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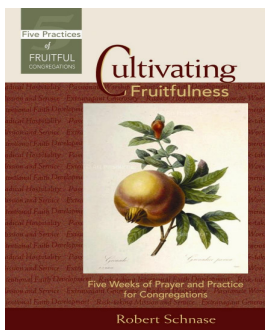
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Our mission statement adopted August 23, 2003

Union Cross Moravian Church is a Christian family seeking to reflect God's love.

What will you do today for the Love of the Lord?



Intentional Faith Development

Passionate Worship

Risk-Taking Mission and Service

Radical Hospitality

Extravagant Generosity

The Practice of Extravagant Generosity ... in this Economy???

Layoffs abound ... investment fund values have plummeted ... job security is constantly threatened ... is this the time to talk about Extravagant Generosity?

Indeed, it is. The Christian faith is based on the greatest gift of all – God's Son. No matter how much we give, we can never match what God has given to us. We are called to be generous and share what has been entrusted to us.

*The practice of *generosity* describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ. *Extravagant Generosity* describes practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations and extend to unexpected measures. It describes lavish sharing, sacrifice, and giving in service to God and neighbor. (Schnase)

Scripture teaches us about generosity, charity, sacrifice and sharing with those in need.

In the Old Testament, the Jewish people are taught to give a tenth of everything to God. Proverbs reminds us to "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce."

Jesus talks many times about rich and poor, givers and takers, charitable and selfish. He commends the poor widow who put two coins in the Temple treasury because she "gave all she had." He chides the farmer who built bigger barns to store his overabundance of possessions, reminding us that when we die, someone else will take over what we consider to be "our" possessions. He talks about the three servants who were entrusted with talents and rebukes the one who hoards his talent for safe-keeping instead of using it for good. In the story of the Good Samaritan, He emphasizes extravagant generosity, for the Samaritan leaves money with the innkeeper to use in taking care of the injured man while he recovers and even promises to pay any extra expenses incurred when he returns.

How many of us would be willing to give our last penny to the church? Do we realize that "our" possessions are not really our own – that everything belongs to God? Are we using our talents and possessions for God?

We are not left to our own devices to develop extravagant generosity. Schnase puts it this way:

*Paul describes generosity as one of the fruits of the Spirit, alongside love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22). He describes how “we have gifts that differ according to the grace given us,” including “the giver, in generosity” (Romans 12:6-8). All Christians practice generosity while some are particularly gifted by the Spirit to give in extraordinary measures. 2

Sometimes when talk about stewardship, we think it’s all about “the church needs money.” But genuine Christian stewardship is a partnership with God and it changes both the giver and the church. To quote Schnase, “Growing in the grace of giving is part of the Christian journey of faith, a response Christian disciples offer to God’s call to make a difference in the world.”

*Source: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Schnase (2007).

Facilitators of the Groups Ministries would love to hear from you and receive your suggestions:

Intentional Faith Development - **Bobbie Reid** - 769-2826 or realtorbob@bellsouth.net
Passionate Worship - **Phyllis Long** - 769-9658 or plong@triad.rr.com .
Risk-Taking Mission and Service - **Chrissy Johnson** – 769-3637 or chj030103@yahoo.com
Radical Hospitality - **Barry McGee** – 497-5166 or bmCGee1@triad.rr.com
Extravagant Generosity - **Paige Deal** – 769-9402 or dealpaige@gmail.com

Family Promise Ministry Update

Risk-Taking Mission and Service + Radical Hospitality

Debbie Butner with Family Promise of Forsyth County will meet with all available volunteers on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend this meeting to help decide how UCMC can soon take part in this ministry helping homeless families stay together as they find new employment and housing.

Let’s Pray Together

Let us continue to pray together the beautiful words from the Liturgy of Pentecost and Spiritual Renewal from the Moravian Book of Worship (blue book).

Renew your church. Fill stagnant and empty lives with the breath of God. Overcome our apathy, and energize us with your engaging presence.

Give your church new vision, new hope, and a driving desire to claim the promise of new bith.

Spirit of power, work in all who confess the risen Christ to spread your message of hope, love, and salvation to every person and nation.

Hasten the day when every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Sunday School Opening – Please Plan to Join Us This Year!

Jan 1 – Dwight Deal Jan 8 - Ronnie Sisk Jan 15 – Karen Vaughn Jan 22 – Karen Harris Jan 29 – Tony Draper

January Greeters

Front – Mike & Sandy Sisk Back – Janice Deal

Our Greeters are an important part of our Church. Each Sunday, our members and guests start their Worship Service with a smile and handshake. We schedule the Greeters for a month, two people in the Narthex and one in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to be part of this Ministry, please contact Karen Kapp.

Church Council

February 5, 2012

Our 2012 Church Council will be February 5, 2012, beginning with a 5-Practices of Fruitful Congregations Celebration luncheon immediately following worship. Elections will be held for two Elders and Three Trustees and outgoing Graveyard board members. Please contact one of the retiring Joint Board members listed below with your nominations to allow the nominees time to prayerfully consider serving.

Retiring Board members:

Natalie Johnson	Dot Tucker	Neil Doroshenko	David Draper	Dave Kapp
499-0866	788-9300	812-9697	769-0883	769-9528

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet Sunday, January 8, at 8:00 am at C&H cafeteria for breakfast. Thanks to all who supported our Christmas BBQ smoked pork shoulders and Boston butts. Please join us Sunday morning Jan 8, as we make our plans for 2012.

Joy Group News

The Joy Group would like to thank everyone who participated in the Penny Campaign. Our collection was a little over \$300. We delivered the money December 3rd and the kids enjoyed high-fiving our own Demon Deacon. Every penny truly does count and we appreciate your support in our efforts to help those in need.

Also a BIG THANK YOU for your support and participation in the Fox 8 Gifts for Kids. We delivered a huge amount of gifts December 11th to the Fox 8 studio. The kids were able to tour the studio and followed it up with our annual Christmas Party.

Joy Group New Service Project – 2012: Beginning in January, the Joy Group will begin collecting items to help the Ronald McDonald House. This is our Kids helping Kids project. There is a wish list of items needed that can be found at www.rmhwinstonsalem.org. A copy of the list will also be on our Youth Bulletin Board in the hallway of the office complex. As you happen to be at the store, pick up a little something extra...soup, baggies, cereal...to help someone get through the day. There is no time table...items collected will be delivered.

Joy Group Raffle: Cindy Johnson has graciously donated a reversible quilted wall hanging "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, In all things Love" for the Joy Group to use as a fund raiser. Joy Group members will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. The drawing will be held at the Valentine Bingo. You do not have to be present to win. The quilt will be displayed in the fellowship hall each Sunday. Tickets will be available January 15th.

Valentine Bingo: Joy Group will be hosting the annual Valentine Bingo on Sunday, February 12th from 5:30-6:30pm. All children and their parents and/or grandparents are invited to participate. We will have light refreshments and prizes. Come join us for a fun-filled evening.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

January 1	Lynda Haney	January 17	Brad Sweatman
January 2	Jeffrey Rubin, Wesley Davis, Paige O'Briant	January 18	Gracie Pruitt
January 4	Bethany Reich, Naomi Sells, Kay Boner	January 20	Jennifer Jones
January 6	Peggy Bodenheimer, James Walker	January 21	Mitchell Hampton, Jimmie Haney
January 7	Marie Dipresso Long	January 22	Jo Dickey, Reid Davis, Bill Tucker
January 11	John Woodard	January 24	Jonnie Tucker, Eryn Roberts
January 12	Danny Sells	January 26	Charles Galloway, David Chapman, Catherine Davis
January 13	Doug Davis, Teresa Sells	January 27	Christine Spoon
January 14	Connor Marsh	January 28	Joshua Craver, Andrea Hine, Paul Stephens, Scott Whittington
January 15	Bob Dickey	January 29	Meredith D. Smith
January 16	Eva Edwards, Erica Flinchum, Janice Reich, Jesse Smith	January 31	Dee McGee

Seniors with Special Needs

Charles Idol
3101 Durlough Road, Apt. 344, Raleigh, NC 27612

Sue Vanhoy
314 Broken Saddle Lane, Kernersville, NC 27284

Wyatt & Ruby Shields
2000 Salemtowne Drive, Room 137, WS, NC 27106

Virginia Yokley
4820 Rex Road, WS, NC 27107
Note: Virginia is at the Lutheran Home on Old Walkertown Road, but her mail is still being collected at her Rex Road address and taken to her.

Noble Tucker
4170 High Point Road, WS, NC 27107

December Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of
Carl Harris

In Honor of
Tommy Reed

Young Adult Class to Open Clothes Closet

The Young Adult Class is now accepting donations for those in need. The closet will operate out of the Flinchum house initially. Please drop off your donations of clean, gently used clothing, shoes or accessories in the church parlor during the month of December. Clothing for men, women and children will be accepted.

2012 Nursery Schedule

The 2012 Nursery Schedule is being coordinated by Cindy Johnson. Please prayerfully consider participation in this vital ministry to the children of the church. If you would like to be added to, continue or discontinue being on the Infant Nursery and/or Toddler Nursery schedule please let Cindy Johnson know – 336-769-9844 or cjohnson1957@triad.rr.com.

Become a “Painless Organ Donor”

Wednesday, January 11th

Please come enjoy a chili, baked potato and hot dog dinner on January 11th from 5 to 7 pm to assist with the recent repairs on our church organ and to support our music ministry.

Share the Warmth

Wednesday, January 18th

Please take the opportunity to help others stay warm this winter by attending a pancake supper on January 18th from 5 to 7 pm to benefit Kernersville Crisis Control - Share the Warmth program. Come share your warmth with others.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone that helped with the Union Cross Academy Candle Tea and the numerous Lovefeasts this year. It takes many people in several different jobs to make all these services come together and run smoothly. Thank you all for your help and dedication this year.

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Thank you to everyone who had a part of helping our family with 5 children have the type of Christmas every child would like to have. This family consists of a mother, a 2 year old boy, 3 year old twin girls, 7 year old boy and an 11 year old boy. We tried to be good stewards of your generous donations and were able to purchase each child a coat, shoes, 2 outfits of clothes, socks & underwear and also 3 toys from this 'wish list.' Thank you also for the helpers who shopped, wrapped, put bikes and toys together and delivered this large Christmas package. We were able to get bikes, skateboard, helmets, kitchen set, a family gift of \$200.00 gift card from Food Lion, a \$50.00 mother's gift card, 2 shopping bags of fruits, candies & popcorn. Any money left will be spent for children's school uniforms. Once again this church has heard the call of the needy and answered it in a wonderful way. Thank you so much!

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On behalf of Victory Junction and the children who benefit from your generous donation of \$163.00, thank you and welcome to the family. Each dollar contributed allows Victory Junction to fulfill the mission of enriching the lives of children chronic medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camping experiences that are exciting, fun and empowering in a safe and medically sound environment. As a first-time giver, it is imperative to understand that your generosity and kindness have created 'firsts' for some deserving children. A recent camper left a note behind marking her first experiences: "saw fireflies for the first time and kissed a fish for the first time!" We are humbled and honored by your support and look forward to having you as a part of the Victory Junction family. To keep in touch with activities taking place at camp, please visit www.victoryjunction.org

Best Wishes, Kyle and Pattie Petty, Founders of Victory Junction

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Caring for families caring for children – your generosity makes this happen at the Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, Inc. Thank you for helping to provide a home away from home for families at our House and Family Rooms. We are grateful for your support. Your gift is greatly appreciated.

Board of Directors, Ronald McDonald House of Winston-Salem, Inc.

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Thank you for the prayer shawl that you sent me. It meant so much to me to know that so many prayers were being said on my behalf. Prayer is a great healer, and I'm so thankful for each of you in this ministry.

God Bless, Bruce Anderson

2012 Daily Text

2012 Daily Text are located in the Narthex for you to pick up. Please make checks payable to UCMC.

Small soft cover - \$9.75 Small hard cover - \$12.75 Large Print - \$14.00

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Prayer Concerns

From our Church Family

Randall Coble	Carolyn Lawson	Edna Teague	Ernest Warren
Mike Harris	Ronnie Lauten	Edna Tucker	Robert Welch
Billy Hooker	Linda Motsinger	Noble Tucker	Ersell Willard
Charles Idol	Danny Sells	Sue Vanhoy	Elva Williard
Josie Jenkins	Wyatt & Ruby Shields	Doug Vaughn	Alton Wood
Haylie Kiger	Paul Stephens	Dana Wadford	Virginia Yokley

Prayer Concern Friends or Relatives (Member – prayer concern)

Alice Linville - Pam Thompson	Judy Leonard - Travis Leonard
Amanda Griffin - Krystal Perry	Judy Welch - Ronnie Southern, Don Stewart, Kim Strong, Patsy Steward, Michelle Welch
Barb & Sonia Undseth - Lyle & Marilyn Dahl, Hope DeVries, Maddy Rose, Nadine Thompson	Joyce & Dean Mabe - Tommie Stewart
Barbara Sells - Dave Hardee	Kimberly Greene - Teresa Edwards
Betty Smith - Gina Wagoner, Annette Overby	Kristi Whittington - Ron Carter (father)
Carolyn Lawson - Lucille Pritchard	Leslie Kirkman - Isaac Miller
David Hine - Freda Padget	Marie DiPresso Long - The England Family, Mary Sorrentino
Donnie Sells - Lesley Armstrong, Jamie Wilhelm	Neil Doroshenko - John Doroshenko
Dot Tucker- Don Jennings	Richard Reid - Rich Howe, Dickie Hendrix
David Kapp - Linda Freeman	Ronnie & Barbara Lauten - Courtney Heckt, Betty Hester
Dwight & Catherine Jenkins - Kelly & Sharon Vincent	Sarah Draper - Rhonda Little, Amy-Lynn Albertson
Jane Lawrence - Carol Wood	Sheila Underwood & Beth Tucker – Patrick McNeil
Janice Reich - Michael Hicks, Melissa Meacham, Greg Phillips, Linda Rupard	Sylvia Ridge - Jennifer Tiggel
Jannifer Knox - Rachel Hebert	Donnie Sells – Jamie Wilhelm
Jeanne Myers - Pat Lensestey	Teresa Sells - Ola Mason
Jeff & Jennifer Bondurant - Tim Foster, Mike Joyce	Terry & Nancy Sells - Cindy Gwynn, Dan Sides, Ben Collier
Jennifer Smith - The Lindsay Family	Tony & Catherine Draper - Terri March
Joan Grant - Janet Lilley	
Judy Hartley - Doris McKnight	

Prayer Requests For Family & Friends Serving in Active Duty Military

Colin Carter, David Collins, Brad Everhart, Cody Ridge, Derek Vogt, Joseph Moore

We express our sincere Christian love and sympathy to:

...Brenda Leonard Pugh on the passing of her husband, Thomas Dale Pugh, on December 26, 2011.

...the family and friends of Furman Reid on his passing, December 28, 2011.

Pray Every Day was unavailable at this time. You may check later to see if it has been posted at: <http://www.bethabara.org/ONWARD.html>

Board of Elders Minutes

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December 5, 2011

Members Present: Rev. Don Griffin, Dwight Deal, Cindy Johnson, Karen Kapp, Bobbie Reid, Dot Tucker; Absent: Natalie Johnson, Pam Hensdale, Walter Carter

Pastor Don opened the meeting reviewing prayer concerns, sharing a devotion based on Isaiah 35:3-4, followed by prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Church secretary job search update was presented.

The Thanksgiving Lovefeast (Nov. 23, 2011) had significantly greater attendance by members and the community than in years past. Possible reasons for this well-attended service were discussed as well as how to continue reaching out effectively to our community.

The Praise & Worship service each Sunday at 9:00am continues to grow. The Men's Fellowship is interested in donating funds needed to acquire additional wireless microphones for the Praise service. Dot Tucker will work on finding prices for sound equipment to enhance this ministry.

Dot Tucker has organized all Sunday School classes to take part in the Christmas play, "Chain Reaction – Thou Shalt Call His Name, Jesus" to be presented December 11 at the 11:00 am worship service.

The Youth group continues to plan a Christian contemporary music concert event at UCMC as a benefit to the Tanzania orphanage. The specific date will be announced when the main music performance group can be finalized.

The Trustees have advised that the Elder's suggestion to locate scout hut bathrooms on the right side of the scout hut would be too expensive and require more extensive renovations than the other options the Trustees had offered in November. The Elders agree a least-cost option should be used, but the Elders also believe improved outdoor lighting should have priority over bathroom construction at this time.

The continuing delay of the beginning of worship "proper" due to extended announcements was discussed at length. The decision was made to begin having a monthly volunteer from the Joint Board present announcements at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday (the choir will be asked to enter and be seated beforehand). The Announcer from the Joint Board will be listed in the bulletin each week so anyone may contact them in advance. Hopefully this new format will allow the 11:00 a.m. service to remain worship-focused from the prelude to worship to the benediction.

The annual Christmas Carol singing potluck will be December 11th.

The Women's fellowship candle-trimming potluck will be December 13th.

Our Moravian Candle-tea where we host the 4th graders of Union Cross Academy will be December 15th.

Karen Kapp was granted permission to organize a pancake supper on January 18, 2012, to benefit the Share the Warmth of Kernersville Crisis Control ministry.

Karen Kapp agreed to contact Debbie Butner of Forsyth Family Promise (ministering to homeless families) to arrange an organizational meeting soon for all the UCMC members who have agreed to assist in this ministry however possible.

Christmas day worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. with a Lesson of Carols.

The January 8, 2012, worship service will include distribution of scripture verses and names of all the children of the church, with a request for each member to lift these children in daily prayer throughout the year.

David Long has agreed to organize the volunteers necessary to continue the Children's Worship ministry each Sunday.

Church Council will be February 5, 2012, beginning with 5-Practices of Fruitful Congregations Celebration luncheon immediately following worship. Elections will be held for two Elders and Three Trustees and outgoing Graveyard board members.

UCMC's Triennial review with the PEC is scheduled for February 16, 2012.

Board of Trustees Minutes

December 12, 2011

Present were Barry McGee, Paige Deal, Beth Tucker, Jeff Bondurant, David Draper, Karen Vaughn, Jerry Long, Pastor Don Griffin, and Treasurer Lisa Willard.

The meeting was opened with devotions followed by the financial report. Lisa Willard noted that while year-to-date we are still operating at a loss, November income was higher than budgeted. However, November was favorably affected by the Bazaar income and a \$2500.00 gift.

Lisa Willard also reported that the special offering for a local family in need was approximately \$1,500. Don commented that, per Bobbie Reid, everything had been purchased to meet the family's Christmas needs. There was a suggestion that any surplus go to Union Cross Academy to meet other needs.

Lisa Willard also recommended, in view of the church's financial situation, that we emphasize fund raisers within the church to benefit local charities rather than designating gifts to area charities from a surplus which no longer exists. Beth Tucker made that motion; Trustees concurred. Year-to-date, the church has received and paid out \$3,786.00 in charitable contributions. We expect charitable donations to go over \$5250.00 by year's end.

A discussion of the proposed 2012 budget followed. We anticipate total expenses of \$244,100. No pay raises are included in the budget and some budgeted items have been decreased or eliminated. The final budget will be presented to the congregation at a later date.

Barry McGee reported that he had contacted Industrial Federal Bank about getting back the deed of trust executed when money was borrowed for our building project. No money is currently owed on that loan. The bank asked that we forward a letter for their records indicating that we anticipate no further withdrawals prior to returning the deed. Barry will comply.

Dee McGee has been selected as our new church secretary and will start as soon as all paperwork is completed. Barry also reported on the results of an exit interview with the prior secretary.

The church organ has been repaired for \$542.80, less than anticipated. Barry also reported that our inspection permit for recent and future work projects has been extended for a year.

The church has received a gift of approximately 250 gallons of heating oil. In conjunction with this gift, David Draper suggested that we consider, at a later date, converting the oil furnace in the Sunday School wing to a more efficient heat pump.

The Young Adult class is still in the process of setting up a clothes closet in the Flinchum house. Barry McGee reported that Terminix completed a structural inspection of the Flinchum house for termites earlier today. No problems were reported.

Jerry Long moved that the Board of Trustees recommend to Church Council that the recently vacated Flinchum property be placed up for sale at a future date. The sale amount shall be at market value, which shall be established by an impartial appraiser; but it will not be sold for less than the amount required to recover the church's investment in said property. The timing of such sale shall be left to the discretion of the Board of Trustees. Jeff Bondurant seconded the motion; the motion was approved without dissent.

The Board of Elders has moved announcements prior to the beginning of the Sunday Worship Service to 10:55 a.m. Announcements will be made by members of the Joint Board and they invite participation from other members of the congregation.

The Board of Elders is also concerned about the inadequacy of parking lot lighting including the area from the pavilion to the parking lot. The Trustees will address the issue and report back to the Elders and the congregation.

Barry McGee moved that the Trustees move forward with the planned renovation of the Scout Hut. That renovation includes installing bathrooms and relocating the kitchen appliances and sink. The motion further stipulated that the cost of the renovation not exceed the amount currently in the Building Fund of \$11,884.66. Motion was seconded and approved.

General Fund Summary 2011	Nov-11	Monthly Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 28,995.33	\$ 22,308.33	\$ 224,831.08	\$ 200,775.00
Expense	\$ 22,836.56	\$ 22,308.33	\$ 301,598.61	\$ 200,775.00
Profit / (Loss) Includes Bazaar	\$ 6,158.77	\$ -	\$ (76,767.53)	\$ -

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Praise & Worship 9:00am
Sunday School 9:45am
Sabbath Worship 11:00am

Upcoming Events

January 2 - Elders meeting, 7:00 pm

January 9 - Trustees meeting, 7:00 pm

January 11 – **“Painless Organ Donor”** chili, baked potato, and hot dog supper, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

January 18 - **“Share the Warmth”** pancake supper, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

January 25 - **Family Promise** volunteer organizational meeting, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 pm

February 5 – 5-Practices Celebration Luncheon (~12:15 pm) to be followed by Church Council

February 22 - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

April 8 - Easter

The deadline for the February newsletter will be January 30. Please send your newsletter items and any comments to: Dwight & Paige Deal; dddeal@gmail.com or dealpaige@gmail.com.