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November 2016

How To Say Thanks



That's pretty obvious, isn't it? We teach our children when they're quite young to say "Thank you."

Words are important, but they mean little unless they are validated by actions. In fact, as the old saying has it, actions speak louder than words. We demonstrate our gratitude to God for His immeasurable gift of grace through His son Jesus, who died for us, by our worship and prayers - words - and our stewardship - actions.

A steward is a servant who has the responsibility to manage what belongs to another. We may have to adjust our thinking in several areas here. First, many of us aren't too crazy about the idea that we are to be servants. Second, we usually regard our money, our other possessions, our time, our talents and abilities, our lives in total, as our own. But it all belongs to God.

Therefore, to say thank you to God for allowing us to manage all of these gifts from Him, we have to be faithful stewards. We give our time in prayers, worship, and service to others. We offer our money and our abilities to bless others and to enable QUMC to carry out its mission.

And we do all this with joy! (Some studies have seemed to indicate that generous people of faith live longer happier lives.)

Your opportunity to declare your commitment as a good steward to support our church will come on Sunday, November 13. Read all about it in the letter you have received, or will soon receive, which includes your 2017 commitment card.

There's an old Sunday School song: "Give of your Best to the Master." That's the way to say "Thanks!"

M.B.S.



Being in Each Other's Shoes

By the Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Robinson



I found this neat little piece from *“Walk the Talk”* as an excerpt from a book entitled *“Walk Awhile in My Shoes”* by Eric Harvey and Steve Ventura. I made adjustments to it to make it into a church piece rather than just a business piece.

From a pastor:



Maybe you see me as the instigator or “perpetrator” of change. If you do, to a degree you’re right. Sponsoring and supporting change is one of my responsibilities - and it’s an absolute necessity in order to keep our organization successful and fulfill our ministry. But besides being a source of change, I’m also a victim of it. And when it comes to “rolling

downhill,” I end up having to make as many adjustments as anyone else.

From a lay person:



Like you, I’m learning that continuous change and life are one in the same. But some changes are a lot easier to swallow than others. I’m basically okay with doing things differently to keep up with the changing times. But I do resent those changes that sometimes seem useless and very disruptive. Maybe if you asked my opinion a little more often, that wouldn’t happen.

This shows just two sides of any issue. There are more sides than this. Some people are motivated by emotional issues, others by financial matters. Some folks are motivated by pain avoidance and others by adventure. And yet, God’s wisdom brings us all together to work and challenge us through this journey we know as Life.

This requires a lot from each of us. It requires trust and openness. It demands faith and maturity. It means letting go at times and moving out of our comfort zones. It is accepting the necessity of compromise.

Ultimately, as people of faith and sisters and brothers in Christ, it requires trust and love. Love is an action that God commanded through Christ Jesus to work together. It is not about what we feel, but about what we do and what we say.

We may disagree along the way. We may take opposite sides on issues. Jesus isn’t concerned about that. He is concerned about how we treat one another along the way. It’s the exhibition of those nine fruits of the Spirit that should be evident in each of us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control (GALATIANS 5:22-23)

Pastor Tony ☺



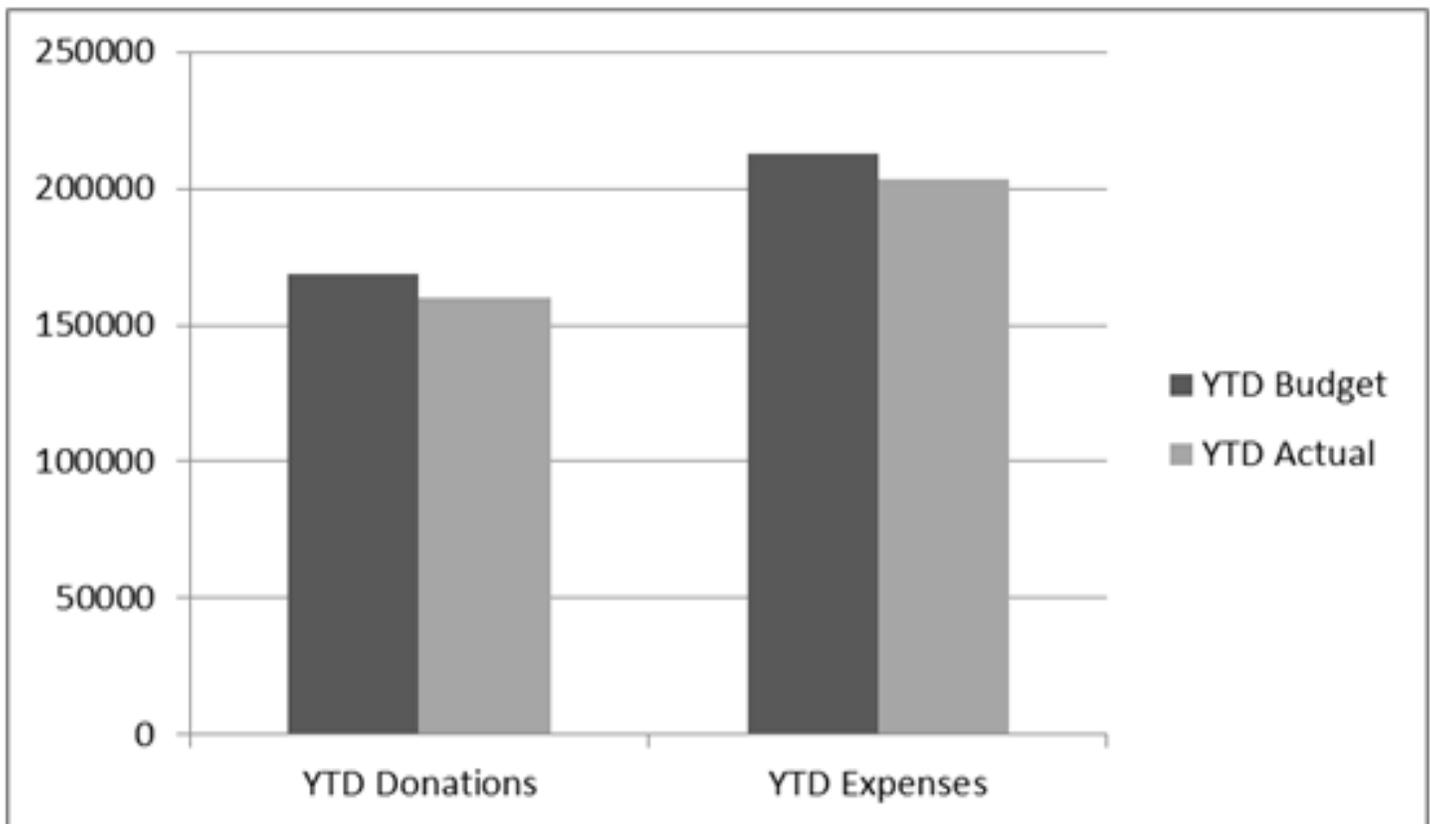


Sermon Plans

Date	Gospel	Sermon Title and Message
November 13, 2016	Luke 13:31-35	<p style="text-align: center;">It's not <i>who</i> you know, it's <i>how</i> you know them</p> <p>Many people know ABOUT Jesus, and ABOUT God, but that is not enough. Jesus reveals that God is more interested in our really KNOWING God. Jesus shows us how it's done.</p>
November 20, 2016 Christ the King	Luke 23:33-43	<p style="text-align: center;">We Won't Be Shaken</p> <p>God's message to the people is to be calm, to have faith, to not be shaken when the earth shakes, and wars rattle about the countryside and in the cities. Christ is King and is taking charge.</p>
November 27, 2016 Advent I HOPE	Matthew 24:36-44	<p style="text-align: center;">A Thrill of Hope</p> <p>Jesus relates a message of his return that will usher in a new age. God's Kingdom will spread like a thief in the night, or a healing medicine to cure the evil in the hearts of humankind.</p>
December 4, 2016 Advent II PEACE	Matthew 3:1-12	<p style="text-align: center;">Every Heart Prepare Him Room</p> <p>John the Baptist proclaims the need for us to properly prepare our hearts for God's Messiah. How does one prepare one's heart properly?</p>
December 11, 2016 Advent III JOY	Matthew 11:2-11	<p style="text-align: center;">Joyful, All Ye Nations Rise</p> <p>John the Baptist begins to have doubts, and he sends messengers to question Jesus. Jesus sends them back as witnesses to what they see and hear. A call to rise up and proclaim our own eyewitness accounts of God's blessings.</p>



QUMC Financial Snapshot



We wish to thank the congregation for their continued support. We have received donations to cover all year-to-date expenses. This includes conference payments that are now paid in full through September. With the final months remaining, we can confidently cover our expenses.

Thank you again for your donations!

“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”

1 Peter 5:2-3



Confirmation and Adult Membership

Confirmation Classes begin with an introductory meeting on Sunday, January 15, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., and will continue through May on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a few exceptions.

New adult members will be received on Sunday, November 13.

Spring Adult New Member Classes will begin Sunday, April 30, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Tom (pastor@qumc.com or 215.536.4992) for more information.

Opportunities to be in Mission



- Disaster Buckets: Thank you to all who contributed cleaning supplies for the disaster buckets. QUMC youth and children are preparing the buckets to be sent to UMCOR for distribution. UMCOR is the arm of the United Methodist denomination that responds to disasters in the United States and around the world.
- FEAST Food Pantry: Items for November are cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, instant mashed potatoes. Donations can be placed in the grocery cart located inside the entrance doors to the church.
- Blanket Sunday: November 20. This is an ecumenical ministry of Church World Service, originally to provide blankets to victims of disasters and wars. It now includes other forms of aid, such as deep water wells, sewing machines, and literacy classes. Please contribute generously.
- Jerusalem House: This is an Allentown inner city ministry. Every year QUMC contributes turkeys and the go-with sides to provide Thanksgiving dinners to families served by this ministry. Put turkeys in the freezers and side items in a bag marked "Jerusalem House" on one of the kitchen counters. Deadline: Sunday, November 20.



Hey Kids!

On Sunday, November 20, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Kid's Club will do a service project for the church, followed by an ice cream social. Supervised by adult volunteers, the group will be painting Room 110 in the Christian Ed wing. Contact Babs Kerns (babs.kerns@gmail.com or 267.825.5693) for more information.



Endowment Education Grants

Joyfully, the Educational Endowment Committee is pleased to report that on Sunday, November 27 the church will distribute grants to eligible students receiving post-high school education (including technical schools).

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- ✓ Student must be a member in good standing of QUMC.
- ✓ Student must be enrolled in and attending the 2016-2017 academic year in an institution of higher education.

The application procedure is as follows:

- ✓ Request an application by phone, mail, email, or in person from the church office (barb@qumc.com).
- ✓ Complete the application, returning it to the church office by email or postmarked by midnight on November 1.
- ✓ After review, the committee will send written confirmation that the student has met the eligibility requirements to receive the grant.
- ✓ Grants will be distributed during worship services on United Methodist Student Sunday, November 27.
- ✓ There are no financial aid requirements. The grants formula: Available funds/Number eligible students = Grant per student.

If you know anyone that may be eligible for this opportunity, please let them know. Any questions? See a member of the committee: Steve Finch, Ruth Barto, Nancy Parry, David Rush, John DeSimone.

With Appreciation...



Thank you to all who supported the Friendship Circle Fall Rummage Sale. We sincerely appreciate all the donations of rummage, baked goods, and all those who helped us set up, work the sale and luncheon, and the dreaded clean up! Special thanks to the youth who help us set up, making a difficult job look so easy! We raised over \$3,400 that will be used to support missions, other needs throughout the church, and the church family.



Still Thinking About Preschool?



Faith Preschool has a few remaining spots for children aged 2,3, and 4 in its classes for the 2016-2017 school year. Detailed program information and registration materials are available in the church lobby or online at www.qumc.com. For further questions or to schedule a tour, please contact Melodie Schmouder, Faith Preschool Registrar, at 215.536.8172.



Did You Know?

United Methodist Women (UMW) members put coins in their jars every time they are thankful for something. The jars are then brought in on Thankoffering Sunday (this year, November 20). Anyone, not just UMW members, may take a jar and fill it during the coming year.

For more information on UMW, see page 8 of this newsletter.

Please note: UMC will hold a Soup and Bread Sale, Tuesday, November 8.

Mark It Down



Festival Worship will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School will be at 10:00 a.m. Note the time!

The purpose of the Festival Sundays is to afford an opportunity for all congregants to worship together occasionally.



United
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Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE |

Don't forget to bring
your Thank Offering Jars

THANK OFFERING
NOVEMBER 20TH

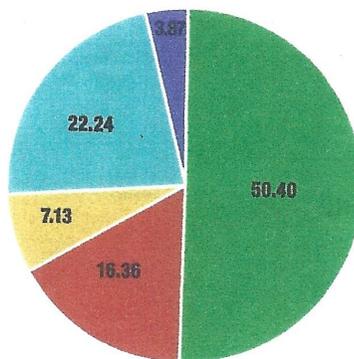
United Methodist Women will be leading all three services with a special program and also information about United Methodist Women and their work with women, children and youth.

MONEY TALKS

OPERATING REVENUE

The total operating revenues comes from †Mission Giving, sale of publications; income from interest, rentals, and service fees; events and other funds.

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET
approved for 2016 is \$27,528,862.00



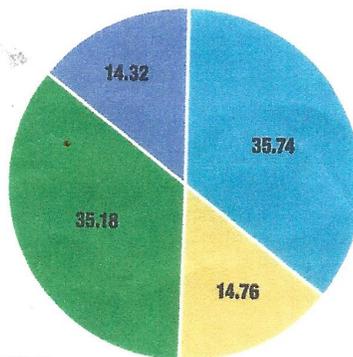
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN REVENUE CATEGORIES 2016

- † Mission Giving 50.40%
- Interest Income 16.36%
- Publications 7.13%
- Rental and Service Fee Income 22.24%
- Other Income 3.87%

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

The total expenditures budget reflects services provided through programs directly administered by United Methodist Women. The budget also supports programs that reflect our mission focus but are administered by other organizations. † Mission Giving fully funds these. The remaining United Methodist Women-owned operations are self-funding.

TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET
approved for 2016 is \$32,165,356.00

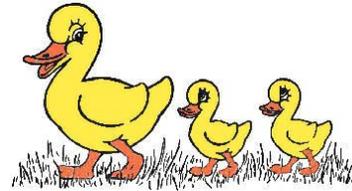


UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EXPENSE CATEGORIES 2016

- Programs Administered by United Methodist Women 35.74%
- Programs Administered by Other Organizations 14.76%
- Program Support 35.18%
- Supporting Services (not listed below) 14.32%



Family Matters



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Ethel Setman - November 6, Mary Carter - November 11,
Adele Winkler - November 26.

BAPTISMS: October 2, Mason Scott Gutshall, born to Josh and Tori Gutshall on May 13, 2016
October 4, Ashley Maria Luginbuhl, born to Ian and Julia Luginbuhl on May 12, 2016

IN MEMORIAM: George Setman - October 21.



Daylight savings time ends at
2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6.
Don't forget to set your clocks back
one hour on Saturday night
(and enjoy that "extra" hour of sleep!)

The Round-Up from Adult & Family Ministries



Family Bowling, Saturday, November 26, 6:30 p.m., Earl Bowl, Route 309 North, Quakertown. First game, \$4.00 and shoes, \$2.25. You may also bowl three games for \$11 and get shoes for free!

Bring a snack or dessert to share. Contact Steve or Janet Finch (215.538.0835 or finchsc1@verizon.net) with questions.

Looking Ahead... Christmas Caroling and Light Supper, Sunday, December 11, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



November 2016

Church Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 p.m. Trustees	2 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Missions	4	5 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for George Setman
6 ** Daylight Savings Time Ends 5:00 p.m. New Member Class 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, Life Group	7 6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	8 ELECTION DAY  Miller Hall in use all day	9 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Finance	11 2:00 p.m. Blood Drive	12 8:00 a.m. Youth Group Fall Clean-Up Day
13 ** New Member Sunday, Commitment Sunday, Miller Hall Reserved 6:00 p.m. Life Group	14 6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	15	16 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	17 2:00 p.m. Life Group 2:15 p.m. Life Group 7:00 p.m. Praise Band, Leadership Team	18	19 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 4:00 p.m. Annual Charge Conference
20 ** UMW Thankoffering, Blanket Sunday 6:00 p.m. Life Group, Kid's Club, Youth Group	21 6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	22	23 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	25	26 Habitat for Humanity 5K Race (Miller Hall in use) 6:30 p.m. Family Bowling
27 ** Advent I: HOPE Student Sunday 6:00 p.m. Life Group	28 6:30 p.m. Daisies, Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Grace Notes	29 7:00 p.m. COPE	30 6:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> **SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship </div>		