



The Outlook

University Circle United Methodist Church

All are welcome. All the time.

Fall 2017



Gourmet Hot Dog Extravaganza Means 'Welcome Back'!

Rally Day—Sunday, September 10, following 11:00 worship—Great Hall

With the return of Sunday worship services in our Sanctuary on September 10, it's time to "rally together" after the vacations of summer and enjoy our annual Gourmet Hot Dog Extravaganza, sponsored by our church's MENS group (Men Engaged in Needed Service). Salad, beans, dessert and beverages help round out this opportunity to catch up with friends.

Your donation to help offset the cost of food and paper products is much appreciated.

Our thanks to the MENS group and other volunteers for giving their time and talent in support of our church family. See you there!



Dr. Chalker Announces Retirement

It doesn't seem possible to those who have known him through the years, but on April 24 of this year, Dr. Ken Chalker informed our family of faith and the Greater Cleveland community of his plans to retire at the end of January 2018.



"Since July of 1974, I have been an episcopally appointed pastor of a United Methodist Church," Dr. Chalker said. For 31 of those 43 years, he has served as the pastor of First Church and then, with its merger with Epworth-Euclid UMC, as the first pastor of this urban congregation called University Circle United Methodist Church. "As marvelous, exciting, demanding and wonderful as this has all been," said Dr. Chalker, "it is time for a new direction."

In consultation with Bishop Tracey Malone, Resident Bishop of the East Ohio Annual Conference, Dr. Steven Bailey, Superintendent of the North Coast District, and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee of our congregation, Dr. Chalker arranged that his last Sunday be January 28, 2018—the eighth birthday of University Circle United Methodist Church.

"I count many blessings amidst the 31 years of our life together," Dr. Chalker offered. "Not the least of these would be the

singular opportunity and privilege it has been to accomplish, with you, the building of a diverse, inclusive, loving, accepting, dynamic, vital and spiritually authentic family of faith."

Looking ahead, Dr. Chalker stated that "this church family will be preparing for an exciting next chapter of dynamic, inclusive, loving, urban ministry by anticipating and

welcoming new, pastoral leadership." Bishop Malone, in consultation with her cabinet, District Superintendent Bailey and our Staff/Parish Relations Committee, plans to appoint an interim pastor of this congregation until July 1 of next year, when a new pastor assumes lead pastor responsi-

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UMCOR Responds to Harvey

With recent estimates of the cost of Hurricane Harvey ranging from \$70 to \$108 billion—even one estimate of \$190—and the flooding of tens of thousands of homes, it's apparent that relief organizations like UMCOR will need extensive support.



UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in at least four Conferences in Texas and Louisiana has already sent first-responders to assess and assist with preliminary needs. And as the weeks go by, it will become more apparent as to how other Methodists around the country can offer hands-on assistance with rehabilitation needs in these impacted areas of the country.

Currently, UMCOR is shipping "flood buckets" filled with cleaning products especially helpful to those returning to their homes. Hygiene kits to help promote personal health are also on their way. **You can help** UMCOR economically fund the creation of these disaster kits by giving through University Circle UMC, placing "UMCOR #901440" on the memo line. Or you can make an online donation via <http://www.umcor.org/Search-for-Projects/Search-for-Projects>; click on "Relief-Supply Kits" OR the more general "US Disaster Response," fill in your information and make sure to list UCUMC as your home church.

As always, offer your prayers for those impacted by this storm and those responding to help with relief efforts. Thank you.

chalk talk



BY DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

On the 24th of August, Mavis Wanczyk of Chicopee, Massachusetts, won 758.7 million dollars in a national Powerball Lottery drawing. I wonder if she is a member of a congregation and if she practices tithing.

In the days following the announcement of Ms. Wanczyk's huge win, a great many comments were made about the odds of having the winning ticket in a Powerball jackpot lottery. One of those was this: "The odds of winning the 758.7-million-dollar Powerball lottery are the same as a person being struck by lightning while drowning."

Who spends time figuring out stuff like that?! And why?!

Which leads me to think about life insurance premiums—whole or term—and retirement and pension payout plans. The premiums charged and the value of those policies or plans are indeed heavily dependent upon people who spend their lives working out actuarial tables predicting when a life is likely to become terminal!

While I am grateful that such plans exist, I cannot imagine how there is much joy in such actuarial table computation work. In fact, as I think about it, there isn't any joy in *paying* premiums or *paying* into a retirement program either! All the while you're paying, you're hoping in the back of your mind that the poor actuarial guy was *way* wrong...in your favor!

It is sobering to me that such things are coming to my mind when hearing that lottery odds-maker's comparison. Perhaps it is to be expected as I face the advent of January 2018.

But, "Thank you, Jesus," there is so much more in this life than lotteries and actuarial tables. There is the 100% chance that your life and mine is blessed beyond measure, valued beyond count and endowed with the ability to BE a blessing to others.

There is the 100% chance that we receive a life annuity right now and that what is held in store for us is priceless. There is the 100% chance that none of this great truth about our life is based on any actuarial table of diminishing returns. Instead, it is solidly

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As members of Greater Cleveland Congregations—an advocacy group promoting education, justice, jobs, health care, gun safety and food accessibility—our church's volunteers and clergy have been involved in the recent activities involving the Cleveland Cavaliers' proposed renovation of Quicken Arena...The Q.

GCC asked Cavs management and the county to invest in substance abuse crisis centers as well as the renovation of the Q arena. When negotiations stalled, GCC headed up an effort to get enough petitions to place on an upcoming ballot the issue of the county underwriting half the cost of renovating the Q with *tax* dollars; Cavs ownership had already agreed to underwrite half of the \$140 million cost.

Honoring the petitions would delay a place on a ballot until next spring, which Cavs management said would delay renovation and, subsequently, squash any chance of hosting the 2019–20 NBA All-star game; as a result, it was announced that restoration plans were halted.

However, back-channel communications, an agreement to *drop* the referendum vote spurred by the petitions, and a statement from the Cuyahoga County Executive that the county would work to honor GCC's push to build or expand mental health and substance abuse crisis centers—all of these resulted in Cavs management reviving the Q renovation possibilities.

Where things go from here depends upon discussions among the Cavs, the city, the county and GCC, among other key players in the city.

How our church congregation and staff see our role after evaluating the various aspects of this most recent challenge will indeed dictate some of our future actions as a socially conscious congregation in this evolving city. Hopefully, we do that in an empirical, factual manner, fueled by intellect, steadiness, compassion and God's guidance. Anything less is not enough.

~ The Editor

[Fact basis: GCC.com, cleveland.com and the *Plain Dealer*]

Lost Members, Family and Friends

...a pause to honor those whom we've lost in the last year.

Dylan Herwerden, 12/3/16
Marilyn Sutton, 12/7/16
Jack White, 1/11/17
Desmond Clark, 1/26/17
Jayne Crawford, 3/28/17
Ann Greeneisen, 4/29/17
Kermit Greeneisen, 4/29/17
Jim Rummel, 6/22/17
William Avery, 6/28/17
Judge Jean Murrell Capers, 7/18/17
Judy McConnell, 8/9/17



Rob Tremble and Scott Meszaros invite members of our UCUMC family to share in their joy as they are united in marriage on Sunday, September 17, at 3:00pm in the sanctuary.

Dining Opportunities

First-Sunday Potlucks Are Back!

October offers another opportunity to break bread together, network and enjoy fellowship as we hold our first potluck of the season in the Great Hall.

And yes, while all are welcome all the time, it certainly makes it easier to plan for seating and entrée quantities if you turn in a sign-up sheet found in our Sunday bulletin.

The request for \$3 per person helps offset the cost of the entrée, paper products, beverages, etc. And we ask each family to bring a dish according to their last initial, providing a more balanced and unique menu.

Whether you sign up and bring a side dish or not, please know you are still loved and welcome. See you there!

~ Larry & Elaine Myers

Second-Sunday Lunch (SSL)

October 8, we're back, too! Watch the bulletin and your email for our next special place to lunch together.

~ Betz & Tim Richards



Heidi Denman McDougall Accepts New Opportunity

From the first day I visited Church in the Circle, I felt welcomed and loved. This congregation is an amazing bunch of people. God has clearly been at work in your hearts, both as individuals and in



community. Letting go and moving forward is never simple; it's even more difficult when leaving something wonderful behind.

God has again been moving in our lives, placing a fresh opportunity in my path. Beginning October 1, I will be serving as the designated pastor for Strongsville United Church of Christ, at the corner of Routes 82 and 42. This congregation, which began as eight friends meeting together to worship the Almighty, is now preparing to celebrate its 200th Anniversary on October 15. To be part of such worship is truly humbling. I have no doubt God is in this move, but that doesn't make saying goodbye any easier.

Over the past five years, I have learned much about life, about community—about the way God's Kingdom will look (and does look already in special corners filled with faith). It has been a privilege to walk with you. I will continue to keep you all in prayer during the transitioning months ahead, and ask that you would keep me (and Chuck) and the congregation of Strongsville United Church of Christ in your prayers, as well. Thank you for being the wonderful, faith-filled people you are. May your eyes continually be open to the graces God is placing in your path. Peace and love always.

~ Heidi Denman McDougall, M.Div.

Retirement

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bilities at UCUMC.

Dr. Chalker concluded: "For Grace and me, the months ahead will be emotionally challenging. We have come to love you all so very much. And, to be sure, the privilege which has been mine to be invited into your lives as your pastor across the years has been a gift for which there are not sufficient words."

The Chalkers will become residents of Lakewood, building a new townhouse close to Cleveland and other family members. Plans for recognizing their lifetimes of loving leadership and spiritual guidance will be announced this fall.



CHURCH IN THE CIRCLE NAMES & DATES



Stay up-to-date with member birthdays and church events!

~ The Birthday Bunch ~

Why not take a moment to wish those you know a happy day!

September	October	November
Heidi Denman McDougall 2	Susan West 4	Naomi Bedell 1
Jackie Sinkford 2	Avery Blank 7	Alice Boone 4
Maria Longworth 5	Kathy Lawther 7	Ben Magee 4
Chuck Snyder 5	Nicole Braden Lewis 8	Saundy Stemen 4
Judi Arnold-Sims 8	David Cabbil 8	Patricia Pasek 5
Frances Chappell 9	Jane Andrews 10	Lauren Forbes 5
Terry Harden 9	Joe Shucofsky 10	Roland Ivy 5
Ken Konicek 12	Robert Jones 11	Stuart Sayler 6
Joseph Jones 13	J.B. Silvers 13	Jason Solinger 6
Phoenix Lautzenhiser 13	Gary Rathbun 15	Ryan Burge 7
Pete Smith 13	Hailey Solinger 15	Glenn Billington 8
Carrie Hicks 14	Edward Solinger 17	Molly Avery 10
Laura Chalker 15	Glen Nekvasil 18	Tyran Garth 11
Jim Ehrman 15	Jayne Crawford 21	Ethan Jones 13
Mary Forbes 19	Carren Nembhard 23	Ozzie Brightharp 15
John Tate 19	Barb McQuilkin 25	Zachary Lewis 15
Shirley Jefferson 23	Richard Carey 27	Dawn McElrath 15
Marge Townsend 23	Harry Seabright 27	Zenia Peak 16
Stephen Cheatham 24	Wayne Chalker 29	Mary Ellen Zimmerman 16
Theresa Leonard 25	Elijah Gadomski Littleton 30	Ed Dickson 17
Pam Maly 25	Jacob Parr 31	Fred McElrath 18
Irene Nichols 26	Bea Thompson 31	Angret Georgi 19
Jeannette Spalding 27		Jim Kennon 19
Susan Harden 28		Chiquitia Montgomery 19
Brian Misch 29		
Tom Yanks 30		

~ Church Calendar ~

September

4 Labor Day holiday, Church closed	17 Worship, 11am
6 Gospel Choir Rehearsal	SPPRC, 12:30pm, Youth Room
SPPRC, 7pm, Yoder Room	19 SPPRC, 6pm, Yoder Room
10 MB Martin School Tutoring Mtg., 10am	24 Worship, 11am
Worship at 11am, Sanctuary	Marketing, 12:30pm, Yoder Room
Rally Day Gourmet Hot Dog Extravaganza	Neighborhood Lunch, 1pm, Great Hall
11 UMW Board Meeting, noon, Reception Room	25 Memorial Service for Judge Capers, 6pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran
Outreach, 6pm, Offsite in Independence	26 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception Room
13 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room	Finance, 6pm, Reception Room
Bell and Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume	

October

1 World Communion Sunday, 11am	21 UMW Program, 10am
All-Church Potluck, following worship	22 Reconciling Sunday Worship, 11am
8 Worship at 11am, Sanctuary	Administrative Council, following worship
Second Sunday Lunch, following worship	24 Finance, 6pm, Reception Room
11 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room	29 Worship, 11am
15 Worship, 11am	Neighborhood Lunch, 1pm, Great Hall
Book Discussion, following worship	31 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception Room
17 SPPRC, 6pm, Yoder Room	

November:

4 Charge Conference, 1pm, Church of the Saviour	13 UMW Board Meeting, noon, Reception Room
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	19 Thanksgiving Sunday Worship, 11am
All Saints' Day Worship, 11am	21 SPPRC, 6pm, Yoder Room
All-Church Potluck, following worship	24 Thanksgiving Day
7 Election Day	25 Church office closed
8 Trustees, 6pm, Reception Room	26 Neighborhood Lunch, 1pm, Great Hall
Bell and Chancel Choir Rehearsals resume	28 Ladies' Lunch Bunch, noon, Reception Room
12 Worship, 11am	Finance, 6pm, Reception Room
SSL (Second Sunday Lunch), following worship	

MUSIC & ARTS

...at the Church in the Circle



United
Methodist
Women

Gospel Choir Wants YOU!

- Carry a tune but don't read music? Not a problem.
- Haven't sung in a while? We can help you with that.
- Always wanted to share the soul of Gospel? You've come to the right place.

We've had our fun in the summer sun, and now we are ready to "Lift Him Up!" Come and join the Gospel Choir each Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:10pm as we gather to sing praises to our Lord and Savior. We sing in worship at least once a month and would love to have you join us.

If I can answer any questions, please feel free to contact me at (216) 321-1282 or httmiznote@gmail.com. "Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord." (Psalm 150:6) Grace to you.

~ Mrs. H. Turner-Thompson, Director, Gospel Choir



Liturgical Dance at UCUMC continues to connect movement with the Holy Spirit in worship as it refines the artistic and creative pulse in adults and defines and nurtures the creative spirit in children.

The summer was filled with liturgical dance activities here at University Circle United Methodist Church. Young dancers participated in a three-week summer camp in which children engaged in dance, vocal music, drama and visual arts activities from 9:30am to 4pm.

The camp ended with a field trip to Chicago to study in Master Dance classes at the nationally acclaimed Hubbard Street Dance Studio. Campers took classes in modern dance technique and theatre dance. They also attended a Broadway Show and visited many ice cream shops. But, the culmination of the trip was when the campers performed the morning of July 2 at *both* Winnetka Congregational Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church!

Of the 12 children who participated in the camp, three attend our church: **Madeleine Hayden, America Johnson and Janiah Roberson.**

Janiah, a Mary B. Martin Elementary School student, received a camp scholarship offered by a group of women from the church's United Methodist Women and the Outreach Committee.

The UCUMC Dance Program and DuffyLit thank these groups so very much for their support of our Summer Camp 2017. DuffyLit is also grateful for the continued support from the United Methodist Women for its donations to the year-round youth program at Duffy Lit Studio.

Other activities included participation in Sunday worship services by members of the UCUMC Adult Liturgical Dance Ensemble. Special moments included the improvisation on *Wade in the Water* by Edna Duffy and Nathan Motta and the stirring rendition of *Alabaster Box* choreographed and danced by Thea Wilson.

The Fall Season lies ahead and The Lit Dancers look forward to an exciting Liturgical year. Classes for children resume Sunday September 24, 12:30–1:00pm. Classes for adults resume October 1, 9:30–10:30am and 1:15–2:30pm. For more information, contact Miss Duffy at 216-921-0734 or duffylit@att.net.



Scholarship recipient Janiah Roberson, center, with family

Your church's United Methodist Women continue to be strong advocates for missions by

- financially supporting 39 local, national and world-wide missions each year
- supporting special efforts to help survivors recover from unexpected disasters.

As of June 30 we contributed \$10,691.92 to these outreach efforts.

Our May brunch, featuring guest speaker Edna Duffy, welcomed 51 women. A few of the ladies introduced the need for a student from Mary B. Martin School to attend the Duffy Lit summer camp and to experience a trip to Chicago where they would perform. Most of the funds for this scholarship were raised during that brunch—a perfect example of how the women of our church support our church's mission to help Mary B. Martin School succeed.

This month, look for information about the UMW Assembly to be held May 18–20, 2018, in Columbus. Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, featuring a special speaker and a programming brainstorming session.

~ Vivian Harris, UMW President



Wesley and Zack Lewis, following their musical duet during summer worship

MarketingMatters

~Aaron Collier, *Director of Public Relations*

Website Analytics:

- **8,788** Unique Visitors (last 3 months total) viewed **28,466** pages of data on our site.
- **24,662** Unique Website Visitors logged on to www.churchinthecircle.com in the last 6 months!

Top Referral Sites:

1. Google.com
2. www.churchinthecircle.com
3. Facebook.com

Most Visited Pages this month:

1. Capital Campaign Page
2. Video Livestream Page
3. Space Rental Page

Facebook: Our posts in August reached 4,000 news feeds.

Twitter: We have 266 followers.

Instagram: We have 138 followers.

Updates:

Below are several items and projects in process.

>New Livestream Page

To make our live-stream experience more dynamic, we've created a new specific page for our Sunday video feed. Now, in addition to watching the service live on Sunday or subsequently on demand throughout the week, viewers can **"send a prayer request"** while watching the service from their computer, phone or tablet. In addition, they can record their **"virtual attendance"** and send us a comment to let us know of their presence. These prayers and any viewer information are automatically forwarded to the appropriate parties. More to come!

>Watch and Share a new Video about University Circle UMC

As you may know, our church is in the process of helping preserve the architectural integrity of our building. It also just so happens that our church is one of the most recognized and beautiful edifices in the city of Cleveland.

So far, our mid-sized congregation has already **pledged nearly 1 million dollars** towards a \$1.5 million campaign goal to help preserve this architectural wonder. We are now looking to the Greater Cleveland community to help us reach this goal.



3 easy ways you can learn about the campaign and help spread the word:

1. WATCH the short video on our website: www.churchinthecircle.com/capital-campaign.html
2. Share our Capital Campaign webpage with friends and family.
3. Post our video on social media!

UCUMC 'Parades the Circle'



'Postcards' booth organizers
Jeff and Cathy Day

Many University Circle UMC members and friends participated in this summer's "Parade the Circle" event. Our project helped people craft "postcards for loved ones." Over 1,000 people visited our tent on Wade Oval, enabling us to share our church story with many of them as they created cards to give to family and friends.

We are already looking forward to next year when we can again be part of this University Circle "Block Party" that attracts well over 10,000 people. Our thanks to everyone who helped make this such a successful event.

~ Jeff and Cathy Day,
Co-Lay Leaders



Lavert Stuart, organist, stands at the Sanctuary organ with his brothers and their wives in celebration of his 72nd birthday, Sunday, August 29. They traveled from California and Pennsylvania to share in his special day.

Spiritual Formation

Sunday School Fun Continues This Fall

Lego models of Moses and God's people crossing the Red Sea...
 Nativity Bingo and Wise Men Jeopardy games...
 Bananas playing the lead roles in a "Good Samaritan" skit...
 Painted boxes to hold modern day "mezuzahs" (scripture verses) ...
 Palm parade to celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
 Homemade ice cream to demonstrate Saul's conversion...
 Outdoor lagoon hike to sketch God's creation...

These are just some of the experiences we enjoyed in Sunday School this past year. And more fun and learning are planned as we begin our new year of programming on September 10.

On Sunday mornings, children (Pre-K thru 5th grade) begin the day in worship with their families. Following the Children's Welcome, they go to the Sunday School room with their adult leaders, where breakfast (cereal, milk, juice, yogurt, fruit) is served each week. We bring the stories of God's people to life through art, drama, cooking, movies, games and music. All younger children are welcome. Come make new friends, have fun and grow in faith with us!



Youth Group News

Youth Group meetings begin Sunday, September 10, as tweens and teens in grades 6 through 12 gather during worship. Take the stairs by the Chapel up to the newly renovated Youth Room!

Dawn McElrath, our Youth Group Leader, plans great discussions, games, interesting videos and opportunities for service. There are also plenty of snacks, including the occasional pizza! On

the first Sunday of every month, youth attend worship and participate in the service as readers, greeters and communion servers. All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us for a year of fun and fellowship. And, of course, friends are always welcome, too!

Adult Class Opportunities

Dr. Chalker's Class, *The Final Four*, resumes September 10 (Rally Day) at 9:30am in the Yoder Room. You are invited to join the discussion on any Sunday morning.

Heidi Denman McDougall's Class, *Invitation to Journey*, resumes on September 10 (Rally Day) at 9:00am in the Parlor.



Join an all-church discussion of the book, *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, by Michael Eric Dyson, Sunday, October 15, following worship. Chiq Montgomery & Malcolm Himschoot are leading this gathering. Prepare to read the book and share time in a sacred space to discuss race and racism; stay tuned for more details.

Thank You, Cynthia!



Cynthia Burge began volunteering in the nursery at First Church Cleveland when her son, Ryan, was a baby. As Ryan grew, she continued to volunteer as a Sunday School teacher at First Church. When our congregations merged in 2010, Cynthia joined the education staff as a Sunday School Team Leader at UCUMC. Her "baby" Ryan is now a sophomore in college. So, altogether, Cynthia has served the children and families of our congregation for almost two decades!

This summer, Cynthia made the decision to "retire" from her Sunday School duties. We are going to miss her positive energy, creativity and great sense of humor in our classroom. Cynthia's love for children and her dedication to nurturing their faith development has been a great and lasting gift to this congregation.

Although Cynthia is leaving Sunday School, she is not leaving our church family. This fall, she looks forward to attending Sunday worship with her husband, Marvin. We are grateful to Cynthia for her years of service and for the positive and loving presence she has been in the lives of our young children. Thank you, Cynthia!

~ Amy Wheatley, PhD, Director of Education

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LAY SERVANT TRAINING—The North Coast District is offering a Lay Servant Training this fall on October 6 and 7 at Rockport UMC, offering both a Basic and Advanced course. Registration information is available in the church office or online (deadline to register is September 25). More information at <http://tinyurl.com/NCD-Fall-Lay-Servant-Training>.

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built on an investment God has made and makes in us, which is eternal in the heavens.

There is a 100% chance that all of this is not pie-in-the-sky, bets on rolled dice or something based on superstitious, wishful thinking. It is a 100% chance that, right here and now, sooner, not later, God is with you and me and making through us and with us a life of meaning, purpose and value.

We shall talk of such things in church this fall. We shall celebrate this 100% truth in the time we have left together. It is not a message that is new. It is the message that has always been central to our being together. It is a message we have heard across the centuries. It is a message that has been passed to us to share and a message that continues to prepare us for any future. Indeed, any future.

See you in church!

Capital Campaign Phase II

As the summer of 2017 concludes, we've raised nearly **\$900,000** of combined cash pledges and planned gifts from our members and friends. To achieve our **\$1.5 million goal**, we need your partnership.

Our Campaign Vision

We must reach out to the future by renewing our vision and spirit, recognizing the needs of our church facility, church family and our community. To help make this happen, we must join together to address our urgent facility needs, prepare for future building needs, and stabilize our finances while recognizing our gifts of lay and pastoral leadership.

Our Campaign Goals

1. Address urgently needed repairs which are safety concerns—\$370,000
2. Prepare for future needed repairs while creating a stable financial base by rebuilding our endowment—\$980,000
3. Further implement our Strategic Plan through our dynamic spiritual leadership, church outreach and mission—\$130,000

Please contact Connie Clark, our Capital Campaign Coordinator, with questions and contact suggestions: constancemclark@roadrunner.com

OUTREACH CORNER

More Help for Mary B. Martin School

SAVE THE DATE! Please mark your calendars for **SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:00 AM** (Rally Day) and plan to attend an informational meeting about volunteer opportunities at Mary B. Martin School. During this time, a light brunch will be served while you learn more about the program and hear firsthand some of last year's volunteer tutors share their experiences.

Can you think of a better way to spend about an hour each week making a difference in the life of child? If you have given even a few moments of thought to the possibility of helping a student, this informational meeting time will help you decide. RSVP to Della Magee (dellamagee@gmail.com or 440-487-7559), Elaine Myers (emyers34@aol.com or 440-243-7322) or Mary Soirefman (mary.soirefman@gmail.com or 440-263-8627). We hope you will consider this unique opportunity!

Another Community Service with Famicos

We added soil and mulch to the same planters we worked with Famicos to fill last year at the community garden behind Michael R. White elementary just east of Rockefeller Park and less than a mile north of church. We then planted vegetables and cleared weeds from adjacent areas. It was a great day.

Thank you, everyone, for such a productive work day. Many hands truly made the work light. You're such a dedicated group of volunteers, and I'm extremely thankful for your commitment to serving our community and for giving life and purpose to the Outreach Committee.

~ Doug Blank, Outreach Chair



School Supplies Made a Hit

Many thanks to ALL who donated supplies, greeted staff at breakfast or prayed for the children and staff; your support is greatly appreciated. We greeted many new and returning smiling staff faces when we delivered our supplies and breakfast; they were thrilled to see us. Principal Gary R. McPherson, Ed.D., wrote, "I want to thank you and your church family for breakfast and the school supplies. The teachers were really surprised. UCUMC does so much to support our work here at the school, and I want you to know that you are appreciated."





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Fall 2017



It's Rally Day!

September 10, 2017

Adult classes—9 and 9:30am

Worship & Youth Classes—11am

Gourmet Hot Dog Extravaganza—12:15pm

Join us!



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