

July 2025 Newsletter

A message from Pastor Jonathan

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Early Monday morning I joined with 35 other people of faith from North Carolina a pilgrimage to Washington DC for Moral Mondays in DC organized by Repairers of the Breech. We joined with 200-300 other people of faith from around the nation to stand in witness against the budget bill that is making its way through Congress right now.

To partially fund a tax cut and massive spending increases for the Pentagon and ICE, the bill cuts \$863 billion dollars from Medicaid and SNAP (formerly food stamps) by \$287 billion dollars over the next 10 years. These cuts mean people will Researchers from Yale and the University of Pennsylvania estimate that the cuts to Medicaid will lead to 51,000 preventable deaths per year.



In Yadkin County 29% of our neighbors rely on Medicare for their medical coverage. This is not a theoretical conversation about people far away. This will cause harm to our neighbors. In Washington DC we heard from individuals who will be directly harmed by this legislation. Two of those who shared their testimony where Chris and Elaina.

Chris Shumake traveled from Alexander County, North Carolina, with pastor Joel Simpson to share what it would mean for him to lose Medicaid. "I just finished high school and I'm doing auto technician systems training in August. I'm relying on Medicaid and SNAP to help me continue my schooling. If I don't have it, I'd have to go to school and worry about not being able to eat that day... If you can't eat, you can't focus."

Elaina Hurley is from West Virginia. She may not look like she has much in common with Chris, but you only need to listen to her for three minutes to understand why these cuts would hurt them both the same. "I was receiving Medicaid until I did what state and local representatives said to do: I went to work. And they pulled a whammy on me. I lost the medicine that made it possible for me to work." ¹

When we talk about making the love of Christ real, we are asking specific questions. Do our neighbors have enough to eat? Can they access healthcare? Do they have what they need not only to survive, but to thrive? Healing was central to Jesus earthly ministry. The people of God are instructed to care for children, widows, and the stranger throughout scripture. We are to be a people of peace, justice, and mercy. This legislation stands in opposition to who we are called to be.

So what can you do?

If you are reading this before the house passes the final version: call your Congressman and leave a message with this script:

A message from Pastor Jonathan (continued from page 1)

"As a resident of your Congressional district, I am deeply concerned about the trillions of dollars of cuts to health care, SNAP, and more. This budget will hurt our community and people we love. Listen to your constituents and vote NO now. Thank you"

If you don't get anyone, leave a message with your address to make sure your call is tallied.

Representative Pat Harrington, NC 10th District: (202) 225-2576

If you want to be involved and informed going forward check out these resources:

Repairers of the Breach is the organization that organized the Moral Monday rally I attended. If you would like to participate in the Moral Monday Rallys on August 4th or September 8th talk to me and I will add you to the contact list from Rev. Joel Simpson at FUMC Taylorsville. https://breachrepairers.org/

You can also sign up for updates from the Board of Church and Society in Washington DC. https://www.umcjustice.org/

You can also give to Hands of Hope and/or Yadkin Christian Ministry. These ministries will be even more vital to our community if this legislation is enacted. You can give to them directly or through the church, just write the organization on your check/envelope.

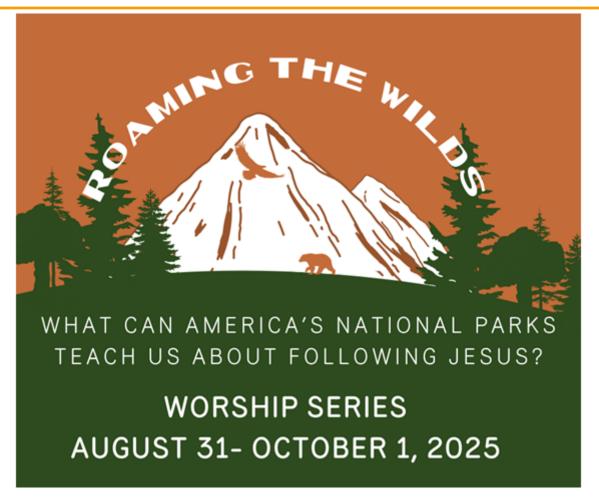
Grace and peace, Pastor Jonathan

As United Methodists, "we decry the widening gap between the rich and the poor and the concentration of wealth in the hands of ever smaller percentages of the global population. We lament that too many of the world's people lack the basic resources necessary for survival and pledge ourselves to work toward the eradication of the roots and effects of poverty"... The United Methodist Social Principles, Economic Community, Economic Challenges, B., Poverty and Income Inequality

¹ https://breachrepairers.org/get-involved/news/during-moral-mondays-in-d-c-moral-activists-called-on-congress-to-reject-extremism-and-pass-a-moral-budget/







If you have any family photos from trips to a national park over the years please share them with Pastor Jonathan to include as part of our worship! You can drop them off in the office or email digital versions to pastor@vadkinvilleumc.org

Social Principles

In 1908 the Methodist Episcopal Church became the first church to adopt a Social Creed, followed closely by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church. Over the years the Social Creed has been updated, in 1974 it became the Social Principles. In 2024 the General Conference of the United Methodist Church approved a major revision of the Social Principles.

The Social Principles articulate our ethical aspirations for the common good in our public policies and personal commitments. Through them, we seek to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength and to desire for our neighbors what we desire for ourselves.

This Lent we will focus on worship with the Social Principles and how we are called to live as people of God in this world. The sermons won't dive into each Principle, but will focus on the major sections and the scripture that guides our thoughts and actions on each principle.

You are encouraged to read through the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church in your devotional time in preparation for worship and life together.





Reading Plan

Spend the Year in Scripture

The One Story That Leads to Jesus reading plan will guide you through the entire Bible in one year. Each day, you'll read a few chapters—or occasionally skim through large genealogies or census sections—as you make your way from Genesis to Revelation.

Meditate on the Psalms

Each day's reading features a psalm for you to meditate on through quiet reflection and prayer. By the end of the year, you'll have read through this entire book of biblical poetry more than twice.

Date	Day	Book	Chapter	Psalm	Video	
The Prophets of the Exile						
1-Jul	182	Jeremiah	51-52	27		
2-Jul	183	Lamentations	1-2	28	OT Overviews: Lamentations	
3-Jul	184	Lamentations	3	29		
4-Jul	185	Lamentations	4-5	30		
5-Jul	186	Ezekiel	1-4	31	OT Overviews: Ezekiel 1-33	
6-Jul	187	Ezekiel	5-8	32	Khata / Sin	
7-Jul	188	Ezekiel	9-12	33	Pesha / Transgression	
8-Jul	189	Ezekiel	13-15	34	Avon / Iniquity	
9-Jul	190	Ezekiel	16-18	35		
10-Jul	191	Ezekiel	19-21	36		
11-Jul	192	Ezekiel	22-24	37		
12-Jul	193	Ezekiel	25-27	38		
13-Jul	194	Ezekiel	28-30	39		
14-Jul	195	Ezekiel	31-33	40		
15-Jul	196	Ezekiel	34-36	41		
16-Jul	197	Ezekiel	37-39	42		

Yadkinville UMC / Reading Project - Reading Plan							
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Date	Day	Book	ter	Psalm	Video		
	Return From Exile						
17-Jul	198	Ezekiel	40-44	43			
18-Jul	199	Ezekiel	45-48	44	OT Overviews: Ezekiel 34-48		
19-Jul	200	Ezra	1-3	45	OT Overviews: Ezra-Nehemiah		
20-Jul	201	Ezra	4-7	46	Exile		
21-Jul	202	Ezra	8-10	47			
22-Jul	203	Nehemiah	1-3	48			
23-Jul	204	Nehemiah	4-6	49			
24-Jul	205	Nehemiah	7-9	50			
25-Jul	206	Nehemiah	10-11	51			
26-Jul	207	Nehemiah	12-13	52			
27-Jul	208	Esther	1-5	53	OT Overviews: Esther		
28-Jul	209	Esther	6-10	54			
Prophets After the Exile							
29-Jul	210	Daniel	1-3	55	OT Overviews: Daniel		
30-Jul	211		4-6	56	The Way of Exile		
31-Jul	212		7-9	57	Chaos Dragon		







2nd Annual Ice Cream Churn-Off!

Friday, July 4th at 4:30pm
Come enjoy the Homemade Ice Cream and
"Churn-Off" Fundraiser!

\$1 All You Can Eat Ice Cream

All donations will support ministry at
Yadkinville UMC.
Check out the voting guide for more info!
You be the judge of who is crowned the "Ice
Cream Churn Champion"!

www.yadkinvilleumc.org/churn-off-registration



Friday, July 4th at 4:30pm

- Taste test as many flavors as you'd like from 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Place donations in the bucket next to your favorite flavors
- 3. Once taste testing is complete at 6:30pm, enjoy a bowl of your favorites!

\$1 = 1 Vote





Summer Hours

Wednesday June 4th & July 2nd 1pm-3pm Saturday June 28th & July 26th 9am-Noon

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

ReNew with Connect Clothing Closet

The closet has special summer days and hours. It will be open on Wednesday July 2nd from 1:00-3:00 pm and Saturdays, June 28th and July 26, 2025 from 9:00am until noon. If you would like to sign up to volunteer, sign up in the office or use the QR code.





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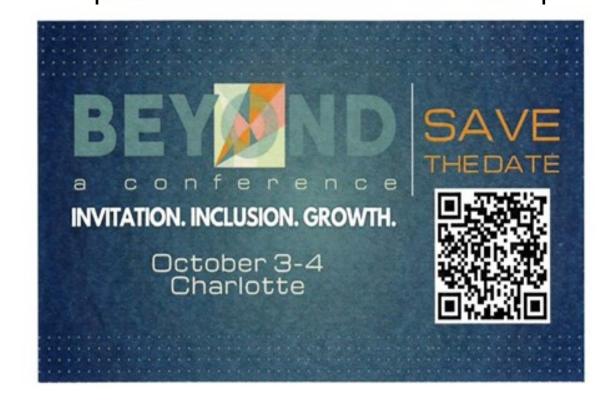
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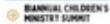
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- noture, drama, movement, and art to open our
- hearts and minds to actively engage the Spirit

 All generations experiencing God more fully
 together as one body

 Awakening awareness to worship rituals and
 spiritual practices to highlight their significance
 for our life together and our lives or home
- Strengthened intergenerational relationships that lead to desper sense of belonging and faith.
- Children's curtosity and wonder inspiring adults to experience God in a new way
- A renewed sense of possion for worshipping God that leads the congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

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CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT



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INTEREST FORM



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Common marketing children in worship and proper is a five year Stimilion Lily grant funded project for the litestern teach Carolina Continuous of the United Mathodat Church. The good of the grant is to help-congregations assess their current replifies (pays, struggles, and aucossess) with numbers of the next to worship and proper and to guide them taking the next best stagetor their simple content. Their agent to all churches in the Hesternick, Conference who will be december they regist number children in worship and proper. This project includes several initiatives, such as the congregational assessment, coaching sessions, listening sessions, and fraintings.

If you are interested in your church heing an active participant in the Cultivate Grant, the first step is to fill out the interest form! This will help gather the contact information and tog you as a Cultivate Grant Participant in indurmation and top you as a Comment share Participant in the conference distributes. Multiple people from your congregation conflit this out, From there you will be asked to complete the Congregational Assessment. Upon completion of the sourcement, you will be poined with a coach to help you determine near steps for porticipating.

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CARE TRAINING

- In-person Seminars
- Live-streamed Webinars
- Guided Cohorts
- Online Courses
- Care Conferences



TESTIMONIALS

"ICC gave us tools we could actually use. Our small church is finally providing care we're proud of." **Nancy Spearow**

'No one equips churches for core like TCC. Their team is compassionate, practical, and deeply grounded in faith." Ellen Pollack



CARE RESOURCES -

- Books & Moterials (English & Sponish)
- Free Topical Library Tree Podcasts & Devotions









July Events

Friday, July 4th: YUMC 2nd Annual Ice Cream Churn-Off at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 5th: Fireworks on the Cherry St. Lawn at dusk

Tuesday, July 8th: New Beginnings Circle will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Asbury Sunday School Room The program will be about Social Justice Issues.

Tuesday, July 15th: the July Gathering for all United Women in Faith will be Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

- 6:00 p.m. Fellowship and Light Summer Supper: Please rsvp to Gingi 336-817-6651.
- 7:00 p.m. Business and Program Climate Justice
- Mission project Gift bags for YCM. Please bring individually wrapped snacks and drink boxes for children.

July 18th & 19th: Mission U at Hickory Catholic Conference Center. Program Practicing Hope Together.



OneSight Vision Clinic

FREE Comprehensive Eye Exams and Prescription Glasses if needed

<u>Yadkinville Elementary School</u> 305 N State St, Yadkinville, NC 27055

August 12-14 8:00AM - 4:00PM

To register for the clinic please scan the QR Code below and select a time



Or type in the URL below:

onesight.clinic/OS2681

Visit https://onesight.essilorluxottica.com/ to learn more

We have an exciting opportunity for Yadkin County residents to be seen for free vision screenings and glasses. Patients will receive their glasses on the same day. I wanted to share with you all since you work directly with families in need. Slots are filling up fast, and Tuesday is nearly full. Please share as you see fit! Let me know if you have any questions.

Yadkinville Elementary School has partnered with One Sight Essilor Luxottica Foundation to offer free vision screenings/glasses for our community, regardless of income and insurance status. The clinic dates will be August 12-14th, from 8am-5pm. This clinic is available for children (ages 5+) and adults. If you and/or your child could benefit from this service, please sign up for a time slot at this link:

https://c2ect483.caspio.com/dp/97594000a38f20bd05784e398d8a?ClinicID=UZQAWL&CommunityGroupID=CGORTEDJ

If you would like more information about the One Sight Essilor Luxottica Foundation, you can check out their website at: https://onesight.essilorluxottica.com/



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

June has been a busy month for the United Women in Faith.

First, on Saturday June 7th, we had a Prayer Breakfast at Frances Mabe's. Thank you for hosting Frances. After a time of eating and fellowship the program was presented by Mitzie. Meditate and sit with your thoughts.

The Spiritual Growth Retreat was the following weekend in Lake Junaluska. We had 5 of our members attend. The theme was "My Name is..." The speaker was Rev Aryn Williams-Ruebel (Sara Williams daughter)

- Session 1 My Name is... Everything: The names for God
- Session 2 we heard from Maggie Armstrong on Missions. Maggie is Director of Recovery for WNCC.
- · Session 3 My Name is....Beloved
- · Session 4 My Name is....Child of God

The executive team met Monday, June 16th to plan future events.

Then on Monday, June 23rd, the team served and enjoyed a meal with NETworX.

Mark your calendar for:

Saturday, September 6, 2025. The Conference will be having their Annual Conference at Williamson's Chapel United Methodist Church in Mooresville. It will be 10 AM - 5 PM. The Guest Speaker will be Sally Vonner the United Women in Faith CEO. The Program is entitled "Celebrating Change". Plan to attend.

Tuesday, July 15th: the July Gathering for all United Women in Faith will be Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

- 6:00 pm. Fellowship and Light Summer Supper: Please text RSVP to Gingi Parker at (336) 816-6551 if you plan to attend.
- 7:00 pm Business and Program Climate Justice

• The July Gathering Mission will be packing bags of snack items for kids. We would like to in-

clude the whole church in this effort by asking for donations. The items collected will go to Yadkin Christian Ministries. This will help children in Yadkin County with food insecurities during the summer. There will be a bin in the commons area for collection. Unsure what to donate - there is a list at the bin. THANK YOU!

July 18th & 19th: Mission U at Hickory Catholic Conference Center. Program Practicing Hope Together

GIGGLES is not meeting in July.









Reader's Corner

Here are a couple more books that are good reads for UWF.

"Zensele" by J Nozipo Maraire.

This is a letter written by an African mother to her daughter who has gone to America for college. The letter is written to remind Zenzele how important it is to remember her roots and to just develop the best in herself rather than trying to leave the old person behind and become someone different. It it is good to explore new ideas, develop new traditions, but the old traditions are what truly make her daughter the person she is an it is important to embrace it all to become even more amazing.

"Beads of Hope"

This book has been in the library for quite a while. I am ghlad I finally read it. It is a story of how our amazing God takes care of us through all of life. These African women appear to have very little to be thankful for, greet each day praising God and seeing his work everywhere in the world. The bring this love to a group of American women who come to Africa, each with their own reason, but all leaving with a new found love and faith in God, themselves, and others.

"A Twist of Faith" by John Donnely

Written by a photo journalist who follows a N. Carolinian carp[enter who feels called by God to go to Malasia to build orphanages, but who over time realizes that God is "twisting" his faith to a more God centered faith.

While I was looking for books, I came on 2 must reads that I read several years ago. "Who Needs God" by Harold Kushner and "Why" by Anne Grahm Lotz. I hope you all have or will read them.

The Leadership Team

The leadership team met on Wednesday, June 25th. We always welcome anyone from the church to attend. We appreciate our visitors this past meeting - Adelaide Whitaker and Myron Williams.

We have a time of sharing our Celebrations early in our meeting. A celebration recalled by Myron this past week was the friendliness of Ann Ivey - always greeting others at church and in the community - a thought shared by all. We keep Jerry and Ann's family in prayer and a forthcoming Memorial service for her on July 12, 2025, at the church at 2:00 p.m.

July will start off with a bang - pun intended Ha-ha- with the Fourth of July celebrations. On Friday, July 4th we will have our second Ice Cream Churn Off. It starts at 4:30 p.m. and ends before the Yadkinville parade at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, July 5th will be Fireworks on the Back Lawn. We will start gathering at dusk. Bring a dessert to share, along with a chair for the Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Come join in the fun.

During this meeting we continued, as a team, to investigate the finances and options with the Parsonage. The parsonage will need some major repairs in the next few years as the home gets older and general maintenance. We also have a balance on the Family Life Center of \$445,572.00, with a monthly payment of \$5464.00. We are discussing financial options of the future for our church.

In preparing for the future and current participation in the First Church Cohort YUMC, a team is forming to work with the Wesley Community Development Corporation to look at suggestions to optimize usage of our church space. More information will be forthcoming as this new effort progresses.

YUMC family celebrating July BIRTHDAYS!

Faye Diachenko	07/02
Chloe Imes	07/05
Emmitte Winslow	
Betty Dixon	07/15
Maureen Silvernale	07/16
Owen Raymond	07/18
Audrey Whitley	07/19
Henry Gaylord	07/20
James Downey	07/22
Anna Steelman	07/22
Wanda Doss	07/25

	Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers July 2025							
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
710	7/0 Dec Marrie	Jo Dorsett & Kathryn Steelman	Harry & Kathryn Steelman	Valerie Prim	Chris Riddle	Wanda Doss	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Brad Mason, Bobbi
7/6	Brad Mason					Dale Dodson	Virgil Dodson	Reavis, Valerie Prim
7/13	Rich Pizzuti		Valerie Prim & Lori McCann	Keri Smith Gaylord	Olivia Pizzuti	Janet Culpepper	Luke 10:25-37	
1/13	1/13 RICH PIZZUU					Marty Driver	Rich Pizzuti	
7/20	Jim & Marcia	Sharon McGrath	Sharon McGrath	Janathan Caulard	ord Audrey Whitley	Sharon McGrath	Luke 10:38-42	
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7/27	Mark & Mitzie		Marty Driver & Lori McCann	Valerie Prim	Rich Pizzuti	Lori McCann	TBA Guest Preacher	
1121	Moran					Marnie Matthews	Maureen Silvernale	



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

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

<u>Donate online</u> at 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.

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

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