

# CORNATZER

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# CONNECTION

Methodist Church  
Mocksville, NC 27028

May 2018

## The Pastor's Pen



I feel lousy. I have a spring cold that has knocked me for a loop. I didn't budget in time for this, but my cold doesn't care. All of the things that are going to have to wait because I am somewhat debilitated don't make any difference to the virus affecting my body; and that is just how life is. In 1785, Robert Burns wrote his Scottish-language poem *To a Mouse*, which contained the line "The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men Gang aft agley," John Steinbeck took the title of his famous book from this line. To put it simply, our plans sometimes work out, but sometimes they don't. If we lived in a world in which things always worked out, though, why would we need God? While I do not believe that God inflicts suffering upon us, there is plenty of suffering to go around in our world. Temporary sickness passes, but there are all kinds of challenges that people face every day. Chronic illnesses, terminal illnesses, financial problems, family issues, etc. The list could easily fill the remainder of this column. Yet, we know that God is by our side. It is God who has always watched over us, even when we weren't aware of it. Romans 8:31-32 "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?" Even when we rebel against Him, God's love never fails. Many of the problems that we encounter come from poor decisions that we make, and yet God isn't content to leave us to our circumstances; rather, He continually works to help us through each situation, using each one to teach us how to better live life. We stumble, we fall, we get back up and try to do better the next time. The only way we do better, though, is with the help of God. Through His Word, the counsel of the Holy Spirit, prayer, the advice of other believers and so many other means, God works in our hearts and minds to bring about change. It is the challenges of life that cause us to realize that we need to change. The Lord meets this need at every turn, shaping and molding us into what He sees in us, the ideal of His creation. Though we may never become the ideal in this life, God keeps moving us closer by every means available, until that day when we are perfected in Christ.

Shane

Coffee @ Cornatzer   
Movie Night  
Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>



## Administrative Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Older Adult Sunday**  
**covered dish meal after the service**  
"to recognize and celebrate the gifts, talents and contributions older adults (65 & over) make within and beyond the local church"



Xtra Years of Zip

**2018 Annual Conference**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Lake Junaluska**

Conference & Retreat Center

## 116th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
covered dish meal after the service



Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Rev. Jonathan Lotz

## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

<u>April 1</u>	
Worship Attendance	29
Offering	\$963.00
<u>April 8</u>	
Worship Attendance	25
Offering	\$650.00
<u>April 15</u>	
Worship Attendance	28
Offering	\$325.00
<u>April 23</u>	
Worship Attendance	33
Offering	\$1,607.00
Choir Fund	30.00
<u>April 29</u>	
Worship Attendance	34
Offering	\$905.00
Choir Fund	30.00
<b>Total \$4,510.00</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$4,450.00</b>
<b>Choir Fund</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

**May 2**

Zachary Wood

**May 28**

Dillon Smith

**May 29**

Kathy Miller



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

**May 14**

Tim & Kathy Miller



**Friday, May 11, 2018**

6 - Midnight

Davie County High School

Join the Cornatzer Mixed Nuts!

## **Security Plan**

The trustees have met several times and are working to finalize the proposal for the security plan.

The highlights are as follows:

Front doors on the sanctuary replaced with a single glass door with sidelights.

Security cameras with monitor(s) in the sanctuary.

Safety procedures for emergency situations.

This plan will be presented to the administrative counsel at the meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **A Brief History of Cornatzer United Methodist Church**

In the year 1902, a small group of people in the Cornatzer Community bought a house near the present Cornatzer-Dulin Fire Department and organized Cornatzer Methodist Church. The Rev. M. H. Vestal was the pastor. Mr. Tom Cornatzer was the first Sunday School Superintendent of the newly organized church. Following Rev. Vestal were Rev. W. M. Curtis, Rev. C. S. Patrick, Rev. L. L. Smith, Rev. Fearington and Rev. Foster Loftin.

In 1909 the Advance Circuit of the Methodist Church was established. The circuit consisted of the following churches:

- Shady Grove (Advance)
- Mocks
- Cornatzer
- Fulton

In 1911 Mr. Ance Cornatzer gave an acre of land located 3/10ths of a mile north of the present church. The old house in which the church was first organized was torn down, moved and rebuilt on the new site. This rebuild was completed in 1914.

The Mocksville Circuit of the Methodist Church was organized in 1939 and consisted of these churches:

- Cornatzer
- Bethel
- New Union
- Union Chapel
- Zions Chapel

Mr. Albert E. Bowens donated 2.4 acres of land on October 4, 1950 for the purpose of building a new church. Mr. Charlie Vogler gave an acre of land to be used for a cemetery at the same time. The cemetery was a public cemetery in the beginning, but was later deeded to the trustees of Cornatzer Methodist Church for care and maintenance.

Construction of the present church building was begun in 1951 and completed in 1952. The new church building was dedicated in 1954. The education building was added later, with construction beginning in 1966. The building was completed in 1968 and dedicated in 1970. In 1965 Mr. Garland Bowens donated an acre of land adjacent to the church to be used for parking. On May 5, 2002 Cornatzer United Methodist Church recognized its 100th year.

We are proud of all the things that our church has accomplished, but we are even more excited about what the future holds for us, as we work for the Kingdom of Christ. We are honored to be allowed to be a part of God's mighty works. To God be the glory, forever and ever. Amen!