

FINANCIAL UPDATE

2022 Unified Budget	335,441.48
YTD Total Income to Operating Fund	96,132.37
YTD Operating Expenses	93,695.96
YTD Operating Fund Balance	26,436.41
2021 Operating Fund Balance Forward	26,386.05
2022 Current Actual Operating Fund Balance	28,822.46
Current Building Mortgage Balance	176,847.86

WIFI CONNECTIONS

Upstairs:
 TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA40
 TP-Link 2.4Ghz- 80BA39
more distance/slower connection
 TP-Link 5Ghz – 80BA39
less distance/faster connection
 Downstairs:
 MySpectrumWifi76- 2G
 MySpectrumWifi76- 5G
 Password - unionepic548

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Children’s Church teachers & Greeter & Acolytes are needed on Sunday mornings! Sign up online [HERE](#) or in the Narthex!

Continue to Support the El Salvador Mission Trip!

Take a coffee cup from the Narthex and fill it with the money you would spend on coffee each day to save for families in need.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY’S 10:30 AM: IN PERSON / [LIVE STREAM](#)

Inaugural PGUMC Retreat A Success!

Our first church-wide retreat took place on Sunday, March 27th. Around 30 members of the congregation spanning kids, youth, and adults of all ages gathered for a time of food, fellowship, and reflection. We spent time thinking about the ways God is blessing our lives and how we are doing in fulfilling the mission of the church. More details to come regarding plans for our 2Q retreat, but we look forward to this becoming a key on-going component of the spiritual growth of our community.



WELCOME OUR NEWEST ADDITIONS..



Avery June Overaker
 daughter of Eden & Shayne Overaker, granddaughter of Emily & Dean Overaker and great-granddaughter of Charlotte Overaker, born on April 7th, weighing 8lbs & 9oz.



Finnegan “Finn” James Kirby
 son of Rachel & Matt Kirby, brother to Charlotte & Millie and grandson of Brian & Diane Wingo, born on March 25th, weighing 8lbs & 2oz.



Stella Rose Wilson
 daughter of Aria & Luke Wilson, grandson of Carolyn Wilson Flowers and the late Garry Wilson, born on April 5th, weighing 9lbs & 11oz.



The Dream Weavers Circle is excited to announce the **PGUMC 2022 Spring Market**, benefiting *The Steven Collins Children’s Music Ministry*.

Our goal is to raise funds for this very special music program for children, so we hope you’ll plan to join us in this fun-filled day!

Featuring...
 Live Music from The Thursday Night Band & Twang Bandits! Delicious food from Gussy’s Greek Food Truck and more. Shop over 15 vendors and support our local artists, crafters, makers, growers & musicians! And entertainment for kids!

Vendors wanted! If you’re interested, email PGUMC@ncrrbiz.com for the vendor registration form and information!

Spread the word! Invite friends and family to join us for music, shopping, fellowship and fun.



THE GARDEN AT SPRING FOREST

2022 CSA Season is May 17 – October 25!

Support Local Agriculture! Check out the website and signup! www.springforest.org

Get 20 weeks of healthy, all natural produce over a 24-week period. Foods are non GMO and are free of pesticides, herbicides, artificial hormones and other atrocities. Choose from a full share, small share or bi-weekly share for the season. Perfect for those who like to cook and prepare ahead!

Pick up in Hillsborough (1907 New Sharon Church Road) or ask Nancy Maloney to drop your box off at PGUMC on Tuesdays. 603.370.2477.

Congregational Fellowship Dinner

All are invited...

May 25th at 6:30 pm

The Eleanor Walker Circle is providing meats (ham, chicken & meatballs), tea and rolls. Please bring a side and/or dessert of your choice and join in this time of fellowship!



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 20-24. Register here!

VBS Participants: <https://bit.ly/PGVBS22>

VBS Volunteers: <https://bit.ly/PGVBSVOL22>

Check out the VBS Website [HERE!](#)

Wendy Anderson: 919.630.1939 or wena@nc.rr.com.



2022 SUMMER CAMP at PGUMC

June 20 - 24, Week 1: VBS

June 27 - 30, Week 2: Monday – Thursday only

July 11 - 15, Week 3: Chestnut Ridge Traveling Camp

July 18 - 22, Week 4

Summer Camp Registration link:

<https://bit.ly/PGsummercamp>

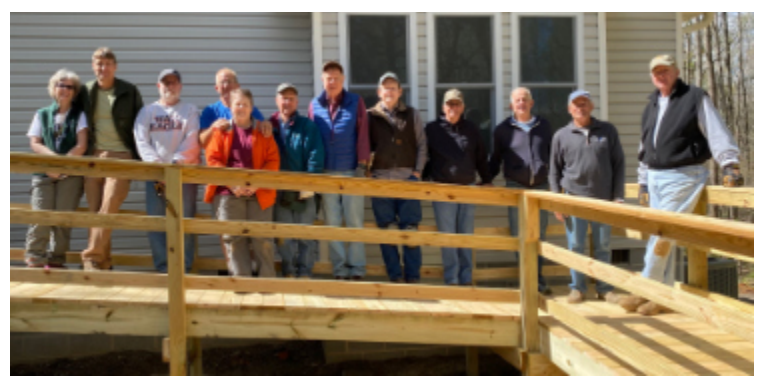
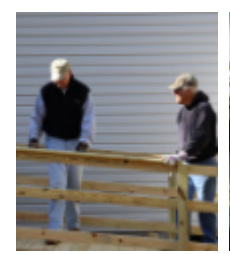
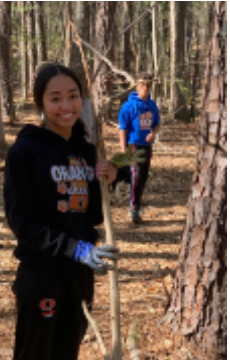
Please consider making a donation to sponsor a child at Summer Camp!

EASTER CELEBRATIONS




pleasant green youth group

Our Youth had a busy April participating in a meal packing program in Cedar Grove called the Rise Against Hunger, working on the farm at Spring Forest and the 30-Hour Famine lock-in!



A big thank you to PGUMC and members of Greystone Church for teaming up to build a ramp for Sheila & Dave Cook.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>WORSHIP, 10:30 am MOTHER'S DAY TEA CELEBRATION, 11:45 am</p> <p><i>Debbie Collins Herb Fister Cheryl Punt</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>READ & SEED, 6:30 pm (pg. 9)</p> <p><i>Ellie Morris</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY, 10:30 am In-Person CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><i>National Day of Prayer</i> 5</p> <p>THURSDAYS WITH NAMI (pg. 9)</p> <p><i>Jim Crawford Emily Hamm</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Brian Wingo Mike Whitfield</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Bailey Allison Bob Alley</i></p>
<p><i>Mother's Day</i> 8</p> <p>WORSHIP, 10:30 am</p>	<p>9</p> <p>UMW BOOK CLUB, 6 pm, Zoom (pg. 9)</p> <p><i>Billy Herndon Patsy Ward</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Lisa Micol Jeff Braddy Mary Ann Hamm</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY, 10:30 am In-Person CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Mike Quinn Sara Witt Eric Nichols Sawyer Nicholson Scarlett McCay</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>THURSDAYS WITH NAMI (pg. 9)</p> <p><i>Scott Beaver Campbell Bourlon</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>SPRING MARKET</p> <p>Pleasant Green Community Center, 11 am - 3 pm (pg. 3)</p>
<p>15</p> <p>WORSHIP, 10:30 am VBS TRAINING MEETING, 11:45 am</p> <p><i>Cale Allison Max Woody Keith Procise</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>ELEANOR WALKER CIRCLE, 7 pm PRAISE BAND PRACTICE, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Laura Lockamy</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY, 10:30 am In-Person PRAYER MINISTRY 6:30 pm (pg. 11) CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CIRCLE OF FAITH, 6:30 pm THURSDAYS WITH NAMI (pg. 9)</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Brad Clark Casey Stocking</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>COMMON THREAD ,9:30 am Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Avery Morton</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>WORSHIP, 10:30 am</p>	<p>23</p> <p>PRAISE BAND PRACTICE, 7:15 pm</p> <p><i>Rebecca Crawford</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Kathy Thomas</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>BIBLE STUDY, 10:30 am In-Person FELLOWSHIP MEAL, 6:30 pm (pg. 3) CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>McKenzie Almers Ron Seeberg Jake Bowlin</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>BLOOD DRIVE, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm (pg. 12) THURSDAYS WITH NAMI (pg. 9)</p> <p><i>David Almers Nick Overaker Caeden Poe</i></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Jane Bass Ella Rose McCay</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p>WORSHIP & PRAISE BAND, 10:30 am</p> <p><i>Melisa Bryant</i></p>	<p><i>Memorial Day</i> 30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Kelly Martin Hall Caedmon Bowlin</i></p>				

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 11AM

Pentecost Worship at the Camp Chestnut Ridge Pavilion

Bring a picnic lunch and plan to stay and enjoy camp activities all afternoon: Canoeing, hiking, swimming, games, archery, and more! Fun for all ages!

A STORY OF A BABY GRAND

by Brian Wingo

A couple of years ago, the Bell Family gave a baby grand piano to Pleasant Green. It belonged to Hilda Bell, matriarch of the family. I recall seeing the piano in Hilda's home when I visited there many years ago. It was a center piece in her home. Hilda told me then that she hadn't played it in quite a while.

After her passing, the family gifted it to the church. The hope was that it could be restored to playable condition and could be used in the choir room. Unfortunately, after a professional looked at it, it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive to bring it back to life. The strings and hammers were simply too worn and would need to be replaced. Sadly, it seemed she had reached the end of her musical life.

The question then became, "How do we properly dispose of an old worn out piano given to the church in memory of a cherished former member?" It was decided that it was time for the scrap yard for this old beauty. Last fall, Van asked if I'd help to haul her away. We went downstairs to the choir room to take a look at the job. It had been years since I had seen the old girl. Time had indeed not been kind to her.

I'm a sentimentalist at heart (just ask Diane!). As I inspected the alligatored case, wizened over time, I thought that there might be some life left in her after all. So, I suggested to Van that we try to save the rosewood veneered case and possibly make it into something usable.

In late December of 2021, we began the process of transformation. Neither Van nor myself had any expertise in tearing down a baby grand. We learned as we went. Progress was slow at first and by mid January we had removed all the tuning pins (over 200 of them), strings, cast iron plate (very heavy), pin block, action, pedals and key board. Once we were down to the case, we brought it to my little work



shed, where I began the process of stripping the old varnish (many, many layers) and building the shelves.

I was surprised to have found a child's toy hammer, a plastic cow and a piece of Rolo candy tucked away inside and among the strings and action of the piano (which I intend to return to the Bells at a future date...with the exception of the Rolo!)...an evidence of her former life as a centerpiece in a family who loved and cherished her presence.

By late March the transformation was complete. What had once been destined for an inauspicious demise in the scrap heap, has now found another "musical" purpose... a music/book shelf...that currently resides in the choir room!

I'll be the first to admit, it was a big project (especially for my novice woodworking skills). But as I worked on this old beauty, I was reminded how God transforms us, each of us, into something beautiful. Repurposed over and over again. Reborn. Renewed. Revived. It is an Easter story...without the peeps, eggs and Rolos. Wander down to the choir room sometime and see Hilda's piano.



MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The National Alliance on Mental Illness with all its state and local affiliates, Mental Health America, the Girl Scouts...you name it! All are aware of the importance of mental illness awareness month. This is a month to decrease stigma, increase awareness of mental health recovery, and raise the resources to provide services to people in need. In 2022, there is a special focus on the mental health of children. From the Center for Disease Control (CDC), here are some alarming facts:

ADHD, anxiety problems, behavior problems, and depression are the most diagnosed mental disorders in children. Estimates for ever having a diagnosis among children aged 3-17 years, in 2016-19, are below.

- ADHD 9.8% (approximately 6.0 million)
- Anxiety 9.4% (approximately 5.8 million)
- Behavior problems 8.9% (approximately 5.5 million)
- Depression 4.4% (approximately 2.7 million)



But there is hope! Here are some resources to help you and your children:

Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/basics.html>

Youth.gov: <https://youth.gov/feature-article/may-national-mental-health-month>

Brooke's blog: <https://blog.brookespublishing.com/10-free-resources-for-national-childrens-mental-health-awareness-day/>

Mental Health America: <https://www.mhanational.org/childrens-mental-health>

Thursdays with NAMI recorded stories of hope on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJqPZoyGVrFydRVoTRqnZn5I6Rxliq6wo>

In crisis? NC Crisis Solutions in each county: <http://crisissolutionsnc.org/> or call 911 and ask for a Crisis Intervention Trained Officer or call the National Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

UMW BOOK CLUB

We are excited about our new Book Club! The Club will read books from the Reading Program List and will meet on the second Monday of each month from 7-8 pm. See the book choices for the upcoming discussions below.

- May 9-*The House on Lowell Street* by Linda A. Keane
- June 13-*Girl Gone Missing* by Marcie R. Rendon

The book discussions will be facilitated by Jeanne Murray. Jeanne is a wonderful United Methodist Woman, a Lay Speaker and a retired English teacher. To receive the ZOOM link for the discussions, please send an email to NCCUMW.Webmaster@gmail.com.

READ & SEED

Discussing our May book: *Vanderbilt - The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe.

Meeting Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm at FireFly Farm. 4911 Hunt Rd., Hillsborough

In case of bad weather, Zoom here: <https://nccumc.zoom.us/j/99801109814>.

Contact Cindy at fireflyfarm2015@gmail.com for questions.

GLOBAL FRIENDS ESL PROGRAM

Friday morning classes at PGUMC
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Volunteers needed to Set-up/Cleanup Church area, Transport families to/from Pleasant Green, Provide Snacks, Assist with Childcare and ESL classes.

Volunteer Registration Form: bit.ly/GFESLvol

The Global Friends ESL program is a collaborative effort of The Church at Spring Forest, Durham Home Church Network, and Pleasant Green United Methodist Church. We work in partnership with World Relief. Our certified ESL teachers and program volunteers are passionate about welcoming our newest global neighbors and supporting English language acquisition as a major part of companioning refugees in rebuilding their lives here in the United States. We welcome all people without discrimination, based on race, gender, religion, or sexuality. While the Global Friends ESL program is grounded in the Christian practice of hospitality, we are ecumenical and do not proselytize volunteers or students. *Contact: Wendy Anderson: 919.630.1939 / wen_a@nc.rr.com.*



SUPPORT UMCOR'S COFFEE & CHOCOLATE PROJECT

Fair trade provides opportunities for churches to support a system that nurtures rather than diminishes God's vision of abundant life. UMCOR's partner is the employee owned fair trade organization called Equal Exchange. *For sale in the Parlor*

12 oz Ground Coffee Bags, \$8

Mind Body Soul Regular

Organic Chocolate bars, \$2.50

Dark Chocolate Almond & sea salt (55%)

Dark Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt

Dark Chocolate Mint Crunch (67%)

Panama Extra Dark Chocolate (80%)

Dark Chocolate Orange (65%)

Very Dark Chocolate (71%)

Milk Chocolate

Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch & sea salt

Chocolate with Coconut Milk (55%)

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD

Donations collected in the Narthex

New twin/full comforters, New pillows,
Pine Sol, Dish soap, Toilet paper, Paper towels



The NCUMC Conference has two separate advance special numbers for giving to Ukraine. One is for refugees who have fled outside the Ukraine (982450). The other is for aid inside the Ukraine (14063A). Givers choose where their money should go.

Please make checks payable to PGUMC with # or Ukraine refugees / Ukraine aid on memo line.



FAITH IN HILLSBOROUGH is a collective of congregations in the Hillsborough area that come together to purchase materials and recruit volunteers to build a Habitat home for a low-income family.

WHY VOLUNTEER? Habitat offers homeownership to Orange County families who otherwise may not have the opportunity to own a home of their own. Volunteering with Habitat is flexible and fun and gives you the opportunity directly impact these families lives.

Volunteer sessions are available several Saturdays through June. Shifts are 8am-12pm and/or 1pm-4pm. See the link below for dates.

Sign up here: <http://vhub.at/faithinhillsborough>

Meet the Spring 2022 Partner Family!

Annah Nyarangi is a permanent resident from Kenya, Africa and is the single parent to 10-year old Tyler. The family currently lives in a one-bedroom apartment and will be upgrading to a 3-bedroom home once construction is complete. Tyler is looking forward to having his own bedroom for the first time and has already picked out the biggest one.

An incredibly hard worker, Anna is a full-time CNA at UNC Health, full-time student, and full-time Mom. She is working towards her goal of becoming a doctor and delivering babies.

Annah did not learn about the possibility of applying for Habitat homeownership until she started volunteering on site to help others. Now she is excited about turning her dream of becoming a Chapel Hill Homeowner into a reality. She is money savvy and ready to start saving.

For those of us who attended the Good Friday service in the Chapel on April 15th, we were exposed to heart-felt, emotional, and scripture-based testimony about how the last words and phrases of Jesus Christ on the cross affects us. Over the next few months, some of the presentations will be reprinted here. They will not be in the order found in scripture, but, as our church authors (Laura called us "preachers") submit them. No matter the order, the words are profound; calling us to pay attention to the Holy Trinity at any time.

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT

by Matt Matthews

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

I confess, I've turned into a "news junkie" since February 21, 2022, when Russia first started attacking Ukraine – and denying it all. I attribute it to my empathy for the Ukrainians experiencing the mortar and rocket attacks and my own time on the receiving end of mortar and rocket attacks while in Vietnam.

The first unit I was assigned to in Vietnam, the 155th Assault Helicopter Company, was located at a town named "Ban Me Thuot". When my assignment was given to me at battalion headquarters, I was told Ban Me Thuot was also known as "Rocket City" because of the frequent mortar and rocket attacks on the compound by the Viet Cong and North Vietnam Army (NVA) forces.

During the six months I was there we came under attack on several occasions – usually at least once a month. I learned from others that had been there longer that you could pretty much safely hunker down from a mortar attack in a strong bunker, but we couldn't build a bunker strong enough to protect us from a rocket attack. Aircraft, people, the maintenance area, and sleeping quarters were all prime targets – you just hoped you weren't in the bullseye. There was also the little distraction of getting shot at while flying – an all-too-common occurrence.

I was raised in a very active Southern Baptist family – if the church doors were open, we were there. It seemed to me you had to be on your deathbed to keep from being dragged to church by Mom and Dad. I was Baptized after accepting Christ as my Savior at a very young age. Like many young people, then and now, when I moved away from home after graduating high school my frequency of church attendance fell off and so did my prayer life.

Soon after arriving at Ban Me Thuot, and recognizing the reality of frequent attacks, my prayer life increased dramatically. I asked for God's protection for me and my fellow soldiers. I requested God's protection and guidance for my wife and son and for the other members of my family. I asked for God's help in defeating our enemy. I hoped that my death or injury was not necessary, but I left my wellbeing in God's hands - **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."**

The wonder of Jesus' birth, his childhood and the moves Joseph and Mary made to save their son – all this was to fulfill the gospel. The first mention of his recognized "uniqueness" was his teaching in the temple when only 12 years old – by Jesus' own words, "he had to be in his Father's house". Later, God announced to those within earshot at Jesus' baptism that Jesus was his holy Son, and he was well pleased with him.

Jesus' ministry, his betrayal, his trial, his crucifixion, and his resurrection were all pre-ordained as part of God's master plan for our salvation. It's hard to fathom the love God and Jesus have for us that God would allow his son to suffer such a harsh and cruel death for sinners such as us.

The Prayer Ministry meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in person or by free telephone conference. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. You may also contact Gail at pruettg4mh@gmail.com. Please join us! We would love to share God's love with you as we pray for others.



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Ways to give

We know and believe that part of being a follower of Christ is being generous with our money. We also recognize that the world is changing, the church is changing, and giving trends are changing with new generations. Thank you for your generosity!

Online *www.PleasantGreenUMC.org*

Smartphone *Text "PleasantGreen" To: 77977*

Envelope *Mail or slip under office door*

Amazon Smile Support PGUMC when you purchase through amazon smile. They donate 0.5% of your purchase price on eligible items to the "Pleasant Green United Methodist Church" charitable organization. We hope you'll consider this as we continue to find creative and generous ways to share resources together. Already have an Amazon Prime account?

Go to smile.amazon.com and use your existing login.
Pleasant Green's unique charity link:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/56-1152936>

Blood Drive

May 26th at PGUMC
(11:30 am-4:30 pm)



To sign up, contact the Church office at 919.383.5764 or pgumc@ncrrbiz.com or go to redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: Pleasant Green)

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