

March 2024

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From Scottsdale to Wrightsville

Recently, I was honored to be invited to a gathering of the Senior Pastors of the 100 largest United Methodist Churches in America. It was called The Leading Edge and took place in Scottsdale, Arizona from February 18-21. It was great to learn what some of the largest churches in America are doing well, and to discuss where we see the United Methodist Church going in the future.

Together, we looked at denominational data, and the effect of disaffiliations on local conferences and regions. We looked at how ministry has changed since Covid-19 and what we expect might happen at this year's General Conference in April. We studied scripture and talked about the marks of vital United Methodism. We even talked about the increase of people in America who claim to be affiliated with no religion at all and why United Methodists might be particularly poised to reach these folks. At the conclusion of our time together, the leader of the largest UMC in America, Rev. Adam Hamilton, challenged us to go back to our home conferences and use our gifts and influence to help revitalize the United Methodist Church in our areas.

Well, Wrightsville UMC has already been working on that! Several months back the New Faith Communities board of the North Carolina Conference reached out to us to see if we would host our own version of the Leading Edge for the 40 largest churches in our own annual conference. They chose us not only because we have such a beautiful setting near the beach; but because they wanted to learn about our plans with the Oleander campus. This event is going to take place March 5-6 and I am really excited about the possible outcomes of this time together. Not only will we have the senior pastors, associates, and executive directors of the 40 largest churches in our conference; but we will host the bishop and district superintendents, as well. As of this writing, 72 people have made plans to attend.

There are three main goals for this gathering:

- 1) To simply get together with other senior pastors, associate pastors, and executive directors from churches who have similar resources and similar needs to get to know one another better.
- 2) To learn best practices from one another.
- 3) To discuss how we can help revitalize the annual conference after a season of disaffiliations.

This is going to be an important event for our annual conference, and we are proud to play the role of host church. I hope you will join me in praying for its success.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Pastor Doug

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Ride the trolley to church on Easter morning!



Park at Wrightsville Beach Elementary School on Easter morning and ride the trolley to and from church! The trolley will run from 8am-1pm.

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As you may notice, the lovely fresh flowers that usually dress our Altar are not there this month. For Lent, as is our tradition at Wrightsville, we do something "different" for our visual focus. This season, we have a single piece of driftwood, holding several individual succulent plants. As part of our corporate spiritual journey, we are reminded of the very essence of our life of faith. With very little, these tiny succulents exist. We deny ourselves of the beauty of the weekly fresh flowers as we focus on our journey through Lent. How special it will be at the end of these forty days when we celebrate Easter with lilies and our traditional flowering of the cross. We will make the barren, chicken wire crosses beautiful with hundreds of fresh cut flowers.

Thank you so much to our flower team, under the direction of Kathy Gresham, for keeping our church full of beautiful flowers!





As you may have noticed, our chancel choir and handbell choir are participating in worship throughout the Lenten season. This month, we will also have services led by our children's and youth choir as well.

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EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT WRIGHTSVILLE ON OLEANDER!

Join us on March 10th for a Sneak Peek of our new extension campus,

Wrightsville on Oleander!

You will have the chance to tour the space, hear about the ministry that it will house, and find out how you can be a part of it.

For more information, email pastorjulia@wrightsvilleumc.org





Swifties of Wrightsville United Methodist:

Are you ready for it?

Join Pastor Julia for a night of exploring the surprising connections (dare we say invisible strings) between our faith and the music of Taylor Swift! We will share dinner, have a Bible study, and — of course — sing and dance to Taylor's songs. So if you have a blank space in your calendar on April 12th at 5pm, write this down.

All ages are welcome and RSVPs are encouraged (as are Taylor-inspired outfits!).

RSVP to pastorjulia@wrightsvilleumc.org

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Need Help Dealing with Grief?

Our church will be offering a GriefShare support group for members of our congregation who have experienced the death of a loved one. This is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief.

> Wednesdays March 6-May 29th 5:30pm to 7:30pm 12 weeks

Our church's hope is to alleviate the feeling of aloneness that often accompanies grief. The group will be led by Marty Hernandez.

Registration is required.

If you are interested in registering for the group or would like more information, contact:



Marty Hernandez cthepossibility@gmail.com 910-599-7062

or **Pastor Eunsoo**

Eunsoo@wrightsvilleumc.org





Have you experienced the loss of a spouse or significant other?

All men and women of WUMC are invited to join us for a Dutch treat luncheon with others who have been through the same difficult time.

> Olympia Restaurant Monday, March 25 11:30 am

We have no agenda or speeches.... just good food and good company. Please come and make some new friends!

Sign up on the deep roots bulletin board or email mikki@wrightsvilleumc.org





Bring the whole family, a side dish to share, and chairs/blankets!

Tideline String Band will be playing bluegrass!





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Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, March 11 at 4:00 pm at the home of Sandra Kittinger. Call Susan Tayloe at (252) 916-2035 with questions.

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 am in the church parlor. Call Marie Cooke at 910-620-4241 with any questions.

Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 12 pm in Room 206. Please contact Jeannie DeGaetano at 910-617-7268 for more information.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm in Room 206. Contact Kiki Barden at 910-409-4767 with questions.



big thanks!

As many of you have heard, I was involved in a traffic accident on January 10. While I was stopped at a stoplight, another car rear-ended mine at a high rate of speed, knocking me into the truck in front of me. The result was that my car was a total loss, and I was taken by ambulance to the ER. Thankfully, I had some badly bruised ribs which were painful, but nothing broken. Binky and I are so thankful to be a part of a great church family. We are thankful for the individuals who brought food to us and also those who gave gift cards for food. The food was so good. In fact, we almost complained to the Town of Leland about the city water because all of our clothes were shrinking. Then we realized it was just all that good food that was provided for us by folks in our church!!! I am also grateful for the text messages (from youth & adults) that I received in the ER and after my release. Also all the phone calls and cards were much appreciated. Above all, thank you for prayers on my behalf. I certainly felt very cared for and appreciated. I am so thankful to God for the wonderful blessings of being one of your pastors, serving with an outstanding church staff, and being a part of WUMC!

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Blessings, Pastor David PAGE 8 THE SEAGULL



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.





A big thank you to the members of Wrightsville UMC. Because of your generous giving on Christmas Eve, Mission of Hope: Rotifunk Hospital was able to purchase this motorbike. On board, is Aminatu Jalloh, the Coordinator for Letting Girls Be Girls, a program sponsored by Mission of Hope at the Rotifunk Hospital. Letting Girls Be Girls organizes clubs at nearby schools, promoting the importance of education and the avoidance of teenage pregnancy and early marriage. But Aminatu did not have a means of transportation to travel beyond the local schools. Now take a look at the photo again and see the big smile on her face. Her dreams have become a reality because of your generosity!



Thank you for your continued support of Snipes Academy!

With your help, every student got to go to a movie theater as a Christmas treat, the kindergarten classes have been to the Fort Fisher Aquarium, and this month, another group will tour Tryon Palace.

You are helping to broaden the education of over 400 students!



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ON WEDNESDAYS

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

5:15 - 6:00 pm: Family Dinner 6:00- 7:00 pm: Joyful 4 Jesus (ages 4-4th grade) Adult Bible Study Nursery (ages 3 & under)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JANUARY 3 & 17 FEBRUARY 7 & 21 MARCH 6 & 20 APRIL 17

Questions? christina@wrightsvilleumc.org

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

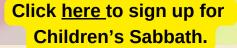


Senior Choir (2nd-5th) - 5:30-6:15 pm Meet in the Chapel

All are welcome!

Contact Courtney Rickert, Director of Children's Musi at courtney@wrightsvilleumc.org.





SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST





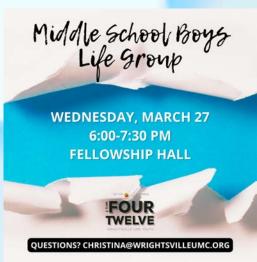


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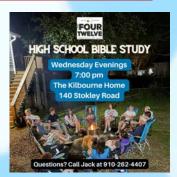






















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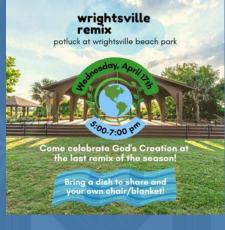




















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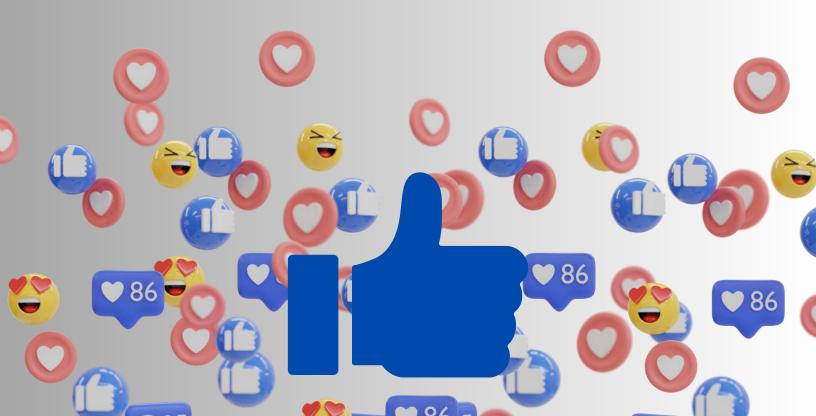
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March 2024 Birthdays

- 1. Faye Rose, Don Peterson, Al Woodworth, Aaron Roberts, Jay Harris, Hadley Simmerman, Michele Brouse
- 2. Scotty Selby, Vann Edwards, Tommy Loffredo, Ryan McWey, Jaiden Bower, Abigail Hook, Elizabeth Rader
- 3. Dick Horgan, Kay Wheatley, Amy Evans, Eliza Lytle, Jay Landen, Townes Newman, Carper Mincey, Kimberly Hutchins, Jillian Bazemore, Julian Kehaya, Christina Rumbolo
- and the
- 4. Shirley Price, Bertha Phillips, Ronda Ross, Jake Clinger, Susan Tayloe, Sean Harris, Jimmy Smith, Emerson Taylor
- 5. Marvin Vick, Sophia Dattilo, Owen Pearson, Sandy Tillman, Katie Smith, Price Shakar, Sophie Shelton
- 6. Ann Parkhurst, Sharon Smith, Caroline Campbell, Lee Ann Bolton, Pamela Carroll
- 7. Johnny Hawley, Joe Giuffre, Michaela Morrissey, Pam Moody, Cameryn Freeman, Anderson Guill, Jane Beebe Kehaya
- 8. Andy Kerekes, Pam Harnett, John Allen, Graham Smith, Anna Hayes Pearson, Randy Kelley, Donna Bost
- 9. Leigh Fatzinger, Gavin Munn, Tola Hilker, Mike Hultzapple, Eli Justice
- 10. Carl Farmer, Anna Jarnagin, Mollie Ray, Olivia Pigford, Mary Aldridge, Jenny Riddle, Jack Weibel
- 11. Chloe Whitaker, Madison Wright, Camille Ott
- 12. Brooks Perry, Corbin Demolina, Bob Seeling, Paige Woodward, Fraley Kelley, Suzanne Murdock, Jamison Rohde, Ian Millard
- 13. Frankie Mincey, Spencer Nichols, Laurie Dzierzynski
- 14. Robert Smith, Piper Morgan, Dave Showalter, Anna Kester, Cameron Walker, Mark Weiss, Caitlyn Eckles, Frank Smith, Chip Bullock, Courtenay Traina
- 15. Gwen Page-Hawley, Kemp Roberts, Sloan Turner, Pat McConahey, Chris Rickert, Julie Cunius, Tate Hayward, Dylan Mihaly, Lenna Hoff, Ava Mazer, Lucas Brown, Parker Cahn
- 16. Ann Hill, Elizabeth Morton, Anna Hergenrader, Lynn McGary, Elizabeth Morton, Virginia Page, Teresa Schroeder, Veronica Weibel
- 17. Alex Easley, Nanci McCormack, David Clay, Allie Casey, Stella Gray
- 18. Josh Buchheit, Jeff Hldek, Austin Wells, Zachary Knott, Meredith Harris, John Scherer, Kelly Starbuck, Jones Elmore, Kelly Starbuck
- 19. Paula Lewis, Melinda Crouch, Jessica Stephenson, Alison Boswell, Ward Tam, Parker Cahn, Annie Schenck, Audrey Bobo, Davis Elmore, Brooks Lovell, Joey Vasaturo
- 20. Paul Heath, David Collins, Claire Murphy, Diana Good, John Huntsman
- 21. Douglas Degroote, Holland Newman, Bill Ritenour, Linda Seay, Nathan Mansbery, Walker Duncan, Nic Nichols, Kate Norwood
- 22. Rachel King, Miles Leonard, Lyon Crittenden, Clara Derrick, Luke Gordon, Stacie McIntyre
- 23. Kay Morgan, Richard Millard, Steve Willetts, Buddy Green, Susan Renton, Margaret Posey, Mary Charles Amerson, Cameron Lee, Catherine Hoover, Rita Jividen, Steve Ross
- 24. Alex Swan, Ron Foster, Harold Chappell, Smith Edwards, Todd Midgett, Angie Moore, John Loughran, Ruth Southworth
- 25. Marc Diemer, Diana Pittman, Gary Green, Bill Edwards, Abigail Eliot, Pam Shumpert, Caroline Morrison, Grant Steadman, Steve Edgerton, Kimball Tate
- 26. Garrett Pinckney, Landis Reed, Matthew Sweyer, Brent Hayes, Finn Gregory, Vivian Justice
- 27. Emmett Smith, Jai Isear, Patrick Kelly, Graham Whitehead, Tyler Brouse, Susan Lee, Hartley Hoff, Haley Ludwig
- 28. Cathy King, Cindi Semken, Lisa Wayne, Greg Files, Sam Hodges, Charles Walters, Liam Walters, Cindi Semken
- 29. Roger Simmons, Bailey Perry
- 30. Bill Traina, Abbey Walker, Amanda Mountford, Mary Ellis Brewer, Caroline Blecher, Whit McGee, Ben Barco, Charles McWey, William Traina, Lily Whitney
- 31. Bill Barr, Ted Pattison, Bryan Chadwick, Taylor Jones, Matthew Foreman, June Casper, George Winslett

If you have news to share with your church family, please email Kristin Selby (kristin@wrightsvilleumc.org) by March 15th so it may be included in the next newsletter.

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Prayer List for March 2024

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

Julia Walker Jewell

John Hueg

The Hood Family
The Loven Family
The Hommel Family

Terri Littlejohn Glenn Neighbour

Marvin & Georgia Vick

Jack Bragg

Richard Owen Gertrude Waller Carol Mansbery Sarah Burris Bobbie & Billie Edwards

Megan Gomez

Eddie & Brenda Blake

Jessie Jeffries Ginny Adams Mike Crone John Musika Jim Farrior

Dennis & Linda McCall

Mary Jamison Janet Harper Kristi Midgett Fred Adams Jonathan Rowell
Johnny Hawley

Sally Davenport Betty Starbuck

Mary Morris

Barbara & TC Godwin

Lisa Anderson

Bill Logan

US Military & their families

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

Condolences to the families of...

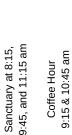
Kyle Morrison (Belinda & Dick Morrison's son), Pansy Rumley, Hillman Godwin, Gary Chadwick, Donna Thigpen (Ron Thigpen's mother), Lisa Wamboldt, Betty Jackson, Samuel "Jeff" Cernugel

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.



Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:15, 9:45, and 11:15 am





Sunday School for everyone 9:45-10:45 am. Wiggle Worship: 8:15-11:15am Nursery provided during all worship services.

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Mon		4 5:15pm Monday Night Lights 6pm Monday Night Blessings	11 4pm Lydia Circle 5:15pm Monday Night Lights 5:30pm Administrative Council Meeting 6pm Monday Night Blessings	18 5.15pm Monday Night Lights 6pm Monday Night Blessings	25 11:30am Healing Connection Luncheon 5:15pm Monday Night Lights 6pm Monday Night Blessings
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