



# YADKINVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### ♥ February 2026 Newsletter ♥

Dear Yadkinville United Methodist Church,

Where has the time gone? It's probably somewhere under all of the snow and ice we have seen over the last two weeks! I am certainly looking forward to gathering together in person again! WE have been working together through the worship series "Going to the Mat: Combating loneliness through friendship, family, and community.

We began our five-week series "Going to the Mat" looking squarely at loneliness: its presence in our culture and the deeper wound of feeling unseen, unheard, and without a place to belong. We reflected on the man at the Pool of Bethesda whose real barrier was not the water or his illness, but that he had no one to lower him in, and on Jesus' simple command, "Take up your mat and go," as a sign that healing often comes through others. Drawing from Genesis, we remembered God made us for community—created as equals to love and support one another—and asked what walls we put up that keep people from the pool.

We walked into Mark 2 in Capernaum, watching four friends carry their hurting neighbor, climb up on the roof, dig a hole, and lower him in front of Jesus. Jesus heals and restores him — not just his body but his place in the community — and calls the church to be those friends who tear up barriers so people can get to the healing love of Christ. That means we must be willing both to carry others through obstacles and to be vulnerable enough to be carried ourselves, because loneliness steals trust and only faithful, reciprocal friendship rebuilds it.

We looked at Mark's story of Jairus' daughter and the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years — a woman who had spent everything on physicians and came to Jesus in secret, touching only the hem of his garment. Her courage to reach out, despite fear of rejection and social isolation, is the moment where healing comes: "Your faith has made you well." That story reminds us that our wealth and status can't save us; what restores is bold, vulnerable relationship, and the church is called to be a place where people are already loved and don't have to sneak up behind Jesus to be known.

You are challenged to tear up a roof for someone: call or text one person you haven't checked on, offer a concrete piece of help (a ride, a meal, a phone visit), invite someone to worship, advocate for a just world (even if you may feel like the only one- you're not alone).

And if you are the one on the mat, let someone lower you down — share a prayer request on our website, reach out to the church, or call me so we can carry you to Jesus together.

The thing that grows the church and the kingdom of God is real & vulnerable relationships. Go — be the kind of neighbor who welcomes as Christ has welcomed you.

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Jonathan*

Yadkinville United Methodist Church  
January 18-February 15, 2026



# Going to the Mat

## Worship Series

*Combating loneliness*

through Friendship, Family, and Community



# Ash Wednesday

INTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN

18 FEBRUARY, 2026

6PM



**YADKINVILLE**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Yadkin County  
United Methodist Churches  
Invite you to

## ***Hope in a Time of Crisis***

Lent Mid-Week Worship

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

February 25th- March 25th

Worship followed by a light lunch

Yadkinville United Methodist Church  
204 W. Main Street Yadkinville



**Open**

**Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday**

**2:30-5:30 pm**

**Free Women's, Men's, Children's Clothing**

# YUMC New Year's Party

We had a good crowd to celebrate the New Year along with some community visitors!

Jerry and Mark won the tournament with Meg and Avery coming in second.



## Message from Bishop about 2026 Leadership Gathering

**Message from Bishop about 2026 Leadership Gathering.** The Council of Bishops have put together a couple of pieces of work that you and your congregations can participate in in helpful ways. First, in anticipation of a 2026 Leadership Gathering of representatives appointed by the bishops from across every single Annual Conference they are conducting a survey in order to get input about the future of The United Methodist Church. To participate in that survey go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UMCLG2026> which is open only until February 15th, 2026. (I did the survey – clergy and laity can participate and it only takes about 10 minutes.)

Also available are webinars based around the three phrases of the new vision statement. One happened last Saturday for “Love Boldly”. [<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/love-boldly-webinar-on-theology>] February 21 will be Serve Joyfully and March 21 will be Lead Courageously. We'll make those links available when they are shared with us. Check out the Bishop's letter [<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-cob-leadership-gathering-19590343>] for more details.

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**RESCHEDULED January Equip and Connect Leadership Training.** We have moved this in-person event scheduled for this Sunday afternoon to individual 1 hour sessions the week of February 9-12. See the dates and times below. Zoom links will be in the registration response as well. Please share this change with your folks and encourage them to attend – especially if they were not able to attend in person. For the updated registration go to <https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/2026EquipConnectLeadershipTraining>. IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED already. We'll keep the original registrations.

### **Monday, February 9th - 7:00-8:00 PM**

- Trustees - [Click here to join via ZOOM](#) Password is 1710
- Church Council - [Click here to join via ZOOM](#) Password is 557671

### **Tuesday, February 10th - 7:00-8:00 PM**

- Lay Leaders- [Click here to join via ZOOM](#) Password is 1710

### **Thursday, February 12 - 7:00-8:00 PM**

- Finance- [Click here to join via ZOOM](#) Password is 1710
- S/PPRC- [Click here to join via ZOOM](#) Password is 879998

If you want to join any of these Zoom meetings, contact Bobbi to have the link emailed to you.

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## **February Events**

### **Wednesday, February 18th**

Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, February 25th - March 25th**

Lent Worship and light lunch at 12:00 p.m.

### **YUMC family celebrating February BIRTHDAYS!**

Charlene Zachary .....	02/05
Brad Mason .....	02/07
Lynn Winters.....	02/17
Cooky Weatherman.....	02/23



United  
Women  
in Faith

We welcome all women of our church, and their friends, to come and enjoy fellowship and Christian love.

**2026 and may the New Year bring you Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.**

- We are in need of a team member for Spiritual Growth Coordinator. Contact Maureen Silvernale or Francis Mabe if you are interested in joining the executive team.
- We have scheduled the Prayed Breakfast for Saturday morning, March 7, 2026 in the Family Life Center. Mark your Calendar. **We could use help in planning for this event - any suggestions for a Speaker?**

**Remember anyone can attend any Circle Program!**

## Men's Group

### **February Men's Group News**

- **EasterFest: Saturday, March 28th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, in the Yadkinville Community Park** Town sponsored event! "Join us for the 3rd annual Fill the Basket EasterFest, where we have fun and help our neighbors! Bring a food donation for Yadkin Christian Ministries and be entered to win prizes! Plus, we'll have egg hunts, petting zoo, face painting, and all kinds of fun freebies for the kids. Come have some Easter fun with us!"
- **The men's group will be selling our famous Hamburgers & Hotdogs as a church fundraiser**

Come join the YUMC men's group! We meet every Monday at 7pm at the church. Enjoy Christian Fellowship, biblical discussion, community action, & shared love of: God, our church, our church family, & community. **Join us! You are wanted & welcome!**

Rich Pizzuti  
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Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers February 2026								
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
02/01/26	Rich Pizzuti			Keri Smith Gaylord	Rich Pizzuti	Wanda Doss	<b>Mark 5:21-43</b>	
						Sharon McGrath	Valerie Prim	
02/08/26	Maureen Silvernale	Dale Dodson & Jerry Ivey	Dale Dodson & Jerry Ivey	Valerie Prim	Audrey Whitley	Marnie Matthews	<b>Luke 22:39-46</b>	
						Dale Dodson	Everette Hartzog	
02/15/2026	Marcia & Jim Downey	Rich & Karen Pizzuti	Rich Pizzuti & Bobbi Reavis	Jonathan Gaylord	Chris Riddle	Karen Pizzuti	<b>John 15:1-17</b>	Shannon Sheek, Pamala Shugart, Maureen Silvernale
						Wanda Doss	Rich Pizzuti	
02/22/2026	Dale & Virgil Dodson	Gene & Marnie Matthews	Gene & Marnie Matthews	Valerie Prim	Olivia Pizzuti	Sharon McGrath	<b>Romans 5:12-19</b>	
						Marnie Matthews	Marcia Downey	



# Yadkinville United Methodist Church

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

We are located at 204 West Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055

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Phone: 336-679-2243

On the web at: [www.yadkinvilleumc.org](http://www.yadkinvilleumc.org)

## 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.

## Regular Worship at YUMC

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

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



## Yadkinville United Methodist Church

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## There are multiple ways to contribute to YUMC

**Donate online** at [yadkinvilleumc.org](http://yadkinvilleumc.org) and click on "MORE", then click on "CONTRIBUTE". Follow the online prompts.

**Donate by text** - send a text to 336-485-4309, with the amount you want to contribute and you will receive a text with further directions.

**Donate by Venmo** in the Venmo app or online, choose "Pay or Request", in the search bar type "Yadkinville UMC", follow the prompts.

**Donate by check/mail a check**, make checks payable to YUMC, drop in the offering plate, or mail to PO Box 25, Yadkinville, NC 27055