



The Anchorage

A Contemplative
Community for All

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*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all
wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”
Colossians 3:16*

“The Gift of Community” *(Continued from page 2)*

and connect us to a larger faith community. Their compassion has challenged me to notice every kindness and to want to express my deepest gratitude.

Throughout my vocation, I served as a pastor of many different kinds of churches and church communities. I became cognizant of the many anonymous persons who interceded with prayer, acts of kindness, and acts of mercy. Sometimes people offered to help by providing transportation, by providing means when family members were too overwhelmed, worn-out, etc. Still others offered help financially.

Finally, I have felt the PRESENCE of GOD – being in community with GOD and GOD’S people in a different, more powerful way than ever before. There is the comfort of the Heavenly Host, the Bible, (the living WORD of GOD), and the unexplainable sense or awareness of the great cloud of witnesses who have preceded us and await us.

May you seek, find and experience community in a new and deeper way in this new year and each year to come.

(Thanks to Scott Cloninger for this article and for his support and participation with The Anchorage over many years. He is a retired UMC Pastor (2012) after 31 years of parish ministry, all spent in SC. His current interests are four grandchildren: one grandson (4), twin granddaughter’s (3½), and the newest granddaughter almost 3 months old. His mission field is a group of grumpy old men who gather for coffee and put up with him. His most recent spiritual experiences include the gift of being a male who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. The road is filled with challenges of accepting circumstances and learning to take life moment by moment, and day by day. The most recent lesson he is learning is life is out of his control and therefore the best possible place he can be is in GOD’S hands.)

Financial Status as of December 31, 2016 *(Fiscal Year is July 16 – June 17)*

Total gifts budgeted	\$ 19,660
Total received	\$ 9,455
Amount needed	\$ 10,205
Total income budgeted	\$ 37,495
Total received	\$ 13,023
Amount needed	\$ 24,472

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