



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church Newsletter
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APRIL 2014



Holy Week & Easter Schedule



A SPECIAL INVITATION

Holy Week, of all the seasons of the year, is the time when people in our American culture are most open to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many people are simply waiting for an invitation. Please pray for your family, neighbors, co-workers, and friends and consider giving them a personal invitation to worship with you this Easter.

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, April 13th:

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - in the Chapel

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship - Celebrating our Lord's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week.

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship - With processions of praise and the great hymns of the season we remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and the greeting that he received from the children and those who placed palms in his path.

7:30 p.m. Palm Sunday Concert - Presented by the Adult Choir. (See pg. 2 for more information)

Holy Thursday, April 17th:

7:00 p.m. We will celebrate the Last Supper of our Lord in remembrance of Him who broke the bread and shared the cup of Communion with His disciples in the Upper Room. Service takes place in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 18th:

11a.m. - 5:30p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary (See pg. 2 for more information)

Noon A three-hour service on the words of Jesus on the cross, with clergy from the area churches. Trinity Episcopal, corner of Church & Main St., Moorestown.

7:00 p.m. A Tenebrae (meaning "shadow") Service that uses the lighting and extinguishing of candles, music, scripture and dance to dramatize the fading Light of the World with the death of Christ on the Cross.



Easter Vigil, April 19th:

5:30 p.m. Worship Service - A 9 year tradition, this service of waiting and hope is powerful preparation for Easter morning.

Easter Morning, April 20th:

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - We will start the Day of Resurrection by gathering in the courtyard in a traditional sunrise service, anticipating the joy of the resurrection. We will adjourn afterward to Fellowship Hall for a continental breakfast. All are welcome.

8:15 a.m. Early Praise and Worship - Come to the Sanctuary, 15 minutes earlier than usual, to celebrate Easter. Begin with praise songs and end with the Hallelujah Chorus led by our Adult Choir.

9:30 a.m. Easter Praise and Worship - The walls will resound in this service of contemporary praise in celebration of Easter. We meet as usual in the Sanctuary.

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship - enriched with the music of a brass choir, the music of our Adult Choir, and the joyful singing of the timeless hymns of Easter. Also meets in the Sanctuary.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Good Friday
April 18, 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Come to the Sanctuary and spend some time at each station meditating on the pathway of Jesus' suffering and sacrifice. It is by walking this way with Him that we may come to share in the glorious victory of His resurrection.

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PALM SUNDAY NIGHT
CHOIR CONCERT
April 13th, 7:30 pm

Our Palm Sunday Evening Choir Service will feature the beloved Lenten choruses and solos from Handel's Messiah as well as inspiring seasonal congregational hymns. Please join us.

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GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST
April 18th
7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men will be hosting a breakfast on Good Friday, April 18th, from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. - all are welcome to attend. The proceeds from this breakfast will support the ministry of the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Burlington County. Pastor Steve will be offering a Good Friday message and worship music will be led by Neal Stephens of First Presbyterian Church, Moorestown. Tickets cost \$10 per person. Contact Doug Sell, Jr. (267-259-0621 or doug.sell.jr@gmail.com) or the church office (856-235-0450) for tickets.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

First United Methodist Church is a community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions.

A NOTE ABOUT QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The Finance Committee is making a change to the way Quarterly contribution statements are sent out. Beginning with the 1st Quarter 2014, we will be emailing the statements rather than mailing paper copies to everyone for whom we have an email address. This will result in a significant cost savings to the church. If you **do not** want your statement emailed, or if you're not sure that we have your current email address, please contact Karen Halligan, church@meetwithGod.com or 856-235-0450. Year-end summary statements will still be mailed by postal service.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 2nd Sing-Along at Mt. Laurel Ctr. - 10:30 am
- Apr. 4th Grounds for Good - 8:00 - 11:00 pm
- Apr. 8th Platelet donations - 2:00 - 6:15 pm
- Apr. 9th UMW Communion Service - 9:00 am
- Apr. 9th Rummage Sale - 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Apr. 10th Rummage Sale - 9:30am-2pm; 6-8:30 pm
- Apr. 12th Property Day
- Apr. 13th Palm Sunday Concert - 7:30 pm
- Apr. 14th Chick-fil-A fundraiser - 5:00 - 8:30 pm
- Apr. 14th Miriam Circle - 7:30 pm
- Apr. 16th Internat'l Women's Friendship Grp- 10 am
- Apr. 16th GIGGLES - 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Apr. 17th Holy Thursday Communion svc.-7:00 pm
- Apr. 18th UMM Good Friday breakfast - 7-9 am
- Apr. 18th Stations of the Cross - 11:00 am-5:30 pm
- Apr. 18th Community Good Fri.Svc-Trinity - Noon
- Apr. 18th Good Friday Tenebrae service - 7:00 pm
- Apr. 19th Easter Vigil - 5:30 pm
- Apr.20-27 Host IHN
- Apr. 20th Sunrise Service - 6:00 am
- Apr. 20th Easter Services - 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am
- Apr. 21st Church office closed
- Apr. 26th Adult Fellowship - 6:00 pm
- Apr. 29th Crafts for Good - 7:00 - 8:30 pm



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
Deuteronomy 6:6-7 NIV

The above verse from the book of Deuteronomy is one of my favorite verses. As someone who takes seriously the importance of teaching children of all ages about the unconditional love of God and His desires for His children this verse is a reminder that unless we keep God's commandments at the front of our thoughts and speak about them often we tend to forget them.

To talk about God's commandments in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening sounds difficult unless of course you actually take time to consider your thoughts and words before you speak them. Are you honoring God with a sentence that leads to gossip? Are you reflecting God's love when you speak disrespectfully to a “friend” or parent? Is how you really feel about God coming out when you choose to use foul language or take God's name in vain?

Of course no one can answer these questions for you but I can say with absolute resolution that your actions and words do reflect who you are and who the world sees.

If you want to be a reflection of Jesus and apply the teachings of God everyday be sure to carve out time in your day to spend with Him. Meditate on His words, read His stories and look for His reflection in all you say and do. This does not mean that nothing will ever go wrong after all we live in a broken world. It does mean that we (Christians) have the assurance that God is with us and He will never leave us.

After all we are told in Psalm 46 that “*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*” Let God's commandments be the guide for your thoughts, words and deeds and consider these words from Psalm 19:14, “*May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*”

May your heart be filled with the commandments of God as you meditate on them morning, noon and night.

In Christ,
Karen Murray, DCE

IMPORTANT DATES So Mark your Calendars:

The *Good Friday Stations of The Cross* will be open to all on Good Friday from 11:00am - 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Please stop by and experience this powerful opportunity to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made on the Cross.

Once again the Education Department along with the Youth Department and the Adult Fellowship will assist in overseeing the *Rummage Sale*. Please come and do your part to support this outreach. Dates are April 9th - 10th, however MUCH help is needed to prepare. Please come and help on Monday & Tuesday (April 7th & 8th) to prepare the Fellowship Hall building for this event.

Our Annual *Family Fun Day* will be held on June 8th from 12:30pm to 3:00pm. This is a wonderful outreach to our community and has proven to be a fun event for all who attend. Much help is needed to make this a great event so *thank you* to ALL the faithful folks who volunteer to help. This will also be a great opportunity to say a farewell to Pastor Steve & Dianna before their departure to St. Peters UMC in Ocean City, NJ

On the horizon is V.B.S. The dates this year are August 18th - 22nd from 9:00-Noon AND Sunday, August 24th - 28th from 5:45pm-8:00pm. The theme for both weeks is “*Athens- Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth*”. We are very excited to offer this yearly outreach to our friends & family in this community. Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested, please let me know. (~Thank you in Advance!)

**RUMMAGE SALE
April 9th & 10th**

Location:

First United Methodist Church
(Fellowship Hall wing)

Hours:

Wednesday 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday 9:30 am to 2:00 pm and
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
(Bag Night)

**Soup & snack lunch served from
11:30 am to 2:00 pm on Thursday

Donations Only Accepted:

Sunday, Apr. 6th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm
Monday Apr. 7th & Tuesday Apr. 8th
8:30 am to 8:00 pm

*Sorry, we may need to close doors early for donations
if we are full.

Please, no heavy items which require 2 people to carry.



**THE STEPHEN
MINISTRY SYMBOL**

The symbol for Stephen Ministry is a cross and circle along with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives due to our sin and imperfections. The whole person in front of the cross symbolizes the wholeness we can only receive through the cross of Jesus. The circle symbolizes both the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential lay ministry. It is Christ caring *for* people *through* people. If you or someone you know could benefit from the one-to-one confidential care, prayer and support of a Stephen Minister, please call the church office, 235-0450 or contact one of our Stephen Ministers.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS -
SPRING PROPERTY DAY!**

Spring Property Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12th**. Please plan on coming out to help us do some indoor and outdoor projects. Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for more details!



GROUNDS FOR GOOD

Grounds for Good will be rocking on Friday, April 4, when the Hanlon-McConnell Band takes center stage to support Interfaith Hospitality Network. Enjoy great live music, free coffee and tea, an art exhibit and homemade treats for sale. Doors open at 7:30, with music kicking off at 8. Hope to see you there!



Newly Baptized

Baptisms:

Avery Elizabeth Francisco
on Feb. 23, 2014; daughter of
Robert & Sonia Francisco;
granddaughter of Pete & Patti
Bronecke

Brynn Avery Gardner
on March 9, 2014; daughter of
Chris & Michelle Gardner



Weddings:

Sean Johnson and
Melissa Sharp on
Feb. 22, 2014



MIRIAM CIRCLE

Miriam Circle invites you to join us on Wednesday, April 9th at 9:00 AM for our Lenten Communion Service led by Pastor Steve. It will be followed by breakfast at Maritsa's Restaurant in Maple Shade. Please call Barbara Dapper at 235-1765 if you can attend.

On April 14, we will meet at 7:30 PM in the parlor for our regular meeting. Georgie Jenkins will lead us in devotions, May VanFossen and Pat Leggoe will be our hostesses. Kathy Appleton will speak to us about Stephen Ministers.

Ladies please come out and join us for a night of Christian Fellowship.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, Glenn Rodgers will lead us in an "old-fashioned" gospel sing-a-long after our Covered Dish Dinner. Time for socializing will be at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:45 PM.

For reservations call:
Lucy & Sam Townsend, 856-797-9449
or Sue & Lindsay Mitchell, 856-235-4669

Don't forget your place settings and your singing voices. Hope to see you!



Easter Chancel Flowers

Our sanctuary will once again be decorated with spring flowers to signify the glory of the Resurrection at Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of a plant (\$8.50), in memory or in honor of a loved one, fill out the order form below. Forms may be mailed or dropped off in the marked box in the church office.

Number of plants _____ (\$8.50 per plant)

Name of Donor _____

() In Memory of: _____

() In Honor of: _____

Make checks payable to: **First United Methodist Church**
446 Camden Ave.
Moorestown, NJ 08057

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

IMPORTANT! Please memo your check "Easter Flowers" and place in the marked box in the church office or mail to the above address. Checks for flower orders should not include offerings and should not be placed in the offering plate. (If donations exceed the total charged by the florist, the extra amount will be used to support the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Burlington County.)

**SAVE THE DATE!
FAITH PROMISE WEEKEND
MAY 2-4**



**FUMC MISSIONS COMMISSION
GRAND BAZAAR
Sunday May 4th, Fellowship Hall
9am - 12 noon**

Your Missions Commission is making plans for this year's Faith Promise Weekend, a time when we promise to commit our time, talents and resources to minister to a hurting World.

The weekend schedule will be different than in past years in an effort to devote more time to meet with our missionary guests and hear testimony of how they share the love of Jesus Christ. In addition to speaking during our weekend services, our guests will participate in a "Come and See" event in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. Many of the missionaries, organizations and mission trips supported by our Faith Promise giving will be showcased at the event. We will also continue the tradition of a community work project on Saturday morning.

Our guests for the weekend are John and Maritza Hernandez from Children's Impact Network and Eric and Donna Shrift from CrossWorld.

John and Maritza began a Miami inner-city mission in 1990 and later, recognizing the needs of children in third world countries, founded their first orphanage in Bolivia. Children's Impact Network ministers to abused and abandoned children in Bolivia, Columbia and Honduras. Each of their Life Centers are operated in partnership with local churches so children have role models from within their own cultural communities.

CrossWorld serves the church around the world by mobilizing teams to make disciples and train leaders. Since 1990, Eric and Donna Shrift have served in northern Brazil among the Amerindian people. They provide indigenous church leadership training. They have also constructed a sound studio in Boa Vista where recordings are made of Bible lessons and native music which are broadcast throughout the Amazon basin.

Our Faith Promise donations have supported these missionaries and the lives they have touched for many years. They are traveling great distances to share their ministries with us. Plan on participating in multiple Faith Promise Weekend events to welcome our guests and demonstrate our commitment to missions work.

Dear Friends.

As part of the Faith Promise Pledge weekend May 2-4, the Missions Commission is planning to bring together as many people as possible from the mission trips that FUMC has recently participated in. We would like to have a number of tables, or stations, manned from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 4th by folks who have been out with FUMC, or other United Methodists sponsored trips. This will give lots of opportunity to the rest of the congregation to meet the missionary guests who will be visiting that weekend, as well as show people how easy and accessible mission is to them, with all the activities FUMC is already involved in through our own trips and other local missions.

We are looking for some people from missions trips you were involved in, to man the tables during the morning, answer questions from anyone who is interested enough to stop by, prepare some basic materials for a simple board or table presentation (posters, leaflets, flyers, interesting souvenirs etc.). We would also like to get, in advance, a good selection of photographs to project an ongoing cycle of photos from all the missions, showing the breadth of missions we are all involved in and the life-changing relationships which are formed.

Finally - we're hoping to make this a bit more interesting and engaging for the kids (hopefully many of the Sunday School classes will stop by during their sessions or immediately afterwards) by creating a brief, simple "treasure hunt" with one or two questions that relate to your trip, which will help some people start talking about the trip/mission with an easy question. A couple of examples could be: In which city did HeyYoung drop her sun hat in a stream? Who bought 4 lbs. of nails in West Virginia? Which is the favorite book of the Bible of the teens who went to Philadelphia in July 2013?

If you are interested in participating - and we hope many of you are - please contact John Sims at jsims772@gmail.com and Bobbie Shinehouse at bobbiebas@comcast.net.

Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Our Featured Senior - Kathryn Edna Ploucher Machamer

This interviewer having one sister and having raised three sons is in awe of large families and how well they function. I have witnessed one such family as a teenager. It was said "First one out - best dressed", ironing board always up to press clothes jammed in small closets or bureau drawers (no walk-in closets then), milk delivered in milk cans and poured into pitchers as needed, and several of the children thinking nothing of inviting a friend to stay for lunch. For most of us this would seem overwhelming, but for large families it is routine.

Kathryn was another baby born at home. As a matter of fact, she couldn't wait for the doctor to arrive. Her family lived in the Wissinoming section of Phila. Her father was a brick layer; her mother had worked at the Philadelphia Arsenal before marriage. She was the eighth child to be born into the Ploucher family. (Can you imagine coming up with eight names?) There was May, Fred, Emma, Clara, Loren, Lillian, Raymond and then Kathryn. Kathryn was nicknamed "Cassie" by her family and friends. Family life was good. Everyone had their chores, the girls were taught to sew, make some of their own clothes, and clothes for both the boys and girls were passed down. The family was impacted greatly by the Depression. Their father, along with carpenters and plumbers, found it hard to find work because construction had come to halt.

The family belonged to Wissinoming Methodist Church and Kathryn has fond memories of Sunday School picnics at Clementon Park in N.J. The family attended church on Sunday; the rest of the day was family quiet time and remembering to keep the day Holy. Kathryn attended Sullivan grammar school, Harding Jr. High, and graduated Frankford High. Children were assigned to schools depending on what neighborhood they lived in. She enjoyed sewing class and showing off her workmanship in an annual fashion show. Music was another favorite singing in the choir and in the church choir. Following graduation, she worked as a secretary at Penn Adjusters.

Norbert Machamer was an acquaintance she knew in high school and from church, but paid him little attention at the time. He worked for the Fish Commission passing by where she worked each day. They would wave or nod and acknowledge one another. Kathryn belonged to a sorority that met on the first floor of a home; Norbert played in a band meeting on the third floor of that home. Her sorority sisters were urging her to invite him to a Sadie Hawkins dance coming up. As it turned out that night, he walked her home and asked her

to go dancing at Brookline Ballroom. This soon became an every weekend date. (This era was one of great music and dancing - with "sets" consisting of 2 slow numbers then a jitterbug). Their dates ended differently than most couples. Norbert, also known as Mac, was an outdoorsman trapping animals. Before going home, they had to check all his traps. He would send the pelts off to Chicago for money. He had to be told during their long courtship, "We don't fish on Sunday".

The Korean War interrupted many a courtship. Norbert was sent to Korea but shortly after arriving there a pact was signed and the fighting stopped. He arrived home on Kathryn's birthday in 1954. They were married in 1955 in the Methodist church; she wore a 3/4 length dress; her sister Lillian was maid of honor; Mac's brother George was best man; and her brother-in-law Edgar (married to her sister Clara) was the soloist. The reception was held in the church hall. The honeymoon was just a long weekend in Ocean City as Norbert was expected to start work at Rohm & Haas. Norbert did well at Rohm & Haas with advancements regularly. He did some teaching for them. He also got into raising fish with Kathryn helping. He bred Angel fish on plexiglas and other fish in liners. They had so many fish, Kathryn called a pet store on Frankford Ave. and were able to sell them. It became a profitable business but did limit their vacations. Fish need care.

Norbert and Kathryn have four children, David, Thomas, Russell, and Kathy Clawges (one of our FUMC youth leaders and married to John Clawges). David, like his father, is an outdoorsman trapping beaver and hunting deer. Both the deer and the beaver are on their dinner menus. Kathryn and her husband talked about joining FUMC. She credits Carol & Lee Talbot with making them feel so welcome. Norbert died before joining but she joined shortly after his death. They had been married 51 years. Kathryn's siblings have all died too. She says being the last one is a lonely feeling. She finds joy in her 14 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren with another due in April. Of the grandchildren, she has 8 still in college; 1 is a school teacher in Georgia, 1 is a nurse in Bucks Co.; 1 a bricklayer in Phila.; and 1 an electrician in Langhorne. Kathryn stays busy eating out with neighbors, attending plays in Cinn., reading her favorite magazine, "Birds & Blooms", an exercise class, and swimming in the backyard pool cared for by her son Russell and the grandchildren. Thomas is her gardener taking care of the lawn and trimming the shrubs. She says "Life is what you make it. You have to laugh a lot and be thankful".



NOTES FROM THE FINANCE DESK

This is repeated from a series issued in 2010 -- Notes from the Finance Desk concerning YOUR CHURCH'S Finances.

FUMC's Annual General Operational Budget - Need, Development, Content

During the last quarter of each year the Finance Committee undertakes the process of developing an operational budget for the following year. This effort requires the participation of the various committees and church personnel responsible for the expenditure of funds.

An Operating Budget is not only a requirement, but a necessity in daily Church operations. It defines what and how much financial support can be provided to the operational programs. It also supports developing plans proposed and guided by the committees and professional personnel of FUMC. It becomes a "Living Radical Hospitality" document for internal direction and financial control. The general philosophy and guideline used by the Finance Committee, for development of the yearly budget is "prior experience and a Faith in Congregational support."

The Yearly Operational Budget process is started with a request from the Finance Committee Chair to all responsible individuals and Committee Chairs. The Operating Budget is in two parts: Part I is an estimate of Income which is provided by the Finance Committee. Part II is an estimate of expenditures which are provided by the Church Committees and church personnel.

It should be noted that there are two categories which are not included in the Operational Budget, they are Faith Promise and Building Fund. Faith Promise supports Missionary Outreach and the Building Fund is utilized to pay down the New Building Loan.

In Part I there are several different categories of **Income** estimates as shown below. These Incomes, which are based on prior year performance, are developed by the Finance Committee to correspond to the estimated Expenses for the coming year and a Faith in Congregation support to provide the needed income as budgeted.

- Pledge Envelopes - These are the funds that YOU commit to giving.
- Plate Offering - Funds given by those in attendance at Church Services.
- Initial Offering - Your offering to help support the cost of Pledge Envelope printing and distribution.
- Music Performances - Funds collected at Special performances given by Music groups.
- Facilities use - Funds collected from outside organizations who utilize FUMC facilities.
- Sunday School - Funds collected from Sunday School participants.

In Part II the Committee Chairs and operational personnel develop an expenditure budget for their responsible area. The following shows the major areas of budget control and a sample of the detailed expense accounts established to identify and control expenses incurred.

- **Pastoral Support** - This group of expenses supports the Pastors' expenses. Included in this grouping are: Salaries, Medical, Pension, Utilities, and Professional Expense.
- **Music Program** - Contained within this group are Music Director Salary, Medical, Professional Expense, and Music Expenses: such as Organ/Piano maintenance, and Music & related supplies.
- **Education** - This category of expenses covers Director of Christian Ed. Salary, Professional Expense, Education materials and administration, Library, Nursery and Special Programs.

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Notes from the Finance Desk, *continued*

- **Youth** - Accounts have been established for Youth Director Salary, Medical, Professional Expense, Youth Programming and administration, Transportation, Scholarship and Grants and 20's/30's Ministry.
- **Administration** - This grouping of expenses supports Administrative staff salaries, FICA, 403b, Workers Comp Insurance and office operational expenses.
- **Missions, Benevolences & Apportionment** - This category contains the funding budgeted for FUMC sponsored Missions and Funds sent for various missionary activities funded through the Greater NJ Annual Conference.
- **Commissions & Committees** - This grouping accounts for various church committees and groups and Parish Nurse salary, Medical and Professional expense.
- **Property** - This is the group of accounts that maintain the Church building and property, Church Utilities, Salaries for Property and Maintenance Coordinators and Parsonage maintenance and improvements.

After each Committee has completed their new budget estimate for the year the results are reviewed by the Finance Committee. Prior to the finalization of the budget a total number is established by Finance AND if needed some committees will be required to adjust their input to meet the final budget value set by Finance. There is a final review and approval by Finance. The finalized budget is then submitted to Church Council for approval before presentation to the Congregation.

Generally the Budget apportionment for each of the areas is as follows: (Variable from year to year)

Pastoral Support	21%	Administration	12%
Music Program	8%	Missions & Benevolences	18%
Education	9%	Commissions & Committees	5%
Youth	5%	Property	21%

After Budget approval for the new year's Income and Expenditures, the Expenditures by the Committees and operational personnel are reviewed monthly and a monthly report is provided to all parties for their use in control of the approved Budget. This monthly report is also reviewed by Finance Committee members.

Hopefully these Notes help YOU in your understanding of how our Church finances are structured and the number of groups and personnel involved. The Budgeting process is an integral and important function in the financial structure and monitoring of the financial well-being of FUMC by all those dedicated people involved.

If you have any comments or questions concerning the **NOTE** please contact the following:

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“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it?” Luke 14:28 NIV