
- We will conduct VBS training and Safe Sanctuary training for VBS volunteers on June 3, June 4 and June 10th.

**Future Plans**

- We will continue to prepare for Vacation Bible School. We will also begin preparation for Promotion Sunday, the fall schedule for Sunday Afternoons at the Wave and Sunday School Curriculum.

5. Assimilation Pastor – Marcy Kenney

**First Connection**

- Ordered lanyards to use for Contemporary services. Will also update the badge for the Traditional services. Both will be rolled out late summer for a fall start.
- Creating a new training manual for the First Connection team. Will have a training in late summer to hand out this new training book and then will present one to future new members of the team.
- Redoing the gift bag for visitors/guests. Will include a welcome letter from both Jody and myself, as well as current series information rather than generic info.

**Make the Connection/New Members**

- Continuing to have New Member lunches that are well received.
- In the process of revamping the membership process. Would like to see a more “meaty” membership class, so will be moving it to Sunday afternoons. Should still have MTC but will be just an information session to welcome visitors and guests.

**Small Groups**

- Spring groups are in the process of ending. Created two new groups this past spring.
- Will have leader training in late summer, and hope to streamline the groups process in the fall. Have already been approached by several folks who would like to lead a small group but have not in the past.

**Sunday School**

- In process of having Sunday School leader meetings to discuss the overcrowding issue. Will give all SS classes a voice but ultimately we will make the decision that is best for the church as a whole.
- Created new Young Adults SS class! This has been in the making since last summer. Have 4 young adults that are leading it, as well as several “older” adult mentors.

**Miscellaneous**

- Continuing to be an On-Call Pastor for the weekend once/month. Helps me get to know more folks. Had someone reach out to me that I had visited in the hospital to ask if I could stop by their house and meet with them again.
- Updated the postcard that goes out to visitors.
- Working on Patriotic Service to help fill in gaps as Rick is out.
- Working on creating a “volunteer spotlight” once a month.

6. **Facilities Manager — Curt Mitchell**

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1) We have assisted several other ministries with multiple events including, but not limited to, the UMW annual garage sale, our children’s ministry with all the events associated with the Palm Sunday event, and the S.O.S. meeting hosted by our local SIC’s.

2) We worked with our subcontractor, Sure Seal, on the sealing and striping of our asphalt parking lots and driveway as well as the installation of additional speed bumps.

3) We are Very Happy to report that we have meet all the criteria set forth by our local fire marshal, and that all of our facilities are in full compliance for the next fiscal year. YES!!!

4) We have set up and torn down multiple events in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT luncheon, Dutch Fork choral society, DF genealogical society, UMW, small groups, circles, the McClelland/Chitty wedding, funerals, etc.

5) We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

We strive to make CUMC an attractive and appealing environment where all people feel comfortable and welcome. We consider our opportunity to serve the Lord and His people of this congregation a tremendous honor and we look forward to this service on a daily basis.

7. **Media Director — Mark Slice**

Media and Production have continued to advance the technical capabilities and the production standards thru the months of March thru April 2018. The following are the highlights during that period:

1. **Live Streaming.** On April 1, 2018, Chapin UMC soft launched a live stream of both the traditional and contemporary services on the Chapinumc.com, CUMC app, and RoKU streaming service. In addition, both services were archived for 7 days for viewing on each platform. For the month of April, our services were viewed by 207 unique addresses for an average of 30 minutes for each live service. Our most viewed live Sunday was April 8th. Between the two services, we had 55 viewers watching live. The archived services for the month of April received 36 views for the contemporary service and 20 views for the traditional service.
2. **Town of Chapin meeting (SOS) Save our Students.** On April 10th, we hosted the second in the series of the Town of Chapin meetings on the Opioid epidemic, organized by Chapin High School. We had a panel discussion with presentations from SLED, Lexington County Narcotics, along with representatives from Governor McMahons staff. CUMC provided lighting, audio, scenic setup and video support for the event.

3. **Dutch Fork Choral Society.** On April 24th and 26th, CUMC hosted the Dutch Fork Choral Society with special guest Mid Carolina High School Choral department. The event was attended by the community and was a success. CUMC provided audio and lighting support for the event.

4. **Easter 2018.** The Month of March concentrated on preparing for a huge Easter celebration. To accommodate the expected numbers, we prepared the fellowship hall for a third worship area. All resources (audio, video, lighting, projection) used were in house and no rental cost were incurred. The message was broadcast over the entire campus.

5. **Equipment upgrades.** In March, we replaced the original Digital System Processor (DSP) for the main sanctuary. This system allows the audio to be amplified for all to hear. The original system was outdated and no longer supported. The new DSP will allow more dynamic range of audio signals, which will increase the intelligibility of the sound. Also, in March and April, the original wiring of the audio system was reworked to correct problems with the original installation and to make for a more user-friendly operation for our volunteers. We also held band and choir rehearsals, and sound volunteer training in the sanctuary to improve our sound to the new DSP. In addition, we upgraded the choir video projector in April. In Fusion, we installed another delay recording system to give us more redundancy in replaying message during the 9am fusion service.

V. Other Reports:

- **UMW – Cornelia Smith**
  - Thank you to all who stopped by to visit the United Methodist Women (UMW) display in the Narthex May 20. It was well received and many women expressed an interest in joining and in learning more about what UMW is all about. Thank you also to Leslie Watford, our Membership, Nurture, & Outreach chair for all her hard work and to those who gave of their time to make this event successful.
  - Two of the three circles will not meet during the summer but will resume in September. Helen Rainey Circle meets during the summer and their next meeting will be June 13. If you would like to attend or if you want more information, call Jenny Rawlings, circle chair, at 920-7696.
  - Congratulations to the 2018 Chapin UMW scholarship winners. Kiersten McCoy and Victoria Chitty will each receive $1000 to apply toward their college expenses. We are excited to see what’s in store for the young ladies as they begin this new adventure!
  - This year’s UMW “Woman of the Year” is Kathie Wilkes (posthumously). She will be honored at the Columbia District Annual UMW Meeting on September 15 at Trenholm Road UMC. Kathie’s love of God and Jesus Christ was evident in all she did to promote the welfare of women, children and youth. She was a vital part of Chapin UMW and we will truly miss her.
o Our UMW unit is partnering with the Acts Home Missions team from our church to make much needed repairs to the Wallace Family Life Center located near Bennettsville. The family life center is one of five missions UMW supports through our giving. John Nesbitt and Clay Shelton did an assessment on the repairs and presented their findings to the Executive Board in April. The Board voted to contribute $1100 toward the cost of repairs. The Acts team will contribute the balance plus they will provide the manpower. The project should be complete in early June.

o The Conference Fun Day, otherwise known as “Come Together Be Together” will be held June 23rd at Woodland UMC in Rock Hill. The theme is “Neighbors Together in Prayer”. Registration begins at 9:00am. There is a $20 fee which includes lunch. Deadline to register is June 8. Various workshops will be available for your participation. You may contact me @803-767-0061 for more information.

o Plans are underway for this year’s Festival of Tables to be held in the Fellowship Hall August 18. We are presently recruiting host to sponsor tables. Our format this year will be somewhat different from formats in the past. We are excited about this year and look forward to raising funds for our many missions; local and statewide. If you would like to sponsor a table or have questions or suggestions call Leslie Watford @ 803-537-3114. Tickets will be available soon!

• Status and Role of Women – Ann Gainey for Becky McCormack

Women in the Pulpit Sunday will be June 10, 2018. Our speaker will be Crystal Hewitt. Crystal and her husband, Craig, suffered an unimaginable trauma of losing their first two children in a car accident in 2009. Now, her amazing strength of faith boosts others on a daily basis.

Crystal is the Children’s Pastor at Chapin Baptist Church and she and her husband created the Hewitt Foundation, a non-profit public benefit corporation for the purpose of putting God’s love into action by investing in community project and improving the lives of families in need.

VI. New Business

• Paul Allen presented to Council that Kay Padgett’s estate had provided CUMC with a contribution to our organ fund. Since we do not have an organ fund, our attorney has advised the contribution may be placed in the Music Fund provided the Council agrees.

| Unanimous approval |

VII. Old Business

None
VIII. Pastor’s Report – Jody Flowers

Gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled A Timeline – The UMC in Crisis. The highlights are as follows:

- May 8, 2018 – Council of Bishops release statement on the work of the “Commission on a Way Forward”.
- May 25, 2018 - Judicial Council issues ruling (8-1 vote) that additional petitions may be filed at the 2019 GC
- June 3-6, 2018 – South Carolina Annual Conference in Greenville, SC
- July 8, 2018 - Full details of the plans and accompanying legislative proposals will be released (after final editing is completed) no later than Jul 8th
- February 2019 - Special called General Conference to be held Feb 23-26, in St. Louis, Missouri
- June 2020 - The SC Annual Conference (TBD)
- The Connectional Conference Plan
  - Has previously been described as replacing the five jurisdictions into which the UMC is currently geographically divided within the United States with two or more (most probably three) nationwide jurisdictions that would each have its own theology and policies related to marriage, while somehow remaining part of the same denomination.
- The COB does not speak for the UMC.
- Only the General Conference (international body of approximately 1,000 delegates) can set official policy and speak for the denomination.
- What about us? How will all of this affect Chapin UMC?
- All conjecture at this point.
- I will continue to remain true to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, and will encourage the leadership of Chapin UMC to continue to do so as well.
- I will continue to uphold the teachings of the UMC Book of Discipline (as it is currently written), as I was ordained to do.
- May 31, 2018 - Chapin UMC Church Council meets and hears initial timeline presentation
- June / July 2018 - Executive Leadership Team (ELT) meets for continued discussion.
- July 26, 2018 - Report from ELT presented to Church Council.
- August 2018 – Church wide Prayer Focus begins (thru SCGC of Feb 2019) Church wide mailing/letter (expanded timeline presentation, explanation of prayer focus, etc.
- Be much in prayer; Be winsome in every discussion; Be about the work of waiting; Be expectant

Next Church Council Meeting- July 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Gainey
CUMC Church Council Agenda – July 26, 2018

Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy

Review of Minutes: Ann Gainey

Standing Reports

1. Treasurers Report: Alice Furman
2. Finance: Johnny Sellers
3. Lay Leader: Paul Allen for Joe Bouknight
4. Trustees: Clay Shelton (?)
5. Missions: Walley Turner

Staff Reports

1. Assimilation Ministry: Marcy Kenny
2. Contemporary Worship – John Dukes
3. Congregational Care: Paul Allen
4. Children’s Ministry: Natalie McCoy
5. Facilities: Curt Mitchell
6. Media and Production: Mark Slice
7. Student Ministry – Hugo Muraco

New Business

Old Business

Pastor’s Report
Finance Report – July 26, 2018

For the period ending June 30, 2018, the Finance Committee will have no funds for Other Use. All budgeted items have been met and paid for this period.

John Sellers, Chair Finance Committee
Lay Leader Report

Columbia District Lay Servant Ministry has added a lay servant training session for September 28-29. This is a good opportunity for anyone interested in certification to take the basic course and for current lay servants to recertify.
1. Trustees do not formally meet during June and July
2. Planning is underway for improvements to Cemetery, including but not limited to: Grass, landscaping, and seating. Irrigation system for cemetery has begun usage.
3. Additional cameras are being installed in Sanctuary building, other buildings to follow.
4. Estimates are being gathered for the installation of a gate on the Amick's Ferry entrance. Expect a late summer/early fall install.
5. Continuing to work with Hybrid Engineering and Metts Construction to get signoff on back property (Amicks Ferry entrance) from Lexington County.
6. Installed shelves in closet of Choir Roo., Building additional cabinets for choir room.
7. Removed limb that had fallen from Catholic church property onto rear driveway.
Missions Report to the Church Council

July 26, 2018

The following are highlights of what has taken place in the Missions Ministry since the GO Team last reported out to the Church Council:

- Chapin UMC is so blessed to have a team of dedicated men and women who give unselfish of their time and talents to assist others throughout our community. The team is called the **ACTS 20:35 Mission Team**. Acts 20:35 states that: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said; It is more blessed to give than to receive". John Nesbitt serves as leader for the Acts 20:35 Mission Team. The following list includes projects worked this year since January 2018, some are minor that have only required a single worker for a couple of hours and others have required the entire team for a number of days.
  1. Constructed an addition to the Missions material storage building at CUMC. Team extended the building by 8' and organized the material stored in the building.
  2. Completed the repairs of a bathroom for a member of CUMC. The contactor working the project had gotten sick and we completed the installation of the tile in the shower.
  3. To correct a fire inspection open item, team replaced the emergency lights at CUMC.
  4. Reworked trim at We Care Food Pantry including trimming out around the new cooler access door and removed the unused garage door hardware.
  5. Picked-up and delivered items for the CUMC United Methodist Women garage sale.
  6. Rebuilt a deck for a wheelchair bound individual
  7. Built a fence for a CUMC member
  8. Replaced a defective water heater for a CUMC member
  9. Built metal roofs over camping decks at Asbury Hills, United Methodist Camp.
  10. Built a wheelchair ramp for a Chapin resident
  11. Rebuilt the deck for a CUMC member
  12. Repaired the ceiling on the porch at the Parsonage
  13. Rebuilt steps for Chapin resident
  14. Gathered material for Horry County Salkehatchie
  15. Made repairs at Wallace Family Life Center outside Bennettsville, SC including replacing damaged window, siding and trim; removed carpet, prepped floor and installed tile; repaired kitchen cabinets and walls in bathrooms.
  16. Installed a new mailbox for CUMC
  17. Added safety grab rails to the bathroom of a CUMC member
  18. Reworked front porch and added wheelchair ramp for member of CUMC
  19. Installed a wheelchair ramp for CUMC member
  20. Made home repairs for an 82-year-old disabled Korean War Vet in Columbia. Converted bathroom to handicapped assessable, repaired kitchen floor, removed carpet from living room and constructed a wheelchair ramp.
21. Corrected an electrical issue for a CUMC member
22. Replaced ceiling fans and minor plumbing repairs for CUMC member
23. Gathered material for Columbia Salkehatchie
24. Replaced a door and added grab rails in a bathroom to allow access for an injured CUMC member

- During the months of June and July of 2018 our church family has been on the GO, Chapin UMC has sent approximately 125 mission members to the following locations:
  * Peru, Christ for the City, Trip Leaders, Doctor James and Jan Hunter
  * Mexico, Lead 222 Youth, Team Leaders, Natalie McCoy & Curt Mitchell
  * Haiti, Mission of Hope, Team Leader, Emily Wheaton
  * Costa Rica, Faithful Servant, Team Leaders, John and Carson Chitty
  * South Carolina, Salkehatchie, Team Leader, John Nesbitt
  * Countless others from our church serve God through their loving assistance on a continuous basis at community based organizations such as We Care, Good Works, LifeBridge, Epworth Children’s Home, homeless feeding at Finley Park and many other places.

- Planning for our annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC) is in full swing with an energetic and inspired team providing wonderful leadership. I am excited about the conference and look forward to an “awesome time”. The team planning the conference is going all out to fully engage our church family and missionaries. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Homecoming”. Stay tune for exciting GIC program announcements. So please mark your calendar for September 27 – 30, 2018. Susan Turner is providing overall leadership for the GIC along with co-leadership from Sally Tucker.

Walley Turner
GO Team Leader
Minister of Assimilation – Church Council Report May 2018

First Connection

• New lanyards for Contemporary servants and new badges for Traditional were rolled out. Most like the lanyards, but a few miss the name tags. Still in “test” mode.
• Created a new training manual for the First Connection team. Will have a training in the fall to hand out this new training book and then will give it to new folks when they start serving.
• Redid the gift bag for visitors/guests. Includes a welcome letter from both Jody and myself, as well as current series information rather than generic info.
• Changed the signs from “no food or drink”, which was a little too negative, to “Welcome!”
• Guest Central in Fusion is active!

Make the Connection/New Members

• Revamping the membership process. Will be moving to a Sunday afternoon 2 hour class called “Foundations”. This will begin in November. Allows for more time to talk about the church and all the areas they can be a part of, and allows them to ask more questions. This Foundations class will have lunch and replace both Make The Connection and the New Members Lunch. May still have a “reception” for new members a few times a year.

Small Groups

• Fall Small Groups are in the planning stages. I have several new folks that would like to lead in the fall. Sign up process will be bigger and have more publicity including short videos before worship and a sign up table on the patio. Three Leader Training classes are being held in August.
• Trying to present Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace this fall. Have someone in mind that will potentially lead.

Sunday School

• After 4 planning meetings to discuss Sunday School overcrowding, a plan has been developed. We will be rolling this out next month.
• New Young Adults Sunday School class is thriving! Averaging 8-10 people.
• A new Sunday School class will be starting soon called “Deeper Dive”. This will be a deeper study into the Bible itself.

Miscellaneous

• Continuing to be an On-Call Pastor for the weekend once/month
• Patriotic Service was very successful and we resolved many of the concerns from last year.
• Working on creating a “volunteer spotlight” once a month.
• Preached in July.
Church Council
July 2018

Contemporary Worship Ministry Update:

1. We have enjoyed a restful summer. We have stayed busy preparing for Sunday mornings each week. I have appreciated the places where we have seen the first baby steps of certain leaders be more than just singers of songs but leaders of people. A beautiful example of that was one particular member of our team recognized a spirit of fear and anxiety and called the team together for prayer. These are WINS worth celebrating.

2. We have introduced several new songs over the last couple of months to continue to expand our worship vernacular as a faith family. One of them was an original song that a few musicians and myself sat down and arranged so that we could lead it during this time on Romans 8. I've been super excited by the response of our congregation to that song.

3. Right now we are gearing up for the Fall which will include some Nights of Worship and GIC and prayerfully a songwriting retreat.

I say it every time, but extremely grateful to be a part in what God is doing in and through CUMC.
Church Council Meeting – 7/26/2018

- Deaths since my last report in May connected to our church family
  (We had 9 deaths connected with our church family)
  1. Lynn Eady – Rick Lamar’s Aunt
  2. Mary Ellen Cabanaw – Alton McCoy’s Sister
  3. Mary Ann Knizek – Karl Knizek’s Mother
  4. Judy Roof – Phil Roof’s Wife
  5. Jackie Lenhart – Hart Cartrette’s Sister
  6. Helen Chanko – Janet Quinn’s Mother
  7. Vernelle Cromer – Shirley Maybin’s Mother
  8. Reuben Ridgeway – Sharon Hixon & Julie Blanchette’s Brother
  9. Roberta Brulport – Jay Brulport’s Mother

- Illness/ Serious Concerns Currently requiring our prayers
  Harriet Peoples – Stroke

- The Stephen Ministers are doing an outstanding job of complimenting hospital visitation. Their efforts are coordinated by Carol Weathers. We currently have 45 commissioned Stephen Ministers.

- “The Spirit Lifters” continue sharing their food & love. These visits, meals, and touches of Christ’s love are appreciated. They are always looking for some folks to add to their Team. If you might be interested please contact Mary Linda Rye.

- CUMC’s Free Medical Clinic is currently operational at their new location relocated to the old We Care Facility. They are open from 4 – 6 PM every second and fourth Thursday.

- There is no Fourth Sunday Community Service in July and August. Will begin again in September.

- Please continue to pray for our church families. Issues of life affect us and those in our families we love and hold dear. Christians are not immune from the attacks of Satan. We have to deal with the issues of Finances, Health, Relationships, Addictions, Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits also.

In His Service along with you,

Paul
WAVE MINISTRY REPORT
June/July 2018

Highlights

• Rolling River Rampage VBS was the week of June 18-22. Our 160 dedicated volunteers and staff once again pulled off an amazing week of sharing the gospel and growing faith to approximately 300 children.

• A focus of VBS each year is local and international missions. This year the children brought in 1919 items for We Care and $3,871.59 in offering for Filter of Hope. Their efforts will bless many families in our community and will provide clean water to over 97 families in third world countries!

• Children grew in their faith, seeds were planted in others and 21 children accepted Christ during the week of VBS.

• VBS volunteer training and Safe Sanctuary training was held on 4 days in June to prepare for VBS.

• The Cabo and Costa Rica Mission teams took our VBS and any leftover decorations, crafts, etc. to serve the children in these countries. We also took our music videos in Spanish. The children loved these!

• We are preparing and scheduling for the fall season of Sunday Afternoons at the Wave.

Future Plans

• Preparing for Jingle Jam Family Event in December.
• Preparing for leader meetings for Sunday School teachers, afternoon leaders, etc.
Facilities Report to the
Church Council (March-April)

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1) We hosted CHS for their Senior AP testing in the fellowship hall on four different days over a two week period.
2) We partnered with our children’s ministry on all the prep work, execution, and tear down/clean up that pertained to VBS.
3) We coordinated with Mike Clark at CHS in preparation for the Patriotic Service on June 25. We worked with Mark Slice and other members of the staff on the execution of this event.
4) We have set up and torn down multiple events in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT luncheon, UMW, small groups, circles, weddings, funerals, etc.
5) We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

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Curt Mitchell
Facilities Manager
Director of Media and Production (DMP) Report to the
Church Council (May - June 2018)

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1. **Live Streaming.** On April 1, 2018, Chapin UMC soft launched a live stream of both the traditional and contemporary services on the Chapinumc.com, CUMC app, and RoKU streaming service. In addition, both services were archived for 7 days for viewing on each platform. As of July 22nd, we have had 980 views for an average of 17 minutes per view. Of the 980 views, 684 were of the live webcast and 296 were of archived services and messages. April is still the most viewed live webcast with 207 display devices watching for an average 9 minutes. July recorded the most average minutes watched per live webcast, 47 minutes. The Traditional service recorded total of 126 archived views, with the month of July leading with 66 views of archived services / messages. The Contemporary service recorded a total of 120 archived views, with the month of May the most at 49 views. National, we have been viewed in 13 states and globally we have been viewed in Canada, Peru, Germany and the United Kingdom.

2. **Vacation Bible School.** The month of May and June was geared toward VBS, with the focus for Media and Production was the technical and lighting setup and tech operation of both the fellowship hall and children’s worship center. The final day of VBS, was a complete set strike in the fellowship hall and reset of the VBS set in the main sanctuary within a 90-minute window. From a technical and production standpoint, VBS was very successful.

3. **One Church Service.** On June 24th the Patriotic / One Service was held at Chapin High School. From the months of planning to final implementation, proved another successful church wide event at a remote location. The One Service provided many technical and production challenges, but all were addressed, and the service was a huge event for CUMC.

4. **Content Creation.** In the month of May and June, Media and Production created numerous videos. On May 6th, Media and Production launch a 12-minute themed video for our online viewers. The video begins 12 minutes prior to the start of both services. The video is unique for each Sunday and promotes CUMC to our viewers. Also, Media and Production updated the Memorial Day video for our lost veterans, 6 VBS videos (two promos and 4 music videos), a Patriotic Hero video that ran during the One Church service. A new CUMC Military Independence Day video was created that ran during the One Service. Finally, a salute video to Nancy Bollman was created that ran during her retirement gathering.

5. **Equipment upgrades.** In June, we installed additional LED theatrical lighting in the main sanctuary. The lights will add to the visual appearance in the stage for the orchestra and praise team. The LED lights have a bulb life of 100,000 hours compared to 4K hours for the tungsten light.

Mark Slice
Director of Media and Production
Church Council
July 26, 2018

Jody Flowers

We’re just past the halfway point of 2018, and this has been another great year to date. Summers are difficult, but attendance, finances, and especially the spirit of the family is strong. We’re so very blessed to be a part of a movement of God’s Spirit! IT. IS. GOD.

So very grateful that the Lord brought our Haiti Mission Team (13 people) home safely (although it was 2 days after they were scheduled to be back in Chapin). Thank you to all of you who prayed. And thank you to Emily Wheaton for her leadership in a very difficult situation.

Back in January on Vision Day, we talked about a theme for 2018: **Growing Deeper / Reaching Wider** ... We wanted to focus on allowing the Holy Spirit to grow us deeper in our understanding of love for and obedience to the Word of God so that we could continue to reach beyond the borders of this campus to share the redeeming love of God all around the world.

- **Study of Ephesians** (9 weeks)
- **40 Days of Prayer** (Apr 8-May 13)
- **The Apostles Creed** (wrapped up on July 15th)
- **The Greatest** (14 weeks / 8 in Romans 8)
- **Sharing Our Faith** (6 Sessions / beginning in September)
  Matthew Block Parties (2 locations / late October)

The message of the gospel never changes. The methods of sharing sometimes do ... and the ministers doing the sharing often times do.

- Nancy Bollman retired on June 24th after 16 years of faithful and fruitful service. I am (as I’m sure we all are) so very grateful for all that the Lord accomplished under Nancy’s leadership.
- One great leader retires and another great leader is hired. Lennie Tucker (our organist for more than the past decade) is our new Traditional Worship Minister, and I could not be more excited. Lennie is a great leader and the Lord will do great things through her, no doubt! Her official start date is August 1, but she has been hard at work all summer. Lennie is a PK, she understands ministry inside and out, and is already such a blessing to the leadership team!
- We’re also so blessed that Lisa Frederick, our longtime pianist, is now our new organist. Again, another talented leader whose work ethic is so God-honoring. Just so excited about our music ministry (both traditional and contemporary)! We’re now in our search for a pianist, and we are trusting God to provide.

One more item related to change: The UMC in Crisis. [see reverse side]

**W1N Wall Update:** 126 cards have been moved (126 people have crossed over from death to life! // 7 this year)...YES!! // We exist to help people connect with the saving love of Jesus, together grow in full devotion to Him, while freely sharing His love with each other and the world. Please continue to pray for, invest in, and invite to church those you know and love who need the love of the Savior.

Michelle and I are so grateful for the opportunity to serve our Amazing God with you and this loving church family. Thank you!
A Letter to Congregation (to be mailed October 1st)

1) Purpose of Letter (to inform the Chapin UMC family; to make sure the same message is heard by all; to provide clarity and hope; to encourage faithfulness)

2) The UMC in Crisis

The Presenting Issue: The UM Stance on the Issue of Human Sexuality
The Bishops’ Commission on a Way Forward
The Special Called General Conference (St. Louis / Feb 23-26, 2019)

3) The Chapin UMC Response

Resolution to maintain current language (will be included in the mailing) to be presented to Church Council on July 26; Vote for adoption on Sept 27 (no Council Meeting in Aug).

Praying Our Way Forward (begins August 1st). Shirley Maybin is coordinating this prayer movement in conjunction with UMCprays.org. There will be three basic components: (1) Pause and pray four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 AM or PM daily through the end of General Conference. (2) Participate weekly in a Wesleyan fast from Thursday after dinner through Friday afternoon. And (3) Pray daily using the prayer card in each Sunday’s worship bulletin. (The Chapin UMC prayer room will be updated with appropriate materials and there will be a prayer vigil held in our prayer chapel during General Conference.)

Leading Our Way Forward. Leaders from Chapin UMC’s executive level committees (Church Council, SPRC, Trustees, Finance, Missions) are up to date on the current UMC crisis and are monitoring discussions as to the potential impact on Chapin UMC.

Loving Our Way Forward (Oct 28 & Nov 11). Two church-wide Sunday afternoon gatherings (identical in content) where the content of this letter (sections 2 and 3) will be expanded upon. There will be an opportunity for Q & A at the conclusion of the gatherings.

4) List of suggested resources for further study (included in the mailing).
Resolution Affirming Current Language in Book of Discipline Regarding Human Sexuality

Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part V: Social Principals regarding Human Sexuality, paragraph 161.G, states:

“We affirm that sexuality is God’s good gift to all persons. We call everyone to responsible stewardship of this sacred gift. Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage. We deplore all forms of the commercialization, abuse, and exploitation of sex. We call for strict global enforcement of laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation of children and for adequate protection, guidance, and counseling for abused children. All persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured and to be protected against violence. The Church should support the family in providing age-appropriate education regarding sexuality to children, youth, and adults. We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self. The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God’s grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons.”

Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part VI: Organization and Administration regarding the Ministry of the ordained, paragraph 304.3, states:

“While persons set apart by the Church for ordained ministry are subject to all the frailties of the human condition and the pressures of society, they are required to maintain the highest standards of holy living in the world. The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.”

Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part VI: Organization and Administration regarding Unauthorized Conduct, paragraph 341.6, states:

“Ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by our ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches.”

Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part VI: Organization and Administration regarding the Conference Council on Finance and Administration’s Responsibilities, paragraph 613.19, states:

“To ensure that no annual conference board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of The UMC “not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends” (¶ 161G). The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. This restriction shall not limit the Church’s ministry in response to the HIV epidemic, nor shall it preclude funding for dialogs or educational events where the Church’s official position is fairly and equally represented.”
Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part VI: Organization and Administration regarding the General Council on Finance and Administration’s Fiscal Responsibilities, paragraph 806.9, states:

“It shall be responsible for ensuring that no board, agency, committee, commission, or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality or violate the expressed commitment of The United Methodist Church “not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends” (¶ 161G). The council shall have the right to stop such expenditures. It shall not limit the Church’s ministry in response to the HIV epidemic.”

Whereas the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline, Part VI: Organization and Administration regarding Judicial Administration and addressing Chargeable Offenses and the Statute of Limitations, paragraph 2702.1, states:

“A bishop, clergy member of an annual conference (¶ 370), local pastor, clergy on honorable or administrative location, or diaconal minister may be tried when charged (subject to the statute of limitations in ¶ 2702.4) with one or more of the following offenses: (a) immorality including but not limited to, not being celibate in singleness or not faithful in a heterosexual marriage; (b) practices declared by The United Methodist Church to be incompatible with Christian teachings; (c) crime; (d) disobedience to the order and discipline of The United Methodist Church; (e) dissemination of doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of The United Methodist Church; (f) relationships and/or behavior that undermines the ministry of another pastor; (g) child abuse; (h) sexual abuse; (i) sexual misconduct including the use or possession of pornography, (j) harassment, including, but not limited to racial and/or sexual harassment; (k) racial or gender discrimination; or (l) fiscal malfeasance.”

Whereas there are United Methodist Church ordained pastors and bishops who disregard the solemn covenant they made at their ordination to abide by the United Methodist Church’s Book of Discipline and who violate the sections of the Book of Discipline cited above;

Whereas there are church leaders—United Methodist Church lay people, ordained pastors and bishops—who ignore scripture and attempt to redefine it, thus placing the United Methodist Church in peril; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the members of the South Carolina Annual Conference [Chapin United Methodist Church] affirm all persons are individuals of sacred worth and we commit ourselves to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to be in ministry for and with all persons so that we all gain eternal life at last for Christ’s sake; be it further

Resolved, we are in full agreement with the biblical position on human sexuality as currently affirmed and stated in our Book of Discipline.

Resolved, the members of the South Carolina Annual Conference [Chapin United Methodist Church] prayerfully encourage the leaders of the United Methodist Church—lay people, ordained pastors and bishops—to rely on scripture and not societal pressure to determine the way forward for the United Methodist Church and to abide by the Book of Discipline’s governance of the denomination.
Church Council  
September 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

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Visitors: Ed Gohn, Deborah Allen, Jeff McCormack

I. Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy presented a devotional based on the Book of Job. Great faithfulness comes from great testing.

II. Review of minutes: from July 26, 2018

Unanimous approval

III. Standing Reports:

1. Treasurers Report – Alice Furman
   - All bills paid as usual
   - Loan balance is $5,665,300.00

2. Finance Report – John Sellers

   Request made to move $19,123.25 to Capital Expenditures Account.

Unanimous approval
3. Lay Leader – presented by Joe Bouknight

Summer is over and Fall marks a ramping up of activities at CUMC.

- Youth groups are back in full swing
- CUMC Preschool is going strong
- Small Bible study groups are starting up
- GIC is coming September 27-30

All this would not be possible without the commitment and involvement of our very active laity at CUMC. We are blessed!

If any of you are interested in lay servant certification, it isn’t too late to register for District Lay Servant Certification training coming up on September 28-29.

4. Missions: Walley Turner

The following are highlights of what has taken place in the Missions Ministry since the GO Team last reported out to the Church Council:

2018 Global Impact Celebration
At Chapin UMC, we are so blessed to be holding our 8th annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC). The dates for this year’s Global Impact Celebration is September 27 – September 30, 2018. Our theme is “Homecoming”. Our church is so blessed to be able to support more than 45 missionaries and mission partners throughout the world. In a few weeks, Chapin UMC congregation will once again welcome and show our love to our many mission ministries and missionaries. We will have approximately 25 of them attending our four-day GIC. Susan Turner and Sally Tucker are providing overall leadership for the GIC along with a team of more than 30 very active volunteers who work to make our GIC special for our missionaries and congregation.

2018 Chapin UMC Mission Ministries and Missionaries:
- GIC Community Day of Service/Chapin
- Side by Side Ministries /Luis B Varela/ Mexico
- Red Bird/ Kentucky
- Salkehatchie/South Carolina
- Operation Christmas Child/ International
- Appalachian Service Project (ASP)/KY, WV, VA, TN, NC
- WARM Project/Chapin
- Mission of Hope-Haiti
- Hub/Chapin
- Water for All/ Ethiopia (Robert Glahn)
- We Care/Chapin, Little Mtn
• Epworth Children’s Home Cabin Renovations/Columbia
• Epworth Children’s Home/Columbia
• Kairos Prison Ministries/Columbia Area
• Good Works/ Chapin
• Good Samaritan Free Medical Clinic/Chapin Area
• Keepin it Real/Columbia
• CRU/Winthrop, South Carolina
• Teen Challenge/Charleston
• Marjorie Derrick Circle - UMW/Chapin Area
• Lifebridge /Newberry
• Susanna Wesley Circle - UMW/Chapin Area
• Rural Missions/Charleston-John’s Island
• Asbury Hills Camp, Cleveland, SC
• Won by One/Jamaica
• United Methodist Men/Chapin Area
• Faithful Servant Missions/Costa Rico
• Helen Raney Circle - UMW/Chapin Area
• Justin Kirklin /Casas/Dominican Republic
• Adopt-A-Highway/Chapin Area
• Mully Children’s Family (MCF), Kenya
• ACTS Ministry/Chapin Area
• Britney Strong Foundation/Costa Rico
• Stephen Ministry/Chapin Area
• Strategic Partnership (Bill Mitchell)/Mexico
• Home Missions/Chapin Area
• The Quirino Family/Kenya
• Keepers of the Word (Native American)/Columbia Area
• The Rogerson Family/Italy
• The Prayers & Squares Ministry/Chapin, Columbia & Beyond
• The Mendoza Family/ Nicaragua
• Truck Stop Ministries/Columbia Area
• Christ for the City International/Nicaragua
• Faithful Servant Missions, Costa Rica/Wayne & Debbi Moss
• The Fears Family/ Turkey (The Mission Society)
• Chapin UMC Sunday School Classes and Small Groups
• Casas por Cristo/Guatemala & Dominican Republic
• Servant Leadership (Youth)/Lead 222-Cabo, Mexico
• Men’s Leadership/Lead 222- Cabo, Mexico
• Care for Kids/ Casey & Aaron Markum / Kenya
5. Trustees – presented by Clay Shelton

1. Sewer line between Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary repaired. ($2,600)
2. Fusion Lounge has been painted and updated with new furnishings
3. New security cameras installed thru-out facilities
4. Cemetery Policy reviewed and owners of burial plots can exchange plots and niches with no penalty.
5. Cemetery improvements still a priority project.
6. Continuing to work on back property so we can get Lexington County signoff on driveway.
7. Cemetery improvements still a priority project.
8. LED panel will be covered with metal plate covered with signage
9. Have ordered materials for new storage building will be constructed in late October.
10. Proposal for gate at rear entrance tentatively selected. Reviewing for contractor for cost savings options and detailed understanding
11. Started on access door to ‘crosses’ area in Sanctuary.
12. Installed half-doors on nine children’s rooms.
14. Installing screen and projector in Choir room
15. Small AC system failed this past weekend, being replaced this week.

IV. Staff Reports:

1. Student Ministry – Hugo Muraco

   Sunday Night Gatherings

   We have a new gathering schedule and format for our Fusion students. Our middle school students will now have their own gathering time, worship, service, and games. We are separating the two age groups (middle school and high school) to make sure that we can do a better job meeting the needs of each age group in a way that is appropriate to each.
   Our middle school gathering will happen on Sundays from 4:00 – 5:30, which will coincide with the Wave and Transit ministry meeting times. High school will meet on the same day from 6:15 – 8:00. Once every 4-5 weeks both groups will gather together for a “Fusion One Night” where we celebrate our ministry as a whole.
   We had our Season Kick-Off on Sept 9th with 76 students in attendance.

   Small Groups

   Small groups for high school students will be launching the week of September 24th. We will have 4-5 small groups broken up by grade and gender. This is where the majority of our relational discipleship will happen for our students.

   Student Serving Teams

   We already have some students who serve our ministry through worship and tech support. We are now building a new team of High School students to help lead during the younger middle school service.
Upcoming Events

Eagle Fest – Sept 21
GIC – Sep 27-30
Middle School Retreat – Nov 2-4
Flannel Formal – 18
Fusion Fiesta – Dec 2
HS Winter Retreat – Jan 18-21

2. Contemporary Worship – John Dukes

- We are hitting the Fall with a full steam of momentum. We have some potential new members just beginning the audition process. We were able to give a number of opportunities for some of our team to gain some experience leading worship on the stage on Sunday mornings. I would say that in my first year we have been able to build a solid foundation and as I look ahead to year two, I am excited about what the Lord is doing in our team and in our church.

- I have a few of our musicians helping arrange some Christmas songs that we can use this December. My hope is that we will wrap that up in early November and provide as a tool for all our musicians to use as we approach the Advent and Christmas season.

- I am super excited about GIC. I have some friends coming in from out of town to help with the night of worship on Thursday night of that week. It is going to be an amazing time that night. This year we will be able to not only lead in English and Spanish at certain portions of the night but our screens will project the Spanish lyrics for every song. This is just another opportunity to help love and serve our missionary friends.

I say it every time, but extremely grateful to be a part in what God is doing in and through

3. Congregational Care – Paul Allen

- Deaths since my last report in July connected to our church family
  (We had 11 deaths connected with our church family)
  1. Joseph Layton – Mary Beth Stainaker’s Uncle
  2. Barbara Drumm – Phyllis Hovis’ Sister
  3. Lela Marie Jones – Bill Jones’ Grandmother
  4. John High – Teresa Carmichael’s Brother
  5. Mike Brewington – Kay Jamison’s Brother in Law
  6. Yawo Sale – Rhoda Sanga’s Mother
  7. Harriet Peoples – Sharon Allen’s Mother
  8. Catherine Elliott – Courtney Dox’s Grandmother
  9. Bonnie Sphohn – Dan Sphohn’s Mother
  10. Robert Stallings – Kolleen Ulmer’s Stepfather

- Illness/ Serious Concerns Currently requiring our prayers
  Alice and Cliff McMillan – Alice Knee Replacement/Cliff Ongoing Care
  Ginny Morris Shoulder – Bobby Morris Ongoing Care
Miss Cammy Wheless – Overall Health Deterioration
Miss Deanie Weldon – Overall Health Deterioration
Miss Lila Dodson – Overall Health Deterioration

• The Stephen Ministers are doing an outstanding job of complimenting hospital visitation. Their efforts are coordinated by Carol Weathers. We currently have 45 commissioned Stephen Ministers.
• “The Spirit Lifters” continue sharing their food & love. These visits, meals, and touches of Christ’s love are appreciated. They are always looking for some folks to add to their Team. If you might be interested please contact Mary Linda Rye.
• CUMC’s Free Medical Clinic is currently operational at their new location relocated to the old We Care Facility. They are open from 4 – 6 PM every second and fourth Thursday.
• The Fourth Sunday Community Service will be held at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church on Sunday September 23rd at 6:00 pm. Rev. Lynda Jones from St. John AME will be delivering the message.
• Please continue to pray for our church families. Issues of life affect us and those in our families we love and hold dear. Christians are not immune from the attacks of Satan. We have to deal with the issues of Finances, Health, Relationships, Addictions, Hurts, Hang-ups, & Habits also.

4. Children’s Ministry – Natalie McCoy

Highlights
• Sunday School teacher training and appreciation dinner was held in August. We discussed our current curriculum, additional ways to partner with parents, and adding grade/age level bible truths to memorize each year.
• Sunday Afternoon at the Wave leader training was also held in August. We discussed schedules, events, scripture memory, OCC shoebox goals, etc.
• Move Up Sunday was August 19. All ages/grades moved to their new classes.
• Back to School Worship Night was held on August 19th. This was the first year of our family ministries coming together to pray over our students, teachers and administrations as they return to school. It was a great night!
• Our rising Kindergarten students were presented their Bibles during the Night of Worship. This is always a special time for our students. Although not all students could attend, we have a total of 51 Kindergarten students this year!
• Andrea and I attend CPR, first aid and AED training in September. We are certified for two years.
• We kicked of Sunday Afternoons at the Wave on September 9 for ages 3 years – 4th grade with approximately 80 children. We watched All God’s Creatures Big and Small and served dinner and popcorn to the children. We will begin our regular schedule of music, missions and games on September 16th. Our focus this semester will be preparing for Jingle Jam and making items to include in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The children will also be working on memory verses. They will be challenged to learn 9 new verses this semester.
• Sunday Afternoon at the Wave parent meeting was held on September 9th. We look forward to partnering with parents.
Future Plans

- We are looking forward to GIC weekend. We will provide GIC childcare for ages 4 years and under on Thursday and Saturday evenings.
- Preparation for Jingle Jam (December 9 at 3pm)
- Recruiting new Wave Leaders for serving opportunities in the Wave Ministry.

It is a privilege to partner in ministry with the leaders and members of Chapin UMC as our children

Catch the wave of God’s amazing love, Dive deep in God’s word and then Cast His love to everyone!

5. Assimilation Pastor – Marcy Kenney

First Connection

- Continuing to update the Guest Central gift bags. Now they contain a welcome letter from both Jody and myself.
- Continuing to recruit new servants

Make the Connection/New Members

- Have had the last “Make The Connection” class! The next membership opportunity will be on October 14th, with the premier of “Foundations”. This will be a 2 hour class, and go deeper in the life of the church, as well as options for how folks can grow more spiritually mature. Childcare and food will be provided.
- Continuing to meet with new members and/or potential new members on how they can get more involved.

Small Groups

- Fall small groups are underway! We have 21 people that are leading groups for the first time this fall! Some are taking over groups that others were leading, and some are brand new.
- We are offering Grief Share again this fall, this time being led by someone new, a member who lost her son and ex-husband in a drunk driving accident.
- We are offering Financial Peace this fall and have 7 couples signed up. Skip Wilson will be leading.
- Both Disciple I and Disciple II are being offered as well.
- Small Group recruiting was bolder this year, with tables set up in the lobby and out on the patio. A push was made by worship host and on social media. As a result, over 80 new people signed up as members of groups.

Sunday School

- The overcrowding issue in Sunday School will be addressed once numbers are back up. We dipped as expected in the summer, but the plan is in place when needed.
- The new Young Adults class is thriving, with an average of 7-9 folks each week.
- A new Sunday School class is in the works called “Deeper Dive”. It will be a study that dives deeper into the Bible.

Miscellaneous

- Continuing to be an On-Call Pastor for the weekend once/month, preach on occasion, teach Sunday School in Christian Fellowship on occasion, and leading a week of confirmation.
- In the early stages of planning either the IF:Gathering again, or another woman’s event.
6. **Facilities Manager – Curt Mitchell**

The following are highlights of what has been taking place at Chapin United Methodist Church since Facilities last reported out to the Church Council:

1) We coordinated with Mrs. Leslie Watford on all the details as it pertained to the Festival of Tables.
2) Continuing to work with our Board of Trustees weekly on repairs and maintenance issues.
3) We have completed the installation of our additional security cameras and those are up and running now.
4) We have set up and torn down multiple events in the sanctuary, fellowship hall and room 206 to make accommodations for our SALT luncheon, UMW, small groups, circles, weddings, funerals, etc.
5) We continue to work weekly on various maintenance projects, and as always, oversee the ordering and stocking of all kitchen and janitorial supplies.

We strive to make CUMC an attractive and appealing environment where all people feel comfortable and welcome. We consider our opportunity to serve the Lord and His people of this congregation a tremendous honor and we look forward to this service on a daily basis.

7. **Media Director – Mark Slice**

Media and Production have continued to advance the technical capabilities and the production standards thru the months of July and August 2018. The following are the highlights during that period:

1. **Live Streaming.** On April 1, 2018, Chapin UMC soft launched a live stream of both the traditional and contemporary services on the Chapinumc.com, CUMC app, and RoKU streaming service. In addition, both services were archived for 7 days for viewing on each platform. For the months of June and July, we had a total of 508 viewers watching live and 263 viewers watching the archived services. We changed the webpage and app to make the archives and live services easier to find for the viewers. As a result, we notice a jump in viewership for August. We had 40 more live viewers in August over the month of July as well as 100 additional viewers watching the archived services. Viewing numbers for the two month period totaled 771 viewers watched the CUMC webcast. This numbers does not include the number of viewers watching the “message only” on the CUMC app.

2. **Summer Traditional services.** Without the choir during the month of July, we decided to move the piano onto the stage to help with the empty look of the stage. The piano, center stage, helped the look / feel of the traditional service during the absence of the choir. The piano was moved during each Sunday School hour to clear the stage for the Praise Team.

3. **New Graphics.** During the transition from Ms Nancy to Ms Lennie, Media and Production created new graphics both on the welcome slides as well as the Lord’s Prayer, Gloria Patri and Apostles Creed.

4. **Content Creation.** In the month of June and July, Media and Production created numerous videos. The 12-minute themed videos for our online viewers are created each week. The video begins 12 minutes prior to the start of both services. The video is unique for each Sunday and promotes CUMC to our viewers. Also, Media and Production created a retirement video for Ms Nancy Bollman, a return home video for our Haiti mission team, numerous small group videos to promote fall signups and scripted three GIC video’s that were taped and edited in August for the Global Impact Celebration.
5. **Equipment upgrades / issues.** During the summer months, there have been no equipment failures or repairs to report. All equipment is running smoothly in the main sanctuary, Fusion Center and Kids Worship. Most issues during that time period have been operator error. We are continuing to train our operators to help reduce the chance of mistakes in the future.

V. **Other Reports:**
- **UMW – Cornelia Smith**
  - Received approximately $5800.00 from the Festival of Tables event.
  - Will be at Bi-Lo’s to hand out fliers to gain participation in the School Snack Pack program.

VI. **New Business**

None

VII. **Old Business**

- Jody asked the Council for a vote on CUMC Resolution on Human Sexuality. Paul Allen made a motion and it was seconded by Johnny Sellers.

| Unanimous approval |

VIII. **Pastor’s Report – Jody Flowers**

None. Jody’s time devoted to the above resolution with some minor discussion.

**Next Church Council Meeting- October 25, 2018**

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Gainey
Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy

Review of Minutes: Ann Gainey

Standing Reports

1. Treasurers Report: Alice Furman
2. Finance: Johnny Sellers
3. Lay Leader: Joe Bouknight
4. Trustees: Clay Shelton
5. Missions: Walley Turner

Other Reports

New Business

Old Business

Pastor's Report
I. Welcome/Devotion: Ben McCoy presented a devotional based on Matthew 6:21, where your treasure is there also is your heart. Seeing a stark need can cause us to change on a dime. Our budget reflects resources which meet needs, but there are other needs to be met.

II. Review of Proposed Budget: Rick Faulkner presented the changes in the budget from the 2018 budget. The Council voted and the result was:

   Unanimous approval

III. Old Business – Resolution on Human Sexuality:

   Lill Mood came to ask the Council to reconsider action on the resolution until the UMC votes in February 2019. Paul Allen responded stating our church was simply upholding the current policy as written in the Book of Discipline. There was no move by any member to rescind the Council’s September 17th vote.

   Next Church Council Meeting- November 29, 2018

   Respectfully submitted by
   Ann Gainey