



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter September 2023

A message from Pastor Jonathan Gaylord

I just finished a training to guide my pastoral practice around premarital/couples counseling. In the very last video, the trainer John Gottman, was answering a question about modern online dating and trying to find a “compatible partner” as the first part of the relationship. As part of his answer he said “A relationship is what you create together.” He went on to say that relationships are a “temporal structure based on a pattern of interaction.” This really struck and has stuck with me.



I first thought that this was excellent advice for couples in a romantic relationship, relationships take consistent and ongoing effort on the part of both people. My second thought was “what a good description of discipleship, faith, and being part of a church community.”

Our relationship with God (discipleship) is grounded in time spent with God and asks for our commitment to grow spiritually. As we have said before, discipleship is something we do on purpose. We cannot accidentally stumble our way into discipleship.

Our relationship with the church is similar. Through our membership vows we all commit to being a particular kind of community in a particular place. We are not a social club or an affinity group. In the UMC our vows say that we will support the church through our “prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.” Church isn’t something that happens accidentally, we commit to being here in this place, serving God together. From the movement of the Holy Spirit, to the saints who came before us, to the ways we impact the community and spread the Gospel today, nothing about the Church is an accident! We want to build this community and spread God’s love on purpose. Our relationships with God and with one another are what we create together.

The Leadership Team is making it their priority to make sure everyone has a place to be connected to the mission and ministry of Yadkinville UMC. We want to ensure that everyone in our community has a stake in the making of disciples here in this place.

If you are passionate about something in our community or if you know that you have a gift for a specific purpose, reach out to a member of the Leadership Team or Lay Leadership & Nominations Committee and let them know. If you don’t know what your gifts are or are unsure about how you can plug in, simply reach out and let them know that you are ready to serve. We want to find a place for you to spread the good news of Jesus Christ!

None of this happens on accident! We are part of this ministry together!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jonathan

A Note from NETworX

Igniting Potential & Transformation Together

It is time to branch out and recruit our new cohort! We are so excited to begin a new Life skills/ NETworX class for youth (15-18) on September 18th. We hope to hold our traditional NETworX class but build in some skills we feel young people need, such as basic car maintenance, opening a bank account, healthy relationship skills, applying for college, and other basic life skills. We are only accepting six participants for this new group to ensure they are surrounded by love and support. Please contact me if you are particularly skilled in a life skill area and would like to volunteer your time or build relationships with some of these young people. We look forward to starting a new journey with this group as we continue our work as a community.



New Horizons Adult Day Services, Inc.



GRAND RE-OPENING

Join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

3:00 pm -6:00 pm

**1917 Old Hwy 421 West
Yadkinville, NC 27055**

Come see our beautifully renovated facility
as well as our new recreation building.

The flood may have come, but God sure has
blessed us. Join us as we celebrate our blessings!!

The Thrift Store will also be open

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, Emmitte Winslow

Friends and Family:

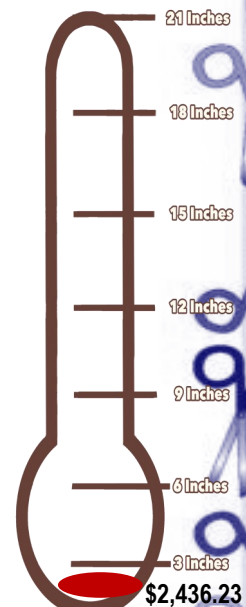
Wayne Ray, Katie Cloninger, Ann Callahan, Alma Simmons, Sharon Bell, Steve Clodfelter, Bill Goings, Don Tucker, John McCormick, Kathy Brown, Leigha Cirillo, Dennis Crotts, Lora Hall, Terry Lee West, Niná Canipe, Kathie McKinney, Barbara Gentry, Kathie McKinney, Chuck Sutter and Family, Greg Bitting Family, Sean Bitting Family, Addison Carwyle Family, Bruce & Stephanie Schneggenburger Family, Lisa Howell, Linda Kay & Jim Johnson, Tracy York, Steve Ford 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.

Apportionments

Another fundraiser? Yes! This one is a bit humorous and fun! For every \$1,000 raised for Apportionments, by September 30, 2023, Pastor Jonathan will cut one inch of his hair. If we raise the entire 20,000 needed, he will have his haircut in the Family Life Center live streamed.

If you contribute by check memo it "haircut". Online, there is a tile titled "The Haircut" or you can scan the QR code below to be taken straight to the "Haircut" tile.



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>





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 on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the home of Dale Dodson.

If you need Dale's address, contact Cooky or Dale (336-463-1200).

This will be our planning and scheduling meeting for the year. After that we will meet the first Thursday of each month. We would love to have anyone who is interested. Please let Dale or Cooky know if you are coming. My phone number is 336-468-0275 and email is maxine@yadtel.net.

New Beginnings Circle

Tuesday, September 10, 2023 at 11:00 am in the Asbury Classroom.

Karen Pizzuti will assist Mildred Carter with the program "Where the Money Goes."

Questions, Mildred Carter, (336) 466-0704.

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 contest of the time. These Methodist Women addressed the causes of oppression, and by stepping out of their place, they made a place for others."

Tuesday Circle

Tuesday, September 19,, 2023at 7:00 pm in the Asbury Classroom.

Patti Choplin will have the program. All are welcome to join us.

Questions, Maureen Silvernale (336) 408-9704.

October 17, 2023

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the October Gathering,

October 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., in the Family Life Center.

We will be looking at the Lord's Prayer, a portion of the Mission study done at Mission U.

More to come in the October Newsletter.

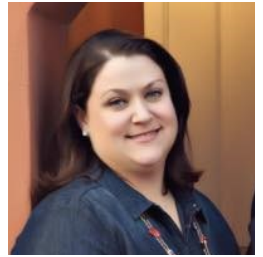
Pictured to the right is three who attended and were **Hostesses of the Mostest at Mission U for Yadkin Valley District.**



A message from our Leadership Team

Hello Church Family,

The Leadership Team met on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023, for their scheduled monthly meeting. The team came together in 2021 as part of the transition to a Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS). Over the last two years, the Leadership Team has redefined the administration of the church, combining four committees into one, meeting monthly to address the needs of the church. The SAS structure centralized committees and meetings, allowing congregation members more time to carry out missions. Most of the administrative work of the church has been addressed. The Church has worked through several big challenges recently: the open and collaborative creation of our Belief Statement, desperately needed HVAC replacement, and separate lighting upgrades in our family life center and our Sanctuary.



The team will shift its focus from church administration to our church's mission to create and develop disciples for Christ. Our goal will be congregation engagement in all the exciting ways our members can contribute within the church and in the community. Music Ministry, Building and Grounds, Men's Group, Kitchen Committee, Parsonage Committee, United Women in Faith, School's Out IE Days, Card Ministry, etc. are just some of the groups our members can connect with to take part in moving the discipleship mission forward.

Looking toward this fall, our church is coming into a busy season filled with activities and ways our congregation can be involved in the life of the church. The pumpkin patch, fall bazaar, Building and Grounds Committee workdays, Downtown Halloween, upcoming Storytelling Worship, and much, much more! Please review the bulletin each Sunday, the monthly newsletter, the church's social media accounts, or contact a Leadership Team member for upcoming events and ways to serve!

The next Leadership Team Meeting is Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00pm. As always, we welcome congregation members to join us in on our meetings.

Amanda Mason
Leadership Team Member

NEW Card Ministry

Wouldn't you like to get a card in the mail? Maybe you would like to send a card in the mail? A good old fashioned stamped card in the mailbox can make a person feel loved and like they matter. There is a new card ministry that is focusing on reaching out to, well - you and the rest of us! Contact Marcia Downey if you'd like more details. In the meantime, take a minute to tell us your birthday (you don't have to put the year if you don't want to!) and wedding anniversary date.

Tear this out of your bulletin and place in the offering plate or one of the wooden contributions outside of the sanctuary doors.

NAME: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ **ANNIVERSARY:** _____

FALL BAZZAAR UPDATE

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

We will continue making crafts for the bazaar in September on Friday , September 8, 2023 and Friday, September 22, 2023.



There is something for everyone to help in preparing for the bazaar. - all level of skill. You can help with planning, pricing, cutting out patterns, making simple ornaments, starting to put together mason jar kits. Come ONE and Come ALL. We will need everyone's help in making this event a success for the CHURCH!!

Bakers and cooks needed for the bazaar, also.

We are accepting VENDOR registration now. If you would like to be a vendor OR know someone who has a product to sell at the Bazaar contact Maureen Silvernale at 336 408-9704 or by email at mcsilvernale@netscape.net to be a part of the Bazaar





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FALL BAZAAR

Crafts & Vendors

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**HANDMADE CRAFTS &
BAKED GOODS FOR SALE!**

Dinner Friday, Breakfast Saturday, and Chicken

Pies available for purchase!



**TREASURES
GALORE &
SOMETHING
FOR
EVERYONE!**

VENDORS WELCOME!

For Information

Call: (336) 679-2243

Email: mcsilvernale@netscape.net

Mission Focus for September

AGAPE (American Greater Armenian Partnership Efforts)

Project AGAPE, a ministry to Armenia, is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in a joint effort with the Armenian Apostolic Church.

From the day of its foundation until now, AGAPE has adopted and committed to the following goals:

- Share the love and hope of Christ with the people of Armenia
- Contribute to the Christian education of the Armenian people
- Develop humanitarian and benevolent activities



During 30 years of activities, AGAPE has led different projects, served people in Kashatagh and in border villages, now serve the displaced people who had to leave due to the war in 2020.

It is with deep regret that the Agape Board announced that **there will be NO 2023 Fall collection of Christmas Boxes** this year. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

Project AGAPE lost its warehouse in Yerevan in July because the owners, the Armenian military, needed to use it for other purposes. Nara Melkonyan, Project AGAPE in Country Director, is currently looking for a replacement warehouse.

The shipping industry is still experiencing delays that started during the Pandemic. The Board has only been able to send one shipment from the Mission Response Center to Armenia in 2023. Because the wonderful donations in 2021 and 2022 the WNCC warehouse in Terrell is full to the brim. It currently has 3.5 to 4 sea container loads of donations ready to send.

So, until the Board can rent another warehouse in Yerevan and successfully ship the present supply of donations, it must suspend all further collections.

But, we can still help with the Christmas Box project!

A group of volunteers go to the Mission Response Center each month to inspect the Christmas Boxes. They need help with some supplies for the boxes that lack essentials like socks, underwear, caps, etc. Some items needed are on tags on a tree in the Commons. Please take a tag, purchase the item, and place in the plastic tub by September 17, 2023. If you have questions, contact Mildred Carter (336-466-0704), Marty Driver (336-529-5251) or Debby Gunnell (336-469-9515).



Announcements

Parsonage Work Day. There is a parsonage work day for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the bulletin. Bring your gloves and weeding equipment.

Phone Tree Messages. What are phone tree messages? these are the way that we remind and inform members and regular attendees of upcoming events or changes. If you want to receive these calls, email bobbi@yadkinvilleumc.org or call the office. All you need is a phone number.

MISSION FOCUS FOR AUGUST Back to School Extravaganzas

The month of Back to School events has ended! We have fed teachers and staff an appreciation luncheon. Given every student at YES a doughnut. We provided a lot of school supplies.

Lunch for Teachers UPDATE. On August 10, 2023, we celebrated our teachers at Yadkinville Elementary School with a Welcome Back pizza luncheon. Following Lunch, the teachers were able to shop the supplies that we had collected thus far.

A sincere thank you to everyone for their help with this luncheon. Many of you provided drinks, desserts, and money! Several were here early morning on August 10, 2023, to help with dessert cutting and prepping before going to the school to set-up and serve. We are a blessed church family to have so many always willing to serve in many different capacities.

Doughnuts for students. So many DOUGHNUTS! We packed 768 doughnuts into individual bags. We would never have been able to do this without your help! Thank you so much for those that donated funds, stuffed doughnuts into individual bags, ran doughnuts to buses and cars, and stood in the hot sun waving signs. The children were so excited and everyone was appreciative of the celebration.

See pictures on the next page.



Storytelling Worship When is a time that you have experienced "Home?"

You're invited for dinner, worship,
and stories.

October 18 & 25
Dinner at 5:30
Worship & Storytelling at 6:00pm

Yadkinville UMC
204 W Main Yadkinville

You can be a part of the story now! Share
a story of a time you've experienced
"Home" by following the link below.



Go to
[yadkinvilleumc.org/
storytelling](http://yadkinvilleumc.org/storytelling) or scan
the QR code:



Save the Dates this Fall



**Blessing of the
Animals**

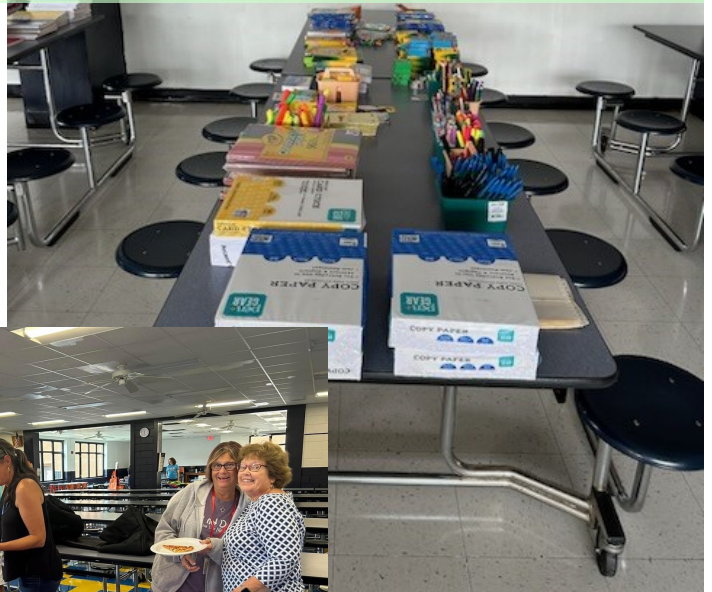
October 15th @ 5pm

The Pumpkin Patch
October 14th-31st

**Playground Blessing &
Dedication**

October 22 @ 11:30am

BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA





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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)