



YADKINVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 2026 Newsletter



A Note from Pastor Sharon

Last month, I shared that one of the gifts of these first weeks together has been listening—to your stories, to the life of our church, to the community around us, and most importantly, to God. Those conversations continue, and I am discovering more each week about Yadkinville United Methodist Church.

Along the way, I have also spent time learning more about the church—its history, its ministries, and some of the words that have helped describe its life and calling over the years. One of those is a vision statement developed a number of years ago:

Offering care and hope through living, learning and loving God and each other.

These words have been part of Yadkinville UMC's story for a number of years. As I've spent time with them, I've found myself wondering what they might have to say to us now. September gives us an opportunity to bring them back into view—not simply as words from our past, but as an invitation to consider our life and ministry today.

What might it mean for us to live this vision today?

That question will help shape our worship as we spend three Sundays considering **Offering Care, Growing Together, and Sharing Hope**.

At the heart of our time together is discipleship—the ongoing work of following Jesus and allowing our faith to shape the way we live. Scripture will help us look again at these words and consider what they might mean for our life together today.

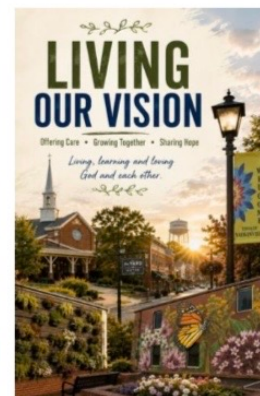
September isn't about deciding whether we've perfectly lived up to a vision statement. It is an opportunity to listen for God's voice, notice where God's grace is already at work among us, and remain open to where God may still be leading.

We will close the month with United Women in Faith Sunday, celebrating another expression of discipleship, mission and faithful service.

And then October will invite us to take another step. We'll get there soon enough.

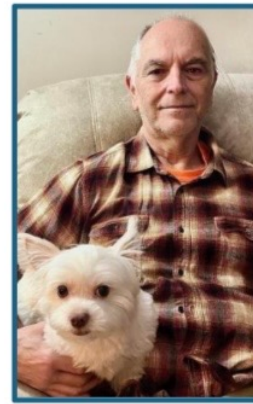
For now, I hope you'll join us in worship as we bring these words back into view and discover together what it means to be **Living Our Vision**.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Sharon



Welcome Randy Morris, Our New Choir Director

We are pleased to welcome **Randy Morris** as Yadkinville UMC's new part-time Choir Director. Randy brings a lifelong love of music and extensive experience in church music, including directing adult and youth choirs and serving congregations in several different settings. He studied Church Music and Vocal Performance at Wake Forest University, and many at Yadkinville may already know Randy from his years as part of our Praise Band.



Randy's first choir rehearsal was **Wednesday, August 19**, and his first Sunday in worship was on **Sunday, August 23**.

As we welcome Randy, we also offer our deep gratitude to **Adelaide Whitaker**, who graciously stepped in as our volunteer choir director following James Sheek's retirement this spring. Adelaide's willingness to serve throughout the summer provided care, leadership, and continuity for our choir and congregation while we searched for our next director. We are very grateful for her faithful service. Please join us in welcoming Randy and in thanking Adelaide!

Social Principles

September Mission Focus: Project AGAPE

This September, Yadkinville UMC has an opportunity to share the love of Christ across the world through **Project AGAPE** and its **Christmas shoebox ministry in Armenia**.



For more than 30 years, Project AGAPE has served the people of Armenia through humanitarian ministries, Christian education, and practical expressions of care. Today, its ministry includes serving displaced people and families affected by the 2020 war. Project AGAPE began in 1993 as a partnership of the Western North Carolina and North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church, working in cooperation with the Armenian Apostolic Church.

One way we can participate in this ministry is by preparing **Christmas shoeboxes for children in Armenia**. For many of the children who receive them, these boxes will be their only Christmas gifts. A box filled with simple items becomes much more than a collection of things—it is a tangible reminder to a child that someone cares, someone remembered, and God's love reaches across borders.

Shoebox instructions are available on the table in the Commons. Please return completed boxes to the church no later than September 15.

Can't fill an entire box? You can still participate! **Financial gifts are welcome** and will help fill boxes and cover shipping expenses. Every contribution helps make this ministry possible.

Together, we can share the love and hope of Christ with children and families in Armenia through a simple gift of care.

Completed shoeboxes due: September 15



Open

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday

2:30-5:30 pm

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

YADKINVILLE
— UMC —
THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING



SAVE THE DATES!



PUMPKINS ARRIVE
OCTOBER 10!



SQUASH THE DETAILS
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27

Right after worship
in The Family Life Center
Snacks will be provided.

*Many hands make light (and mighty!) work.
Let's make this our best Pumpkin Season yet!*

SQUASH
the
Details!

Let's plan, create, and celebrate together!

- ✓ THE PROCESS
- ✓ SAMPLE CRAFTS
- ✓ SPECIAL PRIZES
- ✓ NEW IDEAS
- ✓ SIGN UPS TO SELL
- ✓ DECOR
- ✓ SETUP & TAKE DOWN



Your ideas. Your gifts. Our community.
Big things happen when we work together!

SPRING BAZAAR

The Fall Bazaar is being delayed until March 2027. We will need YOUR input and support to make this event a success.

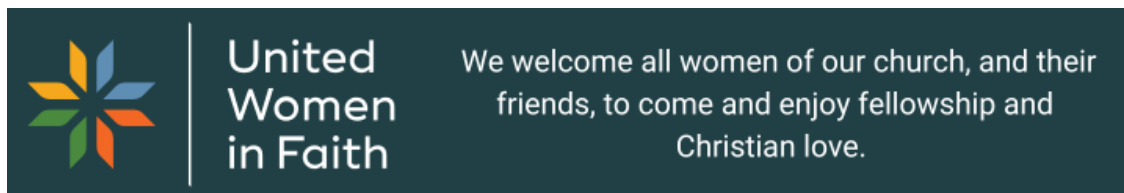
I would like to bring a group together to start doing crafts and ideas for fundraising for the event.

If you are interested in having fellowship while crafting, please plan to attend the following Friday sessions:

- September 11th, 2026
- September 25th, 2026

We will meet in the education building room at 10AM. Bring your smiling selves and ideas.

For questions talk to Maureen Silvernale or call (336) 408-9704



United Women in Faith

A group of Women went to the Mission U in Hickory August 21 and 22. We were well represented.

Joy was one of the presenters for the program "A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives." We will be doing a portion of this program at our Gathering in October.

Mark Your Calendars for the following events that will be upcoming

- **Tuesday, September 8th:** New Beginnings Circle will meet at Church at 11AM. The program will be a Pledge Service.
- **Thursday, September 10th:** GIGGLES will meet at the home of Dale Dodson at 630pm. They will be discussing the schedule for their 2026-2027 meetings.
- **Tuesday, September 22nd:** Tuesday evening Circle will meet at church at 630PM.

Saturday, September 12th will be the Western North Carolina United Women in Faith 53rd Annual Celebration at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory. Registration begins at 900AM and Program begins at 1000AM. Program is 1000AM - 400PM. The Speaker is Emily Jones the National United Women in Faith Executive for Racial Justice. Cost is \$15.00 and can register at door (but bring your own lunch). Preregister by August 28th at \$25.00 which will include a sandwich lunch.

This is a time of fellowship, worship, social action workshops, and celebrate accomplishments. Plan to come. We will have some carpooling.

Sunday, September 27th will be United Women in Faith Sunday. I do need volunteers to help with displays to tell our story and even your story. I will also need persons to be greeters and ushers for the 1030 Worship Service. Our own Reverend Sharon Lee will be telling her story of being a longtime United Women in Faith member.

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Remember anyone can attend any Circle Program!

From our unit: Mildred Carter, Marcia Downey, Frances Mabe, Joy Prim, Valerie Prim, Maureen Silvernale and Sandy Steele. Others from our Appalachian district



Men's Group

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

We have had a busy year so far! Downtown events, Relay for life, a pastor visit on the back of a truck, moving out, & moving in!

What a real blessing to be part of a Church Family & Men's group that is constantly involved & representing our Faith and fellowship for all to see!

Men's group notes and upcoming events:

Our last of 5 2026 Friday After Five's was on Aug 7th - Dancing in the Street with EnVision

- We again SOLD OUT of our famous Hamburgers & Hot dogs as a church fundraiser

Fri, Oct 23 2026, 5pm - Sat, Oct 24 2026, 9pm Yadkin Valley Roots Festival

- Celebrating the Yadkin Valley's History and Culture
- A two-day festival celebrating all things Yadkin! Join us in Downtown Yadkinville for food, fun, music, and so much more!

Friday, October 23rd from 5pm-9pm - Food Truck Rodeo, Carnival, and Chicken Stew Cookoff featuring The Kody Norris Show

Saturday, October 24th from 11am-9pm - Food Truck Rodeo, Vendor Market, and Carnival and Live Music featuring FLY! and James Tucker

- We will be part of the "Food Truck Rodeo" selling our famous Hamburgers & Hotdogs as a church fundraiser and also offering out incredible, awesome, award winning, homemade fried Apple pies...just like the ones we sell at the NC fried Apple Pie Festival!!!

Fri, Oct 30 2026, 3 - 5pm Halloween Downtown

- Hotdogs & a movie at YUMC

More events coming in November & December:

For 5 years - Each Sunday we make breakfast for you to enjoy before Sunday school & worship 8:30-9:30AM. Our new worship time of 10:30AM won't change our breakfast schedule. Come join us!

Our folks also deliver between 20-30 of these meals to people's homes & throughout the community during this time. Do you know someone that we could deliver to & share our church's Christian love? Please let us know.

All fundraising & donations go to support our Church or local missions. Thank you for all the love & support you give our group!!

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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Leadership Team

Hello YUMC Family,

Hope everyone has been having a wonderful relaxing summer so far!

We have been busy here at YUMC. We said farewell to the Gaylord's and welcomed Rev Lee and her family. We bought a new parsonage and are in the process of selling the old one.

New Horizons is going to rent the youthroom and the new Sunday school classroom for their new program, more to come on that. The Leadership team is looking at bids for a carpet cleaning service to clean the FLC and commons area.

As always our Leadership meetings are open to members to come and ask questions or give their opinions.

YUMC Leadership Team

YUMC family celebrating September BIRTHDAYS!

Angela Whitley 09/02
 Crystal Imes 09/03
 Sharon Lee 09/05
 Tommy Dorsett 09/20
 Garry Long 09/20
 Richard Randleman 09/27
 Carol Winslow 09/27
 Valerie Prim 09/30

Happy Anniversary to these folks!

Oz & Valerie Prim 09/21/1985

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers September 2026								
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
09/06/26	Maureen Silvemale	Rich & Karen Pizzuti	Rich & Karen Pizzuti	Pastor Sharon	Olivia Pizzuti	Dale Dodson	John 13:31-35	Sharon McGrath, Sandy Steele, Mark Okken
						Wanda Doss	Janet Culpepper	
09/13/26	Virgil & Dale Dodson	Sharon McGrath & Mark Moran	Sharon McGrath & Mark Moran	Valerie Prim	Audrey Whitley	Marnie Matthews	Ephesians 4:11-16	
						Sharon McGrath	Mark Okken	
09/20/26	Jim & Marcia Downey	Gene & Marnie Matthews	Gene & Marnie Matthews	Pastor Sharon	Rich Pizzuti	Karen Pizzuti	1 Peter 3:13-16	
						Janet Culpepper	Valerie Prim	
09/27/26	Brad Mason	UWF Sunday TBA	UWF Sunday TBA	Valerie Prim	Olivia Pizzuti	Wanda Doss	UWF Sunday	
						Sharon McGrath	Maureen Silvemale	

2026 Memorials

Memorial donations have been received to the glory of God and in memory of the following:

Donna Bowman

Sandra Perry

Sean Kennedy

Donald Taylor

Alan Moran

Funds received as memorials are placed in the memorial fund for general use unless otherwise indicated by the decedent's family.

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.

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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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