

# THE SEAGULL

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### Living Out the Mission in a Covid World

In my office is a reproduction of the church logo. You know the one. It is on the front of the bulletin. There's a person standing up, lifting their arms toward the sky in the shape of a tree. There is water in the foreground, a dove to the side, and fruit growing on the tree's branches. Underneath the picture on the bulletin we have the church slogan, "Deep Roots, Bountiful Fruit... It Happens Here."

There are places around the church building and on the church website that tell you the story of what each symbol in the logo represents. For instance, the dove represents the Holy Spirit. The water represents the area where the church is located. But, I keep staring at the leaves on the tree. There are these red fruits growing among them. But, what about the leaves themselves? What could they represent?

At the end of the book of Revelation we learn that there is a new heaven and a new earth and even a new garden that has a lot of the same elements of the first Garden of Eden in Genesis. Included in this garden is the Tree of Life "with its twelve kinds of fruits, producing its fruit each month." (Rev. 22:2) That verse goes on to say, "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Revelation, of course, is filled with wild imagery and metaphors. So, what does it mean to say that the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations? Could this be the cure for Covid? For Alzheimer's? For Cancer? Maybe. But, I don't think that the verse is literally talking about physical healing. When it talks about the healing of the nations, I think about it healing the divisions that separate people into groups.

There are so many groups in America and in the church right now; and many are at odds with one another. Vaccinated and Unvaccinated. Progressives and Traditionalists. Black and White. Young and Old. Liberal and Conservative. Coke and Pepsi. The list goes on.

So, let me read it again. "The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." If heaven on earth at the end of time is going to have a tree that heals what divides us, then that says to me that the Church has a role to play today so that God's will may be done "on earth as it is in heaven." This isn't something we should simply hope for or strive for; but rather something we should actually be producing. Healing. Of the things that separate people.

I'll admit that I sometimes struggle with this. It is hard to be prophetic and pastoral at the same time. To push people and care for people. Sometimes the same sentence that feels like the perfect salve to one person is perfectly annoying to the next. But, I am reminded that God has called us to the "ministry of reconciliation" as Paul says in 2 Corinthians. And, therefore, as a church, we should be bridge builders helping to bring people together with God and with each other. With so much dividing us in the country, in our community, and sometimes even in our church, let us be like the leaves on the Tree of Life and bring healing to the nations. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May the Peace of Christ be with you, Pastor Doug

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### Haley's Comment

Dear Wrightsville UMC family and friends,

It is my joy and privilege to serve our church as part-time Associate Pastor/Minister of Visitation. We are slowly getting settled into our home in Leland. My wife, Binky, and I are grateful for the warm welcome we have received from all the Wrightsville UMC family. I am especially grateful for the privilege of working with Pastor Doug, Pastor Julia, and all our impressive and wonderful staff.

When I first visited Wrightsville UMC 16 years ago to attend a wedding, I never had any idea that I would have the opportunity to serve this great church. And yet, here I am, semi-retired, and enjoying so much working among you. God often has blessings in store for us that we can't imagine. As the Bible says: "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the human heart, All that God has prepared for those who love Him." (2 Corinthians 2:9) This is also our great hope as believers when we go through the trials and challenges of life like COVID. God assures us that this is not the final chapter of human existence. God gives us a hope and a future.

I look forward to getting on board with the great work that our church does in supporting the Rotifunk Hospital in Sierra Leone. Also, I will be able to share some additional mission trip opportunities in the future. Binky and I have long been involved in mission work in El Salvador in Central America and in Sri Lanka in South Asia. In fact we were on the ground in January 2005 right after the Asian tsunami to be on the front lines of relief work in Sri Lanka.

Thank you again for warmly welcoming us into the Wrightsville UMC family. We love being here! Blessings,

Pastor David

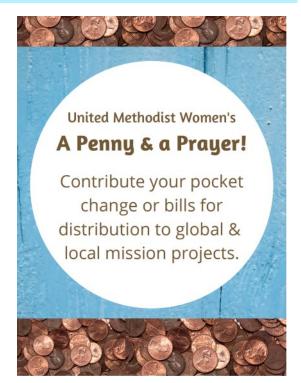


### **United Methodist Women Circle Meetings**

Some of our Women's Circles are meeting in October. Contact information is provided for each group.

**Ruth Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 10 am in the Chapel. Contact Marie Cooke for more information at 910-620-4241.

**Circle of Hope** will meet on Tuesday, October 12, at 12 noon in Room 203. Contact Jeannie DeGaetano for more information at 910-617-7268.





The Altar Guild is looking for folks to help arrange flowers for Sunday mornings and also those to help straighten the Sanctuary during the week. If you would like to volunteer please contact Julia Walker Jewell at julia@wrightsvilleumc.org.

If you would like to sign up to have flowers placed on the Altar in memory, honor, or celebration of someone, please call the church office at 910-256-4471.

### **WUMC COOKIE WALK 2021**

Cookie Walk 2021 may look a little different but we're back and ready to roll...bake and sell boxes and trays of cookies... treats and more!

Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, December 11th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon



This annual event raises funds for WUMC missions and Pastor Doug's Olive Leaf Fund. It's a great time to show off your baking skills, so dust off those Christmas cookie recipes and volunteer to bake for us. Success depends on having lots and lots of great cookies and holiday treats!

Look for more information in the weeks to come.

### Get the Realm App!



If you have not received your email invitation to join Realm, please make sure Susan Fieldstein in the front office has your correct email address at <a href="mailto:susan@wrightsvilleumc.org">susan@wrightsvilleumc.org</a>. Realm is also available for smart phones. Go to the App Store and search for 'Realm Connect' The image above is the logo in the App store. Download and install on your smart phone. When editing your profile, please set your privacy preferences.

*Being* the church doesn't just happen *at* the church! Realm helps us serve you better and will lead this church well between Sundays. We'll stay organized, and you'll stay informed about all of the opportunities for fellowship. When we share life together, we will grow together.

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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.

Join us on Saturday, October 16, (or any 3rd Saturday)!

Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cada829a6fe3-willowdale

# Willowdale Urban Farm

A Project of Wilmington Green

Come dig in the dirt this fall at the Willowdale Urban Garden!
An opportunity for the whole family to serve our neighbors & support Wilmington Green.













### Mother Hubbard's Cupboard by Marie Cooke

Food donations for the summer have been slow, but we are SO very happy and proud that Wrightsville UMC has continued the weekly collection of food! Just recently 120 bags were delivered to the Cupboard! Also, you are one of the top churches for monetary congregational gifts! We still average 200+ families that we serve each week. Around 25% of those served are 18 years old and under. Thank you so very much for helping us to continue providing food for our needy neighbors!



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# Benefiting Eden Village, WARM, and A Safe Place







Please help support Eden Village, WARM, and A Safe Place by donating to The Son Run. Sponsorship level contributions are also available. As a way of encouraging participation, especially for those who love a challenge, Pastor Doug has pledged \$1 to the Son Run charities for every Pastor you beat over the finish line (Pastor David is known as "Haley's Comet", Pastor Julia is known as "Bad to the Bone Julia Crone", and Pastor Doug is known as "Life in the Fast Lain")!

Date: October 9, 2021

Start Time: 8 am - Kid's Fun Run

8:30 am - Adult Run

Entry Fees: \$5 Kid's Fun Run

\$30 Adult

**Details & Registration:** 

https://its-go-time.com

Donation information available at www.wrightsvilleumc.org.

Please check out page 6 for information about "Walking with the Pastors" for another way to support The Son Run!

# **Walking With the Pastors!**

Get out those walking shoes in preparation of the 2021 Son Run!
Join the pastors as they walk "the Loop" at 4:15 pm on Tuesday, October 5!



As an added incentive, a generous couple at Wrightsville UMC has agreed to donate \$5 to the Son Run charities each time a person "Walks with the Pastors"

# Save Your Stuff for the 4th Annual Huge Mission of Hope Yard Sale!

### **Start Rounding Up:**

Furniture
Jewelry
Small Appliances
Household Items
Sporting Goods
Toys/Tools/Books
Video Games
Art Work
Home Decor

## We Will Not Be Accepting:

Clothes TV's Computers/Printers Mattresses Baby Items & Furniture Car Seats

### **Yard Sale Dates**

November 12th & 13th



If you have questions or can help, please contact Donna Hudson at 704-905-4458. Page 7 OCTOBER 2021

### Help Hub Volunteers Needed/Harrelson Center Tour

Looking for a volunteer opportunity for this fall? The Help Hub is actively recruiting volunteers to be greeters, advisers and data entry helpers. The Help Hub serves our neighbors in need of emergency financial assistance, referrals to other community agencies, guidance and support. Its office is located in The Harrelson Center, a building that provides space for 20 nonprofit agencies under one roof. We are planning a tour of the Harrelson Center on November 2 at 11:00 AM for Wrightsville UMC church family. Please join us in learning about the Help Hub and other agencies what serve our neighbor who need a helping hand. To sign up for the tour, click here. Contact Kathy Busby at 910-612-2690 for further information about the volunteer opportunities at the Help Hub. Interested in a tour but can't make it on November 2? Kathy Busby can help arrange a different date for you.



To sign up for the Harrelson Center Tour, click the link below: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cada829a6fe3-harrelson

The shade shelter at Snipes Academy funded by Wrightsville UMC and the Landfall Foundation was FINALLY completed! With your donations we were also able to purchase four nice picnic tables. The day after the table delivery a teacher was already conducting her class outside under the shelter. Thanks to all who have supported this project at Snipes!





We are "Reaching For" through learning, growing, and developing deeper relationships.

Please be in touch with Donna Pinckney (donna@wrightsvilleumc.org) for more information about new groups and studies as well as those returning this fall.

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### **Small Groups and Studies**

Classes are available on-site as well as online. Reach out to <u>donna@wrightsvilleumc.org</u> for more information about a study and for Zoom call info.

Sunday School is available for adults on **Sundays** at 9:30 am in a variety of formats and types of studies.

Looking for a small group in motion?? Join us on **Sunday** evenings at 5:30 for "extend The Walk"... an opportunity to discuss the sermon and walk the loop with a community of friends.

Monday Night Lights, led by Sherri Ingle, is currently studying "A Woman's Heart" by Beth Moore and meets on **Mondays** at 5:30 pm.

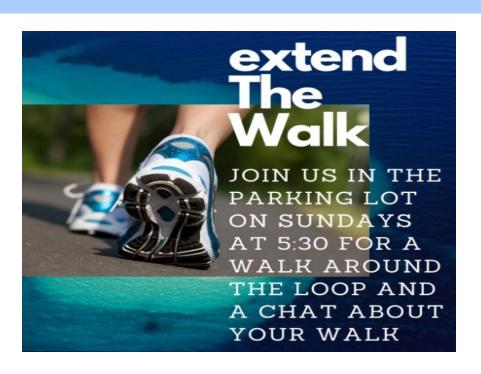
Monday Night Blessings is a Women's Bible study led by Ann Jenkins on **Monday** evenings 6-7 pm that begins a new study on October 11.

Mothers' Bible Study, led by Ashley Lee, is a community of mothers who meet during the school year for fellowship, study and support.

Rev. David Goehring is currently leading a six week Bible study on **Wednesday** mornings at 10 am.

Men's Bible Study, led by Gene Ingle and Jack Kilbourne, meets **Thursday** mornings at 6:45 am for Bible study and fellowship and are currently studying the Book of James.

Ladies' Bible Study, led by Linda Chapman, meets weekly on **Thursday** mornings at 9 am for Bible study and fellowship.







Sunday School every Sunday morning 10:30-11:30 am for ages 3 through 5th Graders!

Ages 3 & 4: Room 110

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Room 109

Grades 2 & 3: Room 204

Grades 4 & 5: Room 203

Wiggle Worship is available during the 8:15 service for preschool age children in Room 109.

Nursery is available during both worship services for ages 3 and under.







WRIGHTSVILLE UMC YOUTH



# **Sunday Nights for 4:12 Youth!**

### Sunday, October 3

5:30-6:30 pm

Kick Ball at Wrightsville Beach Park
for all middle & high school youth!

Wear tennis shoes & bring a water bottle!

Snacks will be served.

### Sunday, October 10

High School Hang Out 5:30-7 pm High School Youth Only!

### Sunday, October 17

Middle School Meet Up! 5:30-7 pm Middle School Youth Only!

### Sunday, October 24

5:30-7 pm
Join us for a special night
with Vigilant Hope to learn
about poverty in our community
and what we can do to help.

# CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Kicks Off!
Wednesday, October 6: Parent & Youth Meeting
5:30-7 pm
Introduction to Confirmation

It is not too late to sign up for Confirmation class this year!

Email Christina Norvell for details: fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org

Confirmation is offered for youth in grades 7-12.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT!

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 23
10 AM-2 PM
234 GREENVILLE AVE
WILMINGTON NC
28403

CONFIRMATION

### October 2021 Birthdays

- 1. Brandy Crawford, Isabelle Jewell, Cynthia Vaughn, Christi Rohde
- 2. Hal King, Gregg Bass, Dan Rahe, Ken Henson, Chris Levesque, Brandy Moore, Ella Finley, Fin Doster, Bennett Haugland, Gray Perko
- 3. Jennie Barker, Tori Kerekes, John Roche, B.J. Horne, Scott McCorkle, T J Mitchell
- 4. Holly Konrady, Layne Smith, Chris Madden, James Wilt, Molly Nece, James Wilt, John Kaiser
- 5. Eunice Andrews, Mikki Perry, Tommy Byrd, Kate Tayloe, Sadler Selby, Greg Rohde, Shelley Jackson, Bo Adams, Reynolds Smith
- 6. Bob Edwards, Kate Spencer, Selby Peebles, Rachel Miles, Veda Vick, Carson O'Callaghan
- 7. Karen Symmes, Leah McCallum, Leah Jenkins, Finn Wells
- 8. Bob Hawn, Pam Moffett, Nancy Lewis, Chris Cole, Buck Beam, Jazz Undy, Thomas Sylvester, Phil Rodilosso, Catherine Everhardt, Logan Dooley
- 9. Kimberly Wilt, Russ Simmerman, Gary Crenshaw, Kathy Reed
- 10. Susan Ferrell, Samantha Jarnagin, Carson Fisher, Harrison Smith, Katie Bradshaw
- 11. Nancy Faye Craig, Windy Pigford, Terry Spencer, Owen Boswell, Kati Joyner, Alexander Harris, Rhett Freeman
- 12. Margaret Smith, Linda Moore, Barrett Bradley, Heather Senter, Matt Corpening, Reagan Meyers
- 13. Kendall Thomas, Brenda Yates, Jay Witmer, Greyson Pope, Dougie Daniels, Will Smith, Eva McGary, Charlie Buckner, Burkley Sites, Wallace Best
- 14. Jim Farrior, Laura Paul, Kelly Campbell, John Converse, Jill Kerekes
- 15. Pat Brandt, Sally Davenport, Joe Kittinger, Merritt Cofini, Brian Hetzell
- 16. Tricia Staton, Jana Collins, Lorann Hellens, Essie Derrick
- 17. Barbara Pugh-Schutte, Laura Ankrah, Maggie Dickens
- 18. Gail Turner, Jenny Maginnes, Andrew Hill, Lux Batten, Kyle Heath
- 19. Alley Hart, Jenny Yates, Amy Ott, Ember Roberts, Drew Harrison, Robbie Robinson, Van Lackey, Tripp Phelps, Ayden Nelson
- 20. Rick Sears, Megan Atterbury, Jack Lewis, Mason Murphy
- 21. John Corpening, Paige Leonard, Tonya Cumalander
- 22. Gloria Kidd, Paul Kester, Davidson Good, Zachary Crawford, Hudson Simmerman, Vern Leese, Hall Little, Grey Greenwood
- 23. Cameron Midgett, Avery Salem, Vivienne Vasaturo
- 24. Ruth Isear, Barny Ratliff, Susan Barker, Bill Maus, Larry Lewis, Ed Paul, Jane Hamilton, Sailor Funai, Scott Girdwood
- 25. Brenda Blake, Eliza Blackwell, Joe Lazorchick, Hilary Bradley, Mary Wells
- 26. Jorja Henson, Kelli Queen
- 27. Brian Smith, Misty Emmart, Loren Rippy, Lauren Ford, Phil Barker, Ali Clarkson, Will Stanfield, Sanders Little, Gene Gregg, Robert Broadwater
- 28. Susan Wilson, Brad Fields, Lori Kilbourne, Jeff Ward, Molly Pierson, Amelia Owens, Laura Orr, C.J. Bell, Macon Goodwin
- 29. Susan Dixon, Gage Hill, Susan Barker, Anne Sklens, Marte Ward, Megan Morgan
- 30. Ethel Reynolds, Sarah Merriman, Lori Little, Abe Lackey, Bradley Willingham
- 31. Rahn Boyer, Mike Malatesta, Susan Foerster, Davis Davenport

If you have good news to share with your church family, please email Susan Fieldstein (susan@wrightsvilleumc.org) by October 15 so it may be included in the November edition.

ppy birthday to you...

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### **Prayer List October 2021**

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

Patricia Griffin
Carol Poole
Kathy Reed
Patsy Emmart
Roy Selby
Bill Merriman

Roy Selby Bill Merriman Cecil Eakins John Solano

Katie Simmons Walker

Walker Edwards
David MacAlpine
Conley Poole
Sandy Malfa
Frank Crandall

Annie McCormick

John Mitchell Jim Farrior

**Scott Watkins** 

Don Peterson

Mark McConahey

Sophia Fragakis

Emma Garbee Mike Tusai Hill Lanier Sylvia Davis Anne Leister

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

Mary Simmons (Audrey Curry's mother-in-law), Terry Mildenberg, Frank Ewing, Sherri Robinson, Julian W. Hughes, III, Sara Griffin, Kathleen Roberts (Courtenay Thompson's grandmother), Bill Farabee, Jr., Clarence Hales, Caroline Boyer Steed (Rahn and Pat Boyer's daughter), Parker Sumrell, Phillip Skipper (Nancy Rock's brother-in-law), Bill Southworth (Ruth Ann Southworth's son)

We encourage you to lift up the names of people in our church, your family, or friends you know personally so that the church might pray for them.

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list please contact Mikki Perry at 910-256-4471.

# October 2021

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	7 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study	14 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study	21 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study	28 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study	
	6 10 am Bible Study with David Goehring 5:30 pm Confirmation Kick Off	13 10 am Bible Study with David Goehring	20 10 am Bible Study with David Goehring	27 10 am Bible Study with David Goehring	
	5 4:15 pm Walking w/Pastors 5:30 pm Racial Unity Mtg	12 10 am Ruth Circle 12 pm Circle of Hope	19	26	
Children and Youth Sunday School: 10:30-11:30 am. Wiggle Worship: 8:15 am Worship Service Nursery provided during both worship services.	4 5:30 pm Monday Night Lights	11 5:30 pm Monday Night Lights 6 pm Monday Night Blessings	18 5:30 pm Monday Night Lights 6 pm Monday Night Blessings	25 5:30 pm Monday Night Lights 6 pm Monday Night Blessings	
Worship in the Sanctuary every Sunday at 8:15 am & 10:30 am Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am	3 4 pm Joyful 4 Jesus: 4 year olds & Kindergarten 5:30 pm Extend the Walk 5:30 pm 4:12 Youth	10 4 pm Joyful 4 Jesus: 1st & 2nd Graders 5:30 pm Extend the Walk 5:30 pm High School Hangout	17 4 pm Blessing of Animals 4 pm Joyful 4 Jesus: 3rd & 4th Graders 4:30 pm Faithful 5th 5:30 pm Extend the Walk 5:30 pm Middle School 4:12	24 4 pm Joyful 4 Jesus: 4 year olds & Kindergarten 5:30 pm Extend the Walk 5:30 pm 4:12 Youth	31 5:30 pm Extend the Walk



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