

October 2023 Newsletter

Brother's and Sisters in Christ!

At the end of August we wrapped up our series on Joseph as Joseph and his brothers found forgiveness for each other and were reconciled in the land of Egypt. Two weeks later the lectionary lead us to Matthew chapter 18 and for two weeks we



heard Jesus teach his disciples about forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus touches on how to resolve conflict in a community, how often we should forgive, how God's forgiveness far exceeds our own capacity to forgive, and how we are called to forgiveness and reconciliation because through Christ we have been forgiven and reconciled to God.

I didn't plan on this stretch from August to mid-September cycling themes of forgiveness so closely. I only wanted to spend time with a single Hebrew Bible character and then spend time in a Gospel however I love seeing the Holy Spirit at work in strange ways like this. As I worked on these sermons and wrestled with what scripture was saying, one of the things that connected Joesph & his brothers with Jesus & Peter is the idea that the work of forgiveness and reconciliation is an imperative part of our faith. To paraphrase the Rev. Dr. King, the arc of God's kingdom is long, and it bends toward reconciliation. Reconciliation and the fullness of communion and community, are part of God's purpose and design for us and we are called to be an active part of that purpose.

To put it another way, as part of our salvation we are supposed to work towards unity in our personal relationships, community, world, and Church. This is a challenging part of our call. We would rather be right. We would rather not mention we've been hurt. We would rather avoid uncomfortable situations. We would rather win. We are not called to let division win. We are not called to let wounds fester or relationships degrade. We are called to the work of building the kingdom here, together.

With everything going on in our denomination, world, and church, this can seem a

monumental task. Yet finding ways to be in relationship and working towards reconciliation are part of our call as people of the Cross. Taking steps to restore and build connection are fundamental to who we are made to be.

As I look around the congregation on Sunday mornings, it is hard not to notice that some pews that used to be full are empty. I am so proud of the faithful way that YUMC has moved through the disaffiliation conflict engulfing the United Methodist Church, but I am not blind to the ways that it has created conflict and hurt in our midst.

When I first arrived at Yadkinville I said from the pulpit that if you ever have an issue with me personally or with my leadership of the church, my door is open to you. That offer still stands. If you have questions or concerns, please come and talk to me. I want to know what's on your heart. I want to hear you. I want to be in relationship with you. I want us all to be able to live into our call and Christian obligations to each other. My only request is if you do need to talk about something significant, outside of logistics that directly affect worship that day, please don't bring it to me on Sunday morning before worship. Please wait until after worship or during the week.

Is there someone in your life who you have walked away from because of wounds you would rather carry in silence than acknowledge? Is there someone you have hurt, who you now need to ask for forgiveness? To return to one of John Wesley's 22 daily spiritual questions: "Is there anyone I fear, dislike, criticize, hold a resentment towards, or disregard? If so what am I doing about it?"

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jonathan





We will have a Safe Sanctuaries training during the 5th Sunday Lunch on October 29th.

This training is mandatory for anyone working with children through the church. Including NETworX, Nursery, and Schools out events. The training is encouraged for EVERYONE

If you cannot attend this training there will be additional opportunities in the near future.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Pumpkins are coming to YUMC!!

The Pumpkin Patch will be running through October

14th-31st. If you would like to volunteer to run the pumpkin patch, then click the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DA5AB2CA0FB6-44489929-serve

Note from the Leadership Team

The Yadkinville UMC Leadership Team met on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023. The team discussed our progress on charting a ministry course and developing disciples for Christ. The next step will be engaging the congregation in embracing their talents for use in the church. Also, the team discussed ways to reach out to church families who are not currently attending.

This fall will be filled with many activities and events. We want you to participate and have fun! These include the Pumpkin Patch; Storytelling Worship 2 Wednesday evenings in October; the Downtown Halloween Night when we will be selling hotdogs and showing a movie; and the Fall Bazaar! Also, the Shore House Fall Festival will be held on October 14th, from 3-7 pm and YUMC will have a booth.

In addition, the annual stewardship campaign will be held in the last 3 weeks of November.

Please review the bulletin each Sunday (also posted online), the monthly newsletter (also online under "What's Happening" and "Resources'), YUMC media accounts, or contact a Leadership Team member for upcoming events and activities. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, at 7 pm.

All members are welcome to attend.

Nick Gunnell Leadership Team Member

FALL BAZAAR

Six more weeks until the FALL BAZAAR! Mark your calendar to visit and join us in raising funds for the church as well as fellowship.

FALL BAZAAR dates:

Friday, November 10, 2023 3pm-8pm.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 8am-4pm.

Other Important Dates:

October 6th - Everette Hartzog will help us make beeswax tapers.

October 13th, 20th, and 27th - we will be finishing crafts and pricing our creations (what a variety we have).

Start your Christmas shopping.

How can YOU help?

- Invite a friend or family to attend
- We are still taking applications for vendors.
- We are still gathering on Fridays at the church at 10am in the Education wing to continue planning and crafting.
- We will be making chicken pies to freeze and sell at the bazaar.
 Contributions of white meant chicken and broth would be most helpful!
 We will gather on November 2nd to make dough, time TBD. Then on November 3rd, we will start making pies at 10am. Join us in this endeavor.
- Plan to bake treats to be sold at the bazaar cakes, cookies, pies, candies, etc.
- Help in making Mason Jar dry mixes for cooking to be sold at the bazaar.
- Plan to help during the bazaar by helping serve food. Dinner will be held Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning!
- Assistance with selling items and helping in the kids corner would be greatly appreciated.

For comments, questions, or volunteering in one of these capacities to help the church, please call or email Maureen Silvernale with the information below:

Cell phone: (336) 480-9704

Email: mcsilvernale@netscape.net

Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser

to benefit

Yadkinville Elementary
School Fund (YES Fund)

Sunday

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Immediately after worship!

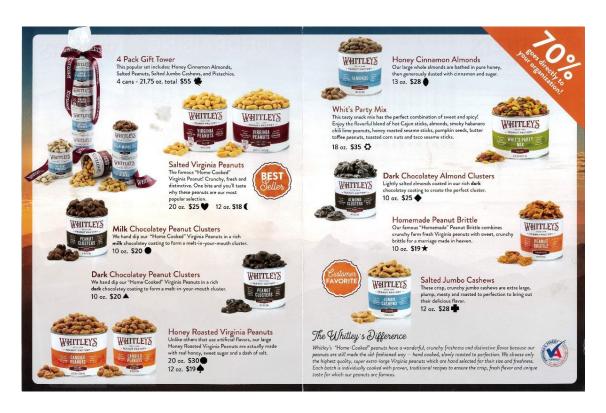


Take out orders will be available.

Sponsored by Giggles

The YES fund provides clothes, food, school supplies, and other items as we are made aware of children's needs at YES by teachers and counselors. If you would like to contribute to the YES fund, make your check payable to YUMC and memo it "YES Fund". Donations at the soup luncheon will be accepted!

The Boy Scouts are selling Popcorn and Nuts as part of their yearly fundraiser. See If you would like to order any please contact Bobbi in the office BEFORE October 22nd.







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

New Beginnings Circle:

The New Beginnings Circle will meet Tuesday, October 10, at 11:00a.m. in the Asbury Sunday School room. Sandy Steele will have the program.

Chicken Pies

The United Women in Faith are making chicken pies **November 2nd and 3rd.** Donations of white meat chicken and broth would be very helpful. Cook your chicken and while it is still warm cut it up ready for the pies before freezing... please save the broth and freeze separately. We would like all donations to the church by **Sunday**, **October 29th**, so we will be able to determine how much we have for making our pies.



A Note From NETworX

If you've seen recent photos of NETworX, you may have noticed the same lovely faces repeatedly. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and loyalty of those who make up the NETworX community, with many folks having been there three years or longer. We are grateful that so many individuals see the value in what we do together and remain a part of our community; however, it's time for fresh faces and lives to grace our community.

We started our first new cohort in over two and a half years on September 18th. This group is comprised of young women aged 14-17 who will go through our regular NETworX curricula with the addition of life skills and mentoring.

Our mentors have been through the NETworX curricula and volunteered to go through and skill lessons with these young women. This is a leadership opportunity for those who have chosen to bless us with their time and talent. We will also partner with local organizations and individuals to teach essential life skills and ask professional women to share about

their careers and how they got to where they are. Do you feel called to mentor? Maybe you're a woman who would like to share her career experience. If either of those statements are accurate, please get in touch with Crystal. Mentors are welcome for a few more weeks.

As a side note, the mission focus for October is NETworX. Every dollar we raise goes towards supporting families in one way or another. The Young women in our cohort will need support, as will our Phase 3 participants. Here is how your donation helps us help others:

\$75 covers supplies for a children's activity. We are currently discussing mental health with the children and engaging in many activities.

\$125-175 covers a modest NETworX meal

\$150 covers a financial gift for a new cohort member (all graduates receive a one-time financial gift provided they meet specific requirements).

\$300-\$500 covers materials for a Grassroots meal with some extra to freeze for emergencies (participants or parishioners may benefit from these extra meals). If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Crystal. Her information can be found under the 'Church Staff' section.







Yadkinville UMC Worship Servers October 2023										
Date	Greeters	Ushers	Online Host	Nursery	Scripture Reader	Communion Servers				
October 1	Brent and Drama Choplin	Tom Fagerli & Wayne Dixon	Rich Pizzuti	Betty Dixon	Matthew 21:23-32	Mark Moran, Mitzie Moran, Drama Choplin				
				Dale Dodson	Virgil Dodson					
October 8	Dale Dodson & Jo Dorsett	Mark Moran & Rich Pizzuti	Sandy Tucker	Marnie Matthews	Matthew 21:33-46					
				Rosemary Riddle	Marty Driver					
October 15	Marty Driver & Tom Fagerli	Gene Branon & Brent Choplin	Chris Riddle	Sidney Matthews	Matthew 22:1-14					
				Emily Raymond	Dale Dodson					
October 22	Jerry & Ann Ivey	Janet Culpepper & Jerry Ivey	Rich Pizzuti	Keri Gaylord	Matthew 11:15-22					
				Marty Driver	Marcia Downey					
October 29	Brad Mason & Joel Helton	Brad Mason & Tom Fagerli	Chris Riddle	Daren Pizzuti	Matthew 22:34-46					
				Janet Culpepper	Tom Fagerli					

Charge Conference Dates

YUMC will have our business charge conference on Tuesday October 24th at 8pm at the conclusion of the normal Leadership Team Meeting. Like all YUMC meetings the charge conference is open for all members to attend.

Our Missional Network will meet at Mountain Grove UMC for charge conference worship on November 20th at 6:30 pm. We encourage you to attend, this is a great chance to hear about what is going on with our UMC brothers and sisters around the county.



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

October 18 & 25
Dinner at 5:30pm
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 or scan the QR code:



You can be a part of the story now! Share a story of a time you've found "Home" by writing your story and returning it to the office.



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.

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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.



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

In-person at YUMC 10:00 am Virtual Worship via YouTube 10:00 am (live)





