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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2020

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Will There Be Denominations of the Denomination?

I wrote to you several months ago that I would keep you informed as a church on any possible developments with the upcoming General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Here's what's new...

The biggest news early on was that our former Associate Pastor, Edie Gleaves, has been nominated by the North Carolina Conference delegation to be a bishop. Each conference in the Southeast nominates a candidate and some caucus groups do as well. There will be five bishops retiring in the Southeast and at least 14 nominees. She will be voted on by delegates to the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference. We certainly wish Edie all the best.

The deadline for petitions to go before General Conference was in late September of 2019. Many petitions were turned in, including several that dealt with the United Methodist Church's impasse over issues of human sexuality. (Remember, that's not the only issue facing the United Methodist Church!) I have been reading different news sources and talking with colleagues to see which of these petitions might get the most traction before May's meetings. I even went to a nationwide gathering outside of Kansas City to learn more about four petitions from four very different groups that have been presented to help move the denomination forward.

Then came the news right after the first of this year that private meetings had been taking place throughout the fall of 2019 with several bishops, leaders of some of the larger interest groups that represented Traditionalists, Centrists, and Progressives, including the different groups who had shared their petitions and ideas in Kansas City. These 16 people worked out a plan under the guidance of a mediator that would make it easier for churches that wish to leave the denomination to do so while continuing to keep their property. This is not a done deal. It would still have to be voted on by the delegates to General Conference. In fact, while I may be wrong, I am under the impression that they will have to suspend the rules to even hear this proposal because it is coming in after the deadline.

But, there is a good chance it will pass. The reason is because the leaders of the largest groups at odds with one another have agreed to it and they will be encouraging the delegates who represent their viewpoints to vote for it.

What would it mean if it passes? The bottom line is that the United Methodist Church as we know it right now would splinter into two or more smaller denominations. One group, which favors a Progressive or Centrist view, would keep the name "United Methodist Church" and it would remove the restrictions on same-sex weddings and the ordination of LGBTQ people. Another group which favors the Traditional reading of scripture on this subject would start a new denomination that would keep the restrictions in place. This is not something that Traditionalists would have to start from scratch. There is a group that has been working on creating a new expression of Traditional Methodism for years, and the proposal to split would give seed money to this new denomination. But again, it is only a petition right now. It might pass, it might fail, it is certainly likely to change before May 5; and there are still questions that need to be answered.

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One of the questions that I've been hearing a lot over the last few weeks is this one: "Why do the Traditionalists have to leave?" That's a very good question. The basic answer is that the leaders of the Traditionalist groups in America have been wanting to leave for quite some time. They would argue that the United Methodist Church left them a long time ago, and that as the church has become more progressive over the years the name "United Methodist" has been tarnished. This new expression of Traditional United Methodists will be eager to take on a new name. So, if that's the case, why hasn't the denomination split before now? Because the annual conference actually owns the property of each local church. Up until now it has been nearly impossible for churches to leave with their property. But as I stated earlier, this new plan that has been devised will make it easier for churches to leave with their property.

It is all very interesting. But I want to remind you that God's primary plan for doing mission in this world is through the local church. God needs the local church. This community needs the local church. You and I need the local church. The poor need the local church. The rich need the local church. The non-Christians need the local church. The long-time Christians need the local church. Your neighbors need the local church. Your family needs the local church. We need each other. Even those we disagree with. Perhaps, especially those we disagree with. The denomination is important. The work of the denomination is important. But I believe that what is happening at the local church level is far more important. I hope you will join with me and your siblings in Christ in continuing to make this church the best it can be, by the grace of God.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me at (910)256-4471 or doug@wrightsvilleumc.org.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Doug

UMW NEWS



Ruth Circle will meet Monday, February 10, at 10 am. Contact Marie Cooke, 620-4241, for more information.

Lydia Circle will meet Monday, February 10, at 7 pm at the home of Kate Keenan. Please contact Kay Morgan at 256-4970 for additional information.

Circle of Hope will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 12 pm in Room 203. If you have any questions, please call Jeannie DeGaetano at 617-7268.

Koinonia Circle will meet Thursday, February 13, at 10 am at Seapath Marina. For additional information, please call Ann Hill, 350-2729.



STARS



"Seniors Talking and Remembering the Seasons"

Our monthly luncheon for "seniors" will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the deep roots bulletin board.



bountiful fruit

The Wrightsville United Methodist Church Outreach Committee supports and nurtures individuals and organizations who are in need in our community, nation and world. We also seek to provide members of our congregation opportunities to define their own ministry in service of Christ.



It's not too early to start collecting items in your home to donate to the 3rd Annual Yard Sale (May 1 & 2) benefiting Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we would love to have you set aside your beautiful "stuff"! As in years past, we will not be accepting clothing, books or computers. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hudson at 704-905-4458. More information will be in upcoming articles.



Tenk Ye, Tenk Ye, Tenk Ye

(Translation - Thank You, Thank You, Thank You in Krio, the native language of Rotifunk, Sierra Leone)

The Board of Directors of Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital is overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation of Wrightsville UMC. Your donations to the Poinsettia Fund and to the Christmas Eve offering will benefit our new program, "The Madonna Project." The Madonna Project will support pregnant mothers during their entire pregnancy, from the first ultrasound to the 6-week check-up after delivery. We will provide soon-to-be moms with four visits during her 9 months including delivery services, lab work, vaccinations, drugs, and meals during her hospital stay, plus rice for nourishment upon discharge. All of this will be provided free of charge - our way of providing a safe, healthy pregnancy and delivery for mom and baby!

A Time For Celebration!



The generosity of our congregation is truly amazing! Donation checks were mailed to the two charities designated to receive a portion of the proceeds from the Poinsettia donations and the offerings at our Christmas Eve services - The Tides and Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone. We are so happy to celebrate the contribution of \$6,072.72 to EACH of our two worthy charities.

Now that is something to celebrate!

A Fantastic Outreach Opportunity for the Winter!

The Tides, located in Wilmington, is an organization supported by Wrightsville UMC and provides support to pregnant women as they navigate recovery from opioid use disorder and work to become healthy moms having healthy babies.

The need is so great in our community - and recently two additional apartments have been made available to house at least four more pregnant women and their babies. These apartments need to be furnished and we have offered to become involved in making an apartment a home for the women in this program. The Tides will provide for the pick-up of furniture. Small items can be placed in The Grace Place, under the stairs.

New or gently used furniture including:

- 1 Kitchen Table and Chairs
- 2 High Chairs
- Couch & Living Room Chair
- 4 Lamps (2 for living room/2 for bedrooms)
- 2 Living Room End Tables
- 1 Living Room Coffee Table
- 1 Small to Medium TV Stand
- Medium TV with HDMI Port
- Pictures for the Walls
- Baby Changing Table
- 2 Baby Cribs with Hardware
- 2 Bassinets
- 1 Rocking Chair
- Decorative Wall Items for Nursery
- Small Bookshelf for Nursery (preferably white)
- 1 Dresser
- 2 Chests of Drawers
- 2 Night Stands

There will be a sign-up sheet on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Hudson at 704-905-4458.

Supplies including:

- 1 Crockpot
- 1 Coffeemaker (not K-cup)
- New Potholders
- Kitchen Utensils
- Dish Towels
- Pots & Pans in good condition
- Plates & Bowls (non-breakable)
- 6 Drinking Cups (non-breakable) & 4 Coffee Mugs
- Toaster
- Microwave
- Mixing Bowls
- Can Opener
- Kitchen Trash Can
- Wall Clock
- Bathroom Towels
- Bathroom Scrubber & Plunger
- Broom, Mop & Dust Pan
- 2 Bathroom Trash Cans
- 1 Shower Caddy
- 1 Bath Rug
- 1 Shower Curtain
- Bedroom Trash Can
- 2 Bedroom Rugs



Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! If you have a couple of hours a month to serve at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, these days are in great need of volunteers: 1st Tuesdays, 4th Tuesdays, 2nd Wednesdays, or 4th Saturdays. The tasks are easy and the rewards are great as YOU are helping us to continue providing food for low-income families in the Wilmington area.

Contact: Marie Cooke, marievcooke@gmail.com, or (910)620-4241.

Foods needed at this time: cans of baked beans, healthy soups, mixed vegetables, peas & carrots, peanut butter, individual juice boxes, & individual bottles of water.

Chocolate Chip Cookies Needed for KAIROS Prison Ministry Cookies are due on Sunday, March 15!

There will be a table set up with baking instructions in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 8.

Many of the men and women in our prisons have been abandoned by their families and friends. Often these cookies are the only indication to them that they have not become simply a number in the Department of Corrections. During every 3-day weekend, a dozen cookies are distributed to every resident and correctional officer of the institution as well as to those residents participating in the Kairos weekend. Not only has this eliminated the original problem, it has resulted in the candidates being encouraged by the rest of the prison population to continue to participate so they will continue to receive cookies.

These cookies tell the residents that someone who doesn't know them still cares enough to give a part of their life -the time to bake the cookies-without wanting something in return. Such selflessness is often a unique experience for them. Most inmates in our prison system are takers, not givers. This brief experience of sharing something of value freely-often with those they do not like-has a powerful effect. Someone has said these cookies are "seeds of love" being sown in the hearts of those who know so little of the love God's children are commanded to show forth to the world.

Hopefully, this helps you understand the importance of these cookies and the importance of each volunteer who bakes the cookies. Please pray for the people who will eat your cookies as you prepare them. Who knows what hearts will be touched and what life changed by the power of prayer and your act of love in baking cookies.

Chocolate Chip Cookie Specifications for Kairos Prison Ministry

1. Bake ONLY STURDY Chocolate Chip Cookies. (Pillsbury Cookie dough purchased at Sam's works well!)
2. DO NOT add fruit, nuts or coatings of ANY KIND to the cookies.
3. Size: two-and-a-half (2 -1/2) to three (3) inches in diameter. Make all cookies the same size. Thin, crisp cookies break easily and cannot be used.
4. Allow cookies to COOL completely before bagging. Warm cookies will stick together and cannot be used.
5. Bag cookies in zip-lock storage or freezer bags. **ONE DOZEN COOKIES PER BAG. One-quart bags** are the only size to use that has the press seal closure. Pack 4 stacks of 3 cookies per bag. **BAGS WITH SLIDE ZIPPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED INTO THE PRISON.**
6. Pack bags in sturdy boxes such as shoeboxes or copy paper boxes so they will survive the trip to the Correctional Institution.
7. Cookies are needed by Sunday, March 15.
8. Cookies may be delivered to the Narthex/Fellowship Hall or to Todd Lambeth (264-2451), Chris Brown (571-214-7771), or Bill Traina (231-9111).

Remember, these cookies are expressions of God's love to men behind the walls of these Correctional Institutions. Bake them with care, pack them with love, and send them with your prayers.

Important Event Tuesday, February 4!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 4, at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Kelly Cahill, Community Nurse Educator for Lower Cape Fear LifeCare, will speak on **THE POSITIVE APPROACH TO CARE FOR THE AGING.**

This includes normal and abnormal aging characteristics. Topics will include Alzheimers, Lewy Body, Frontotemporal, & Vascular Dementias. In this one-hour session, we'll develop awareness and skills for a positive approach to care for those with dementia.

No need to sign up. Everyone and friends are invited.

And it's free!

This program has been endorsed by our United Methodist Women's Board.



Celebrating the 10th Empty Bowls in Wilmington!



Friday, March 20, 2020
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVITIES CENTER
1939 Independence Blvd • Wilmington, NC

Advance Tickets are \$25
includes lunch and handcrafted pottery bowl

Benefitting Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
and Good Shepherd Center

purchase tickets online at:
EMPTYBOWLSILM.ORG

Save the Date
Friday, February 21
for the Annual
United Methodist Men's
Oyster Roast!
6 pm under the
Fellowship Hall

Tickets are:
\$20 & include grits, slaw &
hushpuppies!
No tickets will be sold at the door
and the deadline to purchase
tickets is Feb. 17!



Preschool Registration

Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool is now registering children for the 2020-2021 school year beginning this September.

Our weekday preschool program serves children ages 3-5 years old. Children must be turning three by October 16th of this year. Some of our classes fill quickly, so please don't delay! For more information or to take a tour of our preschool, please contact Ruth Cotton, Preschool Director: 910-233-7887 (call or text) or 910-256-4471 (church phone) or scotton@ec.rr.com. To view our calendar and handbook go to:

<http://www.wrightsvilleumc.org/preschool/>.

Please share with family, friends, and newcomers to the area!



Schedules for ushers, greeters, Wiggle Worship volunteers, acolytes, children's worship bags, communion stewards, fellowship hosts, and just about anything and everything else are all being compiled and mailed.

Please let the office know if you do not receive yours by mid-February.



We thank you all again for agreeing to serve your church family!

THANK YOU...

To My Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers and wonderful words of life, the cards, gifts, and time you all have bestowed on me and my family. Listen...you can hear my heart bubbling over with pure love. Oh, how we are blessed! As the love from you surrounds me, hope will encourage me, and my faith will sustain me. Look to God, and you will be looking forward.

In Gratitude and Love, Kay Morgan

Pastor Doug and Wrightsville UMC Staff,

Just a note to say thank you for making my baptism and our family's journey of the church such a special event. We have always felt like part of the church family, but it feels great to be "official." Thank you for all you do. We look forward to growing our faith and becoming more involved at Wrightsville UMC!

Anna Bruton and Family

Dear Church Family,

In early 2007, Russ was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, which at that time had an 18 month mortality rate of around 95%. Since then, our life has been a modern-day version of the story of Job. After being in remission just long enough to make us begin to feel that we were perhaps past it, Russ' cancer metastasized to his pleural cavity. Phyllis had a bout with her own cancer. The medical bills slowly but surely pushed us over the edge of disaster financially. And finally, Russ' physical condition forced him to retire with the expected impact on income. This past year has also been a veritable whirlwind of "plagues"...Through all of this, it has been very easy to question our faith and wonder why God has been testing us so severely. Nevertheless, our church family has consistently been there for us: helping with Florence cleanup, visiting us in the hospital, bringing meals and flowers, and just as importantly, praying for us. Thank you seems so inadequate in the face of everything you have all done, but we are deeply grateful for all you have done. And we remain eternally grateful that the Lord steered us to Wrightsville UMC 20 years ago when we moved to Wilmington.

Yours in Christ, The Deats Family

I thank you, God, for being with me.

Thanks to everyone for prayers, food, cards, and flowers sent to me during my recovery.

Bless you,
Ginny Adams

With a heart full of gratitude, I want to thank all of you who have prayed, supported, and cared about me during the last year. It meant so very much to me, and I believe your prayers were as important in my recovery as was the medical attention I received. Faith, family, and friends, I believe, carried me to the good outcome I received. Thank you for sticking with me through it. Good health and blessings to all of you.

Cynthia Horgan

A great big thank you from the Wrightsville UMC Staff for your generosity in December towards the Staff Offering. Because of your contributions, all members of the staff received a bonus. It was greatly appreciated. We also appreciated and enjoyed all of the delicious food and other goodies you brought by! They were very much enjoyed. We were reminded of how very kind and thoughtful our church family is! Thank you again.

Wrightsville UMC Staff





Join us on Sunday, February 9, at 9:45 am for another deep dive into discipleship! Room 206 – ALL are welcome!



Thursday Morning Men’s Bible Study
 Join these early birds at 6:45 am on Thursday mornings in the Fellowship Hall for the latest study of the **Book of Acts.**

All men are welcome!
Questions? Gene Ingle – gingle@intracoastalrealty.com



We hope to see you there!
 Questions? Contact:
 Lee Ann Bolton
 336-749-6346

Save the Date!
 Join us in the Fellowship Hall to watch “The Best of Enemies” starring Taraji P. Henson and Sam Rockwell
Sunday, March 8
 Lunch will be served from 12:15-12:45 pm
 Movie will begin at 1 pm

We welcome all ages to come and enjoy this film with us!
 Hosted by the Racial Unity Group & 4:12 Youth Group.



Welcome to Wrightsville!

Thank you to all of our wonderful
 Welcome to Wrightsville hosts!

It’s our one year anniversary,
 and we just couldn’t
 have done it without you!

Thanks for making a difference for
 our congregation and visitors alike!

You’re just the best!

SOUPER BOWL

chili & chowder
COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
9:30 - 11:30 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Sample and vote for your favorite chili and chowder... then buy and take home containers for the Big Game.
 E-mail Christina at fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org to register your cook-off recipe by Thursday, January 30. Prizes will be awarded!

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**

Tuesday, February 25
5:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

Come join us as the staff
serves you pancakes for dinner!

Sign up on the deep roots bulletin board in the hallway!







ASH WEDNESDAY

February 26
Imposition of Ashes
7:00-8:00 am/12:00-1:00 pm
Service at 7:00 pm

Lay Reader & Acolyte Training!

Sunday, Feb. 9
in the Sanctuary

3:30 pm Lay Reader
Training


4 pm Acolyte
Training



Questions?
Contact

Christina Norvell:
fourtwelve@
wrightsvilleumc.org

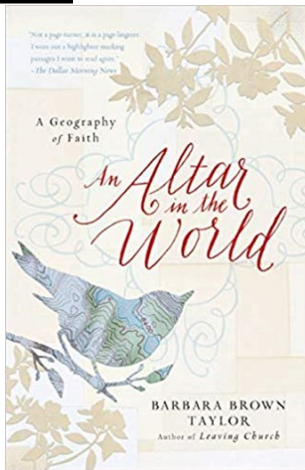
We hope to see
you there!



Lenten Study
with
Rev. David Goehring
...a journey from confession to acceptance

Join us on the 5 Tuesdays in March for a
Lenten study of the book of Romans.
We'll meet at 10 am
and at 6:45 pm.
Choose the time that works best for you.

Joining the 6:45 pm study? Join us for dinner
first at 6 pm or meet the class at 6:45 in
Room 206.
Please register on the deep roots bulletin
board or donna@wrightsvilleumc.org



“Barbara Brown Taylor reveals meaningful ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see, from simple practices such as walking, working, and prayer. Something as ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothesline becomes an act of meditation if we pay attention to what we’re doing and take time to notice the sights, smells, and sounds around us... Through Taylor’s expert guidance and delicate, thought-provoking prose, we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.”

Join Mel Pitts on Monday mornings at 10:30 am
for a discussion of *An Altar in the World*.
We meet in Room 105 and all are welcome
Please pick up a book from Donna’s office (Room 104).

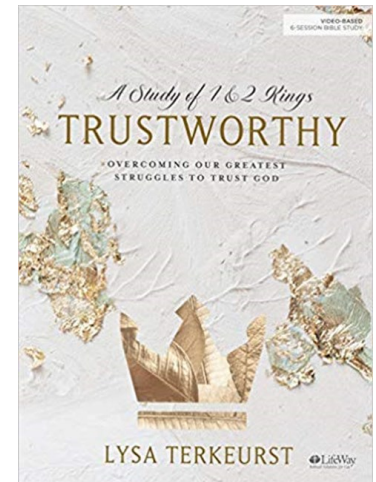
Women’s Evening Bible Study

Join Ann Jenkins for this study by Lysa Terkeurst!
Meeting Monday evenings 6-7:30 pm, this 7-week study will
begin on March 2.

“When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we’re more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him.

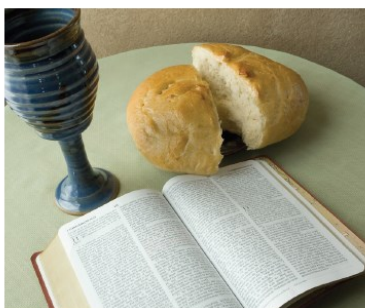
It’s then that we begin to press into our ways and our own timing. No human can carry the weight of being their own god, but so many of us try.”

Register on the deep roots bulletin board or
donna@wrightsvilleumc.org



2020 WOMEN’S RETREAT

SETTING THE TABLE..
FOOD FOR THE SOUL



March 7, 2020
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM



Speaker: Trish Archer

Women’s Retreat: March 7, 2020

Please join us for the 2020 Women’s Retreat on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 8:30 am until 2 pm. The theme this year is “Setting the Table.”

Join us for speaker Trish Archer, lunch, breakout sessions, fellowship, and prizes!

Registration brochures are in the Narthex, or register on the church website at:

<http://www.wrightsvilleumc.org/adults/>

The cost is \$35. Lunch is included!

STIRRED, NOT SHAKEN

The Young Adult Community @
Wrightsville UMC

Thursday, February 20, @ 6:30 pm
Waterman's Brewing Company
1610 Pavilion Place

We hope you can come and mingle!
Book your sitters to join us
for Apps & Drinks!

RSVP by Feb. 12 to Kristin Selby
910-612-2075
kristin_selby@yahoo.com

"And let us
consider how
to stir up one
another to love
and good
works, not
neglecting to
meet together,
as is the habit
of some, but
encouraging
one another,
and all the
more as you see
the Day
drawing near."

Hebrews
10:24-25



To sign up please contact
Donna Pinckney at
910-256-4471 or email her at:
Donna@wrightsvilleumc.org

Interested in joining a Church Softball team?

The Wilmington Church league plays on Tuesday nights, with the season beginning the second week in March. There will be 10 regular season games and a tournament with a guarantee of at least 3 additional games. Games are usually between 6pm and 10pm, with occasional double-headers. The church league is "officially" a men's league, however women that would like to play are allowed to do so.

If enough ladies are interested, we can instead choose to play in the official Co-Ed league instead, which plays on Thursday evenings. In the Co-Ed league, each team is required to field five women and five men at all times.



It's not too late to join Children of J.O.Y. Choir!

Choirs will start back on Sunday, February 2, & meet every Sunday in February!

Kindergarten-2nd Grade Choir:
4:30-5:15 pm

3rd-5th Grades: 5:45-6:30 pm

Dinner for both groups:
5:15-5:45 pm



Email Courtney Rickert to sign up:
courtney.m.poland@gmail.com

February 23

FAITHFUL 5TH

YOUTH GROUP!

ALL 5TH GRADERS & THEIR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH!
5:00-7:00 P.M.
ROOM 203
DINNER, GAMES & BIBLE STUDY!

EMAIL CHRISTINA NORVELL WITH QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP: FOURTWELVE@WRIGHTSVILLEUMC.ORG

Lay Reader & Acolyte Training!

Sunday, Feb. 9, in the Sanctuary
3:30 pm Lay Reader Training
4 pm Acolyte Training



Questions?
Contact Christina Norvell
fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org
We hope to see you there!

Joyful 4 Jesus
February 5

Joyful 4 Jesus meets on the first Wednesday of every month: 5:00-6:30 pm
Dinner, fun and Bible Study for ages 4-4th Grade

Vacation Bible School!
June 15-18, 2020
9-12:30 pm

Ages: 4 (by Aug. 31st) through 5th Grade
Details & Registration
Coming Soon!

If you would like to volunteer for VBS, we would love to have you!

Email: fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org.



Join us for Sunday School every Sunday!
9:45-10:45 am
We have classes for ages 3-18!

SET AN  EXAMPLE

1 TIM FOUR TWELVE

WRIGHTSVILLE UMC YOUTH

Confirmation Schedule!
February 9, 16, & 23
4:30-6 pm in Suite E at
The Landing

Youth Sunday: February 23
The youth will be leading all 3
worship services.
Invite family & friends!
Let Christina know what role you
would like in the service!
(No 4:12 this evening.)

We now have a
Youth Handbell Choir!
Contact Carey Avant if you
would like to join the fun!
cavant7@gmail.com

Lay Reader & Acolyte Training!

Sunday, Feb. 9
in the Sanctuary
3:30 pm:
Lay Reader Training
4 pm:
Acolyte Training



Questions?
Contact Christina
Norvell
fourtwelve@
wrightsvilleumc.org

We hope to see
you there!

Save the Date!
Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, March 25!

We need all 4:12 Youth to volunteer this morning
and all 4:12 parents to cook a pot of chili & also
volunteer that morning (Feb. 2)! ↓

Life Groups

Middle School Boys:
Feb. 5 & 19: 6:30-8 pm

God's Girlz:
Feb. 4 & 18: 6-8 pm

High School Guys & Gals:
Feb. 11 & 25
6-8 pm

4:12 Sundays In February!

Feb. 2: Chili/Chowder Cook-Off
9:30-11:30 am
No 4:12 this evening

Feb. 9: 5-7 pm Middle School 4:12
6-8 pm High School 4:12

Feb. 16: 5-7 pm Middle School 4:12
6-8 pm High School 4:12

February 2020 Birthdays

happy birthday to you...

1. Don Riegel, Ingela Kirby, Jan Beste, Jeannie Lyle, Courtney Easley, Tom Mansbery, Dan Shires, Jack Dooley
2. Fran Russ, Kent Halac, Trey Ford, Holly Kilian
3. Jane Hardwick, Wilson Freshwater, Paul McNamara, Chase Kelly, Linda B. Wilson, Myers Dean, Casey Keen, Jessica Dobbins, James Whitney, Susan Weaver, Tom Harris, Ted McIntire, James Whitney
4. Blaine Mowrer, Peyton Dudley, Christopher Jones, Jane May
5. Clint Briley, Gracie Cole, Kaitlin Sweyer, Reed Thompson, Buz Miller, Nick Giachino, Corbett Rogers, Garrett Doyle, Scott Brouse
6. Joanne Rockness, Robin Pearsall, Macy Ford, Chelsea Bruestle, Kate Brown, Robert McNeill, Eric Lilly, Tyler Nece, Collins Joyner
7. Dawn Riddle, Warren Phillips, Jr., Mary Gretchen Turner, Mike Ott, Christy Simmerman, Sunny Lee, Leah Noland, Louisa Ward
8. Don Steele, Bobbi Riegel, Mitzie Isear, Wright Murray, Bennett Ward, Maizie Lewis
9. George Stephens, Catherine Perry, Liza Britton, Luke Richardson, Tom Barber, Brody Brown, Mike Thompson, Smith McNamara
10. Doug Lain, Bob Clark, Allison Graham, Hope Brewer, Audrey Ward, Madeline Eckel, Noah Aughtry, Zack Nichols
11. Gary Wells, Landon Eckles, Greg Morton, Tanner Paul, Nancy Noel May, Martha Roche, Charles Fackrell, Rhett Cole
12. June Anderson, Jim West, Tyson Borum, Alex Harkness, Della Conway, Parson Conway, Anna Wansley, John Spencer, Amy Ford, Hunter Collins
13. Hunter Cook, Avery Lee, Mason Morgan, Lennon Smith
14. Sarah Huettl, Cameron Zurbruegg, Huck McNamara, Will Corbett, Vivian Levesque
15. Linda Allred, Todd Beste, J.C. Speight, Logan Spaller, Wayne Roberts, Kathey Craig, Jack Sullivan
16. JoAnn Johnston, Donna Saucier, Ron Thigpen, Austin Hardee, Logan Chadwick, Isabella Batson, Grant Peebles, Rebecca Little
17. Sally Crandall, Kristi Jarnagin, LeAnne Hutchinson, Billy Mills, Wanda Peacock, Jordan McCorkle
18. Mary Morris, Liz Macon, Carrie Fasola, Taylor Wilkins, Madelynn Marra, Scarlett Sweyer, Liam Yorba
19. Donna Toth, Brent Williams, Carly Carter, Jacob Locklear, Anna McNamara, Madeleine McNamara, Steve Lester, Jeanie Lackey, Dagny Gilbert, Tad Bruton, Ashley Cahn
20. Emily McNamara, Lucas Strobush, Kelsey Elmore, Milly Kelley
21. Jill Giuffre, Phyllis Deats, Donna White, Joseph Hughes, Gerald Hardison, Lauren Smith
22. John Cralle, Charles Mincey, Neah Farr, Jake Marks, Jeff Cole
23. Jane Kester, Teresa Smith, Hope Conway, Claudette Lee, David Shumpert, Neil Senter
24. Rich Hosier, Susan Howell, Virginia Breeden, Jeff Petroff
25. Stephen Conway, Caroline Wellford
26. Olivia Freeman, Makenzie Mills, Cameron Robert Brewer, Charlotte Mansbery
Luca Bolton, Elaine Medlin, Luca Bolton
27. Fred Dortch, Robert Jenkins, Caroline Beam, Matt Morris, Tim Bringard, Abigail Stewart, Elaine Medlin, Scott Fagan, Barrett Zurbruegg, Kaylee Landen
28. Susan Snider, Mark Ledermann, Trace Thompson, Gentry Witmer, Chris Dudley, Gordon Chambers, Walker Bartlett, Walker Healey
29. Jess Johnson



Prayer List for February 2020

“Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”
(James 5:16)

Donna McLean	Chris Newell	Anjelica Ulmer
Flo McClain	Taylor Schweinbraten	Don Riegel
The Brophy Family	Sylvia Allen	Leonardo Zirilli
The Swanner Family	Susan Boyd	Sheila Frymyer
Jim Weaver	Kay Roberson	Ian Broadhead
Rick Catlin	Bob Brandt	Elizabeth Desmond
Nancy Smith	Sally Dibble	Public Servants
Tommy Rose	Jo Ann Hodges	Government Leaders
Betty Starbuck	Nancy Nelson	Immigrants
Marjorie Fields	Joe Flore	Refugees
Joe Jackson	Vicky Martenis	ICE Agents
Doris Pyeatt	Audrina Smith	Border Patrol
Mary Lou Sloan	Betty Jackson	Mark McConahey
Terry Wells	Jessika Jarrell	Lee Myers & Family
Jonathan, Steve & Sherry Sloan	Jolina Smith Gerte	Barbara Mengee
Bill Ferguson	Charlotte Weiss	Andrea Terrill & Baker Weatherford
Harry & Mary Johnson	Dale & Jason Warner	Rick & Kate Keenan
Terry Wells	Justin Dillon	Lisa Anderson
Yvonne Hamilton	Verna Gaymon	Andrew Staton
Ed Goldston	Vance Fisher	Charley Swing
Heather Pratt	Velma Keys	Colby Honeycutt
Barbara Brooks	Donna Hinson	Morgan Thomas
Betty White	Pat Maloney	Jo Newman
Jim Raynor, Sr.	Charlotte Konrady	Scott Watkins
Bob Thomas	Kathy Iandoli	Bob & Joanne Tennille
Judy Perry	Emmett Smith	Russ & Phyllis Deats
John Kelley	Bob & Joan George	Jordan Shomaker
Ben Brown	Robert Rogers	Dianne Matthews
Turner Owens	Barbara Losito	
Beth Herritage	Blake Cardwell	

A requested prayer of thanks from many who have benefited from your prayers.

Condolences to the families of...

Mildred Short (Marilyn Cook's mother), Mary Nifong (Anne Parkhurst's mother), David Brewster, Bernie Morgan, John Sawyer, Caryl Konrady, Oleta Furman (Ginny Brown's mother), Marian Hinderliter (Steve Hinderliter's mother), Chris Livengood, Rex Rayfield, Jack Mills, Jr., Myrtle Morris (Pam Riggan's mother), Beverly Cascell (Mikki Perry's sister)

Prayer request cards may be found in the pew pockets and inside of the Attendance Pads. Please fill them out legibly, and be sure to include your name and phone number, without which we cannot publish your request in either the bulletin or the newsletter. If you wish to have a note sent, please include the mailing address. If you do not have it with you, please call the church office (256-4471) with the information – we cannot call you. Thank you.

Participating In Worship in February 2020

8:15 Worship

Greeters

02/02: Team 4
 02/09: Team 1
 02/16: Team 2
 02/23: Team 3

Ushers

02/02: Team 4
 02/09: Team 1
 02/16: Team 2
 02/23: Team 3

Lay Readers: Psalm 27

02/02: Angela Sutton Furniss
 02/09: Chris Brown
 02/16: Jim Busby
 02/23: Youth Sunday

Acolyte

02/02: Karlee Painter

Communion Stewards:

02/02: Jane Hardwick*,
 Dick Morrison, Melinda Crouch
 Karen Traina (alternate)

9:45 Worship

Greeters

02/02: Team 2
 02/09: Team 3
 02/16: Team 4
 02/23: Team 1

Ushers

02/02: Team 3
 02/09: Team 4
 02/16: Team 5
 02/23: Team 1

Lay Readers: Psalm 27

02/02: Hannah Ford
 02/09: Janet Farrior
 02/16: Laura Holt
 02/23: Youth Sunday

Acolyte

02/02: Isabel Demolina

Communion Stewards:

02/02: Dave Brewer*,
 Jenette Parker, Hope Brewer
 Anne Leister (alternate)

*Denotes Gluten Free Station

11:15 Worship

Greeters

02/02: Team 2
 02/09: Team 3
 02/16: Team 4
 02/23: Team 1

Ushers

02/02: Team 2
 02/09: Team 3
 02/16: Team 4
 02/23: Team 1

Lay Readers: Psalm 27

02/02: Stephanie Morris
 02/09: C.J. Bell
 02/16: Phyllis Shanklin
 02/23: Youth Sunday

Acolyte

02/02: Diana Good

Communion Stewards:

Johnny Hawley*, Gwen Hawley,
 Ann Jenkins
 Gayle Van Velsor (alternate)

Worship Bags:

02/02: Wanda Farmer
 02/16: Holly Smith

02/09: Laura Sullivan
 02/23: Cindy Locklear

Fellowship

8:15

02/02: No Fellowship: Chili & Chowder
 02/09: Cynthia & Dick Horgan
 02/16: Alice & Jim Dean/
 K.Morgan
 02/23: Peggy & Brian Smith

9:45/11:15

02/02: No Fellowship: Chili & Chowder
 02/09: June Thames/Babs Sutton
 02/16: Polly & Bobby Jackson
 02/23: Brian & Peggy Smith

Wiggle Worship

8:15

02/02: Stephanie Landon
 02/09: C. Norvell/P. Hutsell
 02/16: Donna & Carl Hudson
 02/23: Ruth Cotton

11:15

02/02: Kira Kerr
 02/09: Ann Millard
 02/16: Mary Beth Cowper
 02/23: Amanda Marks

Altar Guild

Flowers

02/02: Ann Upchurch
 02/09: Ann Upchurch
 02/16: Sally Crandall
 02/23: Sally Crandall

Sanctuary

02/02: Ann Lyon
 02/09: Susan Wilson
 02/16: Harriet Hawn
 02/23: Paula True

Kempton Worship Team 02/02

Worship Leader: Teresa Smith
 Communion Stewards: Marie Cooke,
 Carl & Wanda Farmer, Jennie Barker

Kitchen Patrol

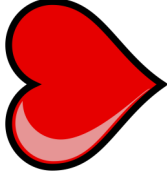
Gladys Beach/Martha Chase

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Kim Wells, Katrina Willingham,
 Allen Van Dyke

(New schedules will be mailed mid-February.)

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday Worship at 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am 6 pm Sundays at Six						1 10-4 pm Couples' Event 8 pm N/A
2 9:30-11:30 am Chili/ Chowder Cook-Off 4:30 pm K-2 Choir 5:15 pm Kid's Choir Dinner 5:45 pm 3-5 Grade Choir	3 6:45 am Bible Study 10:30 am Ladies Study 5:15 pm Beth Moore Study	4 11:30 am STARS 12:30 pm Aging Workshop 5:45 pm Racial Unity Group 6:30 pm God's Girlz	5 9:30 am Moms' Bible Study 5 pm Joyful for Jesus 5:30 pm Holy Yoga 6 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Disciple IV 6:30 pm MS Boys 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	6 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 8 pm AA	7	8 8 pm N/A
9 9:45 am Vision 2020 3:30 pm Youth Lay Reader Training 4 pm Youth Acolyte Training 4:30 pm Confirmation 5 pm Middle School 4:12 6 pm High School 4:12	10 6:45 am Bible Study 10 am Ruth Circle 10:30 am Ladies Study 5:15 pm Beth Moore Study 7 pm Lydia Circle	11 12 pm Circle of Hope 6 pm HS Guys & Gals	12 9:30 am Moms' Bible Study 5:30 pm Holy Yoga 6 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Disciple IV 7:15 pm Chancel Choir	13 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 10 am Koimonia Circle 8 pm AA	14 	15 8 pm N/A
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23 Youth Sunday! 4:30 pm Confirmation 5 pm Faithful 5th	24 6:45 am Bible Study 10 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am Ladies Study 5:15 pm Beth Moore Study	25 4 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday 6 pm HS Guys & Gals	26 7-8 am Imposition of Ashes 9:30 am Moms' Bible Study 12-1 pm Imposition of Ashes 5:30 pm Holy Yoga 6:30 pm Disciple IV 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	27 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 8 pm AA	28	29 8 pm N/A

Return Service Requested

Deep Roots... Bountiful Fruit
(it happens here.)

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