



# YADKINVILLE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### ✿ August 2025 Newsletter ✿

#### A message from Pastor Jonathan

Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

While we were in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota last month we were put our kayaks in the Little Missouri River. I fully recommend paddling in National Parks, you are unlikely to see another person the entire paddle and will see things you wouldn't otherwise. The Little Missouri is a strange little river, because of the geology of Teddy Roosevelt and the badlands in general there is a lot of silt. Now when we moved to Yadkinville someone referenced the Yadkin River as "the Mighty Muddy Yadkin." So we all have some idea of what a "muddy" river looks like... the Little Missouri through Teddy Roosevelt makes the Yadkin river look like a mountain spring. Putting our paddles, hands, or feet into the water made them dirtier. I had mud on my feet from launching the kayaks and I couldn't get them rinsed off in the water.

I filled up a water bottle with water from the river and let it sit on our picnic table over night to see if the water and silt would separate out. The second picture shows how much settling happened after the water sat for an hour. By the morning the silt had settled down to the last third of the bottle.



This was a new way to think about my faith through water. How often are we filled up with silt- like some emotional or spiritual weight like sin, grief, fear, anger, uncertainty- and keep moving so we don't have to address that weight. We move, hoping that eventually the water will carry everything away.



A lot of discipleship calls us to a still reflection that lets the silt settle so we can focus on removing it for good. This isn't necessarily a physical stillness, it's a spiritual stillness. We can pray as we walk, listen to scripture as we cook, or practice the examen while we clean. Spiritual stillness is about entering into a state where we are able to listen for the Holy Spirit with an open mind and open ears, stilling the waters so Christ can reveal to us what silt is clogging our lives and guide us to removing it for our good.

## A message from Pastor Jonathan (continued from page 1)

At the end of this month we will begin a series looking at different National Parks and what they can teach us about our faith. Like the muddy waters of the Little Missouri we can learn so much about our faith, how to grow as disciples, and about the very nature of God. I hope you will join us in that journey from August 31st - October 5th by participating in worship and sharing any National Park photos you have taken on your own journeys!

See you in the Parks,  
Pastor Jonathan



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@yadkinvilleumc.org](mailto:pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org)



## 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
Prophets After the Exile					
1-Aug	213	Daniel	10-12	58	
2-Aug	214	Haggai	1-2	59	OT Overviews: Haggai
3-Aug	215	Zechariah	1-4	60	OT Overviews: Zechariah
4-Aug	216	Zechariah	5-8	61	
5-Aug	217	Zechariah	9-14	62	Day of the Lord
6-Aug	218	Malachai	1-2	63	OT Overviews: Malachi
7-Aug	219	Malachai	3-4	64	
The Story So Far					
8-Aug	220	1 Chronicles	1-10	65	OT Overviews: 1-2 Chronicles
9-Aug	221	1 Chronicles	11-14	66	
10-Aug	222	1 Chronicles	15-17	67	
11-Aug	223	1 Chronicles	18-21	68	
12-Aug	224	1 Chronicles	22-24	69	
13-Aug	225	1 Chronicles	25-29	70	
14-Aug	226	2 Chronicles	1-4	71	
15-Aug	227	2 Chronicles	5-8	72	Temple

Yadkinville UMC / Reading Project - Reading Plan					
Date	Day	Book	Chapter	Psalm	Video
16-Aug	228	2 Chronicles	9-12	73	
17-Aug	229	2 Chronicles	13-17	74	
18-Aug	230	2 Chronicles	18-20	75	
19-Aug	231	2 Chronicles	21-24	76	
20-Aug	232	2 Chronicles	25-27	77	
21-Aug	233	2 Chronicles	28-31	78	
22-Aug	234	2 Chronicles	32-34	79	TaNaK / Old Testament
23-Aug	235	2 Chronicles	35-36	80	Messiah
Jesus and the Kingdom					
24-Aug	236	Matthew	1-2	81	The Gospel
25-Aug	237	Matthew	3-4	82	NT Overviews: Matthew 1-13
26-Aug	238	Matthew	5-6	83	Setting
27-Aug	239	Matthew	7-8	84	Son of Man
28-Aug	240	Matthew	9-10	85	God
29-Aug	241	Matthew	11-12	86	
30-Aug	242	Matthew	13-14	87	How to Read Biblical Narrative: The Parables of Jesus
31-Aug	243	Matthew	15-16	88	NT Overviews: Matthew 14-28

### **The Fall Bazaar is approaching!**

If you know any potential vendors, please share the flyer (page 5) with them. You can also go to the Church's Facebook page and share the Fall Bazaar flyer!

We will be doing baked goods and ready fixed meals for the bazaar - start thinking what you may be able to contribute. Of course, a day of chicken pie making will occur prior to the bazaar.

If you can help in the next months leading up to the bazaar - contact Maureen Silvernale at [mcsilvernale@netscape.net](mailto:mcsilvernale@netscape.net) or (336) 408-4704.



The poster is framed by a thin gold border. It is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations: large orange and red leaves at the top left and bottom left; a branch with red berries at the top right; a cluster of purple berries on the left side; a single red leaf on the right side; a group of orange mushrooms on the right side; and a large orange leaf at the bottom right. The text is centered and reads:

**FALL BAZAAR**

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 24**

**3PM - 8PM**

**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 25**

**8AM - 3PM**

CRAFTS  
VENDORS  
FOOD

**Yadkinville United Methodist Church**  
**Main Street Yadkinville**



## 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.

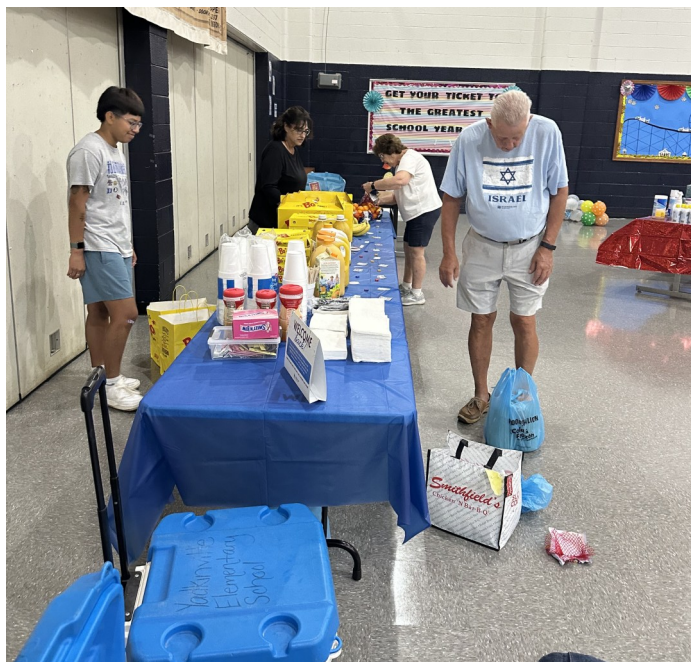


## COMMUNITY!

Thanks to church members for all the donations of school supplies, cleaning supplies, breakfast items, and of their time for the teachers and staff at Yadkinville School. The teachers and staff are greatly appreciative of all our support as they begin a new school year!



**Thursday:** Fill and Clean the bus items donated for Teachers were set up at YES.



**Friday:** Breakfast was set up for teachers and staff at YES. It was a joint effort of the Shallowford Foundation, our church, and the Rotary Club.



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# BEYOND

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INVITATION. INCLUSION. GROWTH.

October 3-4  
Charlotte

SAVE  
THE DATE





## INITIATIVES

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

- Increase capacity to continue the work post 2024
- Update contacts for all Children's Ministers
- Strengthen connection among children's ministers
- Improve database of resources

### COACHES & REGIONAL COORDINATORS

- Train three new coaches each year for the first three years
- Regional Coordinators for each region (Mountain, Plains, Triad) to foster between-region and conference and send to connection and communication

### BIANNUAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMIT

- For all SCL
- Design Team of SCL representatives
- Expand impact & resourcing/connection

### COHORTS

- Intentional learning and support
- One per year
- 10-12 participants

### TWEENS

- Regional Tweens Retreats
- Tweens as focus group for feedback & evaluation
- Develop worship leadership skills with Tweens



## IMAGINE:

- Honoring children as an integral and active part of worship and life of the church
- Worship that engages the whole body - touch, sight, smell, taste, movement, wonder, voice, play
- Multi-element worship that invites color, music, nature, 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 at home
- Strengthened intergenerational relationships that lead to deeper sense of belonging and faith
- Children's curiosity and wonder inspiring adults to experience God in a new way
- A renewed sense of passion for worshipping God that leads the congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

### WEBSITE



### FACEBOOK PAGE



### CONTACT:

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## INITIATIVES

### CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT

- Identify current practices, challenges, and successes
- Clarify contextual uniqueness
- Gauge interest and capacity for learning and trying new things
- Conversation starters for worship leadership team
- Upon finishing out the assessment you will be paired with a coach to help determine next steps

### LISTENING SESSIONS

- Two in each district
- Focus groups for pastors, worship leaders, children's ministers
- Summer/Fall 2025 & all of 2027
- Verbal processing of the congregational assessment
- Facilitators will guide conversations

### TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- Quarterly trainings
- Webinars
- Workshops on topics based on interest and need
- Possibilities may be: Prayer Church, Faithful Families, Playgrounds, Liturgical Year

### INTEREST FORM



## CULTIVATE: NURTURING CHILDREN

Cultivate: nurturing children in worship and prayer is a five year \$1.5 million Lilly grant funded project for the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. The goal of the grant is to help congregations assess their current realities ( joys, struggles, and successes) with nurturing children in worship and prayer and to guide them in taking the next best step for their unique context. This is open to all churches in the Western NC Conference who wish to discern how they might nurture children in worship and prayer. This project includes several initiatives, such as the congregational assessment, coaching sessions, listening sessions, and trainings.

If you are interested in your church being in active participant in the Cultivate Grant, the first step is to fill out the interest form! This will help gather the contact information and tag you as a Cultivate Grant Participant in the conference database. Multiple people from your congregation can fill this out. From there you will be asked to complete the Congregational Assessment. Upon completion of the assessment, you will be paired with a coach to help you determine next steps for participating.

**BASE PARTICIPANT: FILL OUT THE ASSESSMENT**  
**ACTIVE PARTICIPANT: MEET WITH A COACH AND ATTEND TRAININGS**  
**FURTHER PARTICIPANT: APPLY FOR & RECEIVE MINI GRANT**



## CARE MINISTRY MATTERS

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## CARE TRAINING

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- Live-streamed Webinars
- Guided Cohorts
- Online Courses
- Core Conferences



## TESTIMONIALS

"TCC 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 care like TCC. Their team is compassionate, practical, and deeply grounded in faith."  
**Ellen Pollack**



## CARE RESOURCES

- Books & Materials (English & Spanish)
- Free Topical Library
- Free Podcasts & Devotions

[thecaringcongregation.com](http://thecaringcongregation.com)







# H&R TOURS

## Senior Adult Fall Bus Excursion

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025**

**Cost-\$35 Per Person (Lunch @ Daniel Boone Inn)**

**\*\*plus other personal purchases**

**Departure - 7:30am** From Prospect UMC 3341 Smithtown Rd East Bend, NC  
**Return - Between 5pm-6pm**



Upon arrival in Boone, we will visit the **Mast General Store**, a renovated 1920s Department Store now selling crafts and general mercantile. Once inside, you'll quickly see why the store has earned the reputation

as the store that has everything. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the **Dan'l Boone Inn**. The restaurant has been featured in *Southern Living Magazine* as well as *Our State Magazine* for their country cuisine and family style meals.

The restaurant was third in Southern Living's reader's choice awards for country cooking restaurants, and first in *Our State Magazine* Family Dining/Country Cooking. After lunch we will ride on the Viaduct section of the Blue Ridge Parkway on our way to **Grandfather Mountain**, the Carolina's top scenic attraction. **\*\*Enjoy the spectacular scenery as we make our way to the top of the mountain where you can spend time in the Nature Museum or visit the animal habitats and see black bears, river otters, eagles, and more.** No visit to Grandfather Mountain would be complete without a visit to the Mile High Swinging Bridge to take in the breathtaking views. On a clear day you can see all the way to Charlotte! Additionally, we will venture over to the Summit Express chairlift at the base of Sugar Mountain to its 5,300' peak – taking you up 1,200 in elevation! Sightseers can hop off the lift to enjoy the view and ride the lift back down. Take a short trail at the top to reach the rock outcroppings that overlook Pisgah National Forest (pic above). Tip: Often the temperature decreases 5-10 degrees as you ascend, so have a jacket handy. Expect summer highs on the summit in the 60s and 70s. Approximate return to East Bend between 5:00-6:00 pm.



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# ALZHEIMER'S - DEMENTIA AWARENESS

— LUNCH AND LEARN —

**Monday, August 25**

**11:30-1pm**

**Prospect Family Life Center  
3541 Smithtown Rd. East Bend**

Join GOLDEN YEARS for a light lunch and program, *What We NEED to KNOW* -presented by the



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association®

supporting the social, emotional  
and physical health of senior adults.

Call **864-205-4351** for meal reservations by August 20<sup>th</sup> (meal & program are free)



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

### !!!! DO NOT FORGET !!!!

Attend the **Conference Annual Celebration** on September 6, 2025 in Mooresville at Wilkinson's Chapel UMC. The National United Women in Faith CEO, Sally Vonner, will be the Speaker. It should be worth your attendance. We will plan to carpool.

### Next Gathering will be in October.

The next Gathering will be nominations and elections of Officers for our Unit. Debby Gunnell is the Nominations Committee Chair. Please contact her and let her know your interest in continuing in your current position or any position that you may be interested in doing on the Executive Committee. Thank You.



## Leadership Team.

The Leadership Team meets every third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the John Classroom. Our regular monthly meetings are open to all members of the church. Because your voice matters, there is a designated time for YOU, our church membership, to ask questions, to communicate with the Leadership Team, or to just see what is happening with the church management. **Our next meeting is August 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm.** If you would like to read the minutes of our meetings, see the budget, or YUMC's Guiding Principles, visit [www.yadkinvilleumc.org/members](http://www.yadkinvilleumc.org/members) (password: YadkinvilleMember).

**Your 2025 Leadership Team** is: Janet Culpepper (Chair), Lori McCann, Maureen Silvernale, Nick Gunnell, Oz Prim, Jim McGrath, Sandy Steele, and George Bissette.



## Men's Group

Hi all. First of all... you are absolutely awesome!!

So much fellowship that the work together was just a blast! We pretty much sold out of burgers & hotdogs. Fantastic fundraiser for our church! We should have cleared between \$900 & \$1,000. We will get the final tally together and communicate soon. I appreciate days like this with you all so much! In addition to the Men's Group, thank you to Betty Dixon, Ben Dixon, Debby Gunnell, Amanda Mason, Mitzie Moran, Karen Pizzuti, and Joey Bolick for your help.





# Ice Cream Churn Off

Its been a big 4th of July weekend! Congratulations to our Ice Cream Cup Champion **Rich Pizzuti**! He took the Ice Cream Cup to the beach to celebrate.

Thanks to all our competitors and everyone who came out to help us crown our Ice Cream Champion!



## Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers August 2025

Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
Aug 3	Virgil & Dale Dodson	Kathryn Steelman & Karen Pizzuti	Kathryn Steelman & Karen Pizzuti	Valerie Prim	Chris Riddle	Debby Gunnell	<b>TBD (guest preacher)</b>	Dale Dodson, Bobbi Reavis, Maureen Silvernale
						Wanda Doss	Michael McCann	
Aug 10	Maureen Silvernale	Jo Dorsett & Harry Steelman	Marty Driver & Harry Steelman	Jonathan Gaylord	Olivia Pizzuti	Janet Culpepper	<b>Luke 12:32-40</b>	
						Marty Driver	Keri Smith Gaylord	
Aug 17	Rich Pizzuti	Mike & Lori McCann	Mike & Lori McCann	Valerie Prim	Chris Riddle	Sharon McGrath	<b>Luke 12:49-56</b>	Maureen Silvernale
						Karen Pizzuti		
Aug 24	Brad Mason	Rich Pizzuti & Sharon McGrath	Rich Pizzuti & Sharon McGrath	Keri Smith Gaylord	Rich Pizzuti	Dale Dodson	<b>Luke 13:10-17</b>	
						Lori McCann	Sharon McGrath	
Aug 31	Jim & Marcia Downey	Jerry Ivey & Valerie Prim	Jerry Ivey & Valerie Prim	Jonathan Gaylord	Audrey Whitley	Marnie Matthews	<b>Genesis 1 (TBD)</b>	
						Karen Pizzuti	Valerie Prim	



## Reader's Corner

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

"Zenzele" 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 is good to explore new ideas, develop new traditions, but the old traditions are what truly make her daughter the person she is and 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 glad 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. They 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 Donnelly

Written by a photo journalist who follows a N. Carolinian carpenter 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 Graham Lotz. I hope you all have or will read them.

## YUMC family celebrating August BIRTHDAYS!



Jeremy Imes, Sr. ....	08/11
Karen Bricker.....	08/12
Marty Driver.....	08/13
Ruth Shermer.....	08/20
Dorothy Gish .....	08/26
Linda Baity .....	08/28
Leo Gaylord.....	08/29
Benjamin Dixon.....	08/30

## Happy Anniversary to these folks!

Kenneth & Cooky Weatherman.....	08/09/1969
George & Bobbi Reavis.....	08/31/2002



# 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.

## 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.

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