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2019 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE OFFICERS & LEADERS

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

CHAIR	Dave Houseman	2020
VICE-CHAIR	Margaret Nelson	2019
SECRETARY	Laura Ashline	2019
FINANCE	Debbie Hembree	2019
TRUSTEES	Bill Haisten	2019
STAFF-PARISH	Kathy O'Brien	2020
LAY LEADER	Tim Threadgill	2019
STEWARDSHIP	Marie Baldree	2019
YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES	Virginia Condry	2019
	Evie DePriest	2019
OUTREACH ADVOCATE	Dan Baker	2019
MUSTARD TREE	Janice Groseclose	2019
UMW Chair	Donna Palmer	2019

Church Council Members at Large :

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Griffin Lifsey	Dave Houseman	Martha Horn
Emmaly Manuel	Erin Wallin	Matt Williams

2019 LAY MEMBERS TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Lay Leader	Tim Threadgill
Lay Delegates	
Jerry Donohue	Annette Reynolds
Dave Houseman	(Clint Cooper – Reserve)
Ed Nanney	

COMMITTEES

Board of Trustees

Chair	Bill Haisten (2019)	
Lay Leader	Tim Threadgill (2019)	
Senior Minister	Mark Gooden	
<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Bill Haisten	Julie Clark	Mike Berry
Ellie Mitchell	Josh Cooper	Emmaly Manuel
Turner Wood	Jason Geraci	Hal Robinson
		Sarah Williams

Discipleship Formation Committee

Chair	Tim Threadgill (2020)
Staff	Will Lauderback

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Emily Holesinger	Michael Laymon	Terri Holley
Jessie Sims	Leslie Turner	Tracy Murrell

Sunday School Supervisor _____

Children's Council

Chair – Amanda Jackson	Staff – Beth Spears	
<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Becky Armstrong	Andrea Kelley	Vanessa McDaniel
Jennifer Fry	Erin Wallin	Kristen Patterson

Finance

Chair	Debbie Hembree	(2019)
<u>Chair Members of the Finance Committee:</u>		
Church Council Chair	Dave Houseman	
Lay Leader	Tim Threadgill	
Staff Parish	Kathy O'Brien	
Stewardship	Marie Baldree	
Staff	Mark Gooden	
Assistant Treasurer	Ginny Gannaway	
Trustees Chair	Bill Haisten	
Business Manager	Karen Gates	

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Tina Harris	George Gannaway	Pam Morris
Roger Kincer	Wes Sorrow	Dan Norton

The Centenary (Inner City Ministry)

Chair – Patsi Walker (2020) Staff – Mary Grey Moses

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Susan Cobb	Martha Horn	Emily Jenkins
Nicola Crisp	Charlie Pierce	Ward Nelson
Tom Williams	Patsi Walker	Caroline Rogers

Lay Leadership Development

Chair – Mark Gooden Lay Leader – Tim Threadgill (2020)

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Brooke Goodyear	Roger Kincer	Laura Hartman
Ray Webb	Melissa Loyd	Tiffany Phillips

Missions Team (Global / Local)

Chair – Jim Rogers (2019) Staff – Barry Kidwell

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Bill Bartlett	Susan Cobb	Marie Baldree
Sue Bartlett	Brooke Goodyear	Jim Rogers
Tina Harris	Sue Threadgill	Nicole Tipton

Mustard Tree

Chair – Janice Groseclose (2019) Staff – Barry Kidwell
 Secretary – Cindy Ruff Treasurer – Karen Gates

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Jerry Blevins	Anna Chambers	Tracy Murrell
Bill Wetzel	Janice Groseclose	Ed Nanney
Jim Wyatt	Jackie Pogue	Barbara Zellner

CLERGY CORNER

I was in the grocery store the other day searching for an item that Judy asked me to get. Trust me, it is never an easy item like



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milk, cheese or cereal. No! She asked me to find candied pecans and whole cranberries in a can!

As I was looking for something that most people never use, I got distracted. I ran across a magazine cover that caught my eye *Discover: The State of Science 2019 – Top Stories in Medicine Archeology Tech Genetics Space and more.*

I bought the magazine and I wanted to share a couple of things with you that I found to be of interest

Plastics and the use of plastics has become a major part of our everyday lives. However, as one stated about plastic: “They’ve also become a persistent pollutant. Some 18 billion pounds of the stuff winds up in the world’s oceans each year.”

Cities and nations around the world are beginning to take action to address this issue but we have to continue to be proactive in recycling efforts.

It seems that globally, frogs are being wiped out by a fungus known as “Bd”. As you might guess, there are also many concerns over climate change. Some scientific practices are raising questions. How do we use genetic technology in a safe and responsible way? How do we continue to interact and connect with artificial intelligence in a moral and ethical way?

If you are interested these issues and others are addressed in the Social Concerns section of The Book

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Permanent Endowment Fund

Chair	Steve Ziegler (2019)
Chair Finance	Debbie Hembree (2019)
Church Council	Dave Houseman (2018)
Lay Leader	Tim Threadgill (2020)
Trustee Representative	Bill Haisten (2019)
Senior Minister	Mark Gooden
Business Manager	Karen Gates

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Eddie O’Brien	Mary Kilbride	Amy Cloud

Staff-Parish

Chair	Kathy O’Brien (2020)
Lay Leader	Tim Threadgill (2019)
Senior Minister	Mark Gooden

<u>2019 Panel</u>	<u>2020 Panel</u>	<u>2021 Panel</u>
Debbie Condry	Matt Phillips	Betty Martin Davies
Joe Manuel	Jo Robinson	David Holesinger
Kathy O’Brien	Sean Turner	Karen Ward

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of Discipline of the UMC.

The magazine did not just focus on bad news. The smallest fly ever recorded measures less than 2/100 of an inch was found in Brazil. Two new giant penguin colonies have been discovered. A rhino population on the brink of extinction has rebounded in Kenya. There is continued exploration deeper into the solar system and faraway galaxies. The New Horizon space probe that flew by Pluto in 2018 is travelling a billion more miles toward another planetary body nicknamed Ultimus Thistle.

Medical technology continues to make advancements. A potential HIV vaccine is on the horizon. Researchers are looking at *Biosensor* capsules to detect gastric bleeding and possibly detect presence of diseases. Sadly, the medical field is still struggling to find ways to battle Alzheimers.

The future is always filled with excitement and anxiety. There are things that we look forward to and other things that we dread even fear.

In our own Methodist Church we are possibly facing changes in February. No one really knows what to expect. Yet, I lean into 2019 resting on the faithfulness of Go and trusting in God’s guidance. As God states in Isaiah 41:10; “So do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and uphold you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

I lean into the new year with great hope and anticipation of all that God is going to do through the membership of First-Centenary as we continue, together, to seek to make disciples for the transformation of the world. – Mark Gooden

FROM THE GOODENS . . . Judy and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your expressions of love for us this Christmas through your continued prayers, well wishes, and gracious gifts. Your love is so evident.

Thanks again. – Mark and Judy

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Youth Council

Chair Virginia Condry
Vice-Chair Evie DePriest
Staff Troy Hamilton

Anna Darling Abdulai Bah (Alternate)
Caroline Farley Quintin Tyler (Alternate)
Paul Kincer Addison Hamilton (Middle School)
Nick Maddox Ella Goodyear (Middle School)
Chantal Nizigiyimana

Children's Enrichment Center

Chair Meredith Trautschold (2019)
Staff Tonia Taylor

2019/2020 Panel

Katy Childress Jordan King Meredith Trautschold
Linda Kelly Martha Payne

Local Church Contact Persons for 2018

Camping Coordinator Maria Barringer
Holston Home Ambassador Pete Palmer
Wesley Foundation Liaison Roger Kincer

Generosity/Stewardship Team

Staff: Mark Gooden, Will Lauderback, Debbie Donohue

Stewardship – Marie Baldree Lay Leader – Tim Threadgill

Clint Cooper Rickie Pierce
Amanda Jackson John Shearer
Marla McDaniel Malone Maddox

You're invited... **"Embracing the Prophets"**

Wednesdays through February 13 - 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday afternoon Study Group led by Dr. Linda I. McDaniel

We'll explore the message of the prophets in their time and place with today's message. Discussions will contrast historical connections between Israel's sociological, economic and spiritual status with current American challenges. Sign up by email - limcdaniel@fcumc.org or call Marsha at 756-2021. Workbooks are \$10.

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Prime Time Wednesday

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. Classes at 6 p.m.

Children's Music, Children's Activities & Youth at 6 p.m.

The Gospel of John with Pastors Barry and Will (in The Vine)

Each week (January 16, 23 & 30; February 6, 13, 20 & 27) we will explore 2-3 chapters of the Gospel of John. Bring your Bible and be ready for conversation as we learn about being a disciple of Jesus Christ from this beloved Gospel.

Every Parent's Guide to Navigating Our Digital World (OSC 101/102)

Feel like your kids are drowning in a sea of new questions, apps, and devices? Want to talk about digital media more with your kids, but aren't sure how? Parents...Help is here. Join us each week as we discuss and share our fears and struggles as we navigate the world of social media with our children.

The Benedict Option – taught by Clark Taylor **January 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13**

This book explores holy habits and practices that can help us in our daily lives. We will read two chapters a week. Books will be available in the church office.

Make dinner reservations by 4 p.m. Monday.

Call 756-2021, ext 3123 or EMAIL foodrsvp@fcmc.org

January 16 – Ritz Cracker Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Casserole, Honey Bun Cake
Salad available upon pre-order. Non-dairy & meat free items available upon pre-order.

\$25 max per household. \$8 adults. \$5 children & youth.

With an adult meal, children 3 & under eat free. Thank you for keeping your dinner reservations current. We pay in advance for the number of meals we order.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

January 13, 2019

First Sunday after Epiphany

Sanctuary at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Sent Out!

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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The Vine at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Will Lauderback

Reading from the Lectionary

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Televised sermon by Dr. Gooden –
The Gift of God

Televised on Channel 12, WDEF-TV
at 6 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Mustard Tree Worship at 5 p.m.

in The Vine – Rev. Barry Kidwell