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*Join us for one of many options for celebrating Christmas Eve
this year with First Broad Street UMC.*

In-Person

Family Christmas Eve Service in Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Masks and social distancing required.

Outdoor Candlelight Service on Woodyard Center lawn
5:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing required.
Bring lawn chairs.

Online

Encounter Christmas Eve
7:00 p.m. Facebook Live

Traditional Christmas Eve
10:00 p.m. Facebook Live

In Memory of Our Church Family Members ...

Ruth Montgomery - October 29

*Sympathy is expressed to her
sons, Robert and Randall Montgomery,
and grandsons, Alex and Andrew Montgomery*

Richard "Dick" Houser - November 6

*Sympathy is expressed to his wife, Shirley and daughters,
Janice LeBlanc and Laurie Combs.*

Sympathy is expressed to . . .

Allison Stewart, Stephanie Naegle, and Sam and Sarah Stewart on the October 23 death of their grandmother and great grandmother, **Phyllis Bailey**;

Kathy Shipley on the November 4 death of her sister,
Evelyn Scott;

Helen Kite on the November 5 death of her brother,
Clyde Frazier;

Karen Guidi on the November 7 death of her father,
Vincent Guidi;

Bo Corum on the November 4 death of his step mother,
Linda Corum;

Patricia Fansler on the November 6 death of her brother,
Anthony Orr;

Betty Lou Morris, Ben Morris, Sarah Hepler, and Cora Rose on the November 11 death of mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, **Rosella Copenhaver**;

Robert Smith, Kim Price, Devan Price, Nathan Price, and Evie Raye Price on the November 11 death of mother, grandmother, and great grandmother,
Mary Alice Musick Smith;

Wayne Porter on the November 16 death of his father,
Rev. Millard Porter; Amy Luethke, Caroline, Danielle and Graham Luethke on the November 13 death of father and grandfather, **Carroll Light**

 Congratulations to **Andrew Naylor and Aliza Dixon**, who were married on October 3 in Charleston, SC; and **Elizabeth Hale and Derek Williams**, who were married on October 24 in Blountville, TN.

In-person worship is subject to change at any time due to the rise and fall of Covid-19 in the community. Please call the church office at 423-246-4471 or watch your weekly *FBS happenings* emails on Fridays for the most up-to-date information regarding our worship services. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the pandemic.



Congratulations to **Alex and Molly Rich** on the October 26 birth of their daughter, **Annie Rose Rich** (grandparents: Darrell and Jill Rich); **Arthur and Leslie Todd** on the

November 5 birth of their son, **William Arthur Todd** (grandparents: Stephen and Deborah Todd); **Mike and Kathryn Zachrich** on the November 5 birth of their son, **Liam David Zachrich** (grandparents: David and Miggie Atkinson); **Jesse and Susan Fritz** on the November 12 birth of their son, **Edwin Gene Fritz** (grandfather: Eric Fritz); and **Dr. Ryan and McKenzie Hutchinson** on the July 4 birth of their daughter, **Eliza McKenzie Hutchinson** (grandparents: Emerson and Jennifer Shupe)



Welcome new members **Dr. Benjamin Chesley Culp and Mrs. Allison Jody Culp** (and sons Benjamin David, Matthew Allen, and Nathaniel Wesley), who joined on October 25 during the 8:30 Encounter service. They transferred from First UMC in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Graduating?

If you or an immediate family member will be graduate college or graduate school in December, please contact Darres Carter at dcarter@fbsumc.org.

SingleVision

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, regular dinners and programs remain cancelled. Contact Jane Adams at jane.adams.kpt@gmail.com or 423-246-1727 for information as it unfolds.

LISTEN TO WORSHIP BY PHONE

Listen to FBS worship service via phone call only.
1-423-207-1268

Just dial the number and sit back and listen. You can even put on speaker and enjoy at any time of day or night.
New service available after noon on Mondays.

Live Wires Sunday School by dial up telephone. A lesson is presented each week via teleconference. 10:30 on Wednesdays. Please call Linda Morton for information or to join the group. 423-247-4882.

Senior Adult Fellowship and Gatherings will occur as soon as it is safe to connect in larger groups.

History of Hymns reprinted from umcdiscipleship.org (December 11, 2014)
Silent Night, Holy Night - Joseph Mohr, translated by John F. Young

The story of “Stille Nacht” is one of the most endearing and enduring in Christian hymnody, though highly romanticized. Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) was an Austrian cathedral chorister in Salzburg as a boy. He was ordained into the Catholic priesthood in 1815. He spent most of his life ministering in parishes near Salzburg. Living a simple life, he died in poverty after giving away what little he had to the poor.

In 1816, Mohr penned the original six stanzas of the poem that would make him famous around the world. He was serving as an assistant priest in Oberndorf, now a skiing area in the Austrian Alps. Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863) was an Austrian cantor and school teacher, holding church positions near Salzburg including Oberndorf. While a prolific composer, little was published and none known now save this Weihnachtslied (Christmas carol). Tradition has it that the carol was composed for a text by his assistant priest Joseph Mohr on short notice for the Christmas Eve Mass in Oberndorf in 1818. While it was first accompanied on guitar, it may not have been because the organ didn’t work. As Carl Daw Jr. notes, “the organ at St. Nicholas Church was in chronic need of attention.” (Daw, 126) That this was due to mice eating the bellows cannot be verified and probably is closer to apocryphal romanticism than fact. We do know, however, that Joseph Mohr had a guitar. It’s use seems to have been for aesthetic reasons rather than an organ emergency: the guitar was more appropriate for accompanying this folk-like melody than an organ. Though this was not the normal instrument for the Mass, it was used in this case to great effect. Joseph Mohr’s guitar is housed at the Hallein’s Franz Gruber Museum.

Carl Daw notes that the first performance on Christmas Eve, 1818, was at Mohr’s request to compose a setting for “two solo singers and choir, with guitar accompaniment. . . . Gruber took his composition to Mohr who happily approved it. At the Christmas Eve Mass, Mohr sang the tenor part and played the guitar, Gruber sang the bass part, and the local choir sang a refrain consisting of a repeat of the last four measures.” (Daw. 126).

Karl Mauracher, an organ builder, traveled to Arnsdorf in 1821, during which time he obtained a copy of the manuscript. The carol was taken to the Leipzig trade fair in 1831 and first published in 1838 in an adapted version where its popularity spread as a “Tyrolean Folk Song.” The melodic version that we now sing is somewhat different from Gruber’s original, having taken on more of the characteristics of an idyllic folk song of this region. This adaptation has contributed to its reception and continued popularity.

In the only surviving autograph of the Mohr-Gruber collaboration at the Carolino Augusteum in Salzburg, one can see the difference between Gruber’s original melody and the popular adaptation in use today. The manuscript here, discovered in 1995, dates from 1821. It contains six stanzas from which we sing stanzas 1, 6, and 2, in that order. The accompaniment is in the facsimile of the musical score, is idiomatic of the guitar, and would not work on the organ. The inscription in the upper right reads, “Melodie von Fr Xav Gruber.”

Musical arrangements and English translations of the song have a life of their own. The literal translation may surprise some singers:



Silent night, holy night!
 All are asleep; alone awake
 only the faithful and most holy pair,
 Gentle boy with curly hair,
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Most hymnals contain versions primarily derived from a translation by Episcopal minister John Freeman Young (1820-1885) around 1859. Often translations by several authors are included in a single version of this carol. The United Methodist Hymnal uses Young’s translation for the first three stanzas and ascribes the fourth stanza to an anonymous translator, though it now appears that it was written by the English woman Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878). The fourth stanza, which has no reference to the original German, completes the scene painted in the first three by inviting us to form a circle around the Holy Family and sing “Christ the Savior is born.” For numerous English translations of “Stille Nacht,” see silentnight.web.za/translate/eng.htm.

While the origins of any hymn are of interest, like Scripture, we find meaning not only in its origins, but also in its meaning today. We must not forget that the original context was that of Palestine, a country occupied by Roman forces. Mary and Joseph’s journey to an insignificant village outside of Jerusalem was forced by the census required by Roman authorities. It made no difference that she was pregnant. Lodging was denied them several times until they were given shelter in a dank, smelly, dirty stable, hardly the place to give birth to a child. Yet, at that moment the Divine intervened in the presence of God in human form. The original literal translation from the German of stanza three has the child uttering a laugh (lacht) from his Divine mouth (göttlichen Mund), a laugh of love (Lieb’). The infant with “curly hair” in stanza one, a very human description of the child, is combined with a child laughing in love in stanza three. Human infants cry at birth; only a Divine Infant would laugh in love! (Further reading: Carl P. Daw, Jr. *Glory to God: A Companion*)

Dr. Hawn is distinguished professor of church music at Perkins School of Theology. He is also director of the seminary’s sacred music program.

Continuing in Connection

As we settle into winter, we realize that this winter may be particularly difficult as the cold blends with the isolation imposed by COVID-19. Our prayer is that we can continue to be actively engaged in the body of Christ in as many ways as possible. Even if you are not “a zoom person,” consider participating in Sunday School or small groups or special studies to encourage the leaders and other participants. With all of us pulling together we can be Christ to one another. We will not only survive, but thrive.

If you would like to make phone calls or send texts and emails, let our Parish Nurse, Joy Eastridge, know and she will get you get connected with others! Contact Joy at jeastridge@fbsumc.org.



Books on Grief

The Good at Grief support group is working to offer support and encouragement to those going through grief. Chris Taylor and Paula Poe, coordinators, have teamed up to inventory our existing inventory of library books and to order some new ones.

Our group meets regularly on Zoom on the first Thursday of each month at noon. Call Paula Poe or Joy Eastridge (224-1512, jeastridge@fbsumc.org) for Zoom information.

A sampling of the selection includes:

Grief Expressed: When a Mate Dies (workbook format)-Marta Felber

What Can I Do? Ideas to Help Those Who Have Experienced Loss - Barbara A. Glanz

Mourning Song (Second Edition)- Joyce Landorf Heatherley

Healing After Loss: Daily Meditations for Working Through Grief (for a year)-Martha Whitmore Hickman

Suddenly Alone-Philomene Gales



Upcoming Wellness Class

COVID-19 has had lots of deleterious effects, one of which could be decreased fitness or less healthful eating patterns. Margaret Gall, Coach and Fitness Trainer, is offering a fitness class in the New Year to help participants get re-energized, motivated, and on the right track for 2021.

**Wednesdays, January 20-February 24,
6:00-7:15 p.m. on Zoom.**

Whether you want to lose 5 lbs and walk more or train for a marathon, this class can help you get started. Register by emailing Joy Eastridge, jeastridge@fbsumc.org.

FBSUMC Anti-Racism Book Group

Everyone is welcome to participate in a Zoom Book Group that will read books across genres to explore issues of race in the United States. We hope to gain better understanding of ourselves, our history, and our community. Education and self-awareness are foundational for change. We ask that you read the books so that you can be fully engaged in the conversation. Discussion leaders will change each month.

This group will meet over Zoom from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates. The meeting ID is available from the church office, Joy Eastridge, Lisa Tencer, or Linda Coffey.



Reading List:

November 17, 7 p.m.: *White Fragility* (Robin DiAngelo), led by Joy Eastridge

January 26: *Jesus and the Disinherited* (Howard Thurman), led by Gail Preslar, Cameron Nelson Hardamon, and Janie Hobbs

February 23: *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?* (Beverly Daniel Tatum), led by Denise DePriest

March 23: *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* (Michael Eric Dyson), led by Caryl Griffin-Russell

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY



Moms Connect

9:15 to 10:00 a.m.

2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month by Zoom
 Casey Johnson will serve as the leader of the group.
 Contact Brandy Robinson at brobinson@fbsumc.
 org or 423-483-2980 to sign up and receive Zoom
 information.

Our December theme is:

Christmas Cookies

Bible Story:

God told us He would give us Jesus.

Memory Verse:

“God loved the world so much that He gave
 His only Son.” John 3:16, GNT

Key Question:

Why is Jesus special?

Bottom Line:

Jesus is God’s Son.

Basic Truth:

God loves me.

*Join us each Wednesday in LAMBS for a
 special Advent story and craft.*



Children's Ministry



FBS Kids Christmas Celebration! Join us on December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the FBS parking lot for an *outdoor family worship service!* If you remember Jingle Jam from last year, this is the sequel! Lots of high energy fun geared to kids with the Christmas story. Bundle up, bring your chairs and blankets, get cozy, and get ready to worship!

Wednesday Nights: Kids JAM and Lambs will be doing Advent activities through December 9th. Come as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' birthday!

Christmas Eve Family Worship Service at 3:00 December 24th. Mark it on your calendar!

All events will follow the FBS Kids Covid safety regulations and protocols. Masks, distancing, sanitizing, temperature checks, etc. will be applied.

To give a memorial in honor or memory of friend or a loved one, please mail your check to the Finance Office at 100 East Church Circle, Kingsport, TN, 37660 and mark “memorial” on the memo line of your check.



In Memory Of

ALTAR GUILD

Tom Torbett by Harry L. and Sharon Morris

FLOOD BUCKETS

Elizabeth Lilly, Tom Torbett, Margaret Penland, Claudia Lowe, Edith Hildrebrand, David Coffey, Ruby Peterson, Joe Bettini, Betty Jones, June Armstrong, Clayton Hall by Darres Carter

GENERAL

Tom Torbett by Thomas Sellers, Jane Smith, Kay Edwards, Ridley and Mary C. Ruth, Mary Ann Stout, Kathy Hawk, Valerie Ketron, Flint and Dorothy Grey

MISSIONS

Margaret Penland by members of the Builders Sunday School Class

MUSIC

Margaret Penland by Bob and Debra West

Celebrate Our Birthdays by Calling Someone on the List -- contact info available in the *churchLife* app or in your printed church directory.

December 1

Jean Shetterly
 Buddy Archer
 Patsy Sides
 Tina Kramer
 Dwain Arnold
 Denise McCreight
 Anna Sago

December 2

Roy Geno
 Sarah McKee
 Quinton Buchanan
 Andrea Burdge
 London Seal
 Carson Taylor

December 3

Fred Himelwright
 James Haun
 Charlotte Matthews
 Kimberly Guy
 Zachariah Duncan

December 4

Vivian Caffey
 Beth Witt
 Kim Blessing
 Lisa Fogleman-Hurst
 Nathan King
 Michael Allman

December 5

Judy King
 Miles Burdine
 Jennifer Goddard
 Colin Cleary
 Gillian Brents
 Lucinda Taylor

December 6

Betty Roller
 Bob Jones
 Chris Baker
 Roger Powell
 Emmilee Childress
 Wyatt Coakley

December 7

Linda Thompson
 Carol Jackson
 Erica Whitaker
 Curt Rose
 Joe Klimes
 Brayden Dillon
 Dayton Hill
 Beckett Hutchinson

December 8

Ann Meade
 Joel Stice
 Sam Merritt
 Brooke Coggins

December 9

Gary Fielden
 Zelda Ridgeway
 Charles Carty
 Stevie Lawson
 Meredith Barnes
 Michael Parham
 Brett Penley
 Christina Crawford
 Maddie Bearden

December 10

Charles Lambert
 Pat Corson
 Ron Stidham
 Steve Cook
 Gus Trupiano
 Leigh Anne Hoover
 Jason Johnson
 Angie Ramey
 Stella Marshall

December 11

Betty McLain
 Linda Draper
 Janice Duncan
 Bruce McKee

December 12

Patsy Repass
 Debra Oliver
 Leanne Potente
 Bailey Dyson
 Quilla Belote
 Benjamin Collier
 John Kilgore
 Theodore Kilgore

December 13

Fred Richard
 Glenna Epperson
 Karen Coleman
 Maggie Carter
 Harper Dunn

December 14

Bob Jenkins
 Charlton Devault
 Derry Nichols
 Nancy McIntosh
 Mark Eversole
 Kailyn Reid
 Aliza Naylor

Clara McReynolds
 Brayden Dunkerson

December 15

Gina Pinney
 Christie Sutton
 Jason Nanney
 Peyton Nanney
 Benjamin Irvin

December 16

Jack Mahaffey
 Amy Doran
 Scott Taylor
 Lee Fish
 Ralph Jeffers
 Holly Czoka
 Brandon Wargo
 Addison Hill

December 17

Bob Estes
 Bernice Christian
 Fred Wallin
 Carolyn Kestner
 Melanie Harris
 Daniel Aycock
 Ford Kilgore

December 18

Judy Archer
 Suzan Spurrier
 Jerry Bark
 Chuck Greene
 Sarah Johnson
 Warren Ehrenfried
 Matthew Culp
 Sophia Wood
 Jorah Parsons

December 19

Kathy Shipley
 Zeb McReynolds
 Stanley Timblin

December 20

Frances Howe
 Kitty Frazier
 Andy Arbaugh

December 21

Mary Shortt
 Chris Campbell
 Jennifer Shafer

December 22

Steve Lane
 Mike Lick
 Sarah Lawson

Natalie Hale
 Shelby Clark

December 23

Patty Hale
 Andy Taylor
 Beverley Perdue
 Amy Montgomery
 Greg Foster
 Hudson Bipes

December 24

Patsy Pilgrim
 Jerry Tustin
 Lyle Musesengwa

December 25

Aldean Giles
 Grayson Backman

December 26

Phyllis Large
 Darby Ratcliff
 Bobby Reed
 Katie Jones
 Candith Bailey
 Micah Riddle

December 27

Ella Winegar
 Cathy Kilgore
 Karissa Yarosh

December 28

Suzi Little
 Brook Langley
 Jesse Turner
 Caylor Harrison
 Casey Johnson
 Justin Gooch
 Amanda Taylor
 Malik Gamble
 Katie Roberts

December 29

Leslie Owen
 Travis Leonard
 Justin Steinmann
 Chris McCreary
 Ryan Herlong
 Cora Hepler

December 30

Dan Dove
 Mark Bragg

December 31

Bob Scott

Happy Birthday!



FBS Partners With Sea Islands Congregation In Roofing A Home

The High School Youth Mission Team had to cancel their annual trip to Johns Island this past summer due to the Pandemic, being the first year since 1981 that a High School Mission Team has not been to the Sea Islands. The inability for mission teams to travel to Johns Island, coupled with the effects of the Pandemic on local mission outreach efforts on the Sea Islands has left a vulnerable population waiting for much needed home repairs and upgrades. As with anywhere else, the debilitating effects of Covid 19 is leaving a large footprint of continued suffering on many families and individuals.

But, God is faithful and at work in new and different ways during this time of transition. Recently, Rockville Presbyterian Church, a congregation on Wadmalaw Island, SC that has long been a partner with First Broad Street mission teams while on the Sea Islands, responded to a local family in their community who needed a roof replaced that had been leaking for months. They organized a workday to begin, and soon found the problem was more extensive than originally thought. They realized, after removing the existing shingles that the wood decking underneath was rotten and had to be replaced throughout the roof.

Their budget for replacing the roof had already been depleted, so an additional \$900.00 had to be identified to move forward. Sources in Marion, Virginia provided \$500.00, and First Broad Street provided the additional \$400.00 from the account that would have been used for mission trip supplies last summer, enabling the volunteers from Rockville and Holston to complete their work as planned. It is such a blessing to witness God's continued faithfulness through the partnership of churches with a shared vision for missions and outreach! Thank you First Broad Street for continuing to support the life changing mission opportunities before us in a time when we cannot be in service as we traditionally have. God will continue to honor your faithfulness through being faithful to all humanity!



Firewood Ministry Deliveries

The Firewood Ministry deliveries this year began at the old woodlot on the Cox property to complete the removal of wood on that property, and then transitioned to delivering from the new wood lot at Wimberly Woods in Bloomingdale.



The Firewood Ministry, which began in 1987, continues to provide heat and heat assistance to 40 or more homes each winter in the Kingsport area. Some families depend solely on wood heat, while others can subsidize electric, oil, or gas heat with wood, enabling them to save money that can be available for other household necessities. For all, this is a ministry opportunity to affirm God's love and faithfulness through the provision of wood and sharing of those who volunteer to deliver the wood to them.

The ministry depends on volunteers to make the once a month deliveries to the homes, offering a great opportunity for individuals, families, and small groups to be involved in ministry. The delivery process is a little different this year due to Covid-19 and the restrictions that are currently associated with the virus. Families and individuals certainly can make the deliveries without concern, while small groups will need to make deliveries with safe distancing in mind. Trucks are available if needed, as well as access to the woodlot. If you would like to find out more about how to participate in this ministry and the changes to provide a safe environment, please call Susie in the Missions Office at 423-224-1531.

Holiday Food Bag Drive Provides Advent Opportunity

The annual Holiday Food Bag Drive launched on Sunday, November 15 will run through Sunday, January 3. These dates were set to coincide with the holidays, as well as a time of year that we see more families and individuals struggle with sufficient food. This ministry opportunity is also an excellent way for families, individuals, and small groups to have a personal experience of placing food on the table of someone who is physically hungry and in need of love, grace, and hope.



We have made some changes to the process for the drive this holiday season due to Covid-19. We want to insure that all can participate, even those who may be in the vulnerable demographic and are not yet attending worship. So, we are offering three ways for participation as follows:

1 - We will have bags available at the church as you enter and leave worship on Sunday mornings, as well as cart in the entryway to place the bags when they are full. This will be present in both the main entrance as well as the Wesley Wing entrance. The list of ingredients will be stapled to the bags.

2 - For those who are not attending worship, you can pick up a bag from the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 pm or take the list of ingredients with this article and purchase the items and ask for a paper bag as you check out. Drop off is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm at a cart in the main entrance to the church. Following is the list of ingredients of the bags:

- 1 Protein such as Spaghetti Sauce with Meat and Noodles or Tuna and Mac & Cheese**
- 1 Can Fruit**
- 1 Can Chunky Soup**
- 3 Different Cans Vegetables**
- 1 Jar Peanut Butter**
- 1 Jar Jelly**
- 1 Box Cereal**
- 1 Tube Crackers**
- 1 Pouch Powdered Milk**
- 1 Holiday Treat, such as Cookies, Peanuts, Granola, or Popcorn**



3 - For those who would rather not be out in crowds and shop for groceries, but still desire to participate, a \$25.00 donation can be made to the church Food Ministry to cover the cost of the ingredients of a bag. This can be done by mailing a check to the church office, or online by going to the church website, fbsumc.org, and click the **GIVE** icon, select **Other Gifts** from the drop down, and type **Holiday Food Bag** in the memo line.

We thank you for your continued support of the Food Ministry and ask that you join us in keeping the recipients of the food and others who are struggling in your thoughts and prayers. Please call Susie in the missions office with any questions at 423-224-1531.



Help Needed to Get/Split Wood

The Firewood Ministry is in need of assistance in retrieving donated wood and splitting the wood once at the woodlot. The crew generally works on weekday mornings, finishing by noon, and you can volunteer for whatever fits your availability and schedule. Training is provided as needed, and fellowship abounds. This is a great ministry opportunity that will enable the wood to be ready for delivery to the families that we provide it for through the winter months. The woodlot is

now located at Wimberly Woods in Bloomingdale, the FBSUMC Retreat Center, and is a great location to work in the outdoors. If you would like to know more about how you can participate in this ministry, please call the Mission Office at 423-224-1531.



Need some inspiration for cooking the next family meal? Try this one in memory of Mrs. Robert C. Burton, found in the United Methodist Women's Cookbook.

Like what you see? . . .

Pick up your copy of the cookbook for only \$12!

Mother's Christmas Cookies

1 lb. chopped dates
1 lb. red candied cherries
1 lb. soft figs
4 slices green crystallized pineapple
4 slices red crystallized pineapple
4 slices white crystallized pineapple
4 ozx. chopped citron
1/2 lb. each chopped pecans and walnuts
3 1/2 cups flour
6 eggs beaten together
1/2 lb. butter or margarine
1 1/3 cups white sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon soda dissolved in one
tablespoon of hot water
2 teaspoons vanilla

"Cut up fruits and nuts the day before baking and dust with 1/2 cup of required flour. (The fruit and nuts will measure approx. 6 cups.) Add beaten eggs and the margarine that has been melted. Add sugar and mix thoroughly. Sift flour with baking powder and salt and add to above. Add soda dissolved in hot water. Mix batter thoroughly and add vanilla. The batter will be stiff. Try a teaspoon of batter for baking at 250 degrees for about 20 minutes or until golden brown. Watch and time carefully as the batter may brown too quickly on the bottom. If this happens, try another teaspoon for baking with a piece of aluminum foil underneath the pan. After arriving at the right temperature and baking time, grease cookie pans and drop a full teaspoon of batter for each cookie. If the first trial cookie spreads too much, add a little more flour to the batter. I always decorate each cookie with a whole crystallized cherry before baking. Store in a tin with wax paper between layers. Will keep up to several months if stored in this manner."



FBSUMC Financial Report: YTD Ending September, 2020

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Pledges	\$1,258,927	\$1,303,457
Other Offerings	\$ 975,985	\$1,287,258
Total Revenue (includes Child Center, Kitchen, etc)	\$2,234,912	\$2,590,715
Expenses	\$2,342,949	\$2,591,499
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ -108,037	\$ -784
Capital Debt	\$ 0	*(450,111) more than required
Cash on Hand (Working Capital)	\$963,587	\$ 518,476*

Ways to Give:

- ❖ Mail: 100 East Church Circle
Kingsport, TN 37660
- ❖ Text **FBSGIVE to 73256**
- ❖ Church app: "churchlife"
- ❖ Online: fbsumc.org - Give Tab

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

All newsletter articles must be submitted for consideration by the first Monday of the previous month for the following monthly newsletter. The deadline for the January newsletter will be 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, by contacting Meredith Brown at mbrown@fbsumc.org or 423-224-1522. All articles are subject to editing.

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2. Click the “Connect” tab top right of screen, then “Member Login” in drop down menu.
3. Enter your username and password.
4. Toward the bottom left of the screen you will see “My Giving Summary” box. Click “PLEDGE NOW.”
5. Fill in the blanks provided.
6. Click “Save” or “Save and Setup Online Gift.”



Christmas Closure: Dec. 25-Jan. 1.
Finance Office available limited hours by appointment by calling for an appointment.

End of Year Contributions and Finance Office Availability

The Finance Office would like to advise everyone who has made donations in 2020 not to file your federal income tax return before you receive the contribution summary from the church. These should be mailed by mid-January. Donors may not be able to deduct individual contributions of \$250 or more if they file a tax return before receiving a contribution summary from the church. Remember checks mailed and postmarked in 2020 are deductible in 2020, even if they are not received until 2021.

Although the Church offices are **closed December 25 through January 1**, *the Finance Office will be open limited hours by appointment only. Watch FBS happenings for more details later in December.*