

## A Word from Pastor Keith



### A New Year and a New Beginning

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, valued the practice of renewing our covenant with God at the beginning of a new year. He is the source of a special Covenant Prayer that many church communities use in "Watch Night" services on December 31. We will be using this prayer in our Sunday morning worship on January 1. Just as the calendar turns, individuals in the community are invited to pray together:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.  
Amen.*

As the new year begins, let us use this occasion to reflect on our own covenantal commitments as the people of God and let us renew our faith as we live together as the people of God in 2012. What special attention will we give to our Christian life as we begin a new year together? Wesley is right; we are no longer our own. We belong to God! And we are called to live as witnesses of God's light throughout the year. How blessed we are to be at CUMC and work together as God's children in a new year of grace!

Blessings to you this year,



*Keith +*

### Special Notice:

*I will be away January 3 - 11, 2012, when I will be teaching at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies.*

*I have been a part of this institute for over eight years, traveling to Florida one week in January and one week in June. My official title is "Doctoral Thesis Director" and I co-teach a course on how to write a doctoral thesis in the area of Christian worship. My students include musicians, worship pastors, and general pastors from around the country and world. The late Robert E. Webber was my doctoral director and friend. Once I completed my doctoral program, he invited me to join the faculty of his school. All of the teachers in our program have full time positions elsewhere, and this work is adjunct in nature. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue my ministry in this program thanks to the support of our Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the larger CUMC community. I also find that my participation in this school keeps my own awareness of ministry fresh and I affirm that old notion that teachers often learn more than their students! So please note that I will be away January 3 - 11, 2012. If you have any questions about the program, please visit the website at [www.iws.edu](http://www.iws.edu) or ask me about our work. And thanks for your support of this extended ministry.*

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## Get Involved

### Tuesday Adult Fellowship Lunch & Program

January's speaker is CUMC member Tomas Cvrcek, who will talk about growing up in the Czech Republic. The menu includes grilled Asian pork chops, rice pilaf, sautéed vegetables, and banana pudding. Set-up team: Mary-Ellen Lefort, Barbara Leathrum, Breta Bost, and Suzanne Kernodle.

### Youth Ministry Needs You!

Do you love Youth? Well, then! We are looking for folks to serve in all areas of youth ministry. From Sunday School to small groups to Sunday nights to trip chaperones, we'd love to have you join us. We love folks that are young and old alike, so don't be discouraged from considering. If you're interested or have questions, contact [jadtaylor@clemsunumc.org](mailto:jadtaylor@clemsunumc.org) or call the church office (654-5547).

## Children's Ministry



☼ Kids Club at CUMC will resume with the normal schedule for children age 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade on Wednesday, **January 11!**

☼ All families are invited to join us for a winter supper night at Pot Belly Deli in Clemson! We will meet at 5:30pm on Monday, **January 23** to enjoy a hot meal and fellowship together.

#### January Birthdays

Wren Collins (4th)

LJ Reholz (5th)

Finn Brookover (14th)

Maddie Davis (14th)

Wyatt Kaspar (17th)

Reid Howell (17th)

Emilyann Bates (19th)

Davis Reeves (24th)

Corbin Van Bergen (26th)

Jack Osborne (28th)

Katie Davis (31st)

Annaka Osborne (31st)

### 🎵 Children's Music News

#### ☼ **Cherub Choir:**

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 6:45pm  
Performance Date: **January 22** at the 8:30 service

#### ☼ **Children's Choir:**

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday nights from 6:45-7:30pm  
Performance Date: **January 22** at the 11:00 service

### Columbo's Night Benefits the Youth Group



Eat dinner at Columbo's Pizza from 5:00-8:00pm on Tuesday, **January 10**, and Columbo's will donate 20% to the CUMC youth group for its mission trip to the Bahamas in April 2012. From now until the trip, Columbo's Night will take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

### Youth Group Fundraiser

On **February 10** the youth will host a Valentine's dinner as a fundraiser for their trip to the Bahamas. There will be entertainment during and after the dinner. Childcare will be provided. A silent auction will also take place that evening. Tickets will be available for pre-order sometime in late January or early February. Contact [jadtaylor@clemsunumc.org](mailto:jadtaylor@clemsunumc.org) if you'd like to help plan the event or if you have any questions.



### What is Financial Peace University?

FPU is the most important step to changing your financial future. It is your Total Money Makeover Program. It takes the knowledge from God and turns it into real action in our lives through a step-by-step process taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey.

FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

Who is Financial Peace University for?

It's for EVERYONE!...from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 1 million families and individuals have attended *Financial Peace University*. Applying God's Word radically changes your life. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!

#### **When?**

Clemson United Methodist will be hosting this program starting in January. The first informational meeting to answer questions will be **January 8** at 4:00pm. Day-care will be provided. Program will start on Sunday, **January 22** at 4:00pm. Questions? Please contact Robert Osborne ([osbornerr@gmail.com](mailto:osbornerr@gmail.com)) or Jim Morris ([jmorri2@clemsun.edu](mailto:jmorri2@clemsun.edu)).

## Our Church Family

### Memorials

Thank you for your contributions  
to the ministries of CUMC  
(received November 16 - December 15 )

#### In Memory of Evelyn Bitzer

J. C. Hubbard, Jr.  
Ernie & Carol Kozma

#### In Memory of Barbara Cutts

Joel V. Brawley  
Wendy W. Cawood  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cocke  
Garnet & Mary Craddock  
Joe & Carol Dickerson  
Jo & Janice Flatt  
Bill & Mary Foley  
Paula Holcombe  
J. C. Hubbard, Jr.  
Fran Moseley  
Sharon West  
Sam M. Willis

#### In Memory of Henry Lefort

Paula Holcombe

#### In Memory of George Mauldin

Robbie F. Mauldin

#### In Memory of John L. Moore, Jr.

Robert & Jan Geist

#### In Memory of Mot Willis

Kenny & Kathy Rowland



### Baptism

Grayson Elizabeth Newton  
(baptized on  
Dec. 18, 2011)

### New Member

Jessica Newton  
(welcomed into membership on Dec. 18, 2011)

## Outreach Ministry

Decisions have recently been made on how to best use money that was previously donated to CUMC for the benefit of the Russian orphanage mission. The Russian government no longer allows churches from the United States to donate to Russian orphanages or have contact with those orphanages. The \$11,360 that had been donated to CUMC for Russian orphanages could no longer be used for that project. The Church Council gave approval for the Outreach Ministry Team to use the money for other mission projects. It was determined that some of the money had been donated by members of the church and some of the money had been donated by non-church members. The money was divided based on the percentage of who made the donation. Part of the money went to organizations recommended by Skip Elliott, a former CUMC member with connections to Russian missions. Those mission groups are:

Children's Hope Chest for a group that works with single mothers in Russia--\$4300  
Home for Every Orphan that places Russian orphans with Russian Christian families--\$1000  
The remainder of the money went to the following organizations:

Clemson Child Development Center--\$1000  
Clemson Community Care--\$1000  
Helping Hands--\$1000  
Saluda y Paz Medical Clinic, Guatemala--\$1000  
Epworth Children's Home--\$1060  
ReWiGo--\$500  
Pickens County Backpack Program--\$250  
Oconee County Backpack Program--\$250



## January 2012 Calendar

### Each Week at Clemson UMC

### Additional Meetings and Events

**Sunday** 8:00am: Coffee in Narthex  
 8:30am: Worship  
 9:45am: Sunday School  
 11:00am: Worship  
 5-7:30pm: Sunday Night Youth  
 5:30pm: Adult Children of Alcoholics  
 6:30-8pm: Evensong Worship & Meal

**Monday** 7:30am-5:30pm: Little Lights  
 9:00am-12:00pm: Mothers Morning Out  
 9:00am-5:00pm: Office Hours  
 1:30pm: Staff Meeting  
 7:30pm: Mon. Night Discussion  
 8:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous

**Tuesday** 7:30am-5:30pm: Little Lights Child Care  
 9:00am-12:00pm: Mothers Morning Out  
 9:00am-5:00pm: Church Office Hours

**Wednesday** 7:30am-5:30pm: Little Lights Child Care  
 9:00am-12:00pm: Mothers Morning Out  
 9:00am-5:00pm: Church Office Hours  
 5:30pm: The Gathering  
 6:15-6:45pm: Cherub Choir  
 6:15-7:15pm: Celebration Ringers  
 6:30-7:30pm: Youth Room Open  
 6:45-7:30pm: Children's Choir  
 7:30-8:30pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday** 7:30am-5:30pm: Little Lights Child Care  
 9:00am-12:00pm: Mothers Morning Out  
 9:00am-5:00pm: Church Office Hours  
 6:30pm: Singles Dinner  
 (see next column for locations!)

**Friday** 7:30am-5:30pm: Little Lights Child Care  
 9:00am-12:00pm: Mothers Morning Out  
 9:00am-5:00pm: Church Office Hours  
 8:00pm: Alcoholics Anonymous

**Mon., Jan. 2** **OFFICE CLOSED**  
 7:00pm Children's Ministry Team, room 105

**Tues., Jan. 3** 5:30pm Little Lights Board Meeting, room 124

**Wed., Jan. 4** 12:00pm Trustee Meeting, room 106  
 3:00pm Communion at Sterling House

**Thurs., Jan. 5** 4:00pm Communion at Clemson Downs  
 6:30pm Singles Dinner, Longhorn Steakhouse, Anderson

**Sun., Jan. 8** 4:30pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee, rm 106

**Mon., Jan. 9** 5:30pm Stewardship Ministry Team, room 106

**Tues., Jan. 10** 2:00pm Samaritan Stitchers, room 106

**Wed., Jan. 11** 9:00am Wesley Partners, room 106

**Thurs., Jan. 12** 6:30pm Singles Dinner, Liberty Hall Inn, Pendleton

**Mon., Jan. 16** **OFFICE CLOSED**  
 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting, room 106

**Tues., Jan. 17** Tuesday Adult Fellowship Lunch & Program, Noon

**Thurs., Jan. 19** 2:00pm Samaritan Stitchers, room 106  
 6:30pm Singles Dinner, Applebee's, Seneca

**Thurs., Jan. 26** 2:00pm Senior Task Force, room 106  
 6:30pm Singles Dinner, El Jimador, Clemson

# January



## CUMC Budget Comparison November 30, 2011

Summary Statement		2010	2011	2011	Actuals
		Actuals to-date	Actuals to-date	Budget to-date	(Over)Bdgt
	Operational Expenses	1	2	3	4
1	<b>Property</b>	\$ 132,978	\$ 137,993	\$ 147,360	\$ 9,367
2	<b>General Administration</b>	\$ 14,456	\$ 10,536	\$ 12,971	\$ 2,435
3	<b>Ministers Costs</b>	\$ 106,229	\$ 126,193	\$ 124,541	\$ (1,652)
4	<b>Staff Costs</b>	\$ 232,319	\$ 249,167	\$ 261,392	\$ 12,225
5	<b>Church Ministries</b>	\$ 83,089	\$ 96,176	\$ 108,947	\$ 12,771
6	<b>Conference Apportionment</b>	\$ 77,374	\$ 82,418	\$ 82,391	\$ (27)
7	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 646,445</b>	<b>\$ 702,482</b>	<b>\$ 737,601</b>	<b>\$ 35,119</b>
	Operational Income				(Under)Bdgt
8	<b>Pledges</b>	\$ 506,754	\$ 559,182	\$ 573,751	\$ (14,569)
9	<b>Other Regular Giving</b>	\$ 137,761	\$ 161,065	\$ 141,621	\$ 19,443
10	<b>Other Income</b>	\$ 15,818	\$ 18,843	\$ 16,500	\$ 2,343
11	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 660,333</b>	<b>\$ 739,090</b>	<b>\$ 731,872</b>	<b>\$ 7,218</b>
12	<b>Net Income Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 13,888</b>	<b>\$ 36,608</b>	<b>\$ (5,729)</b>	<b>\$ 42,337</b>
	<b>A more detailed report is available from the office.</b>				
	<b>As of December 12, 2011</b>				
		Building Fund		Internal Loan	
13	<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 290,590</b>	Total Loan	<b>\$ 165,000</b>	
14	<b>Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$ 291,266</b>	Payments	<b>\$ 150,542</b>	
15	<b>Still To Come</b>	<b>\$ (676)</b>	Balance	<b>\$ 14,458</b>	

To: The CUMC Congregation

From: The Finance Committee Chair, Ivor Rich

Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to report that a generous God has inspired our congregation to give and spend generously.

This has resulted in 2011 being the best financial year we have experienced in many years.

**YEAH! HALLELUJAH! AMEN! GO TITHERS GO!**

Thanks be to God and to all who have supported the ministries of CUMC!

As our giving expands, God will increase our vision and demonstrate that we "love our neighbors as ourselves."

May it be so.

It has been my pleasure to function as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee for the last three years and to commend to you Bill Dowler as the new Chairperson.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Cub Scout Events in January



**1/8:** Cub Scout Pack 161 will hold a pack meeting at 2:00pm to collect yearly dues, signup for upcoming activities and distribute awards. Den meetings will follow the pack meeting to allow scouts to work on the requirements for their rank.

**1/13:** All scout parents and leaders in the Oconee District are invited to bring a covered dish to the potluck dinner at St. Mark's UMC at 6:30pm.

**1/21 (TBD):** BSA Recharter paperwork is due at St. Mark's UMC. This date will likely change due to the Merit Badge University scheduled for the same day.

**1/22:** Pack 161 will head out to the ice! The pack will enjoy a Greenville Road Warriors Hockey Game at the Bi-Lo Center then skate with the players after the game. We'll meet at CUMC at 2:30pm. Game time is 4:00pm.

### Calling All Children!!

We would love to see some new faces and hear some new voices in our Cherub Choir and Children's Choir! It's never too late to join!

The Cherub Choir is for children ages 3 - 1st grade.

The Children's Choir is for children in 1st grade - 5th grade.

If you are interested in joining, please see the Children's Music News on page two of this newsletter for more details, or email Hope at [hopemclaughlin1@yahoo.com](mailto:hopenclaughlin1@yahoo.com).

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