



The Lake Gaston Charge

Calvary UMC - Corinth UMC - Littleton UMC - Weaver's Chapel UMC

January / February 2020

The Pastor's Portion - Stan Lewis

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Calvary UMC
136 Calvary Church Rd.
Littleton, NC 27850
252-586-7058
Sunday Worship: 11 am

Corinth UMC
21847 Justice Branch Rd.
Littleton, NC 27850
252-586-7058
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
(2nd & 4th Sundays)

Littleton UMC
105 East South Main St.
PO Box 26
Littleton, NC 27850
252-586-5385
www.littleton-umc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Weaver's Chapel UMC
2209 Weaver's Chapel Rd.
Littleton, NC 27850
252-586-7058
Sunday Worship: 11 am

Christmas 2019 is past and the New Year is upon us! Every time the New Year rolls around it seems that everyone makes resolution which by now are likely already broken.

Then we feel worse. We started off trying to eat better, exercise more, or take better care of ourselves only to fail at whatever the latest diet fad may tell us. While society has made a tradition of making resolutions, we also make a tradition of poking fun at the failures. It seems that maybe it is kind of recipe for disaster or a set up for failure.

That is way as Christians we take a different direction this time of year. Maybe you remember the term "watch night." It is actually a service that is very old but rarely observed any more. Watch Night services were services that gathered late on New Year's Eve and "watching" for the New Year. Today, we "watch the ball drop" or some other late night activity while waiting for midnight to come.

But one of the basic parts of "watch night" was **not** a resolution to do something new. Instead it was a recommitment to the Christian disciples. We have a remainder in today's UMC in that we traditionally use Wesley's Covenant Prayer on the Sunday nearest New Year's Day. It is a prayer is which we remember and recommit ourselves to God in the good and the not-so-good in coming year.

But it is a prayer that is often half-heartedly prayed. We are ok with God employing and lifting us up. However the prayer also includes a part where we accept the times when instead of being employed, we are laid aside. The prayer is a recommitment to everything God is

doing, including the painful places. It is a covenant prayer not a pledge to do better.

I heard something years ago concerning covenant. It went like this "a covenant is something that we willingly accept, in a moment of strength, so that in a moment of weakness, it cannot be undone." In other words, it is more than a resolution, it is a recommitment to Holy living. Further this means if we fall short in the coming year, the covenant remains. This should give us a different aspect instead of a broken resolution, we have a goal that remains in front of us. This means that covenant should give us strength when things are not so good.

So instead of making New Year's Resolution, let's recommit ourselves to covenant life as believers and followers of Jesus Christ through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! Instead of setting us up for failure, covenant sets us up to succeed!

Rev. Stan

LUMC CHURCH COUNCIL
Dick O'Sullivan, chair

We hope all had a great Christmas and will have a Healthy New Year. Bill Kuhns, our treasurer, has mentioned our roof loan is now payed off, a great start to the New Year.

Lewis Fields mentioned Jeff Sutton is working on a quote to fix the leak we have in the west narthex. Lewis also mentioned that he has a quote for a shade for the large window in the Fellowship Hall on the Mosby Ave side of the building. This has been approved and is now in the works. Since our lease is up on the copier, Stan has a new quote and the company has let us try it out. Mike Doughtie and Don Theune are working on the outside electrical outlet which trips off now and then. Thanks to all of them for their work on our church.

We want to thank Ann Odom for her work on our ACTS program for the last few years. Dorothy Eisen-son has accepted to handle

that committee. Thank you Dorothy for taking on this project. Rev. Stan would like to remind everyone that our Bible study of the book of Romans starts up on Jan 8th.

Please keep in mind our book program that for our students at Vaughan school. You can speak to Charlotte Wright or Ann Herbert for info.

Irene and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.
May the Lord bless and keep you safe.



LUMC Fellowship Hall new phone #: 252-629-2404
LUMC Fellowship Hall wifi password: Fellowship

**Thank you from
The JOHN 3:16 CENTER**

**MISSION ZONE
Jodie Dowhan**

Dr. Seuss's birthday is coming in early March and we can never have too many books! Those not given away in March will become part of the end of the school year book give away where the children receive books to read over the summer. The more books we have, the more books the children will receive. The Mission Zone also continues to collect food for the ACTS Food Pantry.

The staff and board of the John 3:16 Center would like to say thank you to Littleton United Methodist Church for your support of our Christmas Outreach Program. The congregation of Littleton UMC has been supportive of the Christmas Outreach in so many ways. The Fellowship Hall has become an integral part of the Littleton based program by providing a welcoming space for parents to select and wrap their children's gifts. This year, 10 members wrapped 125 Santa gifts, assisted parents with shopping for 11 children, and helped wrap gifts for 7 children.....all in 3 hours! Additionally, the financial support that church members provided helped us increase the number of children served. Through the Littleton based Christmas program and a special outreach into Northampton County, the John 3:16 Center provided Christmas presents to 196 children... the most ever! Through the generosity of the community, we received sponsorships for all 196 children. We are so blessed to be part of a community where people like the Littleton United Methodist Church congregation give of their time, their money, and their prayers to help those in need. Thank you!

**UMW
Marie Fields**

A great big thank you to all who helped with Santa's Breakfast!!!



Honoring Don Beazley Marti Theune

On Sunday, December 8, Littleton UMC honored Don Beazley for his more than forty years of faithful Sunday School teaching. We just couldn't let such a momentous achievement pass by without special recognition! Pastor Stan Lewis surprised Don by calling him forward and presenting him with a beautiful wooden plaque that had been hand created by fellow member Richard Odom. *"Well done thou good and faithful servant."* After the service, the congregation further honored Don with a cake reception during the coffee hour. Don announced his retirement in May as we began our summer recess from Sunday School. Marti agreed to become the teacher for the adult class beginning with the fall session. Don continues as a welcome and contributing member of the class. Pictured are Carol Lindley, Don Beazley, Nancy Wehrman, and Marti Theune.



LUMC Sunday School Marti Theune

Adult Sunday School resumes for Littleton on January 19th. We are doing overviews of each book of the Bible. We began with Genesis and have progressed through Micah. Continuing in the minor prophets, we plan to pick up with the book of Nahum in January. Each lesson is independent of the others, so feel free to join us when your schedule permits. We are blessed to be a blessing.

**Breakfast with Santa
December 7, 2019**



**4th Quarter Conversation Dinner
November 2, 2019**





**Work Days -
LUMC & Parsonage
November 7th
& 14th, 2019**





**UMW Wrapping Day for
The John 3:16 Center
December 16, 2019**



January Birthdays	Date
Christine Lees	1
Dolly Robbins	1
Becky Gibson	3
Hunter Story	3
Elizabeth Solovieff	4
Marie Pulley	4
Ethan Jones	7
Neal Davis	7
Dick Cowan	9
Susan Merchant	14
Teresa Aycock-Lyles	14
Donald Serafin	18
Clara Godfrey	21
Elaine Parks	22
Cameron Smith	24
Karen Ayscue	24
Kay Cowan	26
Mary Ellen Appleman	26
Robert Bishop	27
Jeannie Smith	28
Eric Bingman	31



January Anniversaries	Date
Mary & Neal Davis	7
Horace & Doris Aycock	19
Jeannie & Kevin Smith	20

February Anniversaries	Date
Ken & Frances Morris	21

February Birthdays	Date
Jamie Riggan	3
Sasha Smith	3
Gabe Guvarra	4
Butch Ayscue	6
Gordon Gray	6
Ed Angel	11
Jean Houston	12
Amya Jenkins	15
Garret Morris	15
Tom Powers	15
Audrey Hurst	16
Sheila Aycock	22
Alan Burtchell	23
Emma Grace Inscoe	23
Carol Guidrey	24
Jo Gibbs	26
Rev. Stan Lewis	28

**New address for
Tim & Carol Townsend
4408 Marriott Drive #412
Raleigh, NC 27612**

Dear LUMC Congregation,
Thank you very much for the
love gift.
Thanks for all that you do for
this church.
Blessings to all,
Anne Odom

LUMC Greeters & Ushers Schedule

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Coffee time Host	Communion Stewards
Jan 5	Jean Houston	Jeff Dowhan George Alston	Susan Powell	Les & Susan Powell
Jan 12	Peg Fowler	Jeff Dowhan George Alston	Peg Fowler	
Jan 19	Jodie Dowhan	Jeff Dowhan George Alston	Jodie Dowhan	
Jan 26	Loretta Woodburn	Jeff Dowhan George Alston	Charlotte Wright	
Feb 2	Jean Houston	George Houston Matt Johnston	Jean Houston	Dick & Irene O'Sullivan
Feb 9	Ann & Gary Herbert	George Houston Matt Johnston	Ann Herbert	
Feb 16	Charlotte Wright	George Houston Matt Johnston	Mary Davis	
Feb 23	Carol Lindley	George Houston Matt Johnston	Carol Lindley	

HELP WANTED - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Susan Powell

LUMC is in need of volunteers to serve in the following areas of the Worship area:

Coffee hour Host/Hostess – Contact Carol Lindley – 252-676-9173

Communion Stewards – Contact Kaye Herman – 252-586-2985 (home) or mobile (363-339-0856)

Lay Readers – Contact Kaye Herman

Ushers/Greeters/Acolytes – Contact Jean Houston –252-257-1807 (home) or 434-774-4587 (mobile)

Sound System operators – Contact Bill Kuhns – 252-308-1887 (home)

If you have any questions or might be interested in helping out in any of the above areas, training will be available! Please contact Susan Powell at 252-586-5340 (home) or 757-620-9144 (mobile).

LUMC Scripture Reading & Counter Schedule

DATE	COUNTERS	READER	SCRIPTURE
January 5, 2020	Peg Fowler George Houston	Jason Duvall	Jeremiah 31, 7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: 1-18
January 12, 2020	Jeff Dowhan Kaye Herman	Nancy Wehrman	Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17
January 19, 2020	Kaye Herman Susan Doughtie	Jason Duvall	Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 40: 1-11 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42
January 26, 2020	Jimmy King Richard Sherman	Jodie Dowhan	Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23
February 2, 2020	Kaye Herman Susan Merchant	Jason Duvall	Micah 6: 1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31 Matthew 5: 1-12
February 9, 2020	Peg Fowler Don Theune	Marti Theune	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 112: 1-10 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 Matthew 5: 13-20
February 16, 2020	Nancy Wehrman Mike Doughtie	Jason Duvall	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37
February 23, 2020	George Houston Don Theune	Marie Fields	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 99 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9



Thursday, Jan 2

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Jan 5

12 pm Calvary Church Council meeting

Tuesday, Jan 7

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

Wednesday, Jan 8

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

Thursday, Jan 9

12 pm LUMC Trustees meeting at Casa Mia's

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Jan 12

8 am Men's Breakfast at Calvary UMC

Monday, Jan 13

11:30 am UMW Lunch & meeting
at LUMC fellowship hall

Tuesday, Jan 14

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's
4-6:30 pm Game Night & Supper at LUMC
Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Jan 16

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Jan 19

3 pm SPRC at LUMC

Tuesday, Jan 21

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

Thursday, Jan 23

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Friday, Jan 24

10 am Littleton ACTS Food Pantry

Sunday, Jan 26

9 am Fellowship Breakfast Weaver's Chapel

Tuesday, Jan 28

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's
5:30 PM Weaver's Church Council meeting

Thursday, Jan 30

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Tuesday, Feb 4

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

Thursday, Feb 6

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Feb 9

8 am Men's Breakfast at Calvary

Monday, Feb 10

11:30 am UMW Lunch & meeting
at LUMC fellowship hall

Tuesday, Feb 11

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's
4 pm Game Night & Supper at LUMC

Wednesday, Feb 12

12 pm Women in Christian Fellowship

Thursday, Feb 13

12pm LUMC Trustees at Casa Mia's
7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Feb 16

3 pm SPRC at LUMC

Tuesday, Feb 18

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

Thursday, Feb 20

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Sunday, Feb 23

9 am Fellowship Breakfast at Weaver's

Tuesday, Feb 25

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

Wednesday, Feb 26

5 pm Newsletter deadline

Thursday, Feb 27

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

Friday, Feb 28

10 am Littleton ACTS Food Pantry

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MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS
TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN
DOING LAST YEAR