

Do you wait for the absolute last minute to...

- sign up for something?
- schedule an appointment?
- sign up to volunteer?
- turn in your newsletter article?
- turn in your yearly pledge?
- sign up for directory pictures?
- sign up for the youth mystery trip?
- pay your pledge or tithe?
- sign up for the ski trip?
- register your child for Wonderful Wednesday?
- order a poinsettia for your mom?

If you answered yes to two or more of these, you might be a procrastinator.

Our church, as a whole, is struggling with the effects of *procrastination*. We see it in every ministry of the church. I have received many complaints from members who are tired of hearing announcements over and over again – and I agree with you!

However, despite the various ways that we in the church office communicate with the church family – through the newsletter, the Sunday bulletin, the website, Facebook, Sunday School announcements, worship announcements, and weekly emails – we still cannot seem to get timely responses.

We would love not to overburden you with communication, especially by repeating the same information ad nauseum. Please help us help you by acting on the information we send out as soon as you are able. If you do, I promise to be less repetitive

Let's start the new year with a renewed commitment to action!

Don't put off today what needs to be done before tomorrow!

Contribution Information....

More giving options are now available at LSUMC!

Offering plate on Sundays

Mail (anytime) Lyttleton Street UMC, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020

QR Code scanning QR Code can be scanned with your mobile phone and directed to our online giving page. Just download a QR reader app to use and give. This QR Code will appear on every weekly bulletin and newsletter in the new year.



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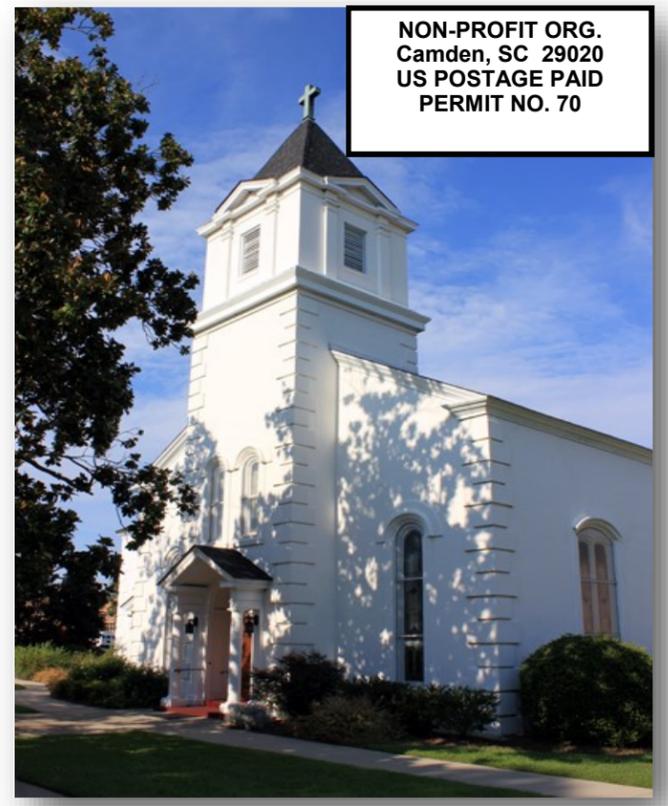
United Methodist Church

1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC 29020

Mission: To help establish God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven through Nurture, Outreach and Witness.

**Michael Arant & Meegian Gossard,
Pastors**

January 2019 Newsletter
Return Service Requested



January happenings...

- January 1-LLP & Church office **closed** (New Year's Day)
- January 2-5 Directory Pictures
- January 9 Pastors Bible study, chancel choir & bells resume
- January 11-12 Basketball Tournament
- January 13 Basketball Worship blended service in gym**
- January 21 LLP & Church office **closed** (MLK observed)
- January 25-27 Youth Revolution



**Sunday, January 13th at 9 a.m.
Basketball Worship Blended
Service in Gym w/ Communion**

One Lord and God, One Body

Over the past few months, I have been doing a lot of research on how other churches, with multiple styles of worship, organize their worship times; hoping to find some magical arrangement. In short, there is no magical arrangement and each church deals with their unique issues. Much of what I have learned is obvious but still helpful. For example, churches like Chapin UMC have large sanctuaries and can worship large numbers without having to have a lot of services. While other churches with smaller sanctuaries have to offer multiples services, an example is Belin Memorial in Murrells Inlet that offers four services to meet their needs.

All of the growing UM churches I researched offered both contemporary and traditional styles of worship; most housing these styles of worship in separate locations: traditional in the sanctuary and contemporary in the gym or fellowship hall. Very few churches have a sanctuary that is equipped to host both traditional and contemporary worship in the same space. One example of a church able to do this is Union in Irmo. Their sanctuary is very impressive with an incredible pipe organ, beautiful stained glass windows, but also with two large screens with hidden projectors.

While all of this is interesting, one thing appeared on many church websites that I feel is helpful for us. I first noticed it at Advent UMC where Rev. Michael Turner is the pastor. Advent's theme is Three Services. Two Styles. One Church. It is a beautiful Trinitarian theme designed to unite the church.

The reality is that contemporary worship reaches a large number of people that traditional worship does not. Our UM churches that are active and alive are offering multiple styles of worship. However, each style has the same purpose of praising God and helping people to grow in faith. No matter the style of worship, the point is to equip the church to grow and reach out in ministry and service.

The reality is that we need to be reminded that we may worship at different times, in different places, in different ways, but we are ONE church united by one Lord and one mission. Our mission, regardless of style or place of worship, is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (UMD, ¶ 120). As LSUMC grows, we are better able to fulfill this mission. Say it however you want: Three Services. Two Styles. One church, OR One God, one church, one in ministry. Both of these sayings describe us well.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:4-5). "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

No matter if you attend the traditional service or elevate! you are still a part of the one body of LSUMC. Just like many other churches, we are one church with two styles of worship. We are LSUMC! Three Services. Two Styles. One Church. OR One God, one church, and one in ministry.



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elevate! for this month:

**Sunday, January 13th at 9 a.m.
Basketball Worship Blended Service in
Gym w/ Communion
Sunday, January 27th at 11:15 a.m.**



Mary's Message

January looks to be a very busy month for us! For the very first time, the South Carolina United Methodist Church Youth Basketball Tournament is being held in the Hartsville District, with Lyttleton Street being the host church! We

will have 10 LSUMC teams competing in this year's event. We began participating in this tournament about 6 years ago and took one high school boys' team. The girls felt left out, so the next year we took two teams, high school girls and boys! From there, we've rostered more and more teams and have thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and competition the weekend offers. We have brought home state titles the last two years...not bad considering our church is up against churches that play in leagues.

The tournament dates are **January 11-13**. Nine KCSD gyms, Camden Military Academy and City Arena will host the games and once the schedule is released, usually the week of the tournament, I will post it. Please plan to come out and support our teams!

In addition, we will be holding **ONE service on Sunday, January 13**, with Reverend Robin Dease, our District Superintendent, preaching. A **9 a.m.** blended service, with communion, will be held in the gym. All of the players and coaches will be in attendance, as well as out-of-town guests associated with the tournament.

This event will bring 500-600 visitors to our community for the weekend. They will be eating in our restaurants, staying in our hotels, shopping in our venues and, most importantly, worshipping with us. I know you will extend hospitality and I appreciate it so much!

As you can imagine, a lot of people will be at work making the 2019 tournament run smoothly and I **NEED YOUR HELP!** Some of our adult Sunday school classes have agreed to manage gyms and the different tasks assigned, but I still need additional people to **run time clocks, keep the scorebook and sell tickets at the door**. Please contact me if you are willing to work a shift.

Thank you for your constant support.

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Go LSUMC!



The start of a new year often makes us think about what lies ahead of us, especially in areas where we would like to grow. With that in mind, it is a good time to reflect on the recommendations made earlier by our strategic planning committee that were designed to help us better carry out the good news of our Savior through the church's various ministries.

The strategic planning committee made specific recommendations, and we've already seen progress on several of them including refurbishing the organ and developing a strong small groups ministry. The majority of the issues identified in the member surveys and interviews they conducted were related to facilities. To ensure that these recommendations are fully considered, a building committee was formed and has been meeting since June. Committee members include Boyd Black, Jeffery Graham, Tim Hudson, Carolyn Morris, Katianne Rickwood, Eddie Schoolfield, Shelly Sloan and Paul Sullivan as well as members of our clergy. I am honored to serve as the committee's chairperson.

Over the past six months, we have spent time researching and talking to other churches who have recently completed construction projects so that we can hear their "lessons learned" and gather information about the companies they used in their building process. We also have talked with our former Associate Minister Rev. Michael Turner who is currently involved in a building project at his church.

In the upcoming months, we will be sharing the results of our work and our recommended next steps. In the meantime, feel free to talk to any member of our committee to get a personal update. I look forward to working with you as we listen for God's voice to lead us in these efforts.

Happy new year!

Mary Anne Byrd

Chair, Building Committee