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Cultivating Fruitfulness: "Deep Roots and Bountiful Fruit"

Based on John 15:1-8 and Galatians 5:22-23, our goal at Wrightsville UMC is to have every member develop deep spiritual roots which will then yield a life characterized by bountiful fruit.

What does that mean for you?

You will find a description at the beginning of each section of this booklet that defines a particular practice identified by Robert Schnase in his book, *The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. These "Five Practices" push us as disciples and as a congregation to contemplate how we can move toward greater fruitfulness in our walk with Christ.

We ask you now to ponder with us these five practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity and then to respond prayerfully as you complete the Gifts and Talents Survey provided with this booklet.

THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US: PASSING THE FAITH ALONG

'Therefore...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...' (HEBREWS 12:1-2)

Dear Friends,

At the heart of the Christian gospel is the command that Jesus gives us at the end of the gospel of Matthew: 'Go now, and make disciples; and remember that I am with you always.' Disciple-making takes place in a myriad of arenas: through the patience displayed in the face and in the actions of a first-grade Sunday School teacher; through the wise words of a well-prepared Bible Study leader; and through music which lifts the soul, stirs the imagination, and brings us into the presence of God. Disciple-making takes place in a moment of prayer and reflection on a 'Walk To Emmaus'; in a moment of laughter while groceries are loaded into Mother Hubbard's Cupboard; in a nail driven into the wall of a church-sponsored repair effort for the Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM); or in a book read and a hug shared by a volunteer at one of our support weeks for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. In many different venues...in many amazing and profound ways...disciples are being 'made' as God's love is being shared and 'passed along' at and through Wrightsville United Methodist Church.

Which brings me to my reason for writing. Disciple-making and 'passing the faith along' calls upon all of us to share our time and our talents with our Creator, our congregation and our community. I am asking every member of Wrightsville UMC to search their heart and to ask the question: 'how does God want me to pass the faith along?'...and I believe that your answer to that question will lead you to a deeper commitment of your time and your talent to the disciple-making efforts in which our congregation is involved.

As you peruse the 2011 copy of our Ministries Booklet, prayerfully consider how you might make good on your promise to support Wrightsville UMC with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. I am counting on you to help us run the race that is set before us by helping us 'pass the faith along' to our congregation, to our community, and to the generations who will follow us here at Wrightsville. We have work to do...and we need you to help us.

Grace & Peace,

The Reverend Bob Bauman



Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

Radical Hospitality

“Practicing Radical Hospitality means we offer the absolute utmost of ourselves, our creativity, and our abilities to offer the gracious invitation and welcome of Christ to others. We pray, plan, and work to invite others and help them to feel welcome and to support them in their spiritual journeys.”

– ROBERT SCHNASE

GREETER

Can you be the first face people see when they approach Wrightsville United Methodist Church on Sunday morning? A friendly face and a welcoming smile are the requirements for this job. Greeters are assigned to a schedule throughout the year and serve about once per month.

USHER

This position is a place for those interested in helping during the worship service. Ushers assist throughout the service in various ways – including seating people and taking up the offering. Assigned to a schedule throughout the year, ushers serve about once per month.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Those wonderful bags that the children pick up from the baskets after the Children's sermon have to be replenished weekly. We provide the goodies for the bags – we just need you to sign up to help! Each person who assists in this ministry is assigned one month to come to the church and restock the bags each week. It's a fun job – and you can even bring your kids with you to help!

PRESCHOOL NURSERY

Ever wonder where those darling children go after the Children's Sermon? They go to the Preschool Nursery which is staffed by volunteers. This opportunity is assigned to a schedule throughout the year and volunteers serve about once per quarter. All parents appreciate the opportunity to worship quietly occasionally. Won't you help? We need two volunteers during 8:30 and 11:15 worship. We provide the space and the books and toys. You provide the smiling face and fun!

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

Can you make the coffee this week? We provide the coffee and set-ups, you bring the goodies and the juice and we'll have Fellowship after Worship. People who volunteer for this ministry are assigned to a yearly schedule and generally serve about



3 times per year after the Worship service they specify. Detailed instructions and help are always available.

RECEPTIONIST

Could you possibly spare a couple of hours per month to come in and answer the church office phone during meetings? No experience is necessary – just a friendly voice and a smiling face.

SNACK SUPPER VOLUNTEER

Each Sunday for *fourtwelve*, a wonderful volunteer prepares an easy supper for the youth to eat together before the program begins. Some popular meals have been



anything from breakfast-for-supper to tacos to spaghetti. It only takes a couple of hours from start to finish, but the rewards are great! The time that the youth spend eating together on Sunday nights is valuable time for them – talking and laughing with each other, sharing with each other about their weeks, breaking the ice and creating new relationships. Preparing a snack supper for the youth is such a great way to help behind the scenes and see what a wonderful group of youth we have here!

EVENT SET-UP

Can you move a table? How about a folding chair? Then the Fellowship Committee is looking for you! We need help setting up for 3-4 events here at the church throughout the year. This isn't a large time commitment – just a couple of hours when we are getting ready for some fun. So...come be part of it!

COOK TEAM

At various time throughout the year we have meals to be prepared and served here at the church. Could you possibly be a part of the team that serves in this valuable ministry? These aren't regularly scheduled events – just as needed for specific events, meetings or groups.

KITCHEN CREW

At various time throughout the year we have meals to be prepared and served here at the church. Could you possibly be a part of the team that serves in this valuable ministry? These aren't regularly scheduled events – just as needed for specific events, meetings or groups. So you say you don't want to cook for those events,



but you wouldn't mind serving or cleaning up afterward? OK – still sign up to be part of the Kitchen Crew. We always have room for more hands on the Kitchen Crew!

KITCHEN PATROL

Did you ever wonder who makes sure that we have all the supplies we need and keeps the kitchen straightened up for us all? That would be the Kitchen Patrol! This is such an important ministry to all of the other ministries of the church! Assigned for one month at a time, the Kitchen Patrol checks the kitchen supplies against a pre-printed list and makes sure that we have everything we need. They also insure that the kitchen is straightened up for all to use by checking in weekly during their month of service. Each Kitchen Patrol member usually serves for one month of the year.

TRANSPORTATION

We have in our congregation many who would like to attend worship on Sunday or church events at other times, but are unable to attend because of a lack of transportation. If you are a person that can provide this transportation then this may be the ministry for you. This commitment is on a as-needed basis and may be for

a weekly pick-up for church, a monthly pick-up for a church meeting, or a ride to the covered dish dinner.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Committee provides an invaluable service to this congregation at a time of great need. This Committee is divided into rotating teams. When there is a death in our family, the Bereavement Committee provides for a reception to follow the service, or for food to be delivered to the home of the family according to the wishes of the family. There is a need for people who can be a part of the cook team for these times as well as a need for people to come to the church to serve during the reception and clean up following. Additionally, there is a need for people who can deliver food to families when that is the request.

NEW PARENT MINISTRY

This important ministry provides a link to the church for new parents. Are you someone who would like to cook for a family with a new baby? Would you like to deliver a meal and see the new "bundle of joy"? What about deliver the yard sign that announces the arrival of our newest member? If any of those things appeal to you, then the New Parent Ministry is for you!



Passionate Worship

“Passionate Worship, whether traditional or contemporary, means an extraordinary eagerness to offer the best in worship, honoring God with excellence and with an unusual clarity about the purpose of connecting people to God. It is worship that is not dry, routine, or boring, keeping the form while lacking the spirit. It is not performance; it is devotion and celebration expressing our love of God.” – ROBERT SCHNASE



ACOLYTE

This opportunity is available to children once they begin the fourth grade. They process in with the ministers and light the candles at each service. Acolytes are also called upon to assist in the service in other ways – including communion. Acolytes are assigned to a schedule throughout the year and generally serve about once every 6-8 weeks.

LAY READER

Lay Readers are called upon periodically to assist in the worship service by reading scripture or other materials as assigned by the ministers. There is no set schedule for Lay Readers. They are contacted as

needed throughout the year, but are generally not needed more than once or twice per year.

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Communion Stewards are trained lay people who assist the pastors in the celebration of communion. Training will include instruction in basic Eucharistic theology and explanation of the various parts of the communion service, as well as practical instruction in how to distribute the elements appropriately. After completing their training, the communion stewards will be prepared to assist in the distribution of the bread and cup during worship and to take communion to those

members who are shut in or hospitalized. Those who serve as Communion Stewards will be scheduled in advance.

KEMPTON WORSHIP TEAM

On the first Sunday of each month, we send a team of lay persons to lead a brief worship experience and to serve communion to residents at The Kempton at Brightmore – an assisted living facility. These team members are provided with guidance, serve with others and are asked to serve once every 3-4 months.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

The Wesley Choir

This choir is the core children's choir at Wrightsville United Methodist Church. In addition to developing our singing voices, we do a variety of fun activities that strengthen our musical skills and ensemble. We also play the Kristal Bells (the color-coded ones) for the annual Festival of Trees and other community events. This group participates in worship several times throughout the year and occasionally puts on a dramatic production. Our main focus is on our Wednesday evening meetings, the fun that we have there and the bond that we create while making music together. We learn about worship and praising God through our music. This choir is open to all children in grades K through 5.

The Select Children's Choir

This group is for the more serious child singer with a focus on vocal technique, music reading and part singing. Usually children move into this choir after participating in the Wesley Choir for a few years. Often

it performs along with the Wesley Choir or the Chancel Choir. It is for children in grades 3 through 8 and participants need director approval prior to joining.

Level I Handchimes – aka "The Sharks"

This group largely consists of children in grades 3 – 5 with little or no experience reading music. We learn to read music and improve basic music reading skills. We learn to play handchimes and to work together as a group. Some middle school age children work in this choir for a year before joining the Youth Ensemble. We participate in worship approximately twice a year.

Youth Ensemble

This group is made up of young people in grades 6 through 12 who already have music reading skills. While we primarily play handbells, we also do a variety of musical ensemble things, including playing Orff instruments to accompany the younger choirs. We sometimes play band or orchestral arrangements in worship as well. We attend the annual American Guild of English Handbell Ringers Youth Handbell Festival in the fall and also participate in community events.



All children's choirs begin the Wednesday after Labor Day and end in early May.

ADULT CHOIRS

The Chancel Choir

This choir is open to all singers 15 years old and above. This group provides music for Sunday morning worship the second Sunday in September through the first Sunday in July, primarily at the 11:15 service. We do a variety of musical styles in a traditional setting. Music reading skills are not required but a singing voice and positive attitude are!



The Adult Handbell Choir

This choir currently consists of three and a half octaves. Members must be able to read music though previous bell experience is not required. This group participates in worship several times throughout the year and is open to all adults as positions become available.

The Zion Singers

This is a small group of adult singers with strong voices and good music reading skills who meet periodically to work on a specific piece for a specific Sunday. This is a high quality, energetic group that does a variety of styles. Director approval is required for participation in this group.

Child care is provided for all adult choirs.



Intentional Faith Development

“Intentional Faith Development refers to all ministries that help us grow in faith outside of weekly worship: Bible studies, Sunday school, small groups, and retreats where we learn in the community of other Christians. By these practices we mature in faith; we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God. We pray that we are closer to Christ today than we were five years ago, and that by the grace of God, we may be closer to Christ five years from now than we are today.”

— ROBERT SCHNASE

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Our Sunday School is growing at a time when most congregations in the U.S. are experiencing smaller Sunday Schools than ever before. Wonder why? We think it's because we have so much fun teaching the Bible here at WUMC! To keep the fun and learning going takes a great group of leaders and teachers. We have full time spots as well as part time spots just waiting for you! Join our growing team!

SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Want to try it out as a substitute teacher and see what you think? We'd love to have you join our team! No long term commitment – just an opportunity to serve on an occasional Sunday morning.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Talk about a week of fun! Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer! This great week requires lots of help – and in all forms. Want to teach? Great! Like to prepare and serve snacks? Terrific! Think you could help with the supply shopping? Fabulous! Our VBS staff and kids need lunch each day – can you help with that? Yippee! Sign up to join the fun of VBS – you won't be sorry!



SMALL GROUP LEADER

Have you noticed all the great opportunities we have for Christian Education here at WUMC? Did you ever wonder how we do all that? We are able to do it all because we have members who are willing to serve by facilitating classes and small groups. You don't have to have all the answers – just a willingness and ability to serve.

FOURTWELVE YOUTH MINISTRY ADULT VOLUNTEER/SMALL GROUP LEADER

Small group leaders are an essential component in our youth ministry. We've found it nearly impossible to effectively reach groups of youth en masse. So, to better accommodate the growth we're feeling in *fourtweleve* on Sunday nights, we follow a program where small groups are

an integral part of the whole experience. Groups range in size from 5 – 15 youth with groups separated by age and sometimes gender. Adult Leaders need to be a freshman in college or older with a willingness to work directly with our youth – leading, co-leading, or assisting with Sunday night or weeknight programs.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

This group is made up of the women of the church. All women are welcome to join. Their focus is on women and children and mission. They meet as the whole group periodically throughout the year. There are monthly meetings of “Circles.” These smaller groups of women meet monthly at various times for study and fellowship. If you are interested in learning more about UMW, please indicate this desire on the Gifts and Talents Survey so that we may have someone contact you.



UNITED METHODIST MEN

All men of the church are invited to join United Methodist Men. Held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30, these dinner meetings include programs of speakers and the organization of events sponsored by this group including the annual fish fry and golf tournament. If you are interested in being contacted by UMM, please indicate this on the Gifts and Talents Survey.

WALK TO EMMAUS

The Walk to Emmaus is a three day weekend designed to strengthen your faith walk and enhance your service to your church. If you are interested in talking to someone about a Walk to Emmaus, please indicate this desire on the Gifts and Talents Survey so that we may have someone contact you.



Risk-Taking Mission & Service

“Mission and Service refers to the projects, efforts, and work people do to make a positive difference in the lives of others for the purposes of Christ, whether or not they will ever become part of the community of faith. Risk-taking Mission and Service involves the efforts to alleviate suffering and injustice to improve the conditions of others in the name of Christ.”

– ROBERT SCHNASE

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NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT

The Seagull – our monthly newsletter – needs to be folded and prepared for mailing each month. Could you join our “folding party” once a month and help us out with this project? We usually fold in the morning of the 28th or the 29th of the month. It varies each month as to the day of the week on which it falls. Sometimes we even get to add inserts to the Seagull! Want to help?

DATA ENTRY

From time to time we have a need for someone to come in and help us with data entry projects. Usually these are one-day projects where we set you up with a computer and allow you to work individually. Can you be one of those we call when we need someone to “hunt and peck”? While computer skills are necessary, there is no time test!

EVENT CHAPERONE FOR FORTWELVE YOUTH MINISTRY

Events and retreats are one of the things everyone loves most about *fortwelve*. During the course of a school year, we go on our Fall Retreat, Pilgrimage, Ski Trip, and a Spring Retreat. We also participate in two youth mission trips each summer. We love to going places with *fortwelve*, but these retreats simply are not possible unless we have wonderful chaperones to go with us! Chaperones have several responsibilities on retreats: some are needed to drive, all are needed to keep an eye on the youth, and all are needed to act as a responsible Christian role model for our youth. We follow a youth to adult ratio of at least 7:1 for all youth retreats. Chaperones must be 21 or older (25 or older to drive a van). Whether across town, across the state, or across borders, please consider whether God is calling you to help in this way. A group can never have too many chaperones!

SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEER

Youth Ministry doesn’t come to a screeching halt once all the youth have gone home on Sunday nights. We have one small group that has a consistent record of weeknight meetings, and the possibility that more

small groups could form in the future. The youth also participate in a great deal of fundraising throughout the year with events such as Flocktober, the Christmas Tour of Homes, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and other miscellaneous car washes or afternoons in the parking lot during the summer. Not all volunteers have to work directly with our youth; many are actually needed to work behind the scenes – organizing, helping plan events, etc. If the thought of spending time alone with teenagers has you running the other way, but you can work a calendar, a calculator, or a phone, maybe this is where you can plug into our youth ministry.

KITCHEN PATROL

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Believing that prayer is a vital part of our congregation's spiritual life, the Prayer Ministry serves to collect prayer requests from our members and insure that those requests for prayer are honored. The Prayer Ministry also records all requests, maintains

an unpublished prayer list, publishes a prayer list of those who request it, informs the staff when someone requests a visit or call and send cards to those who request them. This ministry rotates the responsibilities with each member of the ministry serving for one month at a time. They generally spend about 2 hours per week fulfilling the responsibilities of their position.

HOMEBOUND OR NURSING

HOME VISITOR

If you enjoy relating to older persons, are a good listener, and have a desire to glorify God by caring for the needs of isolated members of this congregation, this is the ministry for you. After receiving training, you will be teamed with another trained visitor and together you will visit monthly with your assigned member or members and pray regularly for them. All visitors will meet together from time to time with a pastor to support them in this vital ministry.

HOSPITAL VISITOR

Maybe you are comfortable in a hospital setting, are a good listener, and have a desire to reach out to people who are hurting. If you are, you would make a great hospital visitor. Hospital visitors serve on a rotating basis with other team members. They receive the names of members who are in the hospital, visit with them with their visitation partner and when necessary report relevant information back to the pastoral staff. They also meet periodically with the Hospital Visitation team for support and encouragement.



TRANSPORTATION

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LOAVES AND FISHES

This ministry stocks a freezer here at the church with food to be delivered to those in our congregation who are in need due to their circumstances. We have a need for people who can prepare food for the freezer and deliver it to the church as well



as people who can then deliver the food when a need arises. If you can make an extra casserole for the freezer from time to time or an extra batch of cookies, then this ministry is a place for you to serve.

NEW PARENT MINISTRY

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HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM

Working with health care providers, our Health Ministry Team seeks to provide information and assistance in all areas of wellness. Throughout the year the team helps to organize flu vaccine clinics, health fairs and blood pressure checks in addition to providing current information on many areas of interest. This Team seeks individuals who are interested in serving in health related areas. A medical license is not required to serve— just a willingness to serve the congregation in this vital role.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry is a vital and active part of the care of this congregation. Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. If you would like to be considered for training as a Stephen Minister, then please mark this on the Gifts and Talents Survey form.

LOCAL LIGHT CONSTRUCTION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL TEAMS

As part of our Community Action Team, several times throughout the year we will partner with a local agency and form a team to help repair, rebuild, or clear the home of one of the most vulnerable members of our community: the poverty-stricken, the elderly, and the disabled. Please note your interest and you will receive a call when a work team is being formed.

CONSTRUCTION SPECIALTIES

For those of you willing to share special construction skills such as Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, etc, please note on the appropriate "Skills to Share" sign-up sheet and we will contact you when a need arises for a Heart & Home client (see below) or WARM client. WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry), run out of Wrightsboro UMC, seeks to repair the homes of local poverty-stricken individuals and families.



DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRIES

After Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf coast, our Wilmington district partnered with the town of Biloxi to help get families back in their homes by organizing mission work teams with skills such as: construction, administration, cooking, and counseling. Please note your interest and you will receive a call when a work team is being formed.

HEART & HOME

Our own WUMC outreach agency helps qualified families secure permanent housing. A mentor from our congregation is selected for each family to help build a relationship of trust and support. The mentor tunes into the needs of the family and, with lots of support, helps match those needs with resources from within our congregation and beyond. Errand runners, auto mechanics, and construction skills are also frequently needed to help keep these families going.

WILMINGTON INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network serves our area homeless families with short-term transitional shelter. These are families who find themselves homeless for a variety of reasons and are seeking safe shelter while they get their lives back together. This ministry is supported by area churches. WUMC supports this ministry four times per year for one week at a time. There are various roles to be filled as we co-host these families at Masonboro Baptist Church – spending the night at the church, driving them to the day house or even just joining them for the evening meal and serving as an evening greeter or host.

MERCI (MARION EDWARDS RECOVERY CENTER INITIATIVES)

MERCI is a program of the NC Conference of the UMC which seeks to provide mission and ministry programs that meet people's physical and spiritual needs. MERCI's primary function is disaster preparedness, response and recovery. MERCI also assists UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in mission to various parts of the world. Volunteer opportunities require a few hours of travel and include light warehouse work such as assembling flood relief buckets, health kits, and school kits.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels delivers hot food to local shut-ins. Volunteers are needed to cook one hot dish that will feed approximately 10 people, and then deliver that dish to WUMC on a Saturday morning. The food is then broken into individual meals and delivered to the shut-ins. Drivers sometimes visit briefly with the shut-ins, many of whom are just as starved for conversation as they are for food.

SON RUN

The Son Run is the Outreach Committee's annual fundraising event. This race is increasing in popularity throughout our community as the years go by. Volunteers are needed to help organize, promote, and do the legwork on race day.

SALVATION ARMY WOODLOT

The Salvation Army sponsors this program which provides firewood for families in need. Volunteers are needed to chop and deliver wood in winter months.

TILESTON CLINIC

The Tileston Clinic, located downtown, provides health care services to those who live in poverty and cannot afford health insurance. Desperate clients line up hours before the clinic opens to receive the care. Tileston's growing list of services includes medical, dental and diabetes clinics and a pharmacy. Healthcare professionals are always needed, as are office assistants and volunteers who will interview clients to help them fill out medical forms, etc. If you are a doctor, nurse, dentist, dental assistant, pharmacist, nutritionist, or have time to devote to the Clinic, please indicate this on Tileston Clinic sign up sheet. We will forward this information to the Clinic.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

This is a community-supported program run out of Grace United Methodist Church downtown which collects non-perishable food from donors and disperses it to eligible families. WUMC members may bring food items to the church at anytime and it will be delivered to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard the first Monday of the month.

TUTORING AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From the beginning of WUMC we have been in partnership with this community and the school. We currently help to provide tutors for the school. If you are interested in helping in the community in this way, contact Cissie Brooks at 256-3171.



GOOD SHEPHERD MINISTRIES

Good Shepherd Ministries provides many services to those in need in our community. There is a job program for day labor, a soup kitchen, a day shelter, assistance with utilities, and counseling services on a limited basis. Good Shepherd also serves as the home for the Second Helpings Ministry which collects surplus food for delivery to agencies that serve meals. This Ministry is in need of volunteers to drive residents to and from work and local medical appointments and to pick up donated food from designated grocery stores, restaurants and bakeries and deliver to Good Shepherd. We will forward your name to Good Shepherd.

SKILLS TO SHARE

Many times we find ourselves in need of specialized skills. These skills are varied and are only called upon as-needed. We

need people with carpentry skills, plumbing skills, electrician's skills, and auto mechanic skills. We also need those who can sew, take great photos or serve as a historian. Do you have a truck to share? Could you help move furniture? How about organizational skills or a gift for promoting events? If you have a skill we should know about, please indicate it by indicating it on the Gifts and Talents Survey.

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Extravagant Generosity

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PLANNED GIVING TO WUMC

Included in this booklet is a Gifts and Talents survey form as well as a pledge card. Both of these forms allow us to plan for Wrightsville's future. Your extravagant generosity of time and talent allow us to continue important ministries of Wrightsville UMC. Please prayerfully consider your response to both forms and then bring them to church on Commitment Sunday, November 22 or mail or drop by the church by Nov. 30.



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

– Galatians 5:22



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