



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter July 2023

A message from Pastor Jonathan Gaylord

I recently read two books by Blair Braverman. Blair is a dog musher, writer, and adventurer who I first encountered on a few different podcasts I listen to. Often, she is brought on as a guest host to offer perspective on tragedies and survival in nature. Obviously, it was these podcasts that I felt compelled to listen to while I was driving to the Smokies a few weeks ago for a multi-night solo backpacking trip. Blair and the main podcast host regaled me about the mystery of the Dyatlov Pass incident and the crash of flight 571 and the passengers efforts to survive.

In one of the episodes Blair said something that struck me differently on my way into the backcountry. Talking about the dangers of nature Blair said that "nature doesn't hate you, its not out to get you. Nature is indifferent, and I find that fact very comforting." She goes on to say that evil and hatred are human traits, but even in the backcountry you get deep enough into nature and some barrier falls away.

If you run into a random person deep in the woods, you are meeting someone facing the same things you are and you have an instant connection and camaraderie that wouldn't exist back in the air conditioning. I find this to be true while backpacking. You meet people on the trail and at campsites, and nine times out of ten conversation and sharing come easily. Its like the ground shifts and you find a long lost sibling, I mean sometimes they are a bit odd... but who doesn't have a weird relative?

What if church were a place that stood against a world that called us to particular boxes and ways of being, instead proclaiming that we were in this thing called life together? I firmly believe that in Christ and with the Holy Spirit the church can be this place, a place where those barriers we erect are discarded and the people we encounter are greeted with a level of trust, love, curiosity, and holiness. We can stand together, uplifted and empowered by God to love one another and our world.

Our first step is to root ourselves in God's love, to recognize that the barriers that exist in our lives and in the world do not have eternal value. The love of God gives us the power to invite our neighbors into a welcoming and safe place where we can freely share the grace and gifts of God with each other. Root yourself in God's love, and then show and share that love as widely and wildly as you can.

You are a beloved Child of Christ and I hope that the community of YUMC is a place where you find hope and home. We are in this together, under the love of Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jonathan



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>

Where's the Leadership Team Article?

With Vacations and the likes of summer, the Leadership Team did not meet in June. This is why there is no article.

The Leadership Team meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the New Sunday School Classroom. **The next meeting is on July 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** If you want to know more about the Leadership Team, to read the minutes of their meetings, see the budget, or YUMC's Guiding Principles, visit www.yadkinvilleumc.org/members (password: YadkinvilleMember).

FALL BAZZAR UPDATE

The Bazaar will be November 10, 2023 and November 11, 2023.

We are still crafting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. For July those dates are July 14, 2023 and July 28, 2023.

Join us for fun and fellowship while doing your own craft or helping with crafts. We have something for every level of participation. Maybe you have some ideas to bring to the group for the bazaar; maybe you have some unfinished projects at home; or maybe you have some supplies that you may never use. All are welcome!!!

Join us Friday, July 14, 2023 and Friday, July 28, 2023 at 10AM until noon in the Mark Classroom.



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.

Fifth Sunday POTLUCK!

July has five Sundays! Do you know what that means? It is time to enjoy fellowship and food together. On Sunday, July 30, 2023 immediately following worship we will have a potluck luncheon.



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

Giggles will not meet in June, July, or August.
See you in September!
Questions, Cooky Weatherman, (336) 468-0275.

New Beginnings Circle

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Asbury Classroom.
Sandy Steele will have the program.
Questions, Mildred Carter, (336) 466-0704.

Tuesday Circle

The Tuesday Circle will not meet in July.
We are encourage to attend the Gathering on July 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm.
Questions, Maureen Silvernale (336) 408-9704.

July 28-29, 2023

UWF 2023 Mission U
New Date - New Time - New Place
Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, NC
"Living the Kin-dom - Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation"
Leader - Renee Hayes, Deaconess UMC
Registration opens June 1, 2023
Questions, Gingi Parker or Valerie Prim

July 18, 2023

Yadkinville UMC Women in Faith
Social Action Gathering
Family Life Center, 7:00 pm

September 8, 2023 - September 10, 2023

Annual Celebration. Lake Junaluska.
Mosaic of Faith - We Are All Part of God's Story
Reverend Holly Cobb McKin, Pastor, Hudson UMC
Reverend Julie Marie Wilson, Missionary, Open Arms Community Center
Registration now open!
Questions? Contact Gingi Parker (336) 817 6551

September 11, 2023

Centenary UMC, Winston-Salem
Ashley Boggan Dreff - *Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights*
"This book tells the story of American Methodist women's effort to fight for women's rights, beginning with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and ending with the #Me Too movement. Each chapter documents particular Methodist women and provides the reader with a basic historic context of the time. These Methodist Women addressed the causes of oppression, and by stepping out of their place, they made a place for others."

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

felter, 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

Friends and Family:

Wayne Ray, Katie Cloninger, Ann Callahan, Jan Hess, Alma Simmons, Sharon Bell, Steve Clod-

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.

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

Church Work Day

We will have a work day at the Church on Tuesday July 11, 2023 from 5-7 pm.

We will be pressure washing the office entrance, the Common's entrance and other areas that may be needed.

We have 2 pressure washers available but let Virgil (336-416-1691) know if you can bring one.

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers July 2023

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
7/2	Betty Dixon & Dale Dodson	Rich Pizzuti & Gene Branon	Sandy Tucker	Keri Gaylord Rosemary Riddle	John 6:1-14 Virgil Dodson	Marcia Downey, Bobbi Reavis, Maureen Silvernale
7/9	Jo Dorsett & Joel Helton	Brant Choplin & Jerry Ivey	Chris Riddle	Dale Dodson Betty Dixon	Matthew 22:15-22 Marcia Downey	
7/16	Jerry & Anne Ivey	Janet Culpepper & Marnie Matthews	Rich Pizutti	Marnie Matthews Karen Pizzuti	John 1:1-18 Dale Dodson	
7/23	Marnie & Gene Matthews	Wayne Dixon & Brad Mason	Chris Riddle	Sidney Matthews Janet Culpepper	TBD Brad Mason	
7/30	Brad Mason & Mark Moran	Mark Moran & Gene Branon	Sandy Tucker	Marty Driver Emily Raymond	TBD Everette Hartzog	

If NETworX is a “poverty” initiative, why does so much of it revolve around food? We begin each NETworX gathering with dinner for two reasons: it ensures that no one has to miss NETworX because they had to stay home and make dinner for their family, and eating dinner together helps us to relax and break down barriers between people from different walks of life. Food helps us to become family. We potluck on the first Monday of every month as an act of reciprocal love for one another. One thing that Hispanic and Southern cultures have in common is that we will love you deeply through food. Every carefully chosen ingredient and every delicately placed seasoning is an act of love and care, and we share this love and these talents with one another monthly in what feels like a celebration.



Our work in the community garden came about as a way for us to live healthier lives, but it is also an act of food sovereignty and justice, as Mr. Everette passes down his knowledge and our Hispanic community shares culturally appropriate foods (have you ever made tea from Basil to calm your nervous system?) We grow food together with dignity and not as an act of charity. We can food together under the tutelage of one of our participants to reduce waste and increase our knowledge of forgotten foodways. Our Grassroots Kitchen is also a way for us to cook together and increase food security without using a charity model. We cook together, with rather than for. We learn from and teach each other so very much.

While food is a celebration, it can also be a burden, our Grassroots Kitchen programming is an effort to reduce the personal food burdens of the women in our community, but NETworX has seen a sharp decline in the number of organizations and groups willing to share their resources and time with us by sharing dinner. This increases the funding burden on NETworX to provide dinner. A typical dinner for NETworX costs between \$150-\$200 under current inflation. We usually ask a group to donate once per quarter at most. If your group, or a group you know, would be interested in donating dinner and joining our community as we have dinner; please let me know. We would love to welcome you.





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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Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person at YUMC 10:00 am

Virtual Worship via YouTube 10:00 am (live)