



January and February was a busy couple of months at GCUMC! YAC had our first two official SnYP (our group for students and young professionals) Wednesday night meetings. We partied together for the Superbowl along with Brazos Abiertos, some of you joined into Journey Groups- and there is a group just for young adults! Finally, a new Sunday morning option is still just beginning! There are great opportunities to connect and grow in faith on the horizon also. In the meantime, keep asking two important questions: “When can we do this again?” and “Where can I find you again at GCUMC?”

YAC NEWS

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Young Adults & Connection

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Peruse this newsletter for events on the horizon, opportunities to meet and connect with other young adults, and hear my random thoughts about a variety of things. Thanks for stopping by. Also: I totally want to know what everyone is watching/reading/gaming/making/training this season. As for me and my house: Dune/ Dune (...I am deeeeep into Dune rn)/ Middara- a fantastic narrative based tabletop dungeon crawler/ making time / Not training, just moving & being kind to my body.



We are currently in the Christian season of Lent. For anyone unfamiliar, Lent is the 40 days plus 6 Sundays leading up to Easter. During these 6 weeks Christians around the world fast, pray and give as a manner of self-examination and self-disciplining for living a fruitful Christ-like life. Lent is based around Jesus’ trial & fasting in the wilderness after his baptism. Have you taken steps this season toward self-examination or discipline? How is your following in the Jesus-way going? Lent is a great time for a check-in. For me? This year I’m working on learning Spanish, fasting from meat, and committing (again, always again) to better habits of Bible study and prayer.

MARCH-APRIL 2024

SnYP

Meet **SnYP** (or, Students and Young Professionals) If you’re a student, grad-student, or working person in your 20s, this new group is for you. We have a group chat through GroupMe to keep you in the loop. We meet every other week in my office after the Wednesday Night Out meal on a Wednesday. Our next meets are March 20, April 3, April 17. We’ll be exploring some prayer practices as well as finally playing “Really Loud Librarians” My office comfortably holds 8-9, but we can always get a bigger room! Come for conversation, coffee (as always), and the communal puzzle table.

Youth Alum Meet Up

Meet your other college pals for lunch at Salsaritas on Wednesday March 13th at 12:30pm. Randy and I will be there to eat all the chips and salsa wae can hold. Salsarita’s on Highwoods in the New Garden shopping center with Target.

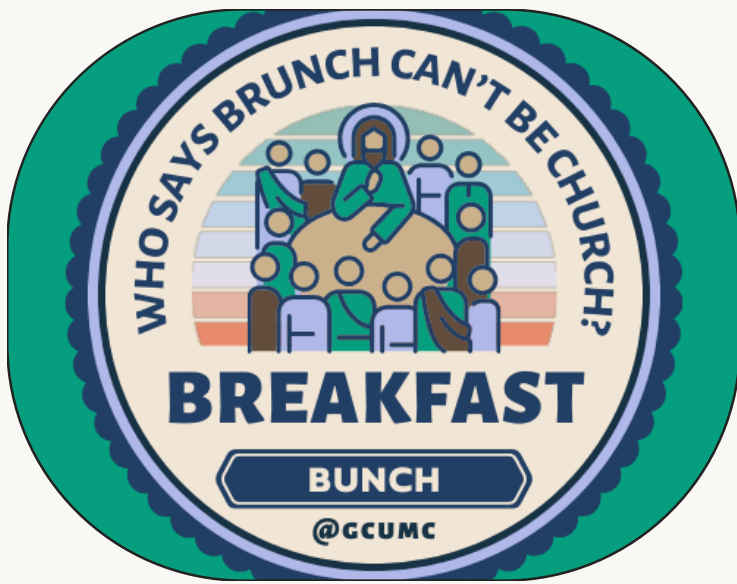
Coming Up SOON

Rise Against Hunger

GCUMC is packing 14,000 meals for folks in food insecure countries and we need your help! March 16th from 9am-noon. You can register in the welcome center on church campus, or here: events.riseagainsthunger.org/guilford

Lent & Easter Events

See all the Lenten & Easter events in one place here: <https://guilfordcollegeumc.org/events/lent-holy-week>



Breakfast Bunch

For a long time now, there have not been many opportunities for our age range on Sunday mornings during the learning hour. A conversation I had with a few unchurched friends sparked an idea. For years now, a group of my friends have gotten together for breakfast every Sunday. When I complained that I could never come, their answer was “this is our church, you have yours.” This conversation caused me to think seriously about what Sunday mornings can and should look like. What’s stopping a “brunch church?” Why can’t we have both?

There’s Biblical precedent for this too. One of the ways Jesus ministered to his disciples after his Resurrection was to cook them breakfast. If you have some time- read through John 21. It’s the last chapter of John, and this breakfast gathering is found there. Around that picnic breakfast Jesus commissions Peter; and through his words and actions (took bread, broke it, blessed it) reminds them and us all of the importance of communion with Jesus around tables. **Join me upstairs in C10 on Sundays at 9:45 for breakfast and a conversation.** On 4th Sundays we will eat out offsite together. Our offsite breakfasts coming up will be **March 23rd and April 28th.**



Pilgrimage Opportunity!



I am thrilled about a unique retreat opportunity coming up in April! Way in the Wilderness in Black Mountain, NC focuses on helping people connect with their faith through connecting with the land around them. With the “Kevins” from Way in the Wilderness, we’ll be embarking on a pilgrimage along the watershed in that area- stopping at places along the way, praying, eating and drinking excellent local food, and growing closer to Jesus through an embodied retreat. Here’s what the leaders have to say about the experience: "We believe that this pilgrimage, complete with stops for prayers, blessings, lament, and liturgy along the way, can help people fall in love with the Creation through learning the watershed and grounding them in a sense of place. It will help to connect people to God, one another and to the creation, creating space to allow people to better see and experience God’s hope, their own larger purpose, and their important place within a larger community and larger Story. "

Join us Friday afternoon- Sunday afternoon for a time set apart for connection with God and creation through the Pilgrimage of Hope experience. This retreat is capped at 20 adults. Lodging is at Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain in hotel style rooms with 2 queen beds. Cost per person to attend is \$120.00. Included is 2 nights lodging, 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning. Payment will be due in full by April 7, 2024. A \$50 deposit is required with registration. [Learn more and Register HERE!](#)

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