

First United Methodist Church  
Center, Texas

Love God, Love People, Serve The World

## Apportionments Spotlight

**BLACK COLLEGE FUND** The 1972 General Conference established the Black College Fund as one of the apportioned General Church funds. The objective of the fund is to provide financial support for institutions of higher education which are related to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church and which have historically served primarily the educational needs of black students.” This includes Wiley College in Marshall.

### AFRICA UNITED METHODIST UNIVERSITY

This fund supports the only United Methodist, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa and the first private university in Zimbabwe. Africa’s University’s mission is “to provide a higher education of excellent quality, to nurture students in Christian values and to help the nations of Africa develop the leaders of the future.” After more than 150 years of Methodist missions and church growth in Africa, the 1988 General Conference overwhelmingly accepted the proposal for this institution. In March 1992, Africa U.M. University opened for business with 40 theological and agricultural students, 16 faculties. They met in renovated farm buildings for classrooms. In April, 1994 the University was officially opened, dedication services for several building were conducted, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor were inaugurated, and a Cokesbury bookstore was opened. Each successive General Conference has heard and affirmed reports on the continuing development of this international university, as evidenced by the creation of additional schools, increases in the number of faculty members and students, and the growth of the physical plant. The student body has now reached an economically sustainable enrollment level of around 1,200 students. Capital improvements are now being funded by grants from governments, foundations, annual conferences, and individuals, with the apportioned funds used to support the operating budget.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND

The Interdenominational Cooperation Fund provides United Methodism’s share of the basic support for the World and National Councils of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union.

The United Methodist Church is a charter member of the World Council of Churches. The primary function of the World Council is to “assure that relief goods get to their intended destinations to help people.”

The National Council of Churches is best known for Church World Service through which it channels help to the victims of disaster and carries out development programs in more than 90 countries.

Approximately 70% of the NCC Budget is spent in this ministry. The NCC holds the copyright to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, and has published the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

### THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND

This fund supports those parts of the United Methodist Church that are largely administrative. The largest portion of this fund supports the General Conference and the production of the Book of Discipline.

Another part of this fund is for the Judicial Council, the final court of appeal and the Supreme Court for United Methodists. The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) is supported by this fund. GCFA is the bookkeeper and statistician for the denomination. It also maintains a legal staff to help conferences with specific questions of law, a risk-management department to help us prevent problems.

#### FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget	\$414,701.00
Needed weekly	\$7,975.02
Received on 10/07/2018	\$7,244.00
Received to date (week 40)	\$282,733.55
Needed to date 9/23/2018 (week 40)	\$319,000.80
Difference	-\$36,267.25





Want to help with our Halloween Trunk or Treat?

You can:

Decorate a vehicle **OR** bake or buy cakes, cupcakes, or other sweet edibles for the cakewalk **OR** bring bags of candy to Nancy **OR** just come by that night to MEET, GREET, and VISIT with church members and visitors!!

Come show our friendly Methodist spirit to the community. . . Come visit with friends who attend the "other" service and whom you rarely see on Sunday. . . Come eat a great hot dog supper cooked by the men of the church. . . Come watch kids in our community having a rousing time and enjoying themselves!

Everyone who came and helped last year had a wonderful time! We hope you will join in the fun and fellowship this year!!

### Sunday Schedule:

8:30am – Worship  
9:30 am – Coffee Fellowship-  
Pairs and Spares  
10am– Sunday School for all ages  
11am- Worship

### Second Mile Club

Through "Second Mile Club" giving, we have a wonderful opportunity to partner with God. Donations go directly to the Second Mile Club Fund and are not part of your apportionments.

It is a good will and good faith offering. So, as we say "... if anyone would have you go one mile, go with them two miles." Matthew 5:41.

#### The suggested donation for each share is \$25.00.

We are grateful for every member of our club, because together, we are making a lot of difference in areas within our district.

### Youth Updates

October 9: What A Night Fundraiser  
5-8 p.m.  
October 13: McMahan Chapel Day  
with Bishop Jones Preaching  
October 29: Halloween in the Hole

### October 7<sup>th</sup> Attendance

Sunday School	29
8:30 am Worship Service	37
11:00 am Worship Service	56
Total in Worship	93



"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 New International Version (NIV)

"Just one thing," Jesus said to Martha as she bustled about to do the preparations for having Jesus as a house guest, presenting Him to their friends. I imagine Martha rushing to and from, checking to see if the soup tasted just right, where there enough pillows around for those to lounge about, and were the servant's uniforms clean and pressed? Like many of us, we want things to be just perfect for the arrival of our Savior. Her excitement must have been contagious, as Martha's watchful eye carefully scanned the rooms to make sure that nothing would be lacking when her Lord sat at her table. I can almost see Mary, her sister, fiddling with a vase of flowers as she watched the horizon for her house guest's arrival, and I can also see her wild abandonment at her delight when Jesus crossed over the threshold. We all have a bit of Martha, the worrier, and Mary, the dreamer in us. We worry and fret that things won't be acceptable, that one forgotten item may lead to complete rejection and our sacrificial offering of ourselves would not be acceptable in His sight. We become so focused on the offering that we are unable to rest in our Savior's arms peacefully. It is within that peace, though, that passes all understanding that can sustain our hearts and mind, and can never be taken away, leaving us with the assurance of our Father's love and assurance of salvation, no matter what. Father God, thank You for Your presence in our lives. Help me to rest just today, Lord, in knowing that there is nothing I must do to prepare or clean-up for You to come into my life. Help me to see life just for today through my "Mary's" eyes, and having done so, to learn to bask in Your Holy Spirit and love. In Jesus name, AMEN

You may send your prayer requests and praises to Terri Lacher at [btlacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:btlacher@sbcglobal.net) or at (936) 598-3484 or (936) 332-2717

### Memorials

**Jennifer Cohenour**

Donna Thomason

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bill Mettauer



You are cordially invited to attend the One Hundred Eighty Fifth Anniversary Celebration of McMahan Chapel on Saturday, the thirteenth of October

Two thousand eighteen

at ten thirty in the morning

Speaker Bishop Scott Jones, Texas Annual Conference

Be our guest for a covered dish luncheon in the Event Center following the service.



We will have the shoeboxes out for you to pick up on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the fellowship hall.

Dates for the shoeboxes are October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>

These shoeboxes are the only way these children know that God loves each of them. Help us to make this happen.

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