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What's Going on With the United Methodist Church?

A lot of people have been asking me lately "Why are some churches leaving the United Methodist Church?" Obviously, I couldn't begin to answer that question for every church individually; but I think I can safely say why it is happening in general.

There is a fear that the United Methodist Church (UMC) is going to change its stance on human sexuality. There has been no change to the Book of Discipline since 2019 because General Conference has been postponed several times due to the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. But many people believe that the rules around same-sex marriage and ordination may change soon. AND/OR... When pastors have broken the rules currently laid out in the Book of Discipline and performed same-sex weddings, some people believe the penalties against these pastors have not been strong enough.

Therefore, some churches have decided to leave. Most of these departing churches have decided to form a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church, while some others have decided to simply go independent and not be a part of any denomination.

Why is this happening now? For one, tension has been increasing around this issue for many years. Secondly, the postponement of the 2020 General Conference to 2024 has left some churches feeling uncertain about the denomination's stance on same-sex marriage and LGBTQ+ people's ordinations in the future. They wanted to be in a place where these issues were settled and where there would be more accountability for those who broke the rules.

The United Methodist Church is known for its "methods." We have rules and structures in place that connect us as a denomination. And we have rules for churches who want to leave, as well. If a church decides that it wants to leave the UMC it must pay two years' worth of apportionments plus a dollar amount that will assist with the pension liability for the pastors who have faithfully served the church in the past. At Wrightsville, we can expect the sum of the apportionments plus the pension liability to be somewhere between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. Then, the Administrative Council would have to authorize a vote of the whole church to decide on whether they want to disaffiliate. If that passes, then there would be a church conference allowing every member to vote. It takes a two-third's majority of all the voting members who are present at the conference to agree to disaffiliate for the motion to pass. Finally, the annual conference has to agree that the church can disaffiliate by a simple majority vote. We will actually be having a special called Annual Conference on November 19th to allow several dozen churches from Eastern North Carolina to leave the denomination.

So, that's the big news happening around the denomination and around the North Carolina Annual Conference. It'll be really weird not being in the same denomination as many of my friends and family members after being in the same denomination for years. I know that some of you share the same concerns as those in the churches who are seeking to leave the UMC. But, I hope we can all stay together here at Wrightsville, even if we don't all agree on every theological point. We need liberals, moderates, and conservatives; progressives, centrists, and traditionalists. There is a place for all of us.

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I am not convinced that leaving the United Methodist Church would make us a stronger church. I certainly don't want to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to leave when such money could go toward helping the mission and ministry of our congregation and the community that we serve. Our church is on a very positive trajectory right now as we move away from the restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic, and I foresee us staying on this path.

Furthermore, we have enjoyed a very healthy historical relationship with our conference and denomination. Long before you received your current appointed pastors this church received a series of outstanding ministers that have led Wrightsville faithfully for 75 years. If a church leaves the UMC, where will their next pastor come from? To what rules and order will they be held accountable? While certainly no one is perfect, the practice of receiving a pastor from the Bishop and Cabinet within the UMC means that your next pastor will have been evaluated before being sent here and that they will be held accountable to a set of rules and a group of people larger than him or herself.

And the connection to our United Methodist denomination allows us to do more and better ministry. The reason we are assisting with a hospital for women and children in Sierra Leone is because of the United Methodist Church in Sierra Leone. The hospital was re-built and staffed by the United Methodist Church. The primary international partners have been Wrightsville UMC, the North Carolina Conference, and the United Methodist Church in Norway. Methodists in Northern Europe, North Carolina, and West Africa are all making a difference together. And there are literally thousands of partnerships like that taking place all over the world and right in our own backyard. The Methodist Home for Children is such a partnership. So is Camp Don Lee. UMCOR for disaster ministries. Even Duke University and the Divinity School, as well as High Point University, Louisburg College, and North Carolina Wesleyan were all started by and continue to receive support from the United Methodist Church.

I lament that some churches feel they need to leave the denomination at this time. I hope they will be successful and faithful in their future ministry endeavors. But I see a bright future for the United Methodist Church, and especially for Wrightsville United Methodist. We will continue to share the Good News with a broken world and make disciples of Jesus Christ, just like we've been doing for the past 75 years. If you would like to talk more about what's happening in the United Methodist Church, give me a call or reach out by email. I'd be happy to try and answer any question you have.

May the peace of Christ be with you, Email: doug@wrightsvilleumc.org

Pastor Doug Phone: 910-256-4471

Spirituality & Mental Wellness
"Mental Health Issues in Older Adults"
with Michael Penland
Tuesday, October 18, from 7-8:15 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
Childcare is available.



Join us Tuesday, October 18 7-8:15 pm

Older populations with dementia, delirium and depression are commonly seen, but it can be difficult to distinguish the three conditions because they often share similar symptoms. This program will help you understand the similarities and differences between dementia, delirium, and depression, and will discuss the major treatments for each of them.

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IT'S COMING!

The Cookie Walk will be here before we know it!

Remember to save the date: December 10.

More information is coming soon!



Please sign up <u>here</u> if you can help with Son Run Fun Day!



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Join us for our Blessing of the Animals service Sunday, October 9, at 4 pm under the covered parking lot!

(Please make sure your furry companions are leashed or crated!)



Save the Date for our Blood Drive!
Monday, October 3 from 9 am -2 pm.

You can make an appointment at redcrossblood.org.



To my dear friends and especially the little ones at Wrightsville UMC, I want to thank you all so much for your gifts of food, calls, cards, and especially prayers during my recent sickness and falls. I don't see how I could have made it without all of you, so again, thank you.

Love, Theresa Tayloe





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Sign up <u>here</u> for Willowdale Urban Farm



Great News!

Wrightsville UMC Racial Unity Group will be partnering again with LINC (Leading Into New Communities) to provide Christmas stockings for the LINC program participants. We have had great response in previous years. More details will be provided in the November newsletter.





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.



Sign up here to help with the Yard Sale!

Save Your Stuff for the 5th 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

Yard Sale Dates

November 11th & 12th

We Will Not Be Accepting:

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



If you have questions or can help, please contact Donna Hudson at 704-905-4458. Page 6 THE SEAGULL



At Wrightsville United Methodist Church, our Core Values are:

- 1. We are rooted in Christian faith through prayer, the study of scripture, communal worship, and openness to the Holy Spirit.
- 2. We are building a community of people practicing compassion, love, and forgiveness.
- 3. We strive to be generous in our outreach to our neighbors, both locally and globally, with our time, talents, and treasures.
- 4. We welcome and extend hospitality to all of God's people.



Wait!!! Do I smell bacon?????

Mark your calendar now for Sunday,
October 30 when the United Methodist Men
will once again be cooking us breakfast!
And we can't thank them enough! Back by
popular demand, these gentlemen will be
serving up bacon and eggs with all the
fixin's from 9-10:15 am that morning!
Don't miss out on the food, fun and
fellowship!



Sunday Morning Opportunities to Serve:

Usher Greeter Fellowship Host

We'd love to have you serve on any of our teams!

Contact donna@wrightsvilleumc.org

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United Women of Faith Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, October 10 at 6 pm at the home of Lois Steele. For more information please call Susan Tayloe at 910-833-5872.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 10 am at the Church – Room 105 (Parlor) Contact Marie Cooke for more information at 910-620-4241.

Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at noon at the Church – Room 206. Contact Jeannie DeGaetano for more information at 910-617-7268.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 6 pm at the Church – Room 206. Contact Kiki Barden at 910-409-4767 with any questions.

Koinonia Circle will meet on Thursday, October 13 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Ann Hill for more information at 910-520-7096.



Well that was fun! Both our young adults and our empty nesters got together for fellowship events in September...and a good time was had by all! Watch for the next gatherings of these fun fellowship groups!



STARS is back this October!



<u>S</u>eniors

Talking

<u>A</u>nd

Remembering the

<u>S</u>easons

Join us for our fall luncheon on Tuesday, October 4 at 11:30 am!

Make your reservation by signing up on the deep roots bulletin board or donna@wrightsvilleumc.org

And mark your calendar now for the STARS Holiday luncheon on December 6.

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Small Groups & Studies

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

Sunday School is available for adults on **Sundays** at 9:45 am in a variety of formats and types of studies.

Monday Night Lights, led by Sherri Ingle, is currently studying "David, Seeking a Heart Like His" by Beth Moore and meets on **Mondays** at 5:30 pm.

Disciple I, led by Pastor Julia, meets on **Monday** evenings at 5:30 for this 34 week Bible study.

Monday Night Blessings is a Women's Bible study led by Ann Jenkins on **Monday** evenings 6-7 pm is currently studying "Chase" by Jenni Allen.

Rev. David Goehring is currently leading a 4 week Bible study of Heaven and Hell on **Tuesday** evenings at 6:30 pm and **Wednesday** mornings at 10 am in October.

wrightsville remix – our young adult ministry - meets on the first and third **Wednesdays** for dinner, Joyful for Jesus (ages 4-4th grade), and a Bible study for the parents and other young adults led by Amanda Mountford.

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 John.

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

10 on Thursday Ladies' Bible Study is led by Donna Hickman and is currently studying Romans by Melissa Spoelstra. They meet at 10 am on **Thursdays**.



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Children's Choirs are in full swing and will be singing in worship on

Sunday, October 9!

Join us to hear their precious voices!



Faithful 5th
Youth Group
for all
5th Graders!
Wednesday,
October 5
5:30-7:15 pm.
Join us for dinner,
games and
devotions!

Friends are always welcome!

Sign your child up here for the Christmas Pageant!



Wrightsville Remix was amazing in September!
We cannot wait to see everyone this month!
We will meet October 5 and 19!

wrightsville remix

ON WEDNESDAYS

Family Dinner + Joyful for Jesus + Young Adult Fellowship and Discussion

Join us for dinner anytime between 5:30 - 6:15 pm.
6:15 - 7:15 pm - kids will enjoy Joyful for Jesus while parents remain in the Fellowship Hall to connect and discuss how the Bible relates to us today. Nursery is also provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SEPTEMBER 21; OCTOBER 5; OCTOBER 19; NOVEMBER 2; NOVEMBER 16; DECEMBER 7

Joyful for Jesus Questions? Christina Norvell fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org Other questions? Amanda Mountford - amountford@gmail.com or Donna Pinckney - donna@wrightsvilleumc.org

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

Reminder: Sunday School is now 9:45-10:45 am! Sign up your
4th Grader
by clicking
here to receive
their Bible!



We love the tradition of our
4th Graders receiving a Bible
Join us
Sunday, October 16th
9:45 Worship Service
Sign your 4th Grader up on the link provided

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WRIGHTSVILLE UMC YOUTH

4:12 Youth on Sunday evenings!
5:30-7 pm

October 9
October 16
October 23

Dinner will be from 5:30-6/Games and God from 6-7. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited!
Bring a friend!



Youth Praise Team

Meets every Sunday morning from
10:50-11:15 am in Room 205.

Join us!

Contact Carey with any questions:
cavant7@gmail.com



MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS

LIFE GROUP IS BACK!

JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26TH

630-800 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FOOD, GREAT FRIENDS

GOOD!

ALL GENTLEMEN IN GRADES 6-8

ARE INVITED!

BRING A FRIEND.

More 4:12 news on page 11!



All High School Youth are invited to join us for this amazing workshop!

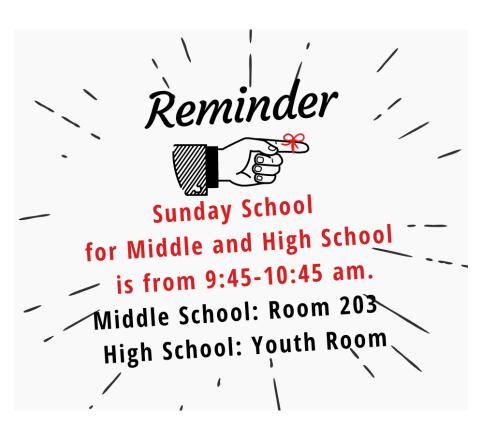
Identifying Interests and Setting Goals

Perfect for planning your future!
Discover interests, explore careers, and set
achievable goals!

Sunday, October 16 5:30-7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Parents are welcome to join, too!
Questions? fourtwelve@wrightsvilleumc.org





CONFIRMATION

For more information and details about Confirmation, please turn to page 12!



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To sign your child up for Confirmation please click here.

Confirmation Class of 2023 Open to all youth in Grades 7-12 Join us for a Parent/Youth Meeting Wednesday, Oct 5th Dinner: 5:30-6:15 Confirmation: 6:15-7:15 Register your youth on the link provided Class will be held the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month

Confirmation 2023 All Classes are Wednesday Evenings

Dinner: 5:30-6:15 pm Class: 6:15-7:15 pm

October 5th Confirmation 101 Parent and Youth meeting (Required)

October 19th Confirmation Class

October 29 Confirmation Fall Retreat 10 am-2 pm

November 2nd Confirmation Class

November 16th Confirmation Class

December 7th Confirmation Class

January 4th Confirmation Class

January 18th Confirmation Class

February 1st Confirmation Class

February 4th NC Nourish Outreach Project 9:30 - 11:00 AM

February 15th Confirmation Class

March 1st Confirmation Class

March 3rd-5th Confirmation Spring Retreat

March 15th Confirmation Class

April 5th Confirmation Class **April 19th Confirmation Class**

May 3rd Confirmation Class

May 17th: 6:00 pm: Family Dinner and Rehearsal May 21st 11:15 AM Confirmation Sunday

*Fall and Spring Retreats are highly recommended.

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October 2022 Birthdays

- 1. Brandy Crawford, Isabelle Jewell, Cynthia Vaughn, Christi Rohde, Sam Renzulli
- 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, Walter Reinke
- 4. Holly Konrady, Layne Smith, Chris Madden, James Wilt, Molly Nece, John Kaiser
- happy birthday to you... 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
 - Karen Symmes, Leah McCallum, Leah Jenkins, Finn Wells, Gregory Futch
 - 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, Joyce Piner
 - 12. Linda Moore, Barrett Bradley, Heather Senter, Matt Corpening, Reagan Meyers, DeLaine Ferrell, D. Lon Downing
 - 13. Brenda Yates, Jay Witmer, Dougie Daniels, Will Smith, Eva McGary, Charlie Buckner, Burkley Sites, Wallace Best, Megan Liborio Owen
 - 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. Jenny Yates, Amy Ott, Ember Roberts, Robbie Robinson, Van Lackey, Tripp Phelps, Ayden Nelson
 - 20. Rick Sears, Megan Atterbury, Jack Lewis, Mason Murphy
 - 21. John Corpening, Paige Leonard, Tonya Cumalander, Bill Russell
 - 22. 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, Brooke Meyers
 - 27. Brian Smith, Misty Emmart, Lauren Ford, Phil Barker, Ali Clarkson, Will Stanfield, Sanders Little, Robert Broadwater
 - 28. Susan Wilson, Brad Fields, Lori Kilbourne, Molly Pierson, Amelia Owens, Laura Orr, C.J. Bell, Macon Goodwin
 - 29. Gage Hill, Susan Barker, Anne Sklens, Marte Ward, Megan Morgan, Aaron Kline
 - 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.

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Prayer List October 2022

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

Tara Harris
Carter Poelling
Marcelle Austin
Jim Farrior
Rowan Stark
Barbara Godwin
Wilder Cobb
Peggy Smith

Cameron Powell Lamm

Larry Watson
Hadley Watson
Rodney Mauldin
Jonathan Rowell
Deb Shulse
Marion Nease
Patty Westbrook
Adrian Green
Trevor White

Jean Joyner Jack Harris A.O. McCarley Henry May, Jr. Cameron Rose Ronnie Vogler John Solano

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

Rita Hertel (Jana Hertel Collins' mother), Frances Noel (Nancy Noel May's mother), Bill Hidek (Jeff Hidek's father), Michael Kersting, David and Paul Green (Gary Green's brothers), Margaret T. Smith (Jeff Smith and Judy Gregg's mother)

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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:15, 9:45, and 11:15 am	Sunday School for everyone 9:45-10:45 am. Wiggle Worship: 8:15 and 11:15 am Nursery provided during all worship services.	Youth Praise Team meets in Room 205 on Sunday mornings at 10:50-11:15 am.				1 8 pm: NA
2 10:50 Youth Praise Team 4-4:45 pm Kindergarten & 1st Grade Children's Choir 5-5:45 pm Grades 2-5 Children's Choir 4-6 pm Son Run Fun Day	3 9-2 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm MNL 5:30 pm Disciple I 6 pm MNB	4 11:30 am STARS Luncheon 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 10 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Confirmation 101 5:30 pm Faithful 5th 5:30 wrightsville remix	6 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 10 am Ladies Bible Study 8 pm AA	7	8 pm: NA
9 Children's Choir in Worship 10:50 am Youth Praise Team 4 pm Blessing of the Animals 5:30 pm 4:12 Youth	10 5:30 pm MNL 5:30 pm Disciple I 6 pm MNB 6 pm Lydia Circle	11 10 am Ruth Circle 12 pm Circle of Hope 6 pm Esther Circle 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 10 am Bible Study	13 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 10 am Ladies Bible Study 10 am Koinonia Circle 8 pm AA	14	15 10 am Willowdale Urban Farm 8 pm: NA
16 4th Grade Bible Presentation Youth Praise Team in worship 4-4:45 pm Kindergarten & 1st Grade Children's Choir 5-5:45 pm Grades 2-5 Children's Choir 5:30 pm 4:12 Youth Workshop	17 9 am Golf Tournament 5:30 pm MNL 5:30 pm Disciple I 6 pm MNB	18 6:30 pm Bible Study	19 10 am Bible Study 5:30 Confirmation 5:30 wrightsville remix	20 6:45 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Ladies Bible Study 10 am Ladies Bible Study 8 pm AA	21	22 8 pm: NA
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30 9 am Breakfast in FH 10:50 am Youth Praise Team 44:45 pm Kindergarten & 1st Grade Children's Choir 5-5:45 pm Grades 2-5 Children's Choir 6:30 pm Family Movie Night	31 5:30 pm MNL 5:30 pm Disciple I 6 pm MNB					



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