



🦊 November 2025 Newsletter 🦇



Hello Friends.

It appears that Congress isn't any closer to ending the government shut down. While federal courts have ordered the administration to cover SNAP benefits out of a contingency fund, the amount that is being released will over cover 50% of the SNAP benefit. We rejoice that some of the benefit will hit accounts, but also recognize that it is only 1/2 and it will be signifigantly delayed as states figure out how to distribute partial benefits.

This affects 1.4 million North Carolinians. 4,362 individuals in Yadkin county rely on food stamps. 1 in 5 children rely on SNAP.

In the church office we have seen an increase in calls for assistance this week. I spoke with YCM and they have seen an uptick as well, and anticipate that more folks will turn to them if SNAP benefits continue to be delayed. If congress does not act, after November 1st we will see an increase in hunger and food insecurity in our community.

So how can you help right now:

- 1. YCM and The Church will both use shelf stable food. YCM said complete meals are especially helpful- think boxes of spaghetti and canned sauce. You can bring your food to the church and we will deliver it to YCM, assemble grocery bags, and stock the blessing box.
- 2. Make a designated financial offering to the church, and we will purchase Food Lion Gift cards for our neighbors who have a SNAP card.

You can bring your food or offering to church on Sunday or give online at http:// www.yadkinvilleumc.org/contribute.

Thank you for your efforts and prayers!

Book Study

Eyes of the Heart: Photography as a Christian Contemplative Practice: You are invited to slow down this December and January with a contemplative study that will help us see the world in new ways through prayer. If you are interested please let Pastor Jonathan know. We are currently looking at scheduling the study for Wednesday evenings or Thursday at lunch.

This study considers how a camera can help us open "the eyes of the heart." More than a book on photographic technique, Eyes of the Heart is about cultivating photography as a spiritual practice through visio divina (sacred seeing). Each week we will enter into a photographic journey in which the reader does not simply take images, but receives images and learns to see with "the eyes of the heart" (Eph 1:18).

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.







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	
The People of the Kingdom						
1-Nov	305		9-10	145		
2-Nov	306		11-12	146		
3-Nov	307		13-14	147		
4-Nov	308		15-16	148	Psalm 148	
5-Nov	309	2 Corinthians	1-2	149	NT Overviews: 2 Corinthians	
6-Nov	310		3-4	150	OT Overviews: Psalms	
7-Nov	311		5-6	1	Psalm 1	
8-Nov	312		7-8	2	Generosity	
9-Nov	313		9-10	3		
10-Nov	314		11-13	4		
11-Nov	315	Galatians	1-2	5	NT Overviews: Galatians	
12-Nov	316		3-4	6		
13-Nov	317		5-6	7		
14-Nov	318	Ephesians	1-2	8	NT Overviews: Ephesians	
15-Nov	319		3-4	9	Shalom / Peace	
16-Nov	320		5-6	10		
17-Nov	321	Philippians	1-2	11	NT Overviews: Philippians	

Yadkinville	UMC / Read	ing Project - Read	ling Pla	n	
18-Nov	322		3-4	12	Chara / Joy
19-Nov	323	Colossians	1-2	13	NT Overviews: Colossians
20-Nov	324		3-4	14	
21-Nov	325	1 Thessaloni- ans	1-2	15	NT Overviews: 1 Thessalo- nians
22-Nov	326		3-4	16	
23-Nov	327		5	17	
24-Nov	328	2 Thessaloni- ans	1-3	18	NT Overviews: 2 Thessalo- nians
25-Nov	329	1 Timothy	1-2	19	NT Overviews: 1 Timothy
26-Nov	330		3-4	20	Public Reading of Scripture
27-Nov	331		5-6	21	
28-Nov	332	2 Timothy	1-4	22	NT Overviews: 2 Timothy
29-Nov	333	Titus	1-3	23	NT Overviews: Titus
30-Nov	334	Philemon	1	24	NT Overviews: Philemon

Laity Service Award

Maureen Silvernale

I was highly honored on Sunday November 26th with the Laity Service Award. You surprised me and my Family surprised me. I serve from my heart with the people of My Church and Community. I thank everyone who also serves. No award is truly necessary as we are all serving in kindness and compassion for others and in the eyes of GOD - Our Lord and Savior. Thank You.

Rich Pizzuti

I am so humbled & grateful to have received the Western North Carolina Conference Laity Award as a member of Yadkinville United Methodist Church. It was certainly a special surprise and a bit emotional to share that moment with my in person family, my family online, and each of my church family. It is a privilege to serve our Lord and our community as a member of YUMC! I am blessed beyond belief to be a part of our Church, our Church Family, & our Men's Group. I appreciate the many inspirational servants of Christ within our Church family that for years have done so much & continue to do so! I am truly honored.



Connected Near & Far Campaign

This November & December we are closing out the year leaning into and celebrating all of the ways we are connected to God through the Church and our community! We are collecting money for **two** of the cornerstones of our shared life together: the FLC building fund and apportionments.

Our 2025 apportionments were 19,466.00 We have \$8,091.00 remaining. We owe approximately \$425,000 on the building loan. This November and December for the first \$16,100 raised we will split the donations 1:1 between apportionments and the building fund, after that all of the money will go towards the building fund.

As we close out the year we invite you to celebrate and strengthen our ministry here in Yadkinville and around the world!

Men's Group

November Men's Group News

We had a blast Feeding Starmount JV football team on 10/23, Supporting Fall Bazaar with pancake breakfast, hot dog lunch, & fried apple pies, & putting on the Movie & Hot dogs for Halloween downtown event on 10/31!

November brings a time of Community support! YCM, the blessings box, and Angel Tree participation. Plus also, planning for the Christmas season is upon us! More to come on caroling & a very "special" presentation!

Come enjoy a free breakfast EVERY Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Come join the YUMC men's group! We meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. We enjoy Christian Fellowship, biblical discussion, community action, and love of our church, our church family, and community. Join us! You are wanted & welcome!

The Boy Who Delivered Joy Marvin Bartlett

Reader's Corner

This is a story about a little boy who battles for 7 years and loses to cancer. HOWEVER, his unwavering faith in his ability to cope, his unbelievable empathy for everyone and his above average intelligence that at 2 ½ years old caused him to remark to his Dr. "Hey I'm the one having my leg cut off. I think you need to speak to means well as my parents," make this a must read. You will be blessed many times as you realize that inspire of all his set backs he still always thought of others, especially little children who were hospitalized, felt awful, and needed something or someone to lift their sprits "to give them something to look forward to."

Fall Bazaar

The 3rd Annual Fall Bazaar was held Friday, October 24th and Saturday, October 25th in the Family Life Center - and it was FULL.

We worked hard preparing and executing. We had fun in fellowship. We made some funds for the General Fund. And I believe, despite being tired afterwards, that we had a GOOD time.

A BIG THANK YOU and THANK YOU to all who helped: Planning, making, crafts and pie racks, advertising and signs, moving tables, cooking and preparing meals and baked goods, arranging and selling items, and financial support. Thank you to all those who were involved in one way or another.

It does take the Whole Church to make a success.











November Events

Saturday, November 1st - the United Women in Faith will be hosting the Appalachian District for the Member and Leadership Development Day at our church

Thursday, November 6th - GIGGLES meeting. Location: Adelaide Whitaker's Home. Program: Mitzie Moran

Saturday, November 8th - the Clothing Closet will be changed from Summer to Winter clothes

Tuesday, November 11th - New Beginnings meeting. Location: at the Church at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 12th - Charge Conference (immediately after Leadership Team)

Tuesday, November 18th - Tuesday Evening meeting. Location: At Church in Asbury Room at 6:30 p.m.



We welcome all women of our church, and their friends, to come and enjoy fellowship and Christian love.

Circle Meetings:

November is World Thank Offering.

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New Beginnings - Tuesday, November 11th. Location: at the Church at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday Evening - Tuesday, November 18th. Location: At Church in Asbury Room at 6:30 p.m.

All women of the church are welcome to attend these events and invite a friend

In October we held our gathering after church on October 19. After a time of fellowship, we had a business meeting to elect officers for 2026 and approve the 2026 Budget

Officers for 2026

President - Maureen Silvernale

Vice President - Sandy Steele

Co-Secretary - Maureen Driscoll and Maxine (Cooky) Weatherman

Treasurer - Karen Pizzuti

Program Resources - Marcia Downey

Spiritual Growth - Mitzie Moran

Membership, Nurture and Outreach - Amanda Mason



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Officers for 2026 (continued...)

Social Action - Virginia (Gingi) Parker

Mission Education and Interpretation - Valerie Prim

Nomination Committee Chair - Frances Mabe

Nomination Committee Members - Janet Culpepper, Mary Reavis, Adelaide Whitaker

Thank you to officers who are rolling off for their service - Debby Gunnell and Mildred Carter

After the Business Meeting we had a program by Valerie Prim on the Mission Study this year of "Practicing Hope".

Thank you to Sandy for the decorations of HOPE —These decorations will be recycled for the Appalachian District United Women in Faith event Membership and Leadership Development Day to be hosted at our church on November 1st 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This Theme is BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS through Leadership Learning, Soul Care, and Move 4 Mission. The program is at 10:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. (Potato Bar, salad bar and ice cream sundaes)

Break out Sessions (variety of topics) 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thank you to members who have volunteered to help with this day.

The Leadership Team

Announcements:

- November 1st the United Women in Faith will be hosting the Appalachian District for the Member and Leadership Development Day at our church.
- November 8th will be the date for changing from summer to Winter clothes for the Renew Clothing Closet.

Our next meeting will be November 12th with a Charge Conference and Leadership Meeting

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers November 2025								
Date	YCM	Greeters	Ushers	Children's Moment		Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Server
	/2 Brad Mason Dale Dodson & Virgil Dodson & Jonathan Gaylord Oliv	Sharoi	Sharon McGrath	Luke 6:20-31	Bobbi Reavis,			
11/2				Jonathan Gaylord	Olivia Pizzuti	Dale Dodson	Keri Smith Gaylord	Shannon Sheek, & Maureen Silvernale
11/9	Jim & Marcia	Jerry Ivey & Jo	Jerry Ivey &	Valerie Prim Audrey Whitley J	Lori McCann	Luke 20:27-38		
11/9	Downey	Dorsett	Sharon McGrath		Audrey whitiey	Janet Culpepper	Mike McCann	
44/40	Mark & Mitzie	Karen & Rich	Karen & Rich	Keri Smith Gaylord Rich	Rich Pizzuti	Volunteer needed	Luke 21:5-9	
11/16	Moran	Pizzuti	Pizzuti Pizzuti			Debby Gunnell	Sharon McGrath	
44/22	Virgil & Dale	Mike & Lori	Mike & Lori	location Control	rd Chris Riddle	Karen Pizzuti	Luke 23:33-43	
11/23 Vilgil & Da	Dodson	McCann McCann	McCann	Jonathan Gaylord		Marnie Matthews	Valerie Prim	
11/30 Rich P	Diob Dizzuti	Valerie Prim &	Valerie Prim & Sharon McGrath	Valerie Prim	Olivia Pizzuti	Wanda Doss	Luke 2:1-5	
	RIGH PIZZUU	Sharon McGrath				Debby Gunnell		

YUMC family celebrating November BIRTHDAYS!

George Reavis. Mike Gunnell. Emily Raymond. Mackenzie Sparks. Adelaide Whitaker. Parker Gunnell. Harmony Imes. Bruce Whitley. Helen Roseberry	11/07 11/12 11/14 11/17 11/23 11/24 11/24				
Marcia Downey					
Jack Reavis					
Happy Anniversary to these folks!					
Raymond & Adelaide	11/10				

Mission Focus November 2025 Giving Tree

YUMC Giving Tree. For the last five years we have been providing Christmas wishes for our neighbors through our Giving Tree. Last year, we added to our family by including Angels that are in the care/custody of the Department of Social Services. This year, we have been notified by Yadkinville Elementary that they have children that are



also in need for Christmas. At this time, we are not sure how many that will add to our growing family.

Applications for the giving tree are being accepted until November 7, 2025 for our Giving Tree. The tree will be full of angels by Sunday, November 9, 2025.

Once the tree is ready, Giving Tree gifts will be due back on Sunday, December 7, 2025. If you have questions, please feel free to call Bobbi or Mildred.



Open

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday 2:30-4:30 pm

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

Tattered and Mended: The Art of Healing the Wounded Soul Cynthia Ruchti

Reader's Corner

Down through the ages we have mended things and made them useful and beautiful. They may not be the same as originally, but they have been restored and we are grateful. This book reminds us, and shows us, in many ways, how God can mend and will men our tattered souls. The work is often slow and tedious, but we should always remember he made us in his image. So who better to restore us. He knows how we should be. It is an interesting book showing us the possibilities of what can be if we just put ourselves, heart, and soul in God's hands. He made us perfect he will do a perfect job of restoring. He always sees possibilities not problems.



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 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.

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

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