

The Grapevine

September 2018

Yadkinville United Methodist Church



Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

Sisters and Brothers, it is good to be among you again! Thank you for your grace, support, and prayers for me, Keri, and Henry.

For much of this year you have challenged yourselves to reduce the debt the church holds on the Family Life Center and the Parsonage. At the end of the campaign you have raised just over \$103,000 to go to debt reduction. This would be an amazing achievement, and you did it in the midst of a pastoral transition. This has truly been a labor of love by you, the laity. This campaign shows how much love you carry for your church and community. In this work you radiate the hope and faith of Christ, knowing that the Spirit has big plans for the people called Yadkinville United Methodist. Through your generosity and dedication the Church will feel lighter in the days and months to come. It is exciting to be a pastor among such generous, loving, faithful, and hopeful people. Thank You!

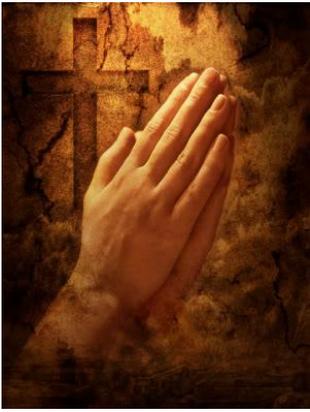


In September I will be preaching through the Epistle to the Hebrews. In your own devotion time I encourage you to read through Hebrews at least once (preferably twice). As you read take note of any questions that the text brings up in you and send them to me. I would love the opportunity to incorporate your question into my sermon and/or chew on scripture with you one-on-one.

Wednesday Night Supper and Study resumes on September 26th and we will be studying *Fresh Expressions* by Bishop Ken Carter and Rev. Audrey Warren. My hope in this study is that we will come to have a deeper understanding, vocabulary, and theology around what it means to be disciples and the church.

What I love about *Fresh Expressions* is that despite the name it isn't a "new" thing. *Fresh Expressions* is all about diving into scripture and studying how the disciples brought the good news of Jesus Christ to the people in scripture. I hope you will join us for a good meal and lively conversation. There are copies of the book available in the church office.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Jonathan



Prayer Concerns

Care Facility

Gerald Messer

Church Family

George Reavis, James Roseberry, Denny & Patty Choplin, Dustin Spencer, Wade & Barbara White, Rachel Brandon, Donna Bowman, Royce Ragan, Edith Davis, Dot Gish, Barbara Stephenson, Mary Reavis, Randy Hughes, Ginger McGhee, and Barbara Bissette.

Friends and Family

Albert Brown, Martha Bodford, Jacob Shore, Sherry Boyette, Nolan Williams, Milton Morris, Merrill Winslow, Stanley Todd, Marilyn Snow, Mardelle Retzloff, Janet Sawyer, Aaron Cave, Donna Stanford, Homer Morris, Hayden Reavis, Melissa Stevens, Nellie Foster, Ken Gray, Wanda Burger, Eidson Mulling, Jacob Roque, Lindsey Lineberry, Doris Holcomb, Lee Powell, Jamie Wooten, and Clara Biswas (missionary).

Nursery Help is Needed:

In the 9:00 a.m. Service, children will stay during the music and will leave after the Children’s Time. For the 11:00 a.m. service, please arrive in the nursery by 10:50 a.m. to prepare for arrival of children.

Several people are needed in order to provide a nursery. Please contact Lynn Winters at beachscrapper1@yahoo.com or (843-685-5152) if you are able to participate in either of these volunteer opportunities to love our children.



Church Council: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m.



Marty Driver, Chairperson

Trustees: The YUMC Safety Team is looking for a few members. Please see Mark Diachenko (336-469-0080 or jmd0080@yahoo.com) if you would like to help with this team.

When you have a spill on the carpets, please use spot carpet cleaner on your spill.

If you see a very stained chair in the Family Life Center, please put it in the chair storage room. We will have another chair cleaning day soon.

The ramp to the Historic Church has been removed. The wooden steps on the side entrance have been replaced.

We are looking for anyone who has sound equipment expertise to help with an evaluation of the systems in the Sanctuary and FLC. Please contact Virgil Dodson.

When you are the last to leave the church building, please check that the thermostats are set correctly and all the doors are locked.

Virgil Dodson, Chairperson

Funtimers: The Funtimers will meet at the church on Wednesday, September 19, and travel to the NC Zoo in Asheboro. The cost is \$13.00 each. The tickets will need to be ordered in advance. Please let Sandy Steele (336-679-6139 or survivor528@yahoo.com) know by September 15 if you plan to go.



United Methodist Women: The Yadkin Valley District UMW Annual Meeting was held August 18 at Trinity United Methodist Church, “Celebrating the Legacy: 150 Years in Mission.” It is always good to come together as a District, especially since we are still getting adjusted to being in a new district. We were blessed to have Yadkin County folks, Rev. Lisa Wishon, Rev. Max Cranfill and wife, Donna, provide special music for worship and to lead congregational singing. **Congratulations to Yadkinville United Methodist Women for accomplishments in 2017!** Our unit was recognized as a **Mission Today Unit** (expand concepts of mission through prayer, study and action, including social justice as mission); **Mission Study Unit** (hosted and participated in Climate Justice A Call to Hope and Action study); **Justice Today, Gold Unit** (Advocacy for racial justice, to help improve and empower lives of women, children, and youth, nationally and internationally); **Contributing to all 5 Channels of Giving**; were recognized for participation in the UMW **Reading Program**. Five of our ladies received certificates for reading at least 5 to 20 of the UMW Reading Program books: Plan I, Connie Randleman, Debra Gunnell; Plan IV, Sandy Steele, Betty Williams, Mildred Carter, Marcia Downey, and Linda Baity.



We encourage our UMW, as well as everyone else, including children, to check out some of the Reading Program Books in our church library on the first two bookcases. We have a good variety and there are many more that we do not have that can be ordered. A copy of the list of books is on the shelf and is also online. Marcia Downey, Program Resource Coordinator, could help you find something you would like. Some of the books may not be fun to read, but are interesting and have good information that we need to know.



Since September has arrived (even though it still feels like summer), we will return to a more regular schedule. This is a good time to contact all our members and visitors, either in person or by phone to check out one or all of the Circle meetings. If anyone is interested in meeting during the day or participate in the “Lunch Bunch” please contact me.

Let us continue to remember **all children** as they adjust to new classes, schools, and colleges. There are many emotional and financial difficulties as well as great changes in the lives of many. Let’s keep them as well as the teachers in our thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events:

September 6, Thursday 6:30 p.m. **Giggles Circle** will meet at the home of Alda Tesar
September 18, 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday Night Circle** will meet at the home of Mildred Carter
September 20, 7:00 p.m. **Thursday Night Circle**, TBA

District and Conference Events:

September 14-16 Conference Annual Meeting, Lake Junaluska; **45th Annual Celebration, register online through September 9, \$15.00.** For registration and more information on this check out www.wnccumw.org.
November 3 District Leadership Development, Concord UMC, Mocksville, NC

Linda Baity, President

Missions: The mission project for September is the AGAPE project. Linda Baity will be coordinating the collection of winter coats and Christmas Boxes. All loose plate offering and designated offerings during September will go to the project. Directions for the boxes will be on the display table in the Commons.

September Mission Focus: Project Agape: Agape (Ancient Greek) means love. "The highest form of love, charity; love of God for man and man for God. Universal and unconditional love regardless of circumstances." (Wikipedia)

1. **During September, we will be collecting: AGAPE Christmas Boxes** (pick up list for ages of children and gifts to include from display table in the Commons)
2. **We will also be collecting new or gently used Winter Coats for men, women, and children of all ages.**

Project AGAPE is a joint effort of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church, which has been invited by the Armenian Apostolic Church and registered by the State Council of Republic of Armenia on Religious Affairs. It was launched in 1993 and received the first state registration in 1994. Project AGAPE has adopted and committed to many goals, including:

- Contribute to schools and Christian education
- Nurture through orphanage, hospital, sanitation improvement, and more
- Building and mission teams, host Vacation Bible School
- Cattle Project for food and breeding
- Warehouse distribution of canned food, new shoes, clothing for all ages, school supplies, sewing fabrics and supplies, and much more
- Donations and support for the chief doctor of the AGAPE hospital and staff and operational costs



Yadkin Christian Ministries: YCM needs for September are canned fruit and meat. Please place in the containers in the Commons.

If you have suggestions, comments, or ideas please share them with any member of the Missions committee or contact Gingi Parker.

Gingi Parker, Chairperson

Congratulations to Debbie Snyder: Debbie is graduating this month and will officially be a Doctor of Physical Therapy. We are so proud of her!

Congratulations!

Financial Update: The Debt Reduction Campaign raised \$103,195.00!!! The Finance Committee voted to use the funds as follows:

1. Pay off the parsonage (\$56,361.55)
2. Pay remaining amount on building loan (\$46,833.45)

Also, 100% of District Apportionments (\$4,245.00) and 60% of Conference Apportionments (\$4,245.00) have been paid.



Your IRA/401(k) Required Minimum Distribution – How to Make the Most of

It: Per the IRS, people 70-1/2 and older are required to take a minimum distribution from their IRA/401(k) annually or be faced with a hefty tax penalty. If you must take a required minimum distribution, but don't need the funds and don't want to pay income taxes on it, please consider gifting it to the Church as part of your annual support.

To qualify for the tax credit, you must have your retirement plan administrator direct the distribution DIRECTLY to Yadkinville UMC; it cannot pass through your hands or it will trigger an income taxable event for you. Once received DIRECTLY, the Church will give you credit for the total gift.

If you have questions about how to execute this gift transaction, please contact either your plan administrator, Bobbi Reavis, or Emmitte Winslow for guidance/advice.

Finance Committee

Wednesday Night Meal & Study: Beginning on Wednesday night, September 26,



Pastor Jonathan will lead us in a study of the "Fresh Expressions" book. The study begins at 6:00 p.m. and will finish by or before 7:00 p.m. A simple supper is provided at 5:30 p.m. Donations for the meal are appreciated.



Disciple Bible Study: A new Disciple Bible Study will begin Monday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. and meet each Monday through December 10. This 12-week study immerses readers in the Old Testament Prophets. Meetings will last about 1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in participating, please let Mildred Carter (336-679-8034) or Ruth Shermer (336-849-4048) know by September 12 so books can be ordered. Cost of books is about \$18.00. Participation in previous Disciple studies is not required.

Alzheimer's/Dementia: Ministry with the Forgotten: This five-session study will be held at St. Paul's UMC in Hamptonville beginning Thursday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. There is no cost but please let Pastor Claudia Harrelson (charrelson@wncumc.net) know if you are interested in attending so that enough handouts will be available.

Children's Clothing & Toy Sale: This sale will be at Center UMC on Friday, September 7, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Children's Ministry: The Children's Ministry Committee is planning to meet within the next week to discuss plans for a back to school get together as well as end of the year activities. We will keep you informed. Thanks for your continued support.

The Children's Ministry Committee needs your help. We need more volunteers for the nursery during both services.

Lynn Winters, Chairperson



*Ben Dixon is turning
40 !!!!!!!*

*You are invited to a celebration!
Sunday, September 9, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Yadkinville United Methodist Church
Family Life Center*

*Please gift us only with the honor of your presence as
one who has touched Ben's life.*



Those Serving You



Rev. Jonathan Gaylord, Pastor, pastor@yadkinvilleumc.org, 336-679-2243

Dr. James Sheek, Choir Director, jamessheek@triad.rr.com

Charlene Zachary, Pianist/Organist

Bobbi Reavis, Church Office Administrative Assistant, bobbi@yadkinvilleumc.org

Ministers of the Church

All who Follow Jesus

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Copies of the Grapevine are available in the Commons and it is on our website:
www.yadkinvilleumc.org

News is due to mildredcarter@earthlink.net or 336-679-8034 by the 25th of each month.



Mission Statement: *Offering care and hope through living,
learning, and loving God and each other.*

