



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter May 2023

A message from Pastor Jonathan Gaylord

Friends,

The world around us is divided. The church around us is fractured. And people are scared of each other and forming new relationships because of that division. Its hard to form relationships and community because in the back of our minds we are waiting for the shoe to drop, to be confronted by the thing that divides us and return to well established corners of difference. Yet, our inheritance as children of Christ is a sacred community and reconciliation.



How do we bridge the divisions and build community in a divided world? We go back to the basics, and get to know each other at the most basic level.

It is said that "The shortest line between two people is a story." Through sharing our stories we can create relationships and community. Storyteller Mark Yaconelli writes that "personal storytelling is one of the most intimate forms of communication. Telling our story in community has the potential to bridge divides, cultivate trust, and inspire action by inviting those gathered to better understand what others have lived, suffered, and overcome. All human divisions could be healed if we would only take the time to listen to one another's stories."

This summer we are going to engage in community storytelling to help create a transformative community through a series of worship services and storytelling events. You can be a part of this event by sharing a story yourself.

Throughout the month of May submit a short written story to me about "a time you have experienced awe and wonder." (You can use the form found in the newsletter.) We will take the written stories and post them so folks can read them.

The prompt "a time you experienced awe and wonder" might remind you of a time you stood on a mountain top, an experience in nature, the birth of a child, a quiet moment of love, or experience of God, for example. Help begin this process of community building through story by sharing your story and look out in the June newsletter for more information about our special worship series.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jonathan

Share a story about when you experienced "Awe and Wonder"

Name (unless you wish to remain anonymous) _____

Live Like Norah Foundation

Annah and Norah's birthday is coming up on May 19th. For Norah this year, we are starting a campaign so that every child in need will receive a birthday cake to make at home with family and friends.

We are launching "Ray'n'e Day Cakes" at the Live Like Norah Foundation May 1st and will collect donations from our local community between now and going forward. Camden Cave is using this opportunity for a service project for those less fortunate in our immediate area.

Consider compiling and donating birthday boxes that include all the items needed to celebrate someone's birthday such as cake mix and frosting.

Please join us. All donations will be housed at the foundation in our "kitchen". We would like to begin with at minimum 25 Kits.

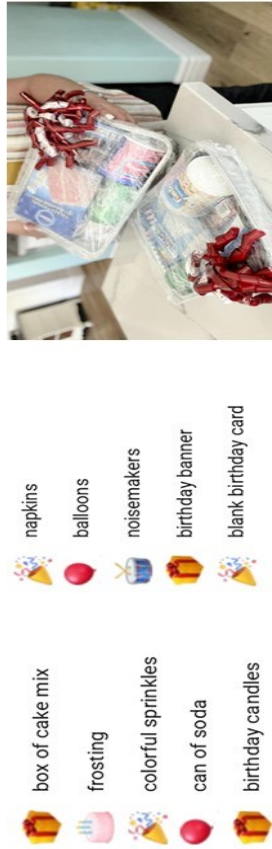
What exactly is in a birthday cake box?

It's a collection of festive birthday cake supplies using a disposable pan so that the recipient has everything they need to make a delicious cake. You can include a can of light-colored soda, such as Sprite, which is a common substitute for eggs and oil. Feel free to print a little note that says something like, "Bake as directed except substitute in the can of soda for the eggs and oil for convenience. The cake will be delicious. Enjoy!"

Include items in your birthday kit such as a cake mix, birthday candles, sprinkles to decorate, and even party supplies to make it extra special! The best part is this birthday cake box can be a very low-budget idea!

Feel free to grab supplies for cake boxes at Dollar Tree or Walmart. They will have cake mixes and frosting for just over \$1 and lots of paper products and inexpensive party supplies. At these affordable prices, this makes for a frugal donation idea to a LLN food pantry. You could create this with your kiddos or with scout groups as a service project. HELP us, HELP someone else.

Supplies to consider including in your birthday cake box:



- box of cake mix
- frosting
- colorful sprinkles
- can of soda
- birthday candles
- paper plates
- napkins
- balloons
- noisemakers
- birthday banner
- blank birthday card

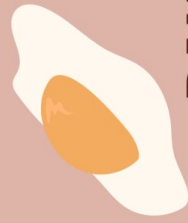
To compile, add all your items to the disposable cake pan and then wrap it using clear plastic wrap so all the items are visible. If your pan comes with a lid you could also just tape it shut. Add a little ribbon or bow to make it a bit festive.

This small act of kindness could really brighten someone's day! You can donate your birthday in a box knowing someone will now be able to easily celebrate their child or family member's birthday and have all the items on hand already. With everything going on in our world, if you are able to contribute, I think this is a thoughtful way to do so!

We will begin collecting donations this week. We will work with Yadkin Christian Ministries and local churches to help share the world. If any local business would like to partner with us, please email me at nifer@liveikenorah.org

We came make a difference in the lives of many with little gestures. If you are more comfortable donating on line, please include in your memo field, Ryan'e Day Cakes.

Together we give hope for tomorrow.



JOIN YUMC FOR A

SCHOOL'S OUT EVENT!

BAKING WITH THE BIBLE



KIDS ACTIVITIES:

MIX, KNEAD, AND BAKE THEIR OWN BREAD,
CREATE A BREAD DOUGH CRAFT, TAKE PART
IN BIBLE STUDY, AND OTHER FUN!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH 9:00AM - NOON

WHERE: YADKINVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SPACE LIMITED, REGISTRATION DUE FRIDAY, MAY 5TH.





YOU ARE INVITED. The adult Sunday School Classes are watching *The Chosen* in the FLC on Sundays at 9:00 am. The entire church is invited to join and watch a portrayal of Jesus from the beginning of his ministry as He chooses His disciples and begins teaching His followers what God expects from His people. **Season 2** is being viewed and the discussion is continuing in the FLC on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We hope that you will join us. Remember the Men's group provides breakfast starting at 8:45 am; eat while you watch.

COOKBOOKS!

The United Women in Faith have Cookbooks! This is by far the best cookbook yet. If you haven't gotten one you should get one right away. The cost is \$20.00. Call Karen Pizzuti (336) 468-7669 or the church office.

Feed Your Need for Christ!

Yadkinville UMC has two different podcasts to help you with your prayer practice.



The Yadkin Examen comes out every Monday morning and uses Sunday's worship to frame an contemplative prayer practice to help us center ourselves as we prepare to face the new week.

The Yadkin Lectio comes out every Wednesday and uses a prayer practice to pray through the scripture for the upcoming Sunday's worship service. It allows us to center ourselves in scripture and listen for the Holy Spirit among us.



Join us in prayer! You can find links to both practices on our website: <http://www.yadkinvilleumc.org/pray-together>



United Women in Faith

What is happening with our United Women in Faith? Not sure, drop by one of these meetings or call one of the Circle leaders and ask. We welcome newcomers and invite all women of our church, and their friends, to come and to enjoy fellowship and Christian love.

Giggles

Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm 2520 Village Tavern, Reynolda.
We will carpool from the church at 6:00 pm.
Marty Driver has the devotion.
Questions, Cooky Weatherman, (336) 468-0275.
This will be our last meeting until September.

Giggles will be providing a meal for the Yadkinville Elementary School faculty and staff on Monday, May 8th. This is for American Education Week. We would like for this to be a church wide event and could use canned drinks, bottled water, or cash donations.

New Beginnings Circle

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Asbury Classroom.
Questions, Mildred Carter, (336) 466-0704.

Tuesday Circle

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at YUMC in the Ashbury Classroom.
Patti Choplin will provide the program.
Questions, Maureen Silvernale (336) 408-9704.

June 8-10, 2023

Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska. The retreat leader is Reverend Jan Brittain and the theme is "Women Coming to Christ." For housing, call 800-222-4930. Questions, contact Gingi Parker (336-817-6581) or Mildred Carter (336-466-0704).

United Women in Faith April Gathering



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Yadkinville United Methodist Church's United Women in Faith met for our quarterly gathering on the evening of Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The April Gathering is our membership event where we encourage members to bring friends and share United Women in Faith's purpose! The evening was filled with fun, fellowship, and laughter! This year's event was tea party themed with a baked goods/take and bake meal auction! Attendees arrived in style wearing sun hats, colorful dresses, and outfits ready for tea! Several ladies brought their own tea sets, decorative plates, teacups, and other tea party related items to use or display throughout the night. This added a personal element to each table and sparked lots of conversation around the memories and sentimentality of these items.

We opened the evening welcoming everyone and thanking them for such a great turnout with thirty-two attendees! Gingi Parker, United Women in Faith President, introduced the Executive Committee. Maureen Silvernale, our Vice President, led the group in reciting our mission and Mildred Carter, our Spiritual Growth Coordinator, lead us in prayer. Following prayer, I discussed membership and how participating in United Women in Faith has enriched my life. I shared a review of events from the past year with photos showcasing all the good that's being done by our United Women in Faith. It's important to make everyone aware that we have an impact right here in our local community as well as the state, national and global level. Over the past year our women have worked hard to raise funds, collect supplies, create health care kits, held a clothing drive for our mission in Armenia, published a cookbook, and have held multiple events supporting Yadkin County School students and staff! But that's not all, our women show up and support one another and community members with meals, cards, and aid wherever it's needed.

After celebrating our accomplishments from the past year, we moved into our auction! Everyone brought a baked item or take and bake meal that would go to the highest bidder! We had quite a selection of tasty treats from cakes and pies to casseroles! We even auctioned off our own Helen Roseberry who will bake a cake with the winning bidder! Between auction rounds, the ladies played games, won door prizes, and spent time in fellowship with one another. The auction was a big success! Karen Pizzuti, our Treasurer, reported that we raised over six hundred dollars in bids and donations to support United Women in Faith missions.

In closing, it was a special evening for all who attended and contributed to our United Women in Faith!

Amanda Mason
United Women in Faith
Membership Coordinator



United Women in Faith April Gathering



PRAYER CONCERNS

Church Family:

Helen Roseberry, James Roseberry, Patty Choplin, Dustin Spencer, Barbara White, Donna Bowman, Joy Prim (missionary), Dot Gish, Tony Macemore, Kenneth Baity, Ginny Taylor, George Reavis, Mary Reavis, Paul Williams, Lois Williams, Chris Riddle, Allen Brandon, Bart Davis, Bill Shugart, Denise Kent

Friends and Family:

Wayne Ray, Katie Cloninger, Ann Callahan, Jan Hess, Alma Simmons, Sharon Bell, Steve Clodfelter, Bill Goings, Don Tucker, John McCormick, Kathy Brown, Una Graham, Leigha Cirillo, Dennis Crotts, Lora Hall, Angus McCleod, Terry Lee West, Bryon Campbell Family, Martin Reece Family, Libby Wiles Family, Niná Canipe, Peggy Charles Family, Edward Hartzog family, Kathie McKinney

To have a name added to or removed from our prayer list, please contact Pastor Jonathan (pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org) or Bobbi (bobbi@yadkinvilleumc.org). Prayer connections under Friends and Family will be posted for four weeks, unless requested for a specific length of time.

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers May 2023

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
05/07 UWF Sunday	Karen P., Debby G., Cooky W., Adelaide W., Betty D.	Valerie Prim & Marty Driver	Sandy Tucker	Marnie Matthews	Exodus 1:8-21	Karen Bricker, Mitzie Moran, Frances Mabe, Betty Williams
				Janet Culpepper	Maureen Silvernale	
05/14	Gene Branon & Karen Bricker	Brent Choplin & Janet Culpepper	Chris Riddle	Karen Pizzuti	John 14:15-21	
				Rosemary Riddle	Rich Pizzuti	
05/21	Marty Driver & Tom Fagerli	Mark Moran & Rich Pizzuti	Rich Pizzuti	Sidney Matthews	John 17:1-11	
				Dale Dodson	Sam Winters	
05/28	Joel Helton & Chris Riddle	Harry & Kathryn Steelman	Chris Riddle	Keri Gaylord	Acts 2:1-21	
				Betty Dixon	Frank Zachary	

Decisions, decisions, decisions! There are so many to make in a community like NETworX. How do we decide how things happen in our community? Grassroots decision-making. This means that the people most affected by the decisions we make at NETworX, the participants, are the ones who make the decisions. When we decided whether we would have our Spring Yard sale fundraiser, the community decided when and how that would happen. When we met with funders to discuss the Grassroots Community Kitchen, the community answered their questions. We meet quarterly to make decisions about what will happen at NETworX.

We do things this way because, for many people in our world, decisions are made for them without them even being consulted about what they think is best for their lives or about what they would like to see happen. So often, our systems are set up to force people into boxes we think they should fit into rather than allowing them to grow into the gifts God placed in them. At NETworX, we want every individual who walks through our doors to know they are valuable and beloved to both NETworX and to God, no matter where they come from or where they are going. Their experiences, thoughts, and gifts matter, and they should be considered when we make decisions in our community.



A message from our Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met on April 25, 2022, for our scheduled monthly meeting.

Following an Opening Prayer by Pastor Jonathan, general business for this meeting included packet approval which included our March meeting minutes, a review of our financial reporting.

Jonathan presented his Pastor's notes including:

- Upcoming Special annual Conferences announced by Bishop Carter on May 6, 2023 & November 4, 2023. Both will be virtual and will focus on disaffiliating congregations & clergy who are departing UMC using the agreed upon process.
- On May 21, 2023 Our congregation will enjoy a Winston-Salem Dash baseball game.
- Upcoming
 - Blessing of the Playground
- YMCA summer camp (more to come on this)
- Potential new members
- Contemporary Summer worship series on the Lawn (Wed evenings)
 - More to come – this is going to be awesome!

We had our quarterly financial review and appreciate all the work Emmitte & Bobbi put into preparing quarterly Balance Sheets and Profit & Loss Statements for the Leadership Team's review. There was a deep review of our current position, and several necessary actions were taken.

The team discussed in detail the recommendations from the Building & Grounds Team concerning the overdue replacement of our HVAC unit in the Sanctuary. Your leadership team is taking this type of capital expenditure very seriously and is committed to move forward. Several financial options are being weighed. We will clearly define our path forward soon. In the meantime, repairs have been made to keep our existing unit functional for the short term.

We are very proud of our YUMC Belief Statement. Your Leadership Team put strong effort into listening to your opinions and carefully crafting a strong, faithful, honest statement. You have seen the Belief Statement via email, and in the commons for the last few weeks. We so appreciate for the feedback! We will again present the statement during our 5th Sunday Potluck & Town Hall on April 30th.

The Leadership Team is so very excited about our Church's future! Our path to Discipleship includes us all!

Rich Pizzuti
Leadership Team Chairperson

Flowers

The appearance of flowers lets us know spring will soon arrive.

If you would like to put flowers in the church for a Sunday Worship Service on any special occasion such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in memory of someone, please let me or Bobbi know.

One thing to keep in mind, the arrangement doesn't have to be big but needs to be tall. I will appreciate any help.

Thank you,
Connie Randleman



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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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Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person at YUMC 10:00 am

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