THE UPDATE



February 2025



Women's Circle News For February 2025

Circle #1 will meet on Monday, February 3rd at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle #2 will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Since we missed January due to icy conditions, we will be covering Chapters 5 and Chapter 6 in *Anxious for Nothing*, so come prepared to discuss both. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Circle #3 will meet Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss chapters 5 and 6.

If anyone would like to join a Circle, please contact Jill Dotson at 704-608-6324.

Prayer Group Wednesday. Our Prayer Group is now on Wednesday Mornings. Please join us for a time of fellowship, learning, and prayer, **Wednesdays at 10 a.m.** Our small group is growing and knows that as we come together to pray, God is with us and those we lift in prayer! We sometimes meet in the Fellowship Hall and sometimes at someone's home. Contact Laurel Andrews at 704-880-3406 for the weekly meeting location.



Our Music Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of the church's music ministry please speak with Sarah Rogers Griffith, Brad Rashley, or any choir member. We work hard in rehearsals but have fun doing so. May the Lord be glorified in our music. Amen!

February Handbell and Choir Rehearsal Schedule

February 5th, 12th, and 19th - Regular Wednesday night rehearsals for handbells at 6:00 pm and choir at 7:00 pm

February 26 - No handbell practice and choir will begin at 7:15 pm instead of 7:00 pm - Fellowship Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

February Children's Message

February 2 - Phil Lail

February 9 - Doug Griffith

February 16 - DeNeil Suarez

February 23 - Scott Jeffreys

February Elder Duty

February 2 - Phil Lail and Doug Griffith

February 9 - Deena Chambers / Deborah Chipman

February 16 - Mary Crawford and David Lackey

February 23 - Elizabeth Rashley and Steve Ingram

February Nursery Schedule

February 2 - Jill and JD Dotson

February 9 - Landrea Rhyne and Amanda Chipman

February 16 - DeNeil Suarez and Azariah Peet

February 23 - Caroline and Kyle Wigley



Events to come:



Joy Lunch - Wednesday, **February 19th** at noon in the Fellowship Hall - **Lunch will be provided. Please let Kathy Hoover know if you plan to attend.**

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner - Wednesday, February 26th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting - Thursday, February 27th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Phone Tree Information

If you get a phone tree call and you are in a loud place, if someone is talking to you, or if you have any radio / TV background noise, it is best to allow the phone tree message to go to your phone's voicemail and then you will be able to listen to it in its entirety.

Happy February Birthday to You!

- 3 Price Kennerly
- 4 Fran Tharpe
- 8 DeNeil Suarez
- 9 Kimberly Johns McHenry
- 11 Sally Andrews
- 13 Debby Sipe
- 16 Susan Ervin
- 22 Eloise Tomlin
- 26 Mary George
- 28 Parks Thompson







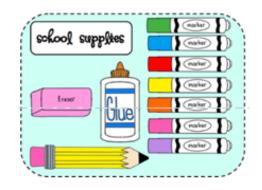
The Mwandi UCZ OVC Project caters to the nutritional, educational, social and spiritual needs of orphans and vulnerable children in Mwandi village, Zambia.

FEBRUARY MISSION EMPHASIS

During February we will be collecting tuition payments for the Mwandi Mission School. This program, located in the village of Mwandi, Zambia serves the children in grades K-12. The tuition covers their uniforms, all school supplies, meals and instruction. It is the only education available in this village and frequently serves the only meals the children will get.

The Mwandi Mission is a large program of churches in the US as well other countries and is governed and administered by a board of directors from represented countries. Education is only a part of this program. We have supported the construction of a new church building, helped provide water and electricity to the village as well as supported the hospital which is considered to be the best in Zambia. They have established programs for orphan and vulnerable children giving them daycare and meals and a training program for adults to have skills appropriate to the needs of the village. If you sponsor a student please make your check to the church, designated Mwandi tuition.

If you are interested in this mission, or in becoming a sponsor of a student please contact Gloria Wright 704-872-3313 or Kathy Hoover 704-929-9907 for more information.



Cloverleaf Elementary Semester Needs— Please bring to church by Sunday, February 16

The most popular needed items by multiple teachers are glue sticks and headphones

- Headphones or earbuds
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues / Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox / Lysol Wipes
- Lysol Spray
- Baby Wipes
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Cardstock
- Multicultural (skin tones) construction paper
- Black Dry Erase markers
- Post It notes
- Prizes for prize box
- Playdough
- Colored markers

Ministry Opportunity - Brookdale Memory Care - Devotional Reading to patients

Heather Sewell at Brookdale Memory Care (2814 Peachtree Rd, Statesville) is asking if there is any interest within our congregation for individuals to visit Brookdale for half an hour to read a devotional to a group of residents or one on one. If you are interested, please contact Heather at heathersewell777@gmail.com or call her at 704.677.8162.

2025 Budget

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Total Operating Expense	20,750	19,850
Total Operating Expense	20,730	19,000
SALARIES		
Total Salaries	76,794	85,372
Employee Benefits		
Total Benefits	23,919	25,465
Payroll Taxes	2,391	2,800
Total Operating Expenses & Payroll	123,854	133,487
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT		
Total Elec & Gas	17,500	17,500
Repairs & Maintenance		
Total Repairs & Maintenance	31,000	31,000
Contract & Insurance		
Total Contract & Insurance	35,500	36,200
Total Property Management	84,000	84,700
PROPERTY SPECIAL PROJECTS	10,000	10,000
PROGRAMS		
Total Programs	12,200	14,200
MISSIONS		
ECO Dues	2,400	2,400
Our Daily Bread	100	100
Operation Christmas Child	500	500
Minister's Discretion	500	500
Fifth Street Ministries	2,000	2,000
Pregnancy Resource Center	1,000	1,000
ISS Bible in Schools	1,200	1,200
Yokefellow Ministries	2,000	2,000
Power Cross	2,000	2,000
Hotdog Ministries	2,000	2,000
Mwandi	3,500	3,500
Foundation for Reformed Theology	500	500
ECO Church Planting	2,500	2,500
Theology Matters	500	500
Community Outreach		500
Good News Club Ministry	0	1,000
Total Benevolences	20,700	22,200
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,754	264,587



Vesuvio's Fundraiser Night Monday February 17th

Letter from Martha Dobson with Encouraging the Nations and Uganda Mission

Thank you so much for taking part in the Fundraiser at Vesuvio's Restaurant. Our next Fundraiser at Vesuvio's will be February 17th. 10% of all the proceeds go to Encouraging the Nations.

Thank you letter from Iredell Christian Ministries

Greetings, On behalf of Iredell Christian Ministries, Inc, I gratefully acknowledge your congregation's generous donation of 153.9 pounds of food, 18.5 pounds of non-food and 21.7 pounds of produce during the fourth quarter of 2024. We greatly appreciate your concern for the people in our community who in these difficult times rely on our pantry to provide food for their families.

Your contribution along with other food donations is distributed wisely to the folks who come to our doors for help. We remain encouraged in our service by churches like yours who so generously partner with us in this good work.

Sincerely,

Joy M. Morrison Director

February Program





Stringed Music by Talented Youth

MON, FEBRUARY 24 AT 10AM

Broad Street United

Methodist Church

315 Broad St. Statesville, NC

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!

February

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24	17	20	3 6:15 pm CIRCLE #1 Fellowship Hall	Monday	
25	18	2:00 pm CIRCLE #2 Fellowship Hall	4 6:30 pm CIRCLE #3 Fellowship Hall	Tuesday	
10:00-11:00 Prayer NO Handbells 6:00 Fellowship Dinner 7:15 pm Choir Practice	6:30 PM THE OAKS(19 th) 19 10:00 -11:00 Prayer 12 noon JOY LUNCH 6-6:45 pm Handbells 7-7:45 pm Choir Practice	10:00 -11:00 Prayer 6-6:45 pm Handbells 7-7:45 pm Choir Practice	5 10:00 -11:00 Prayer 6-6:45 pm Handbells 7-7:45 pm Choir Practice	Wednesday	
10:00 am - 11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Session Meeting	10:00 am - 11:30 am Women's Bible Study	10:00 am - 11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm ADK - Suarez	6 10:00 am - 11:30 am Women's Bible Study	Thursday	
200	21	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved for GIRL SCOUT TROOP FUNDRAISER	7	Friday	
	22	75	00	Saturday 1	2025
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9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship 9:45-10:45 SS 11-12 Worship

Sunday