

December 2023 Newsletter

Brother's and Sisters in Christ!

Thanksgiving to December is a busy time... So I will keep this article brief. If you didn't get a chance to read the letter I sent out at the end of November I began with this recap of our year at Yadkinville UMC:



"I am writing today to share with you the joys of ministry at Yadkinville United Methodist Church! This year we welcomed several new members, celebrated a baptism, worshiped together, celebrated communion, sang songs, told stories, ate together, watched fireworks, sat in the pumpkins, handed out candy, delivered food, fed teachers, learned & played with students out of school, worshipped with the UMC's in our missional network, watched the Sunrise over an empty cross & then filled that cross with flowers, handed out donuts, buried friends, celebrated a wedding, planted seeds, tackled big questions, ate Everette's greens, supported missionaries & a community interpreter, fed hungry students, and financed disaster recovery efforts. We have blessed students, teachers, prayer shawls, the garden, pets, a playground, our community, and one other."

Thank you for being you. Thank you for a wonderful year, in spite of any challenges.

Advent is a time where we ask ourselves "What are we waiting for?" "What do we need from God?" Christmas is the time where we are reminded that what God brings to our waiting, is so much greater than we could ever have imagined. So as we close out this year and approach Christmas once more, ask yourself "What do I need from God?" Don't be afraid to say big things that push the boundaries of your wildest imagination, because we know that in the

birth of Christ our expectations are confounded and wildly exceeded.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jonathan







FALL BAZAAR

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Fall Bazaar. We raised **\$4253.75** for the church and had fun while doing it. Thank you to the hands that made crafts, cooked meals, made baked goods, and prepared chicken pies. Thank you to those who helped sell and also those that made purchases during the Bazaar. Thank you to the Vendors for their help.

Friday December 1st at 10am, we will have an evaluation meeting. Should we have another Bazaar and what might be done the same and differently for success?



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

United Women in Faith

UMWF Tuesday night Group will meet at Yadkin Seafood for Holiday fellowship on **Tuesday**, **December 12** at 6pm. All are welcome to join us. Please let Maureen Silvernale know if you plan to attend by **December 10th**, so she can be sure there are enough spots.

New Beginnings Circle

The New Beginnings Circle will meet **December 12** at 11:00am at Betty Williams house>

Giggles Meeting Information 2023/2024

Date	Place	Program
9/7/23	Dale Dodson	Debby Gunnell
10/5/23	2520 Tavern, Clemmons	Amanda M
11/2/23	Davie Tavern, Clemmons	Marty
12/7/23	Mitzi Moran	Cooky
1/4/24	Wannitta Brown	Faye
2/1/24	Dale Dodson	Adelaide W
3/7/24	Darwin's	Sharon M
4/4/24	The Filling Station	Dale
5/2/24	Village Tavern, Hanes Mill Blvd	Mitzi



Men's Group

The Men's Group makes breakfast for the church every Sunday morning. They also deliver breakfast to members of our church who are not able to attend church in person.







A Note From NETworX

This month, as we reflect on Thanksgiving, I am thinking of all that our participants have overcome to be who they are today; this includes our mentees. Being a young person in our world is no easy task given the regular trauma that comes with attending school, navigating the online world, and being a part of a family. Finding ourselves takes years, and some never achieve this. Many of our youngest participants have endured more trauma than they would ever confess, and those whom we have had time to build trusting relationships with have shared heart-wrenching stories. Yet, they are here. They have chosen to keep showing up in their everyday lives, and in their relationships, filling the roles set out for them. Even if they are doing these things imperfectly, they are showing up. Imperfection is welcomed and maybe even celebrated at NETworX. It is in our imperfections that we can truly see one another, and I am immensely grateful for that. Our work to build our imperfect community continues. We will resume coffee every other Thursday in December.

Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers December 2023						
Date	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers
December 3	Gene Branon & Karen Bricker	Gene Branon & Wayne Dixon	Chris Riddle	Marty Driver	Luke 1:5-25	Maureen Silvernale,
				Jo Dorsett	Maureen Silvernale	Harry & Kathryn Steelman
December 10	ner 1() l	& Brent Coplin &	Sandy Tucker	Betty Dixon	Matthew 1:18-25	
December 10		Marnie Matthews	Sandy rucker	Emily Raymond	Sharon McGrath	
December 17	Drama Choplin & Janet Culpeppe	Janet Culpepper	Chris Riddle	Keri Gaylord	Luke 1:26-38	
Joel H	Joel Helton	& Rich Pizzuti		Janet Culpepper	Rich Pizzuti	
Docombor 24	December 24 Brad Mason & Jerry Ivey & Brad Janet Culpepper Mason	Rich Pizzuti	Karen Pizzuti	Luke 2:1-7		
December 24		Mason	RICH PIZZUII	Rosemary Riddle	Brad Mason	
December 31		Harry & Kathryn	Chris Riddle	Dale Dodson	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
		Steelman	Chins Riddle	Marnie Matthews	Shannon Sheek	

YUMC family celebrating December BIRTHDAYS!

Tom Fagerli	
Mary Reavis	
Keri Gaylord	
Dick Steelman	
Betty Williams	12/23

Happy Anniversary to these folks!

12/24





Free School's Out Events

9am-1pm Lunch Provided



Christmas Camp December 8, 2023

Pumpkin Palooza October 27, 2023





Compassion Camp

January 26, 2024
February 19, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 7, 2024
April 19, 2024

Come join us for art, music, play, bible stories, & snacks!

Register at www.yadkinvilleumc.org/compassion-camp or scan the QR code





Yadkinville United Methodist Church

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

We are located at 204 West Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055 Our mailing address is PO Box 25, Yadkinville, NC 27055 Phone: 336-679-2243 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.



Give online at yadkinvilleumc.org and click on the online giving link (like the one pictured to the left). Or **give 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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Regular Worship at YUMC







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