



# YADKINVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 🌸 April 2026 Newsletter 🌸

#### **Siblings in Christ,**

Spring has sprung and the season of Easter is upon us! We are Easter people. We can acknowledge the venomous reality of war, violence, and death that swirls around us, while also holding and proclaiming that God is at work and that love, grace, mercy, and justice have the last word.

Recently, at a concert for singer/songwriter Emory Hush, I was struck by one of her lyrics based on a quote popularized by Martin Luther King Jr. The quote from King is "Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." The lyric from the song was "the arc doesn't bend, it is bent and bent again." King reminds us that in the present strife, God still has the last word, and will bring about the coming kingdom. The song plays with the metaphor and reminds us that we play a part in bringing that hope, love, joy, and justice through our own lives.

After Easter we find ourselves at the beginning of a season of transition, a season that will go by far too quickly. There are several decisions that I want to make sure we have made before your new pastor arrives and begins their ministry with you, so they may be free to exercise the fullness of their gifts and ministry.

The three things I want to have tied up before leaving are: plans for a new Choir Director, and answers to questions around the parsonage and allowing renters to serve alcohol in the church facility.

- 1) We have shared our job description widely and two members of the Leadership Team have been tasked with reaching out to several of the music schools in the area/region and seeing if there is a possibility to get a student for the role. If you know of anyone who may be interested in working with our music ministry, have them reach out to me at [pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org](mailto:pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org). The job descriptions are listed at <https://www.yadkinvilleumc.org/resources/position-openings>.
- 2) The Leadership Team has approved the exploration of selling the parsonage. The rationale in exploring is to see if we can pay off the loan on the Family Life Center and finance a new parsonage to lower our monthly payment and avoid some potential maintenance on the current parsonage. This is a multistep process, and no decision has been reached. Oz Prim, Mark Moran, Wayne Dixon, and Keri Gaylord are serving as the exploratory committee. If you have thoughts, questions, or concerns please reach out to them or any member of the Leadership team directly. No parsonage sale or purchase will proceed without approval from the District and a public church discussion and vote. This exploratory processes and action on any decisions should be completed prior to your new pastor beginning on July 1, as it would not be fair to their ministry and life, or your new relationship with them, to move multiple times in a year.
- 3) There has been a question from some members of the congregation whether we can allow groups renting the YUMC facility to serve alcohol. Neither The Book of Discipline

nor The Book of Resolutions expressly prohibit alcohol from being served on a UMC premises. The Book of Resolutions states “We oppose the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the confines of Methodist Church Facilities and recommend that it be prohibited.” The Bishop and cabinet discussed this question and the overall sentiment from our D.S. is “there are a lot of reasons why this may not be a good idea and a few ideas where it might be justified and a church needs to be clear about their purpose.” The Bishop has asked for any church who wants to allow alcohol to be served on their premises put into writing what they are wanting to do and why, naming and justifying the hope in making the change so the Bishop and Cabinet can review it. This is not a decision to ask a new pastor to weigh in on, so we are going to focus this discussion between now and June. I have my thoughts and opinions: theological, social, and practical. I will be happy to share those at a later stage in the discussion. For now, the Leadership Team would like your input and opinion. If you have any thoughts or questions please reach out to a member(s) of the Leadership Team and share them. For your edification and reading, the denominations statements on Alcohol from The Book of Discipline and The Book of Resolutions are included in the newsletter.

We have much to do between Easter and June 30th. While the three things above seem to be administrative questions and work, we should and will ground that work with the question “how are we bending the arc of the world towards Justice?” To put it another way, how does this decision support the mission and ministry of Yadkinville United Methodist Church to “make disciples for the transformation of the world?”

I look forward to these final 3 months together!

Grace and peace,  
*Pastor Jonathan*

**YUMC family celebrating  
 April BIRTHDAYS!**

Jonathan Gaylord.....	04/03
Nicholas Gunnell.....	04/04
Virgil Dodson.....	04/11
Joy Prim.....	04/11
Gene Branon.....	04/12
Mildred Carter.....	04/21
Karen Pizzuti.....	04/21
Shannon Sheek.....	04/25
James Sheek.....	04/28

**Happy Anniversary to these love birds!**

Garry & Joel Helton Long .....04/22

BACK TO THE WILD

WHAT OUR NATIONAL PARKS TEACH US  
 ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS?

**WORSHIP SERIES**  
 APRIL 12 & 19, 2026

If you have any information you would like included in the newsletter please submit it to [technology@yadkinvilleumc.org](mailto:technology@yadkinvilleumc.org) by the 23rd of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

# All Creatures Great and Small

How do the animals of the Bible help us wrestle  
with our faith and God?



Worship Series April 26-May 17

## Book of Discipline - Social Principles

### A. Substance Abuse, Alcohol and Tobacco

Substance abuse refers both to the devastating psychological and physiological effects of dependence and to the broader social consequences of abuse. In responding to the widespread realities of substance abuse disorders, we begin with the recognition of the devastating impacts of addiction and of the misuse and abuse of legal and illegal substances in the lives of individual users, extended families and entire communities.

In many parts of the world, opioid and other substance abuse has reached crisis proportions. The church supports programs and policies that comprehensively address the causes and cures of debilitating addictions. We call upon society to refrain from judging people who are addicted and upon governments at all levels to provide resources commensurate with the scope of the problem.

In recognition of the devastation that substance abuse has wreaked on individuals, families and entire communities, we urge United Methodists to refrain from the use of any licit or illicit intoxicants, drugs or other substances that foster addiction, impair mental faculties and physical abilities, and result in long-lasting damage to individuals, families and communities.

Regarding the consumption of alcohol, we acknowledge the historic United Methodist stance on abstinence as a safeguard against mental, physical, and spiritual harms caused by excessive drinking. Consequently, we urge those who choose to consume alcoholic beverages, including wine and beer, to do so wisely and in moderation. Another important consideration is the impact of such actions on those struggling to recover from alcohol use and abuse.

Due to mounting medical evidence regarding the highly addictive nature and serious health consequences of direct or indirect ingestion or inhalation of nicotine and other chemicals found in commercial tobacco products, the church recommends complete abstinence. In making this recommendation, we recognize the difficulties in overcoming nicotine addiction and urge congregations to find ways to provide meaningful support to those who decide to stop using nicotine.

## **Book of Resolutions: Alcohol and Other Drugs** (continued...)

### **The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church -- 2020/2024**

As God's children and participants in the gift of abundant life, we recognize the need to respond to those who know brokenness from the widespread abuse of alcohol and other drugs in our world. The experience of God's saving grace offers wholeness to each individual. In light of the reality of alcohol and other drug abuse, the church has a responsibility to recognize brokenness and to be an instrument of education, healing, and restoration. First, we must be committed to confronting the denial within ourselves that keeps individuals and nations from overcoming their struggle with alcohol and other drug abuse. Second, the alcohol and other drug problem must be understood as a social, economic, spiritual, and health problem. Third, the church has a fundamental role in reorienting the public debate on alcohol and other drugs by shifting the focus from punishment to prevention and treatment. This is rooted in the Christian belief in the ongoing possibilities for transformation in the life of each individual and in our world.

The alcohol and other drug crisis has reached global proportions. More alcohol and other drugs are produced and consumed than ever before. In consuming countries, with their attendant problems of poverty, racism, domestic violence, hopelessness, and material despair, alcohol and other drug abuse is a part of a continuing cycle of economic and spiritual turmoil.

Abuse of legal drugs (alcohol, tobacco, and pharmaceuticals) remains a leading cause of disease and death around the world. While recreational use of illegal drugs in the United States has declined, the use of drugs remains socially acceptable as levels of addiction and abuse continue to rise.

Growing numbers of cities, small towns, and rural areas around the world are caught in a web of escalating alcohol and other drug-related violence. As the findings of the regional hearings in the United States stressed: "Drug addiction crosses all ethnic, cultural, and economic backgrounds." Social systems are dangerously strained under the heavy weight of alcohol and other drug-related health and social problems. Meanwhile, the supply of drugs from developing countries continues to grow in response to high demand from the developed countries.

International strategies should reflect the need for balanced, equitable economic growth and stable democratic governments in drug-producing developing countries. Most importantly, any alternative strategy must be rooted in local communities. The most creative and effective approaches to the present crisis begin at the local level.

The United States policy response to the drug crisis has focused almost exclusively on law enforcement and military solutions. This policy, in some cases, has led to erosion of precious civil liberties and human rights, especially for poor and minority communities.

The United Methodist Church has long opposed abuse of alcohol and other drugs. In 1916, the General Conference authorized the formation of a Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals "to make more effectual the efforts of the church to create public sentiment and crystallize the same into successful opposition to the organized traffic in intoxicating liquors."

During the 1988-92 quadrennium, The United Methodist Church launched a comprehensive Bishops' Initiative on Drugs and Drug Violence, which, through regional hearings across the United States, deepened the denomination's awareness of alcohol and other drug problems. The report of these hearings concluded: "Therefore, The United Methodist Church must play a key role in confronting drug and alcohol addiction. . . ." Today, The United Methodist Church remains committed to curbing drug traffic and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

## **Book of Resolutions: Alcohol and Other Drugs** (continued...)

### **The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church -- 2020/2024**

In response to the alcohol and other drug crisis, The United Methodist Church commits itself to a holistic approach, which emphasizes prevention, intervention, treatment, community organization, public advocacy, and abstinence. Out of love for God and our neighbors, the church must have a positive role by offering a renewed spiritual perspective on this crisis. We commend local congregations, annual conferences, and general agencies and seminaries to take action in the areas of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

#### *I. Alcohol*

Alcohol is a drug, which presents special problems because of its widespread social acceptance. We affirm our long-standing conviction and recommendation that abstinence from alcoholic beverages is a faithful witness to God's liberating and redeeming love.

This witness is especially relevant because excessive, harmful, and dangerous drinking patterns are uncritically accepted and practiced. Society glamorizes drinking, and youthful immaturity can be exploited for personal gain. The costs associated with alcohol use/abuse are more than the costs associated with all illegal drugs combined. Worldwide, millions of individuals and their families suffer as a result of alcoholism. The medical consequences of alcohol abuse include fetal alcohol syndrome—which is a preventable cause of mental retardation, cardiac defects, and pre- and postnatal growth retardation. Chronic alcohol consumption can have a damaging effect on every body organ, including brain, liver, heart, stomach, intestines, and mouth. Alcohol is a factor in many other social problems such as crime, poverty, and family disorder. The societal costs of alcohol abuse include lost productivity, increased health-care costs, loss of lives in vehicular accidents, and criminal activity.

Thus, The United Methodist Church bases its recommendation of abstinence on critical appraisal of the personal and societal costs in the use of alcohol. The church recognizes the freedom of the Christian to make responsible decisions and calls upon each member to consider seriously and prayerfully the witness of abstinence as part of his or her Christian commitment. Persons who practice abstinence should avoid attitudes of self-righteousness that express moral superiority and condemnatory attitudes toward those who do not choose to abstain. Because Christian love in human relationships is primary, abstinence is an instrument of love and sacrifice and always subject to the requirements of love.

Our love for our neighbor obligates us to seek healing, justice, and the alleviation of the social conditions that create and perpetuate alcohol abuse.

#### *Therefore:*

1. We urge individuals and local congregations to demonstrate active concern for alcohol abusers and their families. We encourage churches to support the care, treatment, and rehabilitation of problem drinkers.
2. We urge churches to include the problems of alcohol and the value of abstinence as a part of Christian education.
3. We encourage individuals and local congregations to develop prevention education for family, church, and community. We encourage sound empirical research on the social effects of alcohol.
4. We oppose the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the confines of United Methodist Church facilities and recommend that it be prohibited.

## Book of Resolutions: Alcohol and Other Drugs (continued...)

### The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church -- 2020/2024

1. We ask individuals and local congregations to study and discuss the problem of driving while intoxicated and impaired by alcohol or other drugs, and we support legislation to reduce such activity.
2. We direct the General Board of Discipleship and The United Methodist Publishing House to incorporate educational material on alcohol and other drug problems, including the material on prevention, intervention, treatment, and the value of abstinence throughout its graded literature.
3. We expect United Methodist-related hospitals to treat the alcoholic person with the attention and consideration all patients deserve. We urge the worldwide health-care delivery system to follow this example.
4. We urge all legislative bodies and health-care systems and processes to focus on and implement measures to help meet the special needs of those disproportionately affected by alcohol use.
5. We favor laws to eliminate all advertising and promoting of alcoholic beverages. We urge the General Board of Church and Society and local churches to increase efforts to remove all advertising of alcoholic beverages from the media. We urge special attention to curbing promotions of alcoholic beverages on college campuses as well as racial minority communities.
6. We urge the US Federal Trade Commission and agencies of other governments to continue developing better health hazard warning statements concerning the use of alcohol.
7. We urge the United States government to improve interagency coordination of drug and alcohol abuse efforts so that there are uniform policies and regulations, and we urge the cooperation of all governments in these areas.

## A Message From Our Neighbor

One of our neighbors wanted to share this message with the church!

"We're very grateful for the playground. It's a blessing for us and our 2 kids to have a great place to play just a short walk from the house. We use it often even if you don't see it. Thank you for providing this for His little ones! "



**Open**

**Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday**

**2:30-4:30 pm**

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

# April Events

**Tuesday, April 21st** - UWF Paint and praise at 6:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 28th** - Join us to swap clothing in the clothing closet for Summer from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.



**United Women in Faith**

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

## United Women in Faith

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.

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



## Paint and Praise

**Join the United Women in Faith of Yadkinville United Methodist Church for an evening of fun and fellowship!**

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center**  
**We'll visit, praise, paint, and have a wonderful time!**

**Location:** 204 West Main St. Yadkinville NC 27055  
**RSVP:** Amanda Mason 336-785-5378 or agmmomof02@gmail.com



### Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers April 2026

Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
April 5 Easter	Virgil & Dale Dodson	Mark & Mltzie Moran	Mark & Mltzie Moran	Valerie Prim	Chris Riddle	Wanda Doss	<b>John 20:1-18</b>	Sam Winters, Rich Pizzuti, Karen Pizzuti
						Sharon McGrath	Valerie Prim	
April 12 National Parks	Jim & Marcia Downey	Rich Pizzuti & Jerry Ivey	Rich Pizzuti & Jerry Ivey	Keri Smith Gaylord	Olivia Pizzuti	Marnie Matthews	<b>Exodus 33:18-20</b>	
						Dale Dodson	Everette Hartzog	
April 19 National Park	Brad Mason	Joey Bolick & Dale Dodson	Joey Bolick & Virgil Dodson	Jonathan Gaylord	Audrey Whitley	Karen Pizzuti	<b>Genesis 1:3-5</b>	
						Wanda Doss	Dale Dodson	
April 26 All Creatures Great & Small	Mark & Mitzie Moran	Jerry Ivey & Sharon McGrath	Jerry Ivey & Valerie Prim	Valerie Prim	Rich Pizzuti	Sharon McGrath	<b>1 Kings 17:2-6</b>	
						Marnie Matthews	Marcia Downey	

# Yadkinville United Methodist Church

2026 Church Leadership and Ministry Contacts

<b>Leadership Team</b>		
Chair: Elected in January 2026		
2026	2027	2028
Oz Prim	George Bisette	Virgil Dodson
Lori Livengood McCann	Myron Williams	Karen Pizzuti
James McGrath	Tom Dorsett	Joy Kinley
Ex officio Members		
<b>Lay Leader &amp; Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:</b> Valerie Prim		
<b>Pastor:</b> Jonathan Gaylord		

<b>Lay Leadership &amp; Nominations</b>		
Chair: Rev. Jonathan Gaylord		
2026	2027	2028
Bruce Whitley	Gene Branon	Sharon McGrath
Brent Choplin	Mildred Carter	Amanda Mason

## 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:** Debby Gunnell

**Children's Ministry:** Valerie Prim & Karen Pizzuti

**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:** Olivia Pizzuti

**Membership Secretary:** Dale Dodson

**Church Historian:** Connie Randleman

**Kitchen Coordinator:** Bobbi Reavis

**Building and Grounds Team:** Gene Branon, Virgil Dodson, Harry Steelman, Mark Diachenko, Marcia Downey, Jim Downey, Mark Moran, Wayne Dixon

# Church Leadership

## Church Leadership (continued...)

### Financial Services:

**Treasurer:** Brent Choplin

**Check Signers:** Barbara Bisette, Emmitte Winslow, Sharon McGrath

**Financial Secretary:** Bobbi Reavis

**Offering Count Team Leader:** Adelaide Whitaker

**Audit Leader:** Marnie Matthews

### Paid Staff:

**Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Gaylord

**Church Administrator:** Bobbi Reavis

**Traditional Music Director:** Dr. James Sheek

**Organist:** Charlene Zachary

**NETworX Yadkin Coordinator:** Crystal Imes

**Connect Translator/Interpreter:** Ana Flores

**Custodian:** Maria Velasquez

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## Men's Group

### ***April Men's Group News***

**Fri, May 1 2026, 6 - 9pm - Friday After Five Downtown Yadkinville - Season Kickoff with Jim Quick & Coastline**

The men's group will be selling our famous Hamburgers & Hotdogs as a church fundraiser

**Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NC Fried Apple Pie Festival, Sparta**

We will again be offering incredibly awesome & fantastic award winning fried pies at the 3rd Annual NC Fried Apple Pie Festival in Sparta.

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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 United Methodist Church

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

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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)



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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