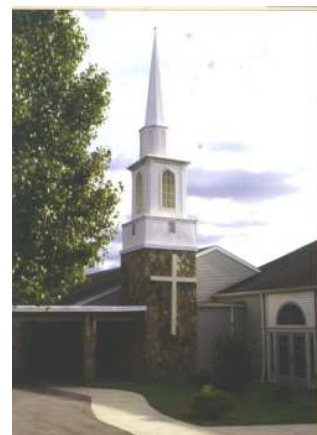


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The Messenger

Fairfield Glade Community Church



Children of Crossville Chamber Orchestra Concert Sunday March 26 3:00 p.m.

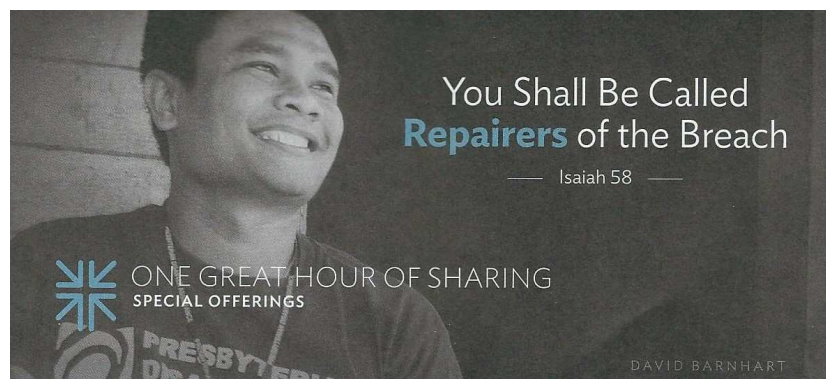
Community Church will again sponsor its quarterly concert/lecture series as part of its commitment to community enrichment. Our next event will be a concert by the Children of Crossville Chamber Orchestra (C.O.C.C.O.) on Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 PM.

C.O.C.C.O. was formed in 1997 with 18 string students. Since then, C.O.C.C.O. has won many trophies and awards at both the local, state and national level. The orchestra is directed by Mrs. Becky Bull who has taught strings since 1983 and currently teaches general music, band, string classes, and orchestra at North Cumberland Elementary School. She also served for several years as a clinician at the Smoky Mountain Orchestra Camp at Maryville College. She currently maintains a private studio where she teaches violin, viola, cello, bass, mandolin and beginning banjo. In 2005, she was awarded the "Who's Who Among American Teachers" Award and more recently has been nominated several times for the Elizabeth A.H. Green School Educator Award.

A professional violinist, when Mrs. Bull moved to Crossville in 1993 she approached her principal at Crossville Elementary (Maureen Hodges) for permission to do an experimental string class during her planning time. Having no class room, no books, and no instruments, and a total of about 600 regular music students, Mrs. Bull knew this would be a challenge. Mrs. Bull selected five students to participate in the 'experimental' string class. The class went VERY well. The following year more students were added and Mrs. Bull realized that the students needed a Performance venue.

In 1997 the Children Of Crossville Chamber Orchestra (C.O.C.C.O.) was formed with 18 string students. That December the orchestra was invited to perform at the Governor's mansion in Nashville, Tennessee for Governor Sundquist. Since then, C.O.C.C.O. has won many trophies and awards at both the local, state and national level. C.O.C.C.O. has since grown into two orchestras: C.O.C.C.O. and the Children of Crossville Preparatory Orchestra (C.O.C.C.O.) Every student who has gone through C.O.C.C.O.'s orchestra program has gone onto college, many with music/academic scholarships. Since 2011 the Preparatory Orchestra has performed under the baton of Michael Wilson, violist and former C.O.C.C.O. student.

Submitted by Bernice Durbin



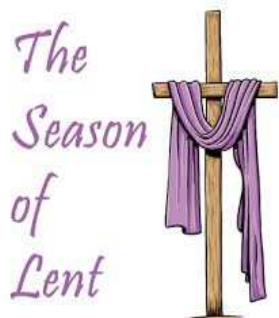
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

What started as a one hour radio appeal in 1949 has now become an ecumenical effort involving 29 denominations. This appeal now raises funds that provide help in more than 100 countries. The monies raised help with disaster relief, feeding the hungry, and self-improvement programs. You will soon receive more information about this mission and a donation envelope in your mail. Even though the envelope you receive may be for either the Presbyterian or UCC denomination, all donations we receive will be divided equally between the two. This offering will be taking place throughout the Lenten season. If you need an extra envelope, they may be found on a table at the rear of the sanctuary, and on the table in the hall near the office. Please search your heart, place your contribution in one of the envelopes, and then in the offering plate. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Mission Committee



*******To honor our US Service Members and Veterans*******
....We now have a PATRIOTIC addition to our Card Ministry..... You may add your personal message to the cards provided in Fellowship Hall , then drop them in the Red, White & Blue Box. These notes of encouragement and thanks will be forwarded all year to our military --- Active, Reserve and Veterans ---- . This opportunity to give kindness and support to those serving our country, past and present, will generate TREMENDOUS BLESSINGS for all!
Please direct all questions to Janiece Pino



March 2017

Ash Wednesday is approaching, and for many of our members, this is an important day to set aside to worship. Traditionally, Fairfield Glade Community Church has scheduled a service on Ash Wednesday. However, it has been decided that in the absence of a settled pastor, this will not occur this year.

As a convenience, we list the local FFG churches that are planning a service on March 1st. Please note that times may change, so check the papers and church websites to confirm.

Christ Lutheran 5 pm

St. Francis Catholic 8am & 5pm

Westminster Presbyterian 4pm

FFG United Methodist, 2 services
one morning, one evening TBD

Please also note, that we will not be scheduling a service for Maundy Thursday, April 13. When details of area church services become available, we will also share that information with you.

What a wonderful opportunity to share our Christian faith with others this Lenten season.

Birthdays

Betty Wilkinson	03/01
Ben Dempsey	03/02
Georganne (Jan) Barcus	03/03
Kathleen Norton	03/03
Billie Kelley	03/05
John Moritz	03/05
Ruth Shelly	03/07
Donald Eppelheimer	03/09
Dave DeVold	03/12
Chris Marshall	03/12
Jim Hansen .	03/19
Burt McMinn	03/20
Kathryn Rydz	03/22
Zella Bacon	03/25
Tom Banik	03/28
James McNutt	03/28

Anniversaries

Dwain and Kathy Graham	03/02
Donald and Linda Eppelheimer	03/10
Jim and Judy Moore	03/12
Ed and Julie Steele	03/12
Harry and Helen Chambon	03/18
Fred and Vicki Wong	03/21
Edgar and Wanda Tucker	03/22
George and Dorothy Van Zandt	03/26
Robert and Arlene Fawcett	03/27

Women's Fellowship Meeting February 8, 2017

Nancy Burleson opened the meeting by lighting the friendship candle and a prayer. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced and we celebrated Pat Hill's birthday with a song.

The minutes from the January 10th meeting were read and approved as presented. No Treasurer's report since Judy Koskinen was out of town.

Old Business: Nancy Burleson reported that she is still looking for a vice president to cover when she is gone. We should encourage all women in the church to donate the \$25.00 for Women's Fellowship even if they can't attend. Nancy reminded everyone that we will be serving as ushers, greeters and communion servers in the month of June to represent Women's Fellowship. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. We are still looking into a retreat for women but nothing to report yet.

Nancy continued with a devotion from a book she received from the "Youth Group Dinner" last Saturday about brotherhood/sisterhood.

The meeting was turned over to Wanda Tucker who showed us how to make beautiful handmade valentine cards. Cards were made for members and friends.

The next meeting will be on March 8th when we will go to Morgan Scott to help with the "Seed Program". All ladies are invited.

Submitted by: Mary Zanichelli

"Sorting Seeds for Morgan Scott" A Hands-On Mission Opportunity.

Ladies:

Plan to join us as Women's Fellowship heads north to the Morgan-Scott Project facility on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. We will be packaging seeds and garden supplies into family-sized units to be distributed for much needed summer gardens that supplement food supplies.

We will meet at 7:45 in the church parking lot to carpool up there. Bring a light lunch for yourself. Dessert and beverage will be provided. A sign up sheet for car pools will be posted soon.

If you have any questions, call Judy Koskinen at 456-5086.

Morgan-Scott Needs for March:

Toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, bath soap.

Food items are always needed and appreciated.



**March Fellowship Dinner will celebrate
“Mardi Gras”
on March 19th at 4:30 p.m.**

We will have a New Orleans style dinner with your choice of chicken and shrimp jambalaya and red beans and rice OR turkey tetrazzini, plus okra and tomatoes, salad and rolls and King Cake for dessert.

We will be collecting the donation of \$9.00 per person from Feb. 26th thru March 12th. Come join in the fun, good food and fellowship! Everyone is invited. This is a catered event and everything will be provided.

Submitted by Mary Zanichelli



Paul Caldwell

December 31, 1931

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February 6, 2017

Fairfield Glade Community Church
Board of Director's Meeting
February 9, 2017
Draft Minutes Pending Approval by Church Board

Members Present: Dwight Wages, Jim Hansen, Dennis Flynn, Bernice Durbin, Susan Milledge, Steve Thomas, Fred Wong, Nancy Marshall, Nancy Shepler, Ralph Seeh, Barbara Miles, Linda Cronwelll
Members Absent: June Mansfield

Call to order: Having determined a quorum was present, Dwight Wages called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Dwight offered an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The January board minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: The treasurer's report was approved as submitted by Marty Smith.

Pastor Search Report: Gene Pino presented draft documents of the contract and job description for the New pastor. A motion was made and approved to accept the proposed documents.

Membership Report The church currently lists 240 members. At this time, non-active members are included in this number. A motion was presented and approved removing 10 names from the membership. This motion is in accordance with our by-laws. This reduces our membership to 230.

Committee Reports

Finance: Dwight Wages reported that 96% of pledges for 2016 were paid. Non-pledged contributions brought us over the required budgeted needs for 2016. 99 pledges have been received for 2017 totaling \$216,090.

Worship & Music: Dennis Flynn reported that a new head of chancel activities is needed. Patty Smith will continue to serve until a replacement is found. Money has been approved in the 2017 budget for new choir robes and they are investigating possible vendors and how many robes to purchase. Greeters and ushers are set for the year.

Pastor/Parish: Nancy Marshall reported that John Zanichelli is the new co-chair and Anne Tack is the new recording secretary. The SOP will be finished by the end of the month and given to Jim Hansen to review and pass to Personnel for approval. The Pastor/Parish committee is requesting to be made aware of the results of the Board President's performance reviews of the pastor to aid in their responsibility for Pastor concerns.

Strategic Planning: Fred Wong reported that the SOP will be finished by the end of the month. The committee is reviewing the time/talent survey. They are reviewing the 9 tasks not completed as part of the previous strategic planning actions, as to why they weren't completed.

Christian Response: Susan Milledge reported that the tape ministry; card ministry; and e-prayer ministry are all running smoothly. Paul is looking for a new chairperson to replace him.. The card ministry at Hospice will be up and running this week.

Parish Life: Bernice Durbin reported that dinners are planned for the year. Whenever the pastor comes,

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the next month's dinner will be an introduction of that person.

Visitor Member Outreach: Jim Hansen reported that the committee is looking for additional ways to collect names for possible board nominees for 2018.

Personnel: Barbara Miles reported that the committee is completing the SOP.

Technology & Communications: Barbara Miles had no report. Discussion followed about setting up a demonstration during fellowship time showing how to use the website. We discussed having a slide show highlighting events of committees.

Missions: Steve Thomas reported SOP is finished. He is urged the different committees of the church to celebrate their activities to the larger community. A motion was made and passed giving the Mission Committee approval to mail out a letter to all church members regarding One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Kay Ness has agreed to be Vice Chairperson for 2017.

Property & Facilities: Ralph Seeh presented a motion to fix a portion of the roof over fellowship hall and another area where leaks have been detected that have been indicated by staining in a few locations in the building. The motion was passed to approve moving \$23,565 (low bid) from the reserve fund into property improvement fund to resolve this issue. He also reported that push bars on our outside doors may need some repair or replacement in the future. Bids are being solicited. SOP is finished. Job descriptions and contracts for sextons are done.

Memorial & Columbarium committees: meetings scheduled.

Ad hoc Concert Committee: 165 people attended Jim Kukowski's talk. Suggestion for improvement was to make sure proper microphones used to help audience to hear presentation. On March 26 the Cocco Youth Orchestra will be performing. A motion was presented and approved to authorize up to \$200 to help defray expenses for this concert.

New Business

Dwight Wages presented a motion to provide all church staff a bonus due to the increased workload they have undertaken during the absence of a settled pastor. This came as a recommendation from the Finance committee in light of the surplus we have built up due to not paying a pastor's salary and as thanks to our loyal staff. The motion was approved.

The Board has been requested to serve as communion stewards. May 7 was chosen.

A motion was presented to increase the hours for Office Assistant support by a total of 2.5 hours/week, due to the increased workload until a settled pastor is on-site. The motion was approved.

A motion was presented allowing a visiting pastor to officiate at the memorial service for Paul Caldwell and was approved.

A motion was presented to allow the Festival Chorale to use the sanctuary on June 1st and 2nd. The motion was approved.

Fred Wong brought up the idea of recognizing members long-standing members who are leaving the

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area. The discussion led to the plan to present them with a prayer shawl and recognize their service.

A motion was presented and approved for Denny Tryon to be the new Assistant Treasurer and added as a signatory at Regions Bank.

Old Business

Community Church has been assigned the role of providing the sermon for Council of Churches Easter Sunrise Service. Gene Skipworth has agreed to fill the role.

On February 19, there will be an open forum after church regarding Stephen Minister role. Gene Pino and Barbara Miles will be facilitating.

Closing Prayer: Jim Hansen offered a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10p.m.

Submitted by Linda Cronwell, minutes clerk

Eprayer

Here is a brief description of the eprayer ministry. You'll see how easy it is to participate - ***you will not be asked to do much of anything that you aren't already doing.***

All you need to do is check your email inbox regularly. When there is a prayer request there, simply add the person who has the special prayer need to your own personal prayer list. Then remember them when you pray.

You are certainly encouraged to make prayer requests yourself. You can send the request to me & I'll then blast it out to our group. Or you can do it yourself. Of course I'll always be happy to send the requests, and most people DO ask me to blast out the request. But if you want to send your own requests (perhaps you don't like my prose style) I'll gladly help you.

There is one very important issue that we must always remember: ***eprayer is NOT confidential!*** It is imperative that the object of a request give his assent that prayers be asked for him in this manner. If he is physically unable to do so, approval must be given by the family.

Many people do not wish to have their health situations made public. If that is the issue for your "requestee," contact:

1. the pastor
2. or the Stephen Ministry Leader who is handling pastoral calls
3. or Nedra Carter or Mac Andersen, who manage our telephone prayer chain
4. or me

and the request will be taken care of in a confidential manner.

qThank you so much for having interest in our eprayer group. It was our intent right from the start to help make FFGCC the praying-est church ever!

Paul Anderberg
goblue771@hotmail.com
335-0121

Church Finances

The summary of the current income and expense status for 2017 through January 2017 is as follows:

	General Fund ¹	Missions Fund ²	Property Improvement Fund ³	Pass-Thru Fund ⁴
Income	\$19,507.57	\$502.50	\$0.00	\$870.00
Expenses	\$9,857.61	\$5.00	\$3,596.12	\$0.00
Transfers ⁵	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Difference ⁶	\$9,649.96	\$497.50	-\$3,596.12	\$870.00

Please keep in mind that the numbers above only reflect what has been brought in and spent in 2017. It does not show the total assets of the Church that have accumulated over the years.

READ THE NOTES TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE NUMBERS BELOW!!!

Notes:

1. The General Fund is the operating funds to run the Church.
2. The Missions Fund income is from designated contributions from Church members, the sale of Food City Cash Cards, Kroger charity program contributions, and Dimes for Missions. Expenses are distributions to charities and bank charges for counting coins.
3. The Property Improvement Fund (PIF) income is from designated donations from Church members. PIF expenses are any property and facility expenses not covered by day-to-day maintenance activity. *The expenditure for PIF was the payment for the fire detection and monitoring system that was installed in December 2016 but paid for in 2017.*
4. Pass-Thru Fund is to account for money that comes through the Church but is not used to cover Church expenses. It is primarily for items such as special disaster collections, NIN/Peacekeeping, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, etc.
5. Transfer is the term used to move money from one fund to another fund. Transfers are generally from the General Fund to the Missions Fund and the Property Improvement Fund. For instance, money is transferred from the General Fund to the Missions Fund on a quarterly basis to meet the congregation approved budget for Missions.
6. Difference = Income – Expense + Transfers

A complete picture of all the assets of the Church (balance sheet) and 2017 income and expenses are posted on the Church Events Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

How Do You Do**Hank and Susan Milledge.**

The Milledge's, Hank and Susan, have been members of the FFGCC since 2001. They visited the Glade prior to 2001, attending a service at Community Church and never visited another church. Timeshare was our way to the Glade along with suggestions from Susan's brother. We came from many different places. Hank was a military brat, born in NJ, then moved with family to several locations, finally graduating from high school in Hawaii. Leaving Hawaii, Hank attended Southern Illinois University where he became an active member of the AFROTC.



Susan, on the other hand, was born and bred in Illinois, where she also attended SIU. Susan became a member of Angel Flight, an auxiliary unit of the ROTC. The group, made up of about 60 women, performed, singing and dancing, at many military bases and locally. Hank and Susan became acquainted on a bus to Dallas to a national convention related to ROTC activities. After a year of dating, Hank proposed on April 1, otherwise known as "April Fools Day." Obviously not fooling, they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017. Hank feels, aside from meeting Susan, the ROTC was one of the best things for him. It was the late 60's and campuses were not exactly pro-military. So as Hank prepared to graduate in 1967 he started a real whirlwind ending to his college experience. In a period of nine days, Hank graduated, was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force, and married Susan. While in the AF, Hank earned a graduate degree, became a jet pilot and flew B-57s, keeping the perimeter of the USA safe. During this time they moved from Texas to Utah to Alabama to Montana. In the meantime, Susan was giving birth to their two children, Jennifer who lives in Virginia and Dan who lives in Brooklyn. There are four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. Good planning.

Upon leaving the military Hank went to work for Corning Incorporated as a Controller. Again on the road, they traveled from Michigan to Kentucky to Mississippi and finally New York where the corporate HQ is located. There they stayed for 23 years. Corning Inc. is now well known for fiber optics and flat panel displays and other glass products. One division Hank was financial manager for also owned a local hotel, Watkins Glen Race Track, where NASCAR races are held, and a charter airline. Susan as well was busy, as a mom, pre-school employee, consulting for a relocation service, and owned and operated a gift shop specializing in conference gifts. She also was a master gardener and Hospice volunteer.

It seems their high energy levels followed them here as they are rarely seen sitting still anywhere in the Glade. Hank takes breaks for golf and working in the yard. Susan enjoys quilting, reading and gardening. They both enjoy attending Stone Memorial High School sports, especially basketball.

They are very busy at Community Church both having served terms on the Board, on Pastor Search team, etc. Susan has been active as a Stephen Minister and has served as chair of Pastor Parrish Relations. Hank has also served as chair of property and facilities and on finance. Fond memories include Susan's first visit as a caregiver and she has greatly enjoyed her committee involvement. Hank enjoys seeing things done in the church. He says "It's God's church, He is lending it to us and it's up to us to keep it up." Both feel we should count our blessings. Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day!