

April 2024

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General Conference is Here

It is finally here! Both in time and place. The 2020 General Conference, which had been postponed several times due to the Covid-19 pandemic will finally take place April 23 – May 3 of this year. And, this worldwide gathering will take place right here in North Carolina at the Charlotte Convention Center!

It has been a long time coming and a lot has happened since the last full General Conference in 2016. Back in 2016 it was decided that the United Methodist Church should have a special called General Conference to deal specifically with issues related to human sexuality. That took place in 2019 in St. Louis. At that gathering it was decided to maintain the traditional language around homosexuality in the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline and to create a pathway for churches to leave the denomination, if they wanted to do so. We were planning to meet again for the regularly scheduled quadrennial General Conference in Minneapolis in 2020; but, as you know, the pandemic hit and kept groups from being able to meet together. So, it was postponed to 2021. And then to 2022. And finally, it was moved altogether to Charlotte in 2024.

Since the General Conference last met in 2019 many churches have disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. In the United States about 25% of the churches left to either start a new denomination or to become completely independent. Those who remain see a bright future ahead for the United Methodist Church; but there are still many questions and issues that need to be resolved.

This year's General Conference will deal with more than 1,000 pieces of legislation. You can search through the different petitions by going to this link, www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020. You'll find proposals on everything from changing the ministerial pension plan to potentially giving Deacons the ability to administer the sacraments. But, the two areas that are sure to get the most publicity will be around 1). Regionalization, and

2). Whether to change the wording in the Discipline around homosexuality. Let's look at those two issues for a minute:

1). Regionalization

Currently, the United Methodist Church allows annual conferences and churches outside of the United States to adapt certain sections of the Book of Discipline to fit the context where they do ministry. But, this is not the case in the U.S. It will be discussed as to whether or not U.S. conferences and churches should have the ability to change certain sections to fit our own specific needs. Currently, there are lots of proposals that come before General Conference that are very US-centric.

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Think about salary issues and pensions and parsonages and the like. Regionalization would allow us to handle things that make more sense for American churches without wasting the time of the delegates from other areas of the world. The potential downside is that we will not all share the exact same standards around the world. We will still share the same theology and the same mission; but the practice of ministry might become more contextual.

1). Human Sexuality

The United Methodist Church will once again debate issues of human sexuality. I suspect it will be a close and hotly contested debate among the delegates once again, as it has for the last fifty years. The 2019 Conference voted very narrowly to maintain the traditional language in the Discipline. But, what about the 2024 delegates? Here, in America, people believe there are more delegates this time around who have a progressive view around the issues of human sexuality that are being discussed. Will there be enough votes to change the Book of Discipline? No one knows for sure at this point. I, for one, would not want to make a promise that it will go one way or the other.

On a personal level, I've always paid attention to what happens at General Conference because the changes that happen there can impact how we do ministry in our local churches. But, this year I'm taking even more interest than ever because I have recently been called up to serve. Due to a health issue suffered by one of the other delegates from North Carolina I have been asked to go as an "Alternate Delegate" to General Conference. This means that if any of our other delegates from North Carolina get sick, tired, called away for work, or for personal reasons simply need a break I will go to their committee or to the voting floor to serve in their place. I might serve for an hour. I might serve for a day. I might not serve at all. But, I will be attending this year's General Conference ready to jump in wherever I am needed.

So, say a prayer for me and for all the delegates from all over the world who will be gathering in Charlotte later this month to discuss really important matters that affect the United Methodist Church.

May the Peace of Christ be with you, Pastor Doug

Missed the last New Member Class?

Join us in April!

Email Valerie to sign up! valerie@wrightsvilleumc.org



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We can't wait to see everyone at our Annual Pig Pickin' this month!



Join us as we celebrate God's creation at our last remix of the season! We can't wait to see all of our remix folks at WB Park!





THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Taylor wift

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
5-8:00 PM
WRIGHTSVILLE ON OLEANDER

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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CHOP ON BY OUR NEXT

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AXES & ALLIES
1122 S. 3rd Street

THURSDAY, MAY 2ND 6:15-8:15 PM

Please bring an appetizer to share

RSVP TO MELISSA LAWSON LAWSON92714@GMAIL.COM OR 727-743-5298







MAY 19

Join us for one worship service 9:30 am Wrightsville Beach Park



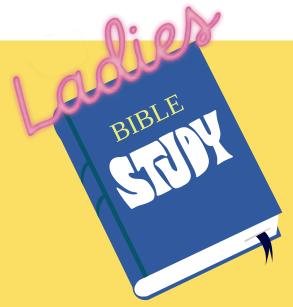
WRIGHTSVILLE

Following the service, the United Methodist Men will provide lunch!

Bring your chair and come celebrate the birthday of the church!

*In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church. There will be no Sunday school hour.

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Monday Night Lights

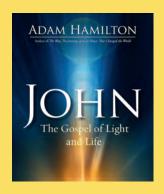
Date: April 1 - May 6 (6-week study)
Location: Suite E in the Landing
Material: The Quest by Beth Moore



Thursday Morning at 10 Women's Study

Date: April 11 Location: Room 206

Material: John - The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton





Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, April 8 at 4:00 pm at the home of Martha Blacher. Call Betsy Summey at 910-338-7379 with questions.

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, April 9 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, April 9 at 12 pm in Room 206. Please contact Jeannie DeGaetano at 910-617-7268 for more information.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:00 pm in Room 206. Contact Kristi Jarnigan at 910-538-5221 with questions.

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THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone for all of the prayers, cards, and food during my recovery from hip surgery. I look forward to being fully back in the saddle soon.

Peace in Christ, Julia Walker Jewell

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Children's Sabbath - April 21 all 3 services **Confirmation Sunday - May 12 at 11:15 am Baccalaureate Sunday - June 2 at 11:15 am** Patriotic Services - June 30 all 3 services



DONATIONS NEEDED

Salty snacks Canned meat Canned fruit





(potato boxes, Mac & Cheese, Stove Top stuffing, Pastaroni, boxed rice)

Peanut butter (no glass jars)



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WRIGHTSVILLE ON OLEANDER SNEAK PEEK



Thank you to everyone who came to the Sneak Peek of our new extension campus, Wrightsville on Oleander! Pastor Julia and Christina Norvell have moved their offices to the new campus, but programming will not begin there until the fall. As we move in, we need your help! Help us furnish the campus by purchasing an item from our Wish List or by making a donation to Wrightsville UMC designated for Wrightsville on Oleander.









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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.

ALL AGES ARE INVITED! SIGN UP TO BE A BASE BUDDY & JOIN US AS WE CHEER ON THE PLAYERS.









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Click <u>here</u> to sign up for Children's Sabbath.

SAVE THE DATE

CHILDREN'S SABBATH



Last remix of the season!











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Click <u>here</u> to sign your senior up by May 15!









MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

PARENT MEETING

UNDAY, APRIL 2' 4:30-5:30 PM ROOM 206















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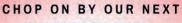




Come celebrate God's Creation at the last remix of the season!

> Bring a dish to share and your own chair/blanket!





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Wrightsville UMC Online Directory

- Update personal information
- · Give online one time & recurring gifts
- View giving history & print giving statements
- Look up members in our church directory

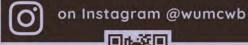
www.onrealm.org/WrightsvilleUMC

Email Lisa Menius, our Data Manager, with questions about Realm.

<u>lisa@wrightsvilleumc.org</u>



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9:45 am Sunday Worship Service



on Facebook @WUMCWB



Join us on our Facebook page!



Pre-recorded service starting at 6 am on our YouTube channel.

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April 2024 Birthdays



- 1. Bettie Weathersbee, Nancy Jones
- 2. Rick Catlin, Tim Horst, Vickie Clay, Crew Donovan, Palmer Elmore, TJ Fitzpatrick
- 3. John Littlejohn, Sandra Cherry, Cliff Long, Sydney Skoblar, Alex Carter
- 4. Sarah Collins, Anna Grace Cazeault, Avery Corbett, Isaac Greenwood
- 5. Randy Griffin, Sybil Gaskins, Don Spiers, Phoebe Roberts, Abby Lee, Allen Van Dyke, Parren Spivey
- 6. Jeff Holmes, Pam Stone, Dwayne Graham, Riley Caddell, Linda Holt, Reece Hayward, Paige Schlachter
- 7. Ginny Adams, Donna Hudson, Annie Jewell, Ryan Murphy, Kenne Mountford, Fletcher Bruton, Lee Bost, Lily Ward
- 8. Ana Lambeth, Matt Freeman, Justin Queen, Fletcher Mincey, Kim Beller, Kelly Campbell, Sam Sanchez
- 9. Nancy West, Harrison Peebles, Ross Felton, Ryan Caddell, Janelle Stone, Sarah Vick, Finley Hidek
- 10. Myers Huettl, Thomas Huettl
- 11. Ethan Horne
- 12. Shark Baynard, Jessica Whitney, Carrie Healey, Josh Dills, Jack Guggenheimer, Jerry Cook, Caroline Moore
- 13. Tom Morris, Ann Jenkins, David Carson, Kim Gilbert, Nick Aughtry, Logan Sullivan, Lawrence Ward, Wynn Bartlett, Samuel Carson, Todd Turner, Riley Sullivan, Hap Fatzinger
- 14. Hayes Perry, Karen Fleming, Sara Levesque, Sarah Noland, Ginni Abbott, Austin Luther, Caroline Fullerton, Bentley Summerlin, Rustic Summerlin, Doc Gibson, Austin Luther, Deaton Guill
- 15. Tyke Toler, Kim Dickens, Greg Woodward, Evie Toups, Diane Talley, Mandy Caulder-Parish, Scott Upchurch
- 16. Betty Starbuck, Steve Duncan, Jan Bass, June Thames, McClaine McIntyre, Trevor Connell, Wren Shibles, Victoria Broderick
- 17. Perry Smith, Hayes Harkey, Will Cunius, Wyatt Amerson, KiKi Barden, Binky Haley, Jim Balkcum, Emmitt Lee
- 18. Ann Sawyer, Tori Byrd, Emily Mackovjak, Evan Jones, Nathan Holmes, Grant Meyers, Rigg Prochaska
- 19. Peggy Haar, Todd Byrd, Rachel Snider, Gale Smith, Sadie Segars, Vickie Griffin
- 20. Elizabeth Everhardt, Sandy Dombroski, Betsy Fife, Harrison Stevens
- 21. Lavada Holmes, Alexa Winstead, Jessica Eliot, Sara Morris, Madison Graham, Saylor Batten, Camille Smith, Jennings Bouhather
- 22. Rick Demolina, Brandon Belisle, Jacob Lanier, William Wansley, West Graham
- 23. Hudson Nichols, Dee Ivey, Sarah Burris, Ken Walker, Lyn Manning, Lucy Rizzo, Wells Pleasant
- 24. Gayle Dortch, Madison Bagley, Carly Green, Bea Amerson, Graham Foreman
- 25. Peggy Efird, Lee Crouch, Van Pierson, Abigail Scott, Ken Hines, Braden Quinn, Eathan Quinn, Joshua Quinn, Frances Maus, Rodney Yohe, Susan Gross, Traylor Bame,
- 26. Barbara Morton, Chris Lacy, Justin MacDaniel, Madasyn Goins, Maddie Leed, Mackenzie Thornton, Marguerite Braddy, Maddie Leed, Jeremy Roberts
- 27. Oliver Meyer, Ty Hayward, Chaz Walker, Jackson King, Lillian Posey, Brody Basile
- 28. Sharon Simmons, Brooks Wilson, Nancy Rader, Mila McRainey
- 29. Rosalie Howell, Bern Coulter, Aidan Walker, Graham Richardson, Lindsey Gregg, Hayley Foreman
- 30. Jamie Borum, Will Fatzinger, Benjamin Rasmussen, Jim Shelton, Nancy Owens

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

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Prayer List for April 2024

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

Kevin & Jenny Riddle Hansen Sally Crandall Janet Harper Malcolm Leonard Pat McConahey Anne Krothe Dedee Lane A.B. Swindell Kristi Midgett John Musika Ruth Ann Southworth Jonathan Rowell **Thomas Outlaw** Johnny Hawley Nancy Cates **Betty Garner Edie Gleaves** Sally Davenport **Beverly Pitts** Julia Walker Jewell **Betty Starbuck Tom Mansbery** Sarah Burris Mary Morris Jack Bragg Billy Edwards Barbara & TC Godwin **Sherry Lewis** Jessie Jeffries Lisa Anderson Don Steele Ginny Adams US Military & their families

Brenda Hanes Mike Crone
Thomas Wilson Jim Farrior

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

Condolences to the families of...

Reg Kidd (Gloria Kidd's husband), Richard Owen (Maggie Landreth's brother), Sarah T. Morrow (Alice Dean's mother), Carl Thackston, Lucille Strickland (Carrie Robert's grandmother), Fred Adams, Norman Kaylor, Beth Kaylor, Mike House, Repsie Warren (Bethany Nay's grandmother)

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.



9:45, and 11:15 am

9:15 & 10:45 am

Coffee Hour

Sanctuary at 8:15,

Worship in the

Nursery provided during all worship

services.

Wiggle Worship:

8:15-11:15am

9:45-10:45 am.

for everyone

Sunday School

Outreach at Olsen Park 9am New Member Class 12:45pm Miracle League 8pm NA Meeting 8pm NA Meeting 8pm NA Meeting 8pm NA Meeting 11am Funeral of Sat Fred Adams 20 27 9 5pm The Gospel According 7pm God's Girlz Lock-in to Taylor Swift Ξ 26 12 19 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA Meeting 9:15am Young Women's Bible 9:15am Young Women's Bible 9am Ladies' Bible Study 9:15am Young Women's Bible 6:45am Men's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:45am Men's Bible Study 6:45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies' Bible Study 9am Ladies' Bible Study Thu 8pm AA Meeting 8pm AA Meeting 8pm AA Meeting Study 11 Faithful 5th Potluck Dinner at 5:15pm wrightsville remix & 5:15pm Confirmation 7pm High School Bible 6pm Middle School Boys 7:00pm High School Bible Study Wrightsville Beach Park 5:30pm Racial Unity Group 7pm High School Bible Study 1pm Spiritual Formation Committee Meeting Wed 5:15pm Confirmation tional Mission Trip begins 5:30pm Outreach Committee El Salvador Intergenera-12pm Circle of Hope Tue 5pm Esther Circle 10am Ruth Circle Meeting 16 30 23 Church Office Closed 5:15pm Monday Night Mon 6pm Lydia Circle 29 15 22 Event at The Harrelson Center 21 Children's Sabbath 4:30pm Middle School Mission 5:30pm 4:12 Youth at Islands 5pm 4:12 Youth Be the Light 5:30pm Children's Sr Choir 5:30pm Children's Sr Choir Trip Parent Meeting 5:30pm 4:12 Youth Group 4:30pm Children's Jr Choir 4:30pm Children's Jr Choir 4:30pm Pig Pickin' Sun Restaurant Rehearsal



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