



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter August 2023

A message from our Leadership Team

Hello Church Family

When thinking about what to share in this message I decided to focus on some ways we can create value towards the well-being of our church, our life, and community. How do we face uncertainty in this crazy life we live, and also work together to make life better???



Unfortunately, the world is filled with challenges and often feels broken from many perspectives – and the church is not isolated from these concerns. To say it's "tough" is an understatement. At our Leadership meetings we talk about important, hard, and emotional topics that we face as a church: worship, attendance/membership, outreach ministries, beliefs, communications, and several administrative items – specifically concerns with managing finances. While each area is important and deserves a commitment of prayer, resources, time, and giving – meeting financial obligations is an ongoing effort for our church family. We ask that you are prayerful about creative ways we can raise money and your financial contributions to our church. ALL unique "gifts of giving" are tremendously appreciated and make a positive impact on our ability to serve others plus meet our goals and objectives as a church family. Thank you for your care thought.

On a more personal note, we all face the ups and downs of life. Seems like there is never "enough" of whatever and always much to do between home, church, work, family (the list goes on) as does the crazy balancing act we juggle! I'd like to share a thought for your consideration that sometimes helps me when I feel overwhelmed. Take time to pause, regroup, and conceptualize what I call "the basics". Target a way to think about slowing down and remember that simple is usually better and try to focus on what matters the most to you and in life. The little things in life are full of special meaning, generally sufficient and equal more, much more than we realize when we take time to reflect. Gifts of love, kindness, and care are never wasted....and they are free – freely given and freely received.

We may also think about the Bible as reflecting "the basics", serving as the core or basic foundation for our life. The Bible is filled with timeless principles, instructions, and relevant examples of living a balanced and blessed life as a Christian. One thing is constant, consistent, and secure – God's scripture – The Bible is God-Breathed and His word never has nor ever will become irrelevant regardless of the changing times or seasons. The Bible and the many important messages contained within are available to help us prepare, equip, support, and accomplish God's purpose for our lives. Please remember, the Bible is a tangible expression of love that shares His attributes, character, commands, and love for every person that has ever lived.

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A message from our Leadership Team

God's word and His messages are the simple, yet true foundation of spiritual growth. We can plant seeds every day through our actions, behaviors, relationships, and through learning more about God – including the scriptures. I believe that with faith, hope, and love - all the rest takes care of itself. Please consider how we can all grow our knowledge, our gifts, and in turn deepen our love for God.

Peace, Blessings, and Love,

Janet Culpepper

Leadership Team Member

A Note from NETworX

How would you describe yourself? Would you use those words on your worst day? How we see ourselves is important; not only for our well-being, but it also affects how we see and interact with others.



Most of us have our fair share of self-doubt and even self-loathing. I think this is why storytelling and authentic relationships are so meaningful in our world.

The story I could tell myself some days is that I am the daughter of alcoholics who did things out of order by starting my family at 18 and getting my degree at 40. When I tell my story in the context of authentic relationships where others are in touch with who I am, I see myself as an overcomer. Someone who worked hard to overcome obstacles and break generational curses.



Other NETworX participants too can share stories that may seem somewhat shameful to them at first. Still, when shared with people who have experienced similar things or those who receive and honor those stories in love, they begin to see themselves differently. We are able to connect to our belovedness (not a word, but I'm making it one) as children of God and to the Beloved community we have been tasked with creating.

Vulnerability is not weakness, it is the surest way to connect to each other and to our creator, yet we are so afraid to be vulnerable together.



YADKINVILLE



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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>

FALL BAZZAR UPDATE

**November 10, 2023, 3:00pm-8:00pm
& November 11, 2023, 8:00am-4:00pm**

We are still crafting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. For August those dates are August 11, 2023 and August 25, 2023.

All are invited in fellowship as we begin more detailed planning for the bazaar event on November 10th (3pm - 8pm) and November 11th (8am - 4pm) in the Family Life Center.

We will need volunteers for welcome and checkout; making and selling baked goods and other foods while patrons shop.

We will begin taking **VENDOR reservations** in August, so if you are interested in having your own booth make plans now.

Contact Maureen Silvernale at (336) 408-9704 for information.



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.



This name seems familiar! I think we know this fella!

If you are looking for a way to connect to God, give this very special trail a try!



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, August 8, 2023 at 11:45 am (DIFFERENT TIME) in the Asbury Classroom.
The program will be a conversation with Joy Prim, Missionary.
Bring a sandwich or go to the Bistro after the program.
Questions, Mildred Carter, (336) 466-0704.

UWF Executive Committee

Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Asbury Classroom
Questions? Contact Gingi Parker (336) 817 6551

Yadkin Valley District UWF Annual Meeting

Saturday, August 19, 2023 10:00 am - noon, Kernersville UMC
Reverend Mark Barden
Questions? Contact Gingi Parker (336) 817 6551

Tuesday Circle

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Asbury Classroom.
Questions, Maureen Silvernale (336) 408-9704.

September 8, 2023 - September 10, 2023

Annual Conference at 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 at 7:00 pm
Dr. 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."

A UWF Book Recommendation - Social Action - 2023, Caste by Isabel Wilkerson

Ms. Wilkerson gives us a portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America has been shaped by a hidden caste system. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more.. She shows the ways the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day.

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, Patty Choplin, Sandy Tucker

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, Leigha Cirillo, Dennis Crotts, Lora Hall, Terry Lee West, Niná Canipe, Kathie McKinney, Barbara Gentry, Kathie McKinney, Chuck Sutter and Family, Greg Bitting Family, Sean Bitting Family

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 August 2023

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
August 6th	Emily Raymond & Virgil Dodson	Gene Branon & Brent Choplin	Rich Pizzuti	Karen Pizzuti	Genesis 37:1-28	Marnie Matthews, Bobbi Reavis, Shannon Sheek
				Janet Culpepper	Keri Gaylord	
August 13th	Marty Driver & Tom Fagerli	Jerry Ivey & Brad Mason	Chris Riddle	Sidney Matthews	Genesis 39	
				Emily Raymond	Frank Zachary	
August 20th	Harry & Kathryn Steelman	Rich Pizzuti & Mark Moran	Sandy Tucker	Marnie Matthews	Genesis 41:1-36	
				Betty Dixon	Sharon McGrath	
August 27th	Marnie & Gene Matthews	Harry & Kathryn Steelman	Chris Riddle	Keri Gaylord	Genesis 45:1-15	
				Rosemary Riddle	Rich Pizzuti	

Announcements

Capital Campaign. We are in the middle of a capital campaign to raise funds to replace a 32 year old HVAC system for the sanctuary. We are fortunate to have \$30,800 on hand through previous donations. We ARE RAISING THE REMAINING \$19,000.00! If you want to contribute to this much needed cause, earmark your contribution with "HVAC". As of 07/02/2023 we have received \$17,390.00 Amazing!! We still need \$1,610.00. Gosh we are almost there, just a little more!!

Equally Blessed Community of YUMC. Please join the us on August 13, 2023 immediately after church in the family life center for Session 3 of the Virtual Porch Sessions with RMN (Reconciling Ministries Network) and UMATI (United Methodist Alliance for Transgender Inclusion). Lunch will be provided. Please contact Shannon Sheek - (336) 466-2797 for more information or questions.

Leadership Team. 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 August 22, 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).

Unexpected Blessings, in the Heat

As temperatures around the world continue to be record breaking hot, we here in Hong Kong have not escaped this global heat wave. With temperatures upwards of 33C (91.4F) weekly for more than a month and even hitting above 40C (104F) a few times, we can't say we're too excited as August approaches and is usually the hottest month here. We give thanks for the occasional rain shower that breaks up the heat for a bit. Even with these hot temperatures, the migrant domestic workers continue to gather weekly for community, fellowship, and a break from work. With no other place to gather but outside, you can imagine how hot it can be outside on a Sunday. Yet their energy remains high as they serve their fellow migrant domestic workers selflessly.

Still each Sunday, I'm reminded of the little blessings. With a passing of a cool water or drink, sharing of an umbrella to block the sun, or a gift of a hand held fan to try and disperse the hot air, each week is full of unexpected blessing. The heat slows us down yet in that, we are able to be fully present in the moment. Whether its the conversation walking to the restroom through the air conditioner building or the sharing of a ice cream before it melts down your hand. The past month has been full of reminders that have filled my heart with love and reminders of community despite the heat.

So as we look forward to August, and then the "ber" months which brings a cooling of temperatures and the holidays closer. The "Ber" months of SeptemBER, OctoBER, NovemBER and DecemBER are known in the Filipino communities as Christmas season. Reminders of migrants chosen community and family here in Hong Kong and their loved ones left behind in their home countries.

As I look forward to cooling temperatures but also for the unexpected blessings I'll discover in August. i give thanks for my chosen community and family back in the United States who continue to support me with prayers, messages and donations to my advance.



Your Support Matters!

When you partner with me in God's mission anything is possible! Consider joining me with gifts in any amount as I try to hit my goal of \$20,000 USD before the end of the year.

Many thanks to those that have already helped me raise \$8,300. Together we can do it!

To give by check, Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, New York 10087, put my Advance #3021344 in Memo Line or you can contribute to YUMC memo the check "Missionary".



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Blood Drive
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MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST - Back to School Extravaganzas



Lunch for Teachers. On August 10, 2023 we are celebrating our teachers at Yadkinville Elementary School with a Welcome Back pizza luncheon.

- We need a few folks to help serve the meal.
- We need homemade, individually wrapped desserts, delivered to the church kitchen on August 9, 2023.
- We need donated **canned** drinks, examples are: Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Diet and Dr. Pepper, and bottled water.

If you can help with Lunch for Teachers, please contact Debby Gunnell (336) 469-9515.

Fill the Bus. Again this year, we are supporting our students at YES with school supplies.

- In the commons there is a school bus on the bulletin board. Stop, take a look, grab a list, or an item that has already been purchased for back to school! There is a school bus for donations.
- Throughout the year, teachers purchase supplies for students that are in need. The items that we collect will be for the benefit of the students at YES.
- On August 10, 2023 following lunch, teachers will be able to "shop" the supplies that we collect.



If you have questions about Fill the Bus or school supplies, please contact Debby Gunnell (336) 469-9515.



First Week of School. To celebrate the end of their first week back at school, we will hand out DOUGHNUTS to students as they leave the car line on Friday, August 18, 2023. For students that are bus riders, we are sending BAGS FILLED WITH DOUGHNUTS on the buses. When the students exit the bus, they will be able to grab a DOUGHNUT. How you can help:

1. We need DOUGHNUTS! There are roughly 500 students at YES and we want them all to be able to celebrate. You can help us purchase the DOUGHNUTS by donating to the church and marking your donation "DOUGHNUTS". We will purchase 64 dozen doughnuts.
2. Help hand out DOUGHNUTS. We will gather at the church on Friday morning (August 18, 2023 around 10:00 am) to stuff doughnuts into individual packages. Then around 2:00 pm, we will head over to YES to start handing out DOUGHNUTS!

If you have questions or can help with Doughnuts, contact Dale Dodson (336) 469-1200.



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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.

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Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person at YUMC 10:00 am

Virtual Worship via YouTube 10:00 am (live)