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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?

Clothes Closet Ministry: The Young Adult Class will celebrate Christmas by providing light refreshments to the clients who come to the Clothes Closet on December 8. We will have a Christmas tree with free toys for the children. Remember – if you have gently used or new toys that you would like to contribute, bring them to the Closet or see a Young Adult Class member, or leave them in the church parlor (labeled for the clothes closet).

Please pray for the following clients who submitted prayer requests in October:

Miguel Bailey
Jamie Brewton

Angie Campbell
Crystal Curtis

Suzette Diorio
Shannon Lucas

Santiago Torres

Recently, one of the clients made a special effort to thank us for our prayers because, as she put it, "It came true."

Thank you for all of your donations and support of the Clothes Closet this year. God has provided us with a rich opportunity in this ministry.

Nursery Ministry Opportunity: It's time to make the 2013 Nursery Schedule. Please prayerfully consider this vital ministry. If you are on the nursery schedule, if you would like to be on the nursery schedule or if you would like to be removed from the nursery schedule please let Cindy Johnson know by December 9. Please contact Cindy by phone or e-mail 336-817-2006 or cjohnson1957@triad.rr.com.

Fellowship Dinner and Carol-Singing

December 9th, 5:00 pm

Make plans now to attend this celebration of the Advent season, sharing together all our favorite dishes and Christmas carols. Dinner will be at 5:00, and singing will begin about 6:15 and cleanup around 7:00 p.m. Many thanks to the Hospitality Committee for making these arrangements.

Christmas Play

December 9th at 11:00 am

Please make plans to attend our Christmas Program on Sunday Dec. 9th at the 11am Worship Service. Invite your family and friends to attend. The children will perform the "Nativity Scene" and the adults and youth will bring us "A Christmas Journey."

Candle Trimming and Potluck

December 11th, 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join the Women's Fellowship for this annual event. Bring a covered dish and nimble fingers on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Adult Choir Cantata

December 16th, 11:00 Worship Service

Please plan to attend worship service on December 16 as the adult choir presents a Christmas Cantata, "**Tapestry of Light: A Celtic Christmas Celebration**" to the congregation.

Christmas Lovefeast & Candlelight Service

December 23, 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas candlelight Lovefeast will be on Sunday, December 23 at 7:00pm. Bring your family and neighbors and come early to hear the band's carols, fellowship with your church family, and worship together in celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!

Pfohl Class News

The Pfohl Sunday School class is selling Advent stars this year. The cost is \$25.00 in the box unassembled and \$30.00 to have it assembled for you. Contact a member of this class to purchase.

Men's Fellowship

All men are invited to join us for breakfast meeting on Sunday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. at C&H cafeteria in Kernersville.

Joy Group News

Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign: The Joy Group will travel to Starbucks on Stratford Rd (across from Thruway Shopping Center) on Saturday, Dec 1st to deliver the money collected for the Penny Campaign. We will be leaving church at 10:00 am. Be sure to bring your penny collections to put in the pot.

Church Christmas Tree: The Joy Group has put up the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall along with all the ornaments that have been provided to represent our church families. If you haven't provided an ornament that represents your family please do so. We keep the ornaments and reuse them each year.

Fox 8 Toy Drive: The Joy Group will be sponsoring the Fox 8 for Kids Toy Drive again this year. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift for any age ranging from newborn to 14 years old and place under our Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall. The Joy Group will be delivering the toys Sunday Dec 16th to Fox 8. Children need to be at church at 2:45 for pictures and help load up the toys. We will leave the church at 3pm and will return for our Christmas pizza party at church. Pickup time will be at 6:30pm. Please watch the bulletin for any changes.

Gift Ideas from Myfox8.com:

- Gifts for Kids covers children ranging from newborn to 14 years old.
- Infants - Clothes, plush toys, sleepers, developmental toys and diapers.
- Toddlers-5 years - Dolls, trucks, educational toys, riding toys, tricycles, books and blocks.
- 6-11 years - Bikes (with helmets), scooters, Legos, action figures, remote control cars, footballs, basketballs, arts & craft kits, handheld games and board games.
- 12-14 years - Personal CD players, jewelry, watches, cameras, makeup, cologne, bath & body items, backpacks, purses and duffel bags.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Preschool News

Our Preschool is continuing open enrollment. Please contact Kristi Whittington for enrollment information; ucmcpreschool@unioncrossmoravian.org; 769-9572.

Church Council – January 27, 2013

Please be in prayer for our next Church Council which will be Sunday, January 27, 2013. Let the Lord speak to your heart about serving on one of the Church boards and in other important areas. The congregation will consider openings on the Trustees, Elders, and RCC representation. A Nominating committee will be formed in December to begin receiving your nominations for these positions.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

December 1	Sylvia Ridge, Kim Espinosa	December 18	Rebecca Chapman
December 4	Jacob Walker	December 19	Ted Linville, Judy Leonard
December 6	Brandon Knox, Haley Atkins, Steve Hampton	December 20	Randy Boner
December 7	Larry Espinosa	December 21	Jacob Greene
December 8	Daniel Gossett	December 22	Bobby Leonard, Robert Weavil, Fletcher Wilson
December 10	Shirley Willard, Richard Pace	December 28	Kayla Haney
December 15	Cooper Long	December 30	Jimmy Nelson
December 16	Austin Stanfield	December 31	Cody Ridge, Weston Thornton, Joyce Mabe, Dana Wadford,
December 17	Virginia Yokley, Beth Tucker		

Seniors with Special Needs

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

Sue Vanhoy
314 Broken Saddle Lane,
Kernersville, NC 27284

Virginia Yokley
4820 Rex Road, WS, NC 27107

December Sunday School Openings

Dec. 2 – Bill Gibson Dec. 9 - Dwight Deal Dec. 16 – Karen Harris Dec. 23 – Karen Vaughn Dec. 30 – Tony Draper

Greeters for December

Front: Mike and Sandy Sisk Back: Dee McGee

2013 Daily Text

We have received our 2013 Daily Text and they are located in the Narthex for you to pick up. Prices are listed below.

Small soft cover - \$9.75

Small hard cover - \$12.75

Large Print - \$14.00

Please make checks payable to UCMC.

Band Practice

All band members are encouraged to bring their instruments each Sunday so that we can play a few songs in between Sunday School and Worship service. Since it is very difficult to schedule practice times and get adequate participation, this will be the time that we can play together for practice for the upcoming holiday season, which begins with the Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast prelude.

Thank You

Dear Members of Union Cross Moravian Church,

We are so grateful for the many acts of kindness shown us at this difficult time on the loss of Annette. We are so appreciative of the many prayers, phone calls, visits, food, lots of cards, and the outpouring of love.

Love in Christ, The Family of Annette Overby

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food and flowers and especially for your thoughts and prayers.

We are so fortunate to be part of the Union Cross Moravian Church family. I know that God is in control and although I was hurt it could have been much worse. Roger has been a great nurse. God definitely sees the big picture and I am sure it was no accident that Roger moved his retirement up from the end of November to the end of July. I don't know what I would have done if he had still been working.

Thank you again, Cindy Johnson

To all the church,

Thanks to everyone, especially the children, who made this Veteran's Day 2012 so special. God bless you and God bless America.

Raymond McGee

To the Women of Union Cross Moravian Prayer Shaw Ministry,

You will never know the comfort your beautiful prayer shawl has been to me. When I get lonely and sad I wrap it around me. With Love and Blessings to a wonderful group of ladies,

Sarah Lou King Smith - Wife of Dumont Smith

We Need Your Help

Our church secretary, Dee McGee, is in the process of updating the church's website: <http://unioncrossmoravian.org/>. Please explore the new-look website and consider providing content for some of the numerous links in the drop-down menus. Please send your ideas, photos, text, etc. to the church office and help us share about the life and ministries taking place at Union Cross Moravian with the World Wide Web.

November Memorials/Honorariums

In Memory of:

Union Cross Firefighters

Chad Greene

Malissa Johnson

Annette Overby

Corey Matthew Sells

In Honor of:

Union Cross Firefighters

We express sincere Christian love and sympathy to

The family and friends of Annette Overby, who entered into the more immediate presence of her Lord and Savior, on November 6, 2012.

Church Directory Updates

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Congratulations

We extend our congratulations and Christian love to Heather and Brandon Kiger (and big sister, Haylie) upon the birth of their son, Johnson Thomas, on November 21.

New Blessing and Opportunity

The church has received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through a donation program with Wake Forest Baptist Heart Center. A member of the Heart Center staff has offered to teach a class at the church, which will be a combination of an overview on the operation of the new AED along with an American Heart Association CPR certification class. This class is open to anyone who is interested in familiarizing himself/herself with the new AED and/or obtaining CPR certification.

In order to schedule a class time, please let me know that you are interested and if you would like to obtain the CPR certification as well, or just the AED overview. I would like to schedule the class before the end of this year, most likely on a weekday evening, although weekend days are not out of the question. To confirm your interest, or for more information, please feel free to contact Brad Johnson at (336) 399-8338 or bradjohnson97@yahoo.com.

Prayer Concerns

Members:

Wayne Boyles, Randall Coble, Don and Carol Griffin, Mike Harris, Billy Hooker, Josie Jenkins, Cindy Johnson, Haylie Kiger, Carolyn Lawson, Ronnie Lauten, Pauline Marsh, Tim Ridge, Wyatt Shields, Paul Stephens, Edna Tucker, Jonnie Tucker, Sue Vanhoy, Doug Vaughn, Dana Wadford, Ernest Warren, Robert Welch, Elva Williard, Alton Wood, Virginia Yokley.

Friends or Relatives of:

Alice & Ron Linville - Pam Thompson, John Williams
 Amanda Griffin - Krystal Perry
 Barb & Sonia Undseth - Lyle & Marilyn Dahl,
 Hope DeVries, Mattie Rose,
 Nadine & Claude Thompson, Denis Olson
 Barbara Sells - Dave Hardee
 Beth Tucker - Angie & Scott Brezidine
 Bobbie Reid - Paul Miller, Piper Reid, Zach Reid
 Cindy Johnson - Robin Summers and family, Bill,
 Roxanne, Jessy and Charlotte Maham
 Carol Grandy - Pat Tucker
 Connie & Charles Leonard – Robert Logan McGirt
 Danny & Teresa Sells - Sonia & Jeff McGill,
 Paul Harrell, Opal Brown, Ola Mason
 David Hine - Freda Padget
 Dwight & Catherine Jenkins - Kelly & Sharon Vincent
 Donnie Sells - Leslie Armstrong, Jamie Wilhelm
 Dot & Terry Tucker - Todd Jenkins (son-in-law),
 Don Jennings
 Doug and Karen Vaughn - Floyd Vaughn
 Janice Reich - Michael Hicks, Melissa Meacham,
 Tommy Bare, Brandon Huie, Gil & Libby Rush,
 Jimmy Barber, Mandee Vogt
 Jannifer Knox - Rachel Hebert

Jeanne Myers - Pat Lensestey
 Jeff & Jennifer Bondurant - Bobby Culler, Mike Joyce
 Jennifer Smith - Willa Gray Watkins
 Joan Grant - Janet Lilley, Jim Saylars, Carole Tucker
 Judy Hartley - Doris McKnight
 Judy Leonard - Travis Leonard
 Judy Welch - Ronnie Southern, Don Stewart,
 Kim Strong, Patsy Stewart, Michelle Welch
 Joyce & Dean Mabe - Tommie Stewart, Donna Campbell
 Kimberly Green - Elmer Knapp
 Kristi Whittington - Ron Carter
 Kristy Craver - Ann Paschal, Mike Parrish Family
 Leslie Kirkman - Isaac Miller
 Marie DiPresso Long - The England Family,
 Mary Sorrentino
 Natalie Johnson – Amy & Todd Stewart
 Richard Reid - Rich Howe, Dickie Hendrix
 Ronnie & Barbara Lauten - Betty & John Hester
 Samantha Manning - Mattie Rose, Melanie Holtzclaw,
 AJ Watt, Clark Hemrick, Cash Elementary
 School Staff
 Sarah Draper - Ronda Little, Doris Vickers,
 Henry & Linda Maxey, Linwood & Brenda Cook
 Sylvia Ridge - Greg Ridge, Jennifer Tiggle
 Terry & Nancy Sells - Cindy Gwynn, Dan Sides,
 Ben Collier

Family & Friends Serving in Active Duty Military

Colin Carter, Paul Cheek, David Collins, Brad Everhart, Derek Vogt

Board of Elder Minutes

October 29, 2012

Members present: Rev. Don Griffin, Bobbie Reid, Dwight Deal, Cindy Johnson, Karen Kapp, Sylvia Ridge, Walter Carter;
 absent: Pam Hensdale, David Long.

Rev. Griffin shared a devotional, and numerous prayer concerns of the congregation were updated before prayer.

Updates:

- **Outreach Ministry** – The Outreach Ministry's 12 visitation teams were well-received by the Weatherstone neighborhood during their canvassing done October 4-9. Numerous visitors from the Weatherstone and surrounding neighborhoods also attended the chicken stew at UCMC October 20. Pastor Don will be sending a follow-up letter to Weatherstone residents and other visitors as we continue to invite the community to join us for worship and ministry. The Outreach ministry group will meet November 18 (Sunday 3-4 PM) to plan the next community canvass on December 2 to invite the community to our Advent and Christmas services.
- **Vacation Request** – Pastor Don asked and received permission from the Elders to be away November 3-10. Dwight Deal will conduct the 11:00 worship service on November 4 as Beth Hinesley, from Carolina Donor Services, will present information regarding the importance of choosing to be an organ donor.
- **SOP for use of Supplementary Buildings** – Cindy Johnson agreed to serve on a committee with Terry Tucker and a Trustee (TBA) to develop standard operating procedures (SOP) for the use of the supplementary buildings of the overall church facilities (Scout Hut, Picnic Pavilion, Flinchum house, After School Center).

- **Veterans Day** – Bobbie Reid and Dee McGee have compiled a special Veterans Day booklet with the information received from many UCMC veterans. Copies (150) will be printed to distribute on Veterans Day, November 11, to the veterans, families, and church members. The 11:00 worship service will include recognition of our veterans with a potluck luncheon afterwards in the fellowship hall.
- **Wednesday night Bible Study** – A new Bible study opportunity will begin January 9, 2013. Pastor Don, Anita Whittington, Steve Williams, and Marcia Williams will rotate as the leader of the evening Bible study each week. Plans include having a simple meal available each week from 6:00-6:45 pm prepared by volunteers. Hopefully four different ministry groups will come forward and rotate the responsibility for the Wednesday night meals. Bible Study will be 7:00-7:45 pm.
- **Regional Council of Churches (RCC)** - The Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat at Friedland on October 28 was very well attended. Plans continue to assist hosting Carter G. Woodson Charter School with a Lovefeast service at Pine Chapel Moravian.
- **Youth Holiday Festival Request** – The Youth asked to host a breakfast and outside-holiday-vendor fundraiser on December 8. Proceeds would help fund a 2013 Youth mission trip. The Elders agreed to the proposal but required the date be moved to December 1 due to events already on the church calendar.
- **Request from Casey Brown** – The Elders agreed to permit Casey Brown to use the kitchen and fellowship hall on November 19, for a fundraiser for the Glenn High School Future Business People of America club.

Ministry Reports:

- **Hospitality** – The annual Christmas singing and pot luck is planned for Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 pm.
- **Christian Education** – Dot Tucker has recruited volunteers to participate in a Christmas play to be performed at the 11:00 worship service on December 9. Play practice will begin November 10.
- **Family Ministries** – Bobbie Reid will contact Union Cross Academy to identify families in need of assistance this Christmas. The Elders agreed the offering received at the Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast would be used for this purpose as well as a love offering collected Sunday, November 25. Sunday school classes wanting to sponsor additional families should contact Bobbie Reid.
- **School Ministries** – Both the Preschool and the Afterschool programs have exceeded anticipated enrollment this fall. Congratulations to both Directors; Kristi Whittington and Amanda Griffin.
- **Praise & Worship** – The Elders discussed the possibility of establishing a paid position to have someone responsible for the Praise music each Sunday comparable to the financial support given to the traditional worship service's adult choir director and organists. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to recommend such a position be considered by the Board of Trustees. If the Trustees agree, a formal job description will be written prior to accepting applications for the position.

Board of Trustees' Minutes

November 12, 2012

Present: Barry McGee, Jerry Long, Charles Leonard, Ronnie Lauten, Karen Vaughn, Beth Tucker, Paige Deal, Reverend Griffin

Absent: Jeff Bondurant, Dan Johnson

Karen Vaughn opened the meeting with devotions.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa presented the financial statement for the period ending October, 2012, as well as the budget for 2013. The Board discussed various items relating to the upcoming budget and agreed to review the budget during the next month and vote on it at the December meeting. The Board agreed with Lisa's recommendation that a check scanner for processing of Sunday offerings is not needed at this time.

Proposed Additional Church Positions – The Board discussed two suggestions regarding adding two positions to the church's budget: a Praise and Worship Leader and a Cleaning/Building and Grounds Employee. Upon a motion by Charles and second by Paige, and unanimous vote, these proposals will be held until the December meeting for discussion as part of the 2013 budget.

Sanctuary Video Screen and Enhanced Sanctuary Lighting – There was no updated information regarding a video screen for the sanctuary. Reverend Griffin offered to check on the price for renting a lift to more easily access the lights. Tony Draper and Tim Smith will be asked to assist.

Schools Ministry Update – In response to questions expressed regarding the condition and staffing of the After-School program, Karen presented a list of current employees of the After-School program along with a weekly cleaning checklist. The large playground equipment needs immediate repair. With regarding to Pre-School issues, Ronnie will work with Jerry to address the need for fencing around the window wells. No decision was made regarding mulch for the small playground pending an estimate.

Pavilion Anti-Erosion Update – Beth stated that she has not yet heard back from the local Community Assistance Program office regarding potential funding amounts.

Door Replacement – Charles reported that he is still waiting on a quote for replacement and/or repair of doors.

Outreach Mission Project – The second outreach visitation is being planned and scheduled for December 2.

Fall Clean-Up – Barry presented a list of tasks and the person(s) who volunteered to oversee completion.

Trophy Case Update – Barry stated that he spoke with Kim Hampton who advised that several people she spoke with recommend that the church keep the case and trophies in their current location. The Trustees will continue to consider this item.

Automated External Defibrillator – Brad Johnson volunteered to set up a CPR training session. Barry recommended that all ushers and any other interested persons attend this class and be trained on the use of the AED units and in basic CPR.

Church Electrical Upgrade – This work is scheduled for the week following Thanksgiving. (Post-meeting edit: this work will be done the week of December 3.)

Scout Hut Bathroom – The permit application has been submitted.

Updated Church Website – Barry advised that Dee has updated the church's website and encouraged everyone to take a look at it.

Valet Parking – Barry made a motion that the parking lot spaces adjacent to the grass be designated for valet parking. Ronnie seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

General Fund Summary 2012	October	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 17,235.17	\$ 221,352.44	\$ 203,416.67
Expense	\$ 16,374.95	\$ 208,482.72	\$ 203,416.67
Profit / (Loss)	\$ 890.22	\$ 12,869.72	\$ -

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

Mark Your Calendar for these Coming Events

Dec. 2	Chrismon Service at UC Baptist 7 PM Outreach Canvass 2 PM
Dec. 3	Elder's Meeting 7 PM
Dec. 4	Women's Circle Meetings
Dec. 8	Clothes Closet 10-2
Dec. 9	Christmas Play 11 AM Caroling & Pot Luck Dinner 5PM
Dec. 10	Trustee's Meeting 7 PM
Dec. 16	Cantata 11 AM
Dec. 17	Spiritual Growth 7 PM
Dec. 19	Union Cross Academy Candle Tea
Dec. 23	Lovefeast 7 PM
Dec. 24	Christmas Day 10 AM Service

The deadline for the January 2013 newsletter will be December 27th. Please send your newsletter items and any comments to: Dwight & Paige Deal; dddeal@gmail.com or dealpaige@gmail.com

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