

## *Charlotte District E-Pistle*

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As you all know from the news reports and the notice in our September edition of *E-Connections*, a vicious fire swept through a portion of Central UMC on Albemarle Road during the early morning hours of September 15th. Police quickly announced that this was the work of an arsonist. The administrative offices were destroyed and smoke damage permeated most of the campus, including the sanctuary. Our colleague Rev. Angela Pleasants lost all her books, many personal artifacts, photographs and treasures that cannot be replaced. The congregation is currently meeting for worship at Hickory Grove UMC. Because intruders have returned at night, due to a destroyed electrical and security system, evening duty police have been hired.

Many churches and individuals have responded with generosity and compassion. Checks may be sent to Central United Methodist Church, designated for "Fire Fund." The address is P. O Box 25246; Charlotte, North Carolina 28229.

Grace and peace,

*George*