



# YADKINVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### January 2024 Newsletter

#### Brother's and Sisters in Christ!

In 2024 I am one of those people who still use a paper planner. All of my sermons are planned, outlined by hand, and preached from a physical notebook (in cursive for the last year and a half). Now I am not saying everyone should get rid of phone calendars or word documents, just that these things have worked for me. One of the idiosyncratic things about using paper planners and notebooks, is that there is a weird period from October til the end of the year where you are running up against the end of the book.



By the time November rolls around I have had next years planner for a few months, throwing next years dates into it as they come up. In December I grab a ruler and layout my sermon notebook for the next year. There is something about those clean pages, open dates, and empty lines that silently radiate possibility.

I know that its a boundary of my own creation, but then again so is the New Year. January 1st is a day just like July 8th or February 22nd, but its a day that gives us a sense of endless possibilities, hope, and a better future.

December 31st we once again prayed John Wesley's covenant service together. Recommitting ourselves to this life devoted to God and reminding ourselves of our need for God. It is a good to reset and refocus ourselves on our relationship with God.

We should not lose sight of the reality that our faith is always a response to what God is doing! The goodness is that Christ doesn't need a covenant renewal service to remember God's side of the covenant. Christ is always seeking relationship with us, seeking to invite us into a fuller relationship with the divine.

We step into a new year with unwritten days and wide open pages, but we are not alone! The God who created us and called us GOOD is with us, with

you, always. God will not forsake us and will always forgive and welcome and delight in us. Begin this year knowing that you are loved and that Christ calls to you!

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Jonathan

**Embrace the invitation of childlike faith.** A well-known challenge of Jesus to his followers is to become like little children. But it's often difficult to remember the natural patterns of our childhood selves that enabled us to live freely in God's wonder-filled presence. Is childlike faith simply an unquestioning faith, or is it being present with ourselves in a way that invites healing and wholeness?

*Faith Like a Child* considers Jesus' invitation to childlike faith and explores seven distinct ways of welcoming the child within. Offering wisdom from years of experience as a spiritual director with both adults and children, Lacy Finn Borgo explores practices to welcome and enliven your childhood self. Offering examples of what becoming like children could look like, Borgo invites you to take Jesus up on his offer to live more deeply into a relationship with God.

As we welcome our childhood selves, we allow God to heal our wounds so we can live in freedom with Jesus as our companion.



The Adult Sunday School continues to meet in the Family Life Center Sunday mornings between 8:45 am and 9:45am. Everyone is invited. You do not have to attend each week to participate. It is relaxed, and you can enjoy breakfast provided by the men's group. Here is a note from Mark and Mitzie Moran: "Grace and Peace to you all. We are very pleased with your dedication and faithful attendance to the Adult Sunday School group. We hope that you find it good to read the scripture and to discuss how it impacts your life and our church family. We have drafted out a 2023-2024 Sunday School Topics and Schedule."

Salutations,  
Mark and Mitzie Moran



## Adult Sunday School Study Plan 2023-2024

### 1st Corinthians

- Nov 26, 2023: Background Study 1 st Corinthians/ Acts 18
- Dec 3: Chapters 1 & 2 Christ the Power and Wisdom of God / Spiritual Wisdom
- Dec 10: Chapters 3 & 4 Watering, Working, Warning / Stewards of the Mysteries of God
- Dec 17: Chapters 5 & 6 Immorality / Glorify God in Body and Spirit
- Dec 24: Birth of Jesus- Personal Blessings to your Life and Future
- Dec 31: Endings and Beginnings- What do we want for 2024?
- Jan 7, 2024: Chapter 7 Principles of Marriage/ Live as You Are Called
- Jan 14: Chapters 8 & 9 Things offered to Idols/ Serving and Striving
- Jan 21: Chapters 10 & 11 Glory to God/ Lord's Supper
- Jan 28: Chapters 12 & 13 Spiritual Gifts
- Feb 4: Chapters 14 & 15 Order in Church Meetings/ The Risen Christ
- Feb 11: Chapters 15 & 16 Glorious Body/ Farwell

### 2nd Corinthians

- Feb 18: Chapters 1 & 2 Delivered from Suffering/ Forgive the Offender
- Feb 25: Chapters 3, 4, & 5 New Covenant /Seeing the Invisible/ Judgement Seat of Christ
- March 3: Chapters 6 & 7 Be Holy/ Corinthian's Repentance
- March 10: Chapters 8 & 9 Excel in Giving/ cheerful Giver
- March 17: Chapters 10 & 11 Spiritual War/ Suffering for Christ
- March 24: Chapters 12 & 13 Vision of Paradise/ Paul Prefers Gentleness
- March 31: TBD

On December 8th, 2023, YUMC held the School's Out Christmas Camp. The children and adults had a ball baking a giant gingerbread man, making sugar cookies, hearing the story of Jesus birth, taking part in a scavenger hunt, crafting gifts for loved ones, and enjoying our playground! If you are a member who brought your children or grandchildren, we greatly appreciate your support and participation as well as nonmembers who attended!

I want to say a special thank you to all who volunteered on December 8th, and to those who contributed time setting up or cleaning up! This event would not have been a success without each and every one of you!!

Thank,  
Amanda Mason





Western North Carolina Conference  
The United Methodist Church

United Methodist Foundation of WNC &  
Wesley Community Development



January 21-25, 2024

## Register for the Equip & Connect Conference

The Western North Carolina Conference Equip & Connect Conference (January 21-25, 2024) is designed for and open to all local church leaders including lay leaders, council members, volunteers, and all who lead (or are considering future leadership!). This is an opportunity to connect with other leaders across the conference and learn about roles, best practices, and new ideas for ministry.

The schedule and registration are now open!

A special thank you to the United Methodist Foundation of Western NC, Inc. and Wesley Community Development for helping sponsor this conference!

[Link to schedule and registration](#)

## FALL BAZAAR

The Fall Bazaar committee met and have decided to continue for 2024. Now that the holidays are over - with cold weather and staying indoors more - maybe you have a craft or something creative you like to do and share with others.

**Date** : Friday October 25th and Saturday October 26th in the Family Life Center

Yes that is in conjunction with the Pumpkin Patch - hopefully to draw in more vendors and buyers.

The Group will start meeting on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** of each month at the church at **10AM**. This is also a fellowship group - so even if you are not crafty, but have something to contribute, please join us.

We will focus more on chicken pies and baked goods this year - as those were among our best sellers.

We will still have crafts items for sale also.

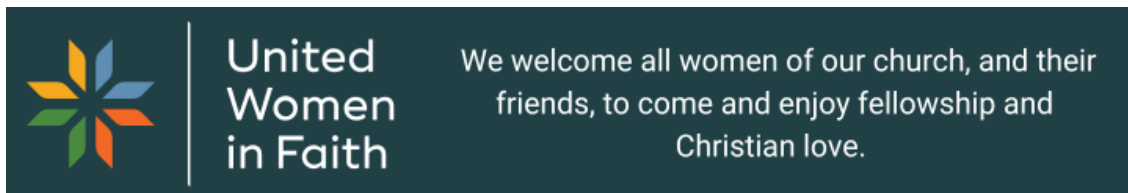
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## Finding our Story

As we begin a new year, it may be a good time to reflect on some of the history of our Church. I will be asking many of you to recall events from the past and share those memories with us in a brief story.

We will have "Moments of our History" once a month in the newsletter and/or during our worship service.

Connie Randleman  
Church Historian



## United Women in Faith

2024 is upon us. We have some new things planned for United Women in Faith. See the calender below.

If you have any questions or comments you can reach out to Maureen Silvernale at 336-408-9704 call or text Or by email at [mcsilvernale@netscape.net](mailto:mcsilvernale@netscape.net)

- Thursday January 4th Giggles Gathering at Old Stage grill at 630 PM. Group Leader Cookie Weatherman
- Tuesday January 9th Tuesday Morning Group will meet at the Church in the Asbury Sunday School Room at 11AM. Group Leader Mildred Carter
- Thursday January 11th Executive Committee Meeting at church in Asbury Room at 700PM.
- Sunday January 14th GIGGLES will be hosting a soup luncheon to benefit the YES fund after service. There will be a variety of soups and donations will be accepted.
- Tuesday January 16th - Tuesday night Group - will not meet this month but all are encouraged to attend the Quarterly Gathering. Group Leader Valerie Prim
- Sunday January 21st - United Women in Faith Quarterly Gathering - Program Spiritual Growth emphasis (Prayer and Self Denial). Our new Spiritual Growth Coordinator is Mitzi Moran. We are trying something new in January due to weather and early darkness by

meeting after service at 1230, We encourage members to have lunch locally after church and return at 1230 OR There will be some members who will have a bag lunch in the FLC during this time prior to meeting(drinks and dessert supplied).

United Women in Faith is open to all women of the Church and to other women in the community. Invite a friend to come and learn about United Women in Faith and their Mission, Fellowship and Spiritual Growth with other Women.

Officers for 2024

President - Maureen Silvernale  
Vice President - Sandy Steele  
Treasurer- Karen Pizzuti  
Secretary - Frances Mabe  
Spiritual Growth - Mitzi Moram  
Membership, Nurture and Outreach- Amanda Mason  
Social Action - Connie Randleman  
Mission Education and Interpretation - Valerie Prim  
Nominations - Debby Gunnell

JOIN US!!!

## Giggles Meeting Information 2023/2024

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Date	Place	Program
9/7/23	Dale Dodson	Debby Gunnell
10/5/23	2520 Tavern, Clemmons	Amanda M
11/2/23	Davie Tavern, Clemmons	Marty
12/7/23	Mitzi Moran	Cooky
1/4/24	Wannitta Brown	Faye
2/1/24	Dale Dodson	Adelaide W
3/7/24	Darwin's	Sharon M
4/4/24	The Filling Station	Dale
5/2/24	Village Tavern, Hanes Mill Blvd	Mitzi

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## Men's Group

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The Men's Group makes breakfast for the church every Sunday morning. They also deliver breakfast to members of our church who are not able to attend church in person.





or youth would sign up to participate or consider being sponsors. Thank you in advance for sharing!

Facebook page: <https://fb.me/e/1i8ObA0bG>

Megan Diffenbaugh



Nov 2023  
Yadkinville UMC Family,  
Sending everyone blessed holiday greetings and wishing for a Merry Christmas and a HAPPY NEW Year full of time with loved ones, good food, great times and lots of new memories.

Thank you for all your ongoing prayers and support as I continue to serve in the mission field in these historic times  
With Love from  
Hong Kong, Joy  
Prim

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers January 2024							
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
January 7	Maureen Silvernale	Betty Dixon & Jerry & Anne Ivey	Jerry Ivey & Brent Choplin	Chris Riddle	Debby Gunnell Marnie Matthews	Mark 1:4-11 Everette Hartzog	Shannon Sheek, Janet Culpepper and Drama Choplin
January 14	Brad Mason	Lori and Mike McCann	Janet Culpepper & Wayne Dixon	Chris Riddle	Jo Dorsett Betty Dixon	John 21:15-19 Janet Culpepper	
January 21	Jim & Marcia Downey	Karen Bricker & Gene Branon	Gene Branon & Wayne Dixon	Rich Pizzuti	Emily Raymond Karen Pizzuti	TBD Faye Diachenko	
January 28	Mark & Mitzie Moran	Emily Raymond & Tom Fagerli	Tom Fagerli & Jerry Ivey	Rich Pizzuti	Dale Dodson Janet Culpapper	TBD Valerie Prim	

**YUMC family celebrating  
January BIRTHDAYS!**

Wayne Dixon .....01/08  
Thomas Larkin .....01/27

**Happy Anniversary to these folks!**

James & Shannon Sheek .....01/10  
Jonathan & Keri Gaylord .....01/18

**NEW Card Ministry**

Wouldn't you like to get a card in the mail? Maybe you would like to send a card in the mail? A good old fashioned stamped card in the mailbox can make a person feel loved and like they matter. There is a new card ministry that is focusing on reaching out to, well - you and the rest of us! Contact Marcia Downey if you'd like more details. In the meantime, take a minute to tell us your birthday (you don't have to put the year if you don't want to!) and wedding anniversary date.

You can call or email Bobbi your information.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTHDAY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ANNIVERSARY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yadkinville United Methodist Church  
2024 Church Leadership and Ministry Contacts**

Approved by Charge Conference October 24, 2023  
Approved as updated by Leadership Team December 18th

Leadership Team		
Chair:		
2024	2025	2026
Amanda Mason	Maureen Silvernale (UWF)	Oz Prim
Drama Choplin	Nick Gunnell	Lori Livengood McCann
Gene Branon	Janet Culpepper	Tom Hughes
Ex officio Members		
Lay Leader & Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Valerie Prim		
Pastor: Jonathan Gaylord		

Lay Leadership & Nominations		
Chair: Rev. Jonathan Gaylord		
2024	2025	2026
Brad Mason	Marcia Downey	Bruce Whitley
Wayne Dixon	Adelaide Whitaker	Brent Choplin

Offices below this line to be updated December 14, 2023 &  
Presented to Leadership Team during December meeting

**Worship Ministry**

**Worship Planning:** Connie Randleman & James Sheek  
**Communion Stewards:** Helen Roseberry, Pam Shugart, Wanda Doss  
**Media/Sound System Committee:** Bruce Whitley, Owen Raymond  
**Flower Coordinators:** Connie Randleman, Helen Roseberry, Linda Baity  
**Communion Bread Stewards:** Helen Roseberry, Barbara Bisette, Adelaide Whitaker

**Hope & Care Ministry Contacts**

**Missions & Outreach:** Marty Driver, Debby Gunnell  
**Children's Ministry:** Valerie Prim & Karen Pizzuti  
**Youth Ministry:** Angie Whitley  
**Superintendent of Sunday School:** Wayne Dixon  
**Membership Care:** Harry & Katherine Steelman, Karen Bricker  
**Bereavement Meals Coordinator:** Helen Roseberry, Wanda Doss, Dale Dodson  
**Family Meal Coordinators:** Dale Dodson, Betty Dixon  
**President of United Women in Faith (Elected by UWF):**

**Support Ministry Contacts**

**Communications:** TO BE CONFIRMED  
**Membership Secretary:** Dale Dodson  
**Church Historian:** Connie Randleman  
**Kitchen Coordinator:** Bobbi Reavis  
**Building and Grounds Team:** Gene Branon, Virgil Dodson, Everette Hartzog, Harry Steelman, Mark Diachenko, Marcia Downey, Jim Downey, Mark Moran, Wayne Dixon, Emner Gonzalez

**Financial Services:**  
**Treasurer-** Brent Choplin  
**Assistant Treasurer-** Jerry Ivey  
**Financial Secretary-** Bobbi Reavis  
**Offering Count Team Leader-** Adelaide Whitaker  
**Audit Leader-** TO BE CONFIRMED

**Paid Staff:**  
**Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Gaylord  
**Church Administrator:** Bobbi Reavis  
**Traditional Music Director:** Dr. James Sheek  
**Organist:** Charlene Zachary  
**NETwoX Yadkin Coordinator:** Crystal Imes  
**Connect Translator/Interpreter:** Maria Velez  
**Custodian:** Maria Velasquez



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# Free School's Out Events

9am-1pm Lunch Provided

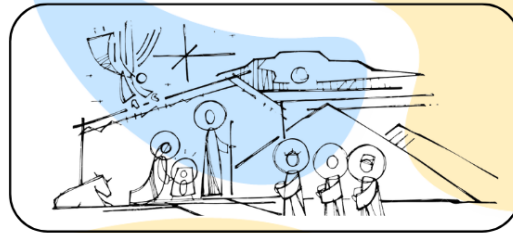


**Christmas Camp**

December 8, 2023

**Pumpkin Palooza**

October 27, 2023



**Compassion Camp**

January 26, 2024

February 19, 2024

February 20, 2024

March 7, 2024

April 19, 2024

Come join us for art, music, play,  
bible stories, & snacks!

Register at  
[www.yadkinvilleumc.org/compassion-camp](http://www.yadkinvilleumc.org/compassion-camp)  
or scan the QR code







## Yadkinville United Methodist Church

Offering care and hope through living, learning,  
and loving God and each other.

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### General Information

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am until 1:00 pm

Other times are available,

call or email Bobbi or Pastor Jonathan.

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### Church Staff

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**Charlene Zachary**

Pianist / Organist

**Bobbi Reavis**

Church Administrator

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**Maria Velasquez**

Custodian

**Crystal Imes**

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**Maria Velez**

Connect Interpreter

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### Regular Worship at YUMC

**In-person at YUMC** ..... 10:00 am

**Virtual Worship via YouTube** ..... 10:00 am (live)



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