

Making Friends of Church Numbers

For many pastors and lay leaders, reviewing and managing church financials can create a bit of anxiety. *Making Friends of Church Numbers*, a one-day seminar, will help non-financial people develop comfort and skill with church numbers. You'll learn more about —

- **basic financial statements**
what they tell us & how to communicate info clearly
- **developing a narrative budget**
great for inspiring generosity in your church
- **the policies and procedures every church needs**
to protect the organization, its people, building & funds

Presented in an engaging and interactive manner, *Making Friends of Church Numbers* will help equip more women and men to take active roles in the financial lives of their church, association and conference.

To register, call the church office at 218-236-1756
or email uccmhd@702com.net

Sunday, April 10

1:00 – 6:00p

Lunch will be offered at 12:30pm
at

First Congregational UCC

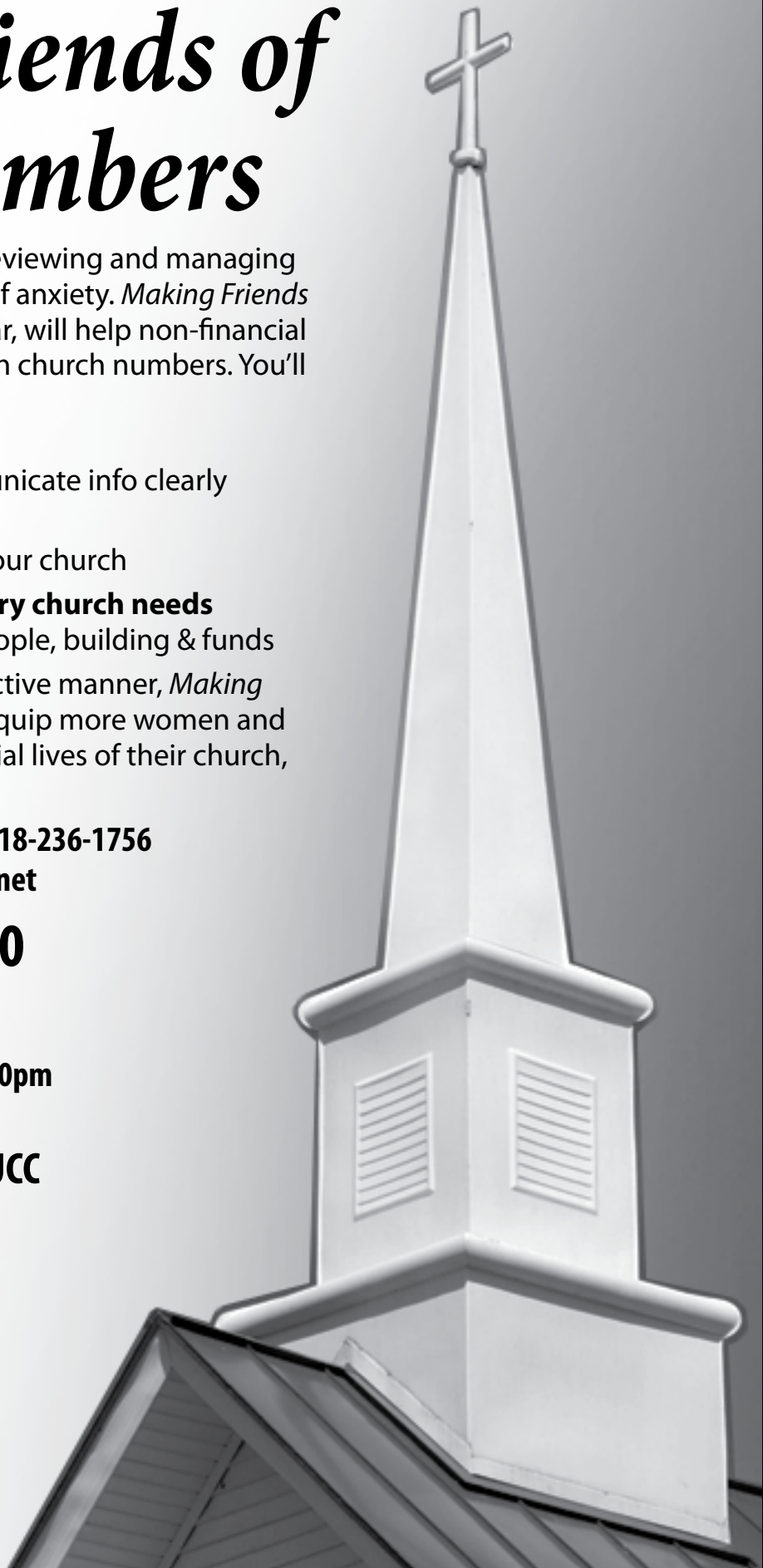
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Moorhead, MN 56560

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A one-day seminar for pastors, lay leaders and church members who want to better understand and manage church finances.

Every pastor and church member wants to be part of a vital congregation — one that's healthy, able to grow in new ministry directions and striving to make a difference in their community. Financial health helps make ministry possible, and churches need their leaders to be equipped to make sound financial decisions. That's where *Making Friends of Church Numbers* comes in — helping pastors, lay leaders, committee members and other interested church folks develop their comfort and skill in working with church finances and church management issues.

Pastors

Few pastors leave seminary with a solid knowledge of church finances — so here's your chance to learn how to read and understand financial statements, how to guide your church to higher levels of giving, how to protect your church and its people, and more. Plus, you can ask all the questions you'd like!

Consistory & Council Members

Effective church leadership almost *requires* that lay leaders understand how to assess the financial health of their church. We'll try our hand at creating financial statements, at analyzing cash flows, and at developing budgets that tell

the church's story in a new and exciting way. We'll also look at church management techniques to keep your congregation safe and on a growing track.

Stewardship Leaders

Comfort with church financials can help stewardship committees lead more successful annual campaigns and other giving initiatives. And stewardship folks really enjoy learning more about Narrative Budgets — a method of presenting the church budget that is almost guaranteed to inspire new levels of giving.

Trustees & Board Members

Whether you're serving your church, the association, the conference, or even a local charity, you'll be a more effective board member when you can understand not just the organization's financial health, but its potential for liability as well. Learn about policies, procedures, and best practices that keep your church thriving.

In *Making Friends of Church Numbers*, you'll develop new skills, learn lots of new information, and even have fun! You'll leave with tools and resources you can use to make your church healthier, stronger and more vital.



Cheri Lovell

Seminar Leader

The Rev. Cheri Lovell serves as Southeast Mission Interpreter for the Cornerstone Fund, and as developer of the ministry's educational programs. Following an early career in banking and investment real estate, Cheri earned her Master of Divinity at Emory University, and was ordained into the UCC in 1998. After a sojourn in Cleveland, she moved to New York City to serve United Church Funds and the United Nations Population Fund, before returning to her home state of North Carolina where she now resides. In addition to working with UCC churches around the country, Cheri enjoys knitting and exploring technology.

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