Hello again, Team JWUMC!

On February 26, Ash Wednesday, we began the season of Lent - a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. In that same vein, we are also beginning a capital campaign so that we can reflect on our history, repent (turn) toward God with ourselves and our space, and renew and refresh our presence in the community.

Don’t let the words “Capital Campaign” frighten you! A capital campaign is simply a time when we collect funds for larger capital expenses. Capital expenses are items that should last five years or more when purchased. Our Trustee and Finance Committees have been working for about a year to assess the state of our buildings and determine what funds we need for regular maintenance and capital repairs/improvements in order to be a hub of activity in our community. Regular maintenance items have been added to our yearly budget and capital repairs/improvements have been assembled into a list for our Capital Campaign.

Did you know that the AC system that serves our preschool, Sunday school classrooms, and Fellowship Hall was installed 37 years ago, and it only had a 20 year lifespan? That means we got an extra 17 years of service from the system. John Wesley UMC has used the system well and definitely gotten our money’s worth out of it. Now we need to replace it (along with other well-used items) so that we can continue the ministries we have and expand our presence in the community.

Our Capital Campaign hopes to address: upgrading the air conditioning and heating systems for our Sunday school rooms, the preschool, and our fellowship hall; renovating the bathrooms next to the fellowship hall and the bathrooms on the downstairs playground; repairing and replacing our doors and door frames; fixing our portico so that it does not lean and is not a danger; repaving and re-striping the parking lot; renovating Hawkins Fellowship Hall; grading the rear driveway; converting lighting to LED throughout the church; and finalizing some technological updates to the sanctuary.

In today’s world, one of our biggest assets for sharing the love of Christ in our community is our facility. We are centrally located and have a large campus with many classrooms and meeting spaces. We used to host community groups regularly and we were excited to be a space where others knew they could come and be safe. Over the years, as our long-term systems have worn out, we have withdrawn some of our availability to the community. Just this year we lost a group called SNAP (Stop Now And Plan) that helped to stop the school-to-prison pipeline and worked with students at Hartsfield Elementary. While we still have a few groups who use our building, the list has shortened significantly and will continue to do so until we address the issues. When we plan our own events, we also have to plan around the weather as we know some of our spaces are just not usable in the Florida heat. We want to be able to use our spaces for church events, community events, and outreach opportunities to share God’s word.  

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Any time someone talks about money, I hear people draw in a collective breath. Take a moment and release that breath before you read further — there is no need to fear! Our Capital Campaign does not need to be a source of stress. Instead, this is an opportunity to be good stewards of our space and to invest in the future of our community.

We will begin our Capital Campaign in March, starting to collect pledges on March 29 (just a few days shy of our church’s 60th birthday on April 3). Pledges will be for amounts designated toward the building campaign, to be paid over a 3-year period. The total amount we need to raise for capital expenditures is just over $500,000. But we begin the campaign knowing that we already have a promised matching-pledge of $250,000. That means each dollar pledged gets us twice as close to our goal! We will collect pledges for the capital campaign from March 29 through May 10, and we will hold a celebration on May 31.

John Wesley has about 110 active members, with around 70 (and rising) in worship each week. Little Lambs Preschool (a ministry of our church) has around 70 students and 20 teachers. Our church also has two Sunday School classes, a Bible Study, a Confirmation class, a Music & Me class, choir, a prayer group, a support group, two United Methodist Women circles, and a youth group. We are a very lively congregation. And, while this might seem like a hard thing, we can do hard things together for God!

As we reflect, repent, and renew together this Lent, please know that I love being your pastor. I love working with you at our church and I love working with you in our community. You make me smile on a regular basis, and I thank God for you daily. Please join me in praying for our church this month. Pray for our presence in the community. Pray for the work that we need to do. Pray and ask God how you can help. And prayerfully consider how much you might be able to invest in this Capital Campaign so that John Wesley UMC can share God’s love now and in the future in our community.

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**Easter Flower Dedication**

You can help make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter: First, by being there! And second, by making donations for flowers. As we have done in past years, we will have an opportunity to make donations toward special flowers that will be used to decorate the sanctuary. We will be able to donate in honor or in memory of a loved one. Look for the inserts in the Sunday bulletins. Or you can contact the church office as well.

**Holy Week and Easter**

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<td>Good Friday. Service at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church for all local United Methodist Church congregations, followed by lunch there.</td>
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JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1689 OLD ST. AUGUSTINE ROAD
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Annual Huge Church-wide
Yard/GARAGE SALE
on
MARCH 14th & 15th
A HUGE 2-DAY EVENT!!!
JOIN US
Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
and
Sunday noon-2 p.m.(1/2 off)

All proceeds go to Missions & Justice work

Boxed donations may be placed in Hawkins Fellowship Hall behind the stage curtain

Workers are needed to sort 3/9-13 from 10-7
Sign up in the narthex
Missions and Ministry

**March 14-15 Annual Garage/Yard Sale for Missions needs** your donations and your presence for successful support of Hartsfield Elementary School and our missionaries in Africa and Japan. Donations may be put on the stage in the fellowship hall. Sign up to help sort from March 9-13 daily, and help sell on Saturday March 14th from 8-1, and after church March 15 from 12-3 (all items half price), and then pack up from 3-5. Join our recycling fun. Weekday crews will be provided with lunch, and have the chance of selecting items early. We really appreciate your helping hands. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the church narthex. Flyers are available for your friends, family and neighbors.

Photos: Garage sale; Dr. Cleivy Garcia at Quessua Clinic.

Come to our **luncheon Saturday, March 21 from 12-2** in Hawkins Fellowship Hall to raise funds for Health For Africa Missions (HFAM), which provides medicines for the Medical Clinic in Quessua, Angola, Africa among other needs. Our missionaries the Garcias serve in this clinic. **Icel Rodriguez and her daughter Amanda will be our guest speakers at the luncheon.** Amanda will share about her chosen career as a nurse. A lunch of chicken and rice and salad will be provided for any donation. Back by popular demand is a Silent Auction of specialty items you will want to check out. Please RSVP to Cindy Cosper at 224-5857. (This event follows the Saturday morning work day around the church from 9-12 on March 21.)

**Sunday March 8** after church we need 8 volunteers to make 100 sandwiches for Big Bend Front Porch UMC Ministry (@ Calvary UMC). Meet in the kitchen; supplies provided. Extra helpers can set up tables for Missions Garage Sale.

United Methodist Women: **Save the Date of Saturday April 25** for the District Spiritual Day Apart from 9-2 at McCall’s Chapel near Branford. The cost will be $10 for lunch. Please RSVP to Juanda Myer via email at gailya53635@gmail.com. For carpool, contact Cindy Cosper or Jeanne Heitmeyer.

John Wesley United Methodist Church will be 60 years old this May. The Council is seeking a task force to plan the event for the May 30-31 weekend. Let Chip Jordan or Cindy Cosper know if you want to be on the task force, and if you have old pictures or memories to share.
Would you be willing to call three John Wesley members a week to see how they are doing and ask if there’s anything they would like us to pray for?

We want to set up a calling system to touch base with our regular members each week, to let them know we care about them and want to meet their spiritual needs.

If you are willing, please call Janet Dennis at 850-599-1920. She will provide you with a call list and an instruction sheet. You’ll call three different members each week and, if needed, pass on special needs or prayer requests to Janet or Rev. Bethany Douty for additional action.

The call would go something like this:

“I’m ———— (name). I’m calling on behalf of John Wesley UMC to check in with you, and see how you’re doing. Is there anything we can do for you right now?”

“Can we pray about anything for you? Would you like us to share this information on our prayer chain?”

“We are updating our church information, has any of your contact info changed? If you moved, are you already connected to a church or can we help you find one?”

(If local), would you like a visit from a church member or the pastor? Is there someone specific you’d like to have visit you? (Confirm address and phone numbers).

After the call, you would then send information to Janet Dennis.

If they are angry or frustrated, listen. Say only thank you for telling me and that you’ll pass on the concerns to church leadership. Then send information to Janet.

We would like to start calling members as soon as possible. We need about 35 callers. Thanks for your prayerful consideration.

God’s Word through Paul

We invite you to join us on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. in the parlor as we travel through the word of God as it was given to Paul.

Any questions, please contact Kelly Dixon via email.

Kelly@ladiesforJesus.com.
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John Wesley United Methodist Church 2020 Leaders

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Administrative Council Chairperson: Chip Dennis
Treasurer: Kelly Dixon
Financial Secretary: Sue Walker
Recording Secretary: Melissa Phillips
Membership Secretary: Chip Jordan
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jann Tucker-Pettway
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference: Debbie Rivenburg

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Grace Frances, Chairperson

Class of 2020: Ray Williams
Class of 2021: Grace Frances
Class of 2022: Sylvia White

Pastor: Bethany Douty
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Class of 2021: Tim Few
Class of 2022: Chip Jordan

Edward Terry Denham, Vice Chairperson
Lay Leader: Janet Dennis

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Class of 2022: Jan Peters

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Leslie Kitterman
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Audio/Visual Coordinator Craig Dennis
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**Office Hours** Monday—Thursday

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## LITTLE LAMBS SPOTLIGHT

**1st Kelly Dixon**
**4th Lucy Baer**
**Valerie Cox**
**Tony C Ichite Sr.**
**Tony E. Ichite Jr.**

**5th Kelly Hirai**
**Riley Hirai**
**27th Kishore Choutupali**

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**Sawyer** – 5 years old

**What do you like to do at home?**
I like to play with my Voltron at home.

**What do you like to do at school?**
I like to play with bikes at school.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**
I don’t know what I want to be when I grow up
Where Does It Go?…..

Apportionment Update

Every month, John Wesley UMC sends about $2,100 of the money in our offering plates to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church as part of what we call apportionments. Apportionments are the funds used by the local and global UMC to do ministry around the world. Each month we highlight how these apportionment funds will be used. John Wesley has paid 100% of our apportionments since 2015, and we are on track to do so again this year. It is our joy to send these funds each month!

March’s Apportionment Highlight: Ministerial Education

John Wesley contributes over $1,500 toward Ministerial Education through our apportionments. This will provide support for the 13 United Methodist seminaries and helps keep tuition costs down. The Ministerial Education fund supports continuing education courses for clergy and diaconal ministers currently serving congregations, as well as course of study schools for training local pastors. This fund provides scholarship aid to candidates for ordained ministry. The fund also sponsors regional and national events where people can explore God’s call to ministry. Additionally the funds are used to train and support the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry members in their work of approving and evaluating leaders who serve the church. Thank you for supporting this mission with your offering!

Rev. Bethany Douty
Senior Pastor
John Wesley United Methodist Church

Lent

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:1-4)
Our Prayer List

Please continue prayers for our military personnel: Evan Brigman, U.S. Air Force; David Few, U.S. Marines; Thomas and Chase Finch, U.S. Navy; Jim Pafford, U.S. Coast Guard; Michael Twomey, National Guard.

* The unsaved
* Steve Kauffman
* Margaret Worrell
* Sylvia Owens
* Bertha Jones
* Lawrence Heitmeyer
* Sue Walker
* Judy Parris
* Valma Berry
* Nell May
* Junie Redon
* Frances McClellan-Godfrey
* Sheran Rivers
* Geneva Campbell

* Megan Strickland
* Early Harris
* Sara Ann Harkey
* Phillips Family
* Randy Thomason
* Dale Dieterich
* Church of the Savior, our sister church in Cuba
* Medeod Des Garcia
* Pastor Luis Alberto Vazquez and family
* Peace in the world
* Nigeria
* Pastors Leo and Cleivy Garcia in E. Angola, Africa
* Jonathan and Satomi McCurley in Japan
* Victims of natural disasters

Joel 2:12-14 (ESV)

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God?"
In this season of Lent

1Timothy 2:1-2 “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.”

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