



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

☀️ August 2026 Newsletter ☀️



FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK! August is a five Sunday month. You know what that means? YES!! It is time for food and fellowship. This one will be really special as we will have Deaconess Joy Prim visiting with us from Hong Kong. On **Sunday, August 30, 2026**, we will have a pot-luck immediately following worship. Start planning now for the yum-my stuff that you will bring.

Welcoming Deaconess Joy Prim

On **Sunday, August 30**, we will welcome home **Deaconess Joy Prim**, who grew up here at Yadkinville United Methodist Church and now serves as a United Methodist missionary in Hong Kong. Joy works with the Mission for Migrant Workers, walking alongside women in crisis and helping them find hope, dignity, and support through her ministry.



Joy's visit reminds us that God calls people to serve in many different places and in many different ways. Some are called to serve across the world. Others are called to serve right here in our own community. Every calling is an opportunity to live out Christ's love faithfully.

Join us this fifth Sunday as Joy shares how God has guided her journey of faith and service. We look forward to welcoming one of Yadkinville's own home and celebrating the many ways God calls us to love and serve.



From Pastor Sharon

It's hard to believe my first month at Yadkinville has already passed.

One of the things I've noticed is that you rarely ask, "Do you need anything?" Instead, you simply show up. You showed up to help move into the parsonage. You showed up with meals and invitations to gather around the table. You've shown up with directions, encouragement, and kindness as I've found my way through these first weeks. That's a beautiful reflection of who you are.

I'll also remember my first Sunday, when so many of you wore red. Earlier this summer, our Annual Conference celebrated the 70th anniversary of full clergy rights for women in The United Methodist Church. Your decision to recognize that milestone as we began this new chapter together meant more than you probably realize.



I've also treasured the stories that are beginning to emerge. Not because they tell me everything about Yadkinville United Methodist Church—they don't—but because every conversation helps me understand a little more about the people God has brought together in this place.

As I've shared in worship, I believe God often speaks as we listen—to Scripture, to one another, and to the community around us. We are only at the beginning of this journey together, and I look forward to discovering with you who God is calling Yadkinville United Methodist Church to be.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Sharon

Mission Focus for August 2026 Backpack Program



The Mission Focus for August is the Backpack Program. This program began on April 30, 2010 and serves the children at Yadkinville Elementary School (YES). Yadkinville United Methodist Church and Center Global Methodist Church provide funds for the [backpack] meals and help deliver them to the school.

The program offers child friendly foods that children take home for the weekend. The meals are purchased from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Children qualify based on need and whether they receive free or reduced lunch. Parents are sent permission slips before children can participate. The food is housed at Center Global Methodist Church and volunteers pack and deliver to YES on the last day of the week that the kids are in school.

Usually we serve between 40-60 kids each week. The cost of the food is approximately \$8,000-\$10,000 a year depending on the number of kids served!

Please consider a contribution to the Backpack Food Program during the month of November.

Dale Dodson and Faye Diachenko,
Project Coordinators



Blood Drive Center Global Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
1400 Center Rd.
Yadkinville, NC 27055

**Saturday, August 22, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: JACOB to schedule an appointment.



Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. Terms: rclblood.org/August.



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Clara Holcomb 336-469-0131

Blood drive in honor of Jacob Shore at Center Global Methodist Church.

Jacob turned 13 on July 18th and has had 257 blood transfusions during his short life. The blood supply is especially low this summer. Some of you may remember Jacob from volunteering during Impact Yadkin. He will be a 7" grader at Forbush Middle School this year. Please donate for Jacob's cause.

Also, the Susanna Wesley Circle at Center Global Methodist Church where Jacob is a member is sponsoring a Port-A-Pit chicken lunch/dinner on Friday, September 11th to raise funds for the Diamond Blackfan Anemia Foundation (for research), Victory Junction Camp (for sick kids to attend) and Camp Sunshine (for sick kids and parents to meet with specialist and researchers). 3 great causes that have benefited Jacob.

We will deliver to Yadkinville or Mocksville with large orders.

Please contact: Clara Holcomb 336-469-0131 for tickets or with help signing up for the blood drive. Please share with your congregation.



CHURCH-WIDE BAZAAR

The Fall Bazaar has been postponed to the spring. The town of Yadkinville is doing The Roots Festival in downtown Yadkinville the weekend we have done our Fall Bazaar.

The SPRING BAZAAR is scheduled for Friday March 12 and Saturday March 13, 2027.

I would appreciate help in the planning. I would like to start having a craft group meet twice a month for crafting, fun and fellowship.

We need your input. Please contact Maureen Silvernale mcsilvernale@netscape.net or [336-408-9704](tel:336-408-9704) if you would be interested in participating OR would like to craft

Thank you.



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

We had our Quarterly Gathering on July 28. The gathering included fellowship with a meal, a presentation and mission project.

Thank you to all the people who provided for the meal of salads and desserts.

Thank you to Joy Kinley on the enlightening presentation on the Yadkin County Schools.

We learned about programs in the school for both college-bound and those who have no interest in school.

The schools offer advanced classes for the college bound that allows them to take college classes for free while in high school. Those who are not interested in advanced education have access to internships and apprenticeships that have led to skills and employment upon graduation. Some students are encouraged to take certificate programs at the Yadkin and Surry Community College. This has been a successful program for Yadkin.

Joy also related information about students in general with AI (artificial intelligence) and social media as relates to education. Due to expense of textbooks education is done with computers. She also talked about Trevor Project and what is being seen with regards to mental health in the high schools.

Thank you to all the donations for our snack bags. After the presentation we put together approximately 90 snack bags that went to Yadkin Christian

Ministries for the children that were in the summer feeding program and those visiting YCM.

Mark your Calendar for Saturday September 12 - Western North Carolina
United Women in Faith Annual Conference

One day at St Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory.

Circle meetings:

- New Beginnings will meet Tuesday August 11 at 1100AM in the Family Life Center. The program will be SOUL CARE presented by Rhita Newcomb. All are invited.
- Tuesday evening Group will meet Tuesday August 25 at 630PM in Asbury Classroom.
- GIGGLES will resume meeting in September.

Remember anyone can attend any Circle Program!





Men's Group

August Men's Group News

All the events we participate in are a part of sharing our Christian Faith and representing YUMC!

Fri, Aug 7th 2026, 6 - 9pm - Friday After Five - Dancing in the Street with EnVision

We will be selling our famous Hamburgers & Hotdogs as a church fundraiser

Come join the YUMC men's group! We meet every Monday at 7pm at the church. Enjoy Christian Fellowship, biblical discussion, community action, & shared love of: God, our church, our church family, & community. **Join us! You are wanted & welcome!**

Rich Pizzuti

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Thank You

Thank you all so much for the overwhelming love, prayers, and support you have shown our family during this difficult time of losing my brother. Your kind words, beautiful shared memories, and presence have brought us immense comfort and reminded us of the strength of our church community. We are

deeply grateful for your continued prayers and find peace knowing he is resting
in God's eternal care.

— From the Mark Moran family

Book Reviews from Marcia Downey

"I Am No Stranger, A Memoir and
Manifesto of Revolutionary Love"
by Valerie Kaur

The premise of this book is that
everyone we meet has something
valuable to give us. She says we
don't, as we meet someone, think,
"I am a part of meat I do not yet
know." We should look at everyone
with wonder in our soul.

Miss Kaur a book which will
take a while to read, but because
there is so much to learn. It is full
of wonderful ideas for how we can
move to "love" and understand each
person we meet.

It is written from her view point
as a member of the Sikh ~~movement~~ ^{faith community}
which is pronounced "Seek". After 9/11
she had to use all her ideas on learning
from others to begin to understand
the fact that all the Sikh men were
automatically assumed to be terrorists.

in that we are all considered equal, & made by a divine being and are to love ^{a great} each other as we would like to be treated.

The Sikh ideal is a "Warrior Sage." The warrior in each fights for what is right and the sage loves. It is a path of revolutionary love.

We all should read and try to internalize the wisdom she and the Sikh leaders have imparted to us in this book.

It is a very enjoyable, informative book. Enjoy.

"The Breadwinners" by Deborah Ellis

This is a story of a young girl from Afghanistan, Pabana, who would go with her father to the market each day and listen to him as he read letters and or wrote letters for people who were illiterate. Her father and school taught her as well. The Taliban came and ordered all women to remain at home & not go to school. They could only leave home accompanied by a male. Her father was arrested and in order for the family to eat she dressed as a boy and went to the market earning money by translating letters and selling what she could. She met up with a girl from school who was also dressed as a boy earning money for her family. We read of the adventures and dangers they faced in order to feed their families. It is a good story and an easy read about lives we can only imagine.

Leadership Team

The Leadership Team met Thursday evening, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

The following members were present for the meeting: Virgil Dodson, George Bisette, Clinton "Oz" Prim, Joy Kinley, James McGrath, Myron Williams, and Tom Dorsett.

The following guests were present: Valerie Prim, Bobbi Reavis (via Zoom)

- June Leadership Team packet that included the Minutes from the June meeting and the June Financial statements were presented.
- A motion to approve was made by Oz Prim and seconded by Jim McGrath; motion passed.
- Discussion about Discretionary expense budget being spent in the first seven (7) months of this year already. May appeal to the congregation for additional funding.

- Decided to rekey the exterior doors for one key; but not the Pastor's private entrance.
- A motion to approve was made by Bobbi Reavis and seconded by Oz Prim; motion passed.
- Discussion about forming a committee to negotiate the sale of the parsonage at 2000 Walnut Crossing Run, so as not to have to pull the Leadership Team together to vote.
- A motion was made to appoint Wayne Dixon, Mark Moran, Oz Prim, and Tom Dorsett with the authority to negotiate the sale of the parsonage by George Bissette and seconded by Oz Prim motion passed.
- Discussion to approve the Pastor's Salary.
- A motion to approve was made by Pastor Lee and seconded by no second; motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Myron Williams to change the Leadership Team meeting times from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm; seconded by George Bissette motion passed.
- Discussion about the search for a new Music Director. The search continues.
- Discussion about the Transition Team and how that is going with Sharon's new appointment.

YUMC family celebrating August BIRTHDAYS!



Olivia Pizzuti	08/07
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
Benjamin Dixon.....	08/30

Happy Anniversary to these folks!

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

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers August 2026								
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
Aug 2	Maureen Silvermale	Rich & Karen Pizutti	Rich & Karen Pizutti	Valerie Prim	Audrey Whitley	Marnie Matthews Janet Culpepper	2 Cor. 4:17-12, 16-18 Everette Hartzog	Dale Dodson, Janet Culpepper, Sandy Steele
Aug 9	Virgil & Dale Dodson	Janet Culpepper & Linda Baity	Janet Culpepper & Mark Moran	Pastor Sharon	Olivia Pizzuti	Sharon McGrath Wanda Doss	Revelation 21:1-5 Valerie Prim	
Aug 16	Jim & Marcia Downey	Joey Bolick & Valerie Prim	Joey Bolick & Valerie Prim	Valerie Prim	Rich Pizzuti	Dale Dodson Karen Pizzuti	Romans 12:3-8 Sharon McGrath	
Aug 23	Brad Mason	Sharon McGrath & Karen Pizzuti	Rich & Karen Pizutti	Pastor Sharon	Audrey Whitley	Janet Culpepper Sharon McGrath	Colossians 3:12-17 Rich Pizzuti	
Aug 30	Rich & Karen Pizzuti	Dale Dodson & Jerry Ivey	Virgil Dodson & Jerry Ivey	Valerie Prim	Rich Pizzuti	Karen Pizzuti Wanda Doss	TBA Sam Winters	Aug 30th: Worship Guest - Deaconess Missionary, Joy Prim

If you have any information you would like included in the newsletter please submit it to oliviapizzuti1@gmail.com by the 25th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.



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 Sharon

Regular Worship at YUMC

In-person at YUMC.....10:30 am



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There are multiple ways to contribute to YUMC

Donate online 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.

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

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



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