CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

November 2026

Honoring ALL WHO Served
THANK YOU VETERANS

Windcrest
United Methodist Church
Boldly Serving God's Kingdom



November 1 – All Saints Day – Communion at the rail
November 2, 9, 16 & 30 – Small Group Faith & Life Discussion w/Pastor Waddle, 7:00 pm
November 3, 10 & 17 – Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 am
November 4, 11 & 18 – Wednesday Potluck & Holy Communion. 6:30 pm
November 5 – San Antonio Food Bank/NHN, 8:00 am
November 8 – Pledge Sunday
November 12 & 19 – Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry, 10:00 am
November 14 – Faith & Family Garden Club, 10:00 am
November 14 – Trivia Night 6:00 pm, Thanksgiving Potluck dinner BH
November 15 – Veteran's Day (November 11)
November 15 – United Methodist Men Monthly Breakfast, 7:30 am, BH
November 16 & 30 – Senior Adult Games Day, 10:30 am BH
November 21 – Windcrest Market Days – WUMC Parking lot, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
November 21 – Women In Faith Sara Ruth Circle, 9:30 am, room 303
November 22 – Taco Sunday, hosted by the WUMC Youth, 8:00 am, BH
November 22 – Women In Faith Potluck Luncheon, 12:00 pm, BH
November 29 – Advent Begins – Advent Workshop, 2:00 pm
November 29 – Combined Fifth Sunday -Youth Sunday



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Office & Campus Closed
November 26 & 27

Steak & Conversation
on break during Nov. & Dec.

Week of Thanksgiving canceled events
Monday Night Faith & Life Discussion
Small Group
Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday Potluck

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Password: disciples
MinistryOne app

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Worship Services - Sundays: Traditional 9:00 am · Contemporary 11:00 am · Wednesday 6:30 pm
Combined service at 10:00 am (every month with a 5th Sunday
Sunday services are also streamed live on Facebook at WUMC Facebook and posted for you to view at anytime on the WUMC website. You may also view on WUMC YouTube channel.

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From the Office

WINDCREST UMC STAFF CELEBRATIONS

Our amazing church staff works tirelessly throughout the year to support **Windcrest UMC**, and we want to share some major milestones so you can celebrate alongside them. This fall, we are honoring several significant work anniversaries:

October Anniversaries

Rina Segura (Church Treasurer) – **3 years** of dedicated service

Lisa Scott (Communications Administrator) – **12 years** of faithful employment

November Anniversaries

Tim Ross (Audio/Video Tech Extraordinaire) – **10 years** of keeping us connected

Dawn Crews (Youth and Children's Director) – **11 years** of guiding our young people

Marcy Williams (Church Administrator) – An astounding **33 years** of steadfast leadership

Please join us in thanking each of them for their hard work, devotion, and heart for ministry. We say a collective "YAY! Great job, everyone!" and look forward to many more years of serving together at **WUMC.**

2026 Church Council

Council Chair	Dan Reese
Senior Pastor	Robert Waddle
Finance Chair	Laquita Wynn
Trustees Chair	Dick Davis
Ministry Planning Chair	Betty Sullivan
Pastor Parish Relation Chair	Chester Varner
Lay Member	Jeanette Felder
	Larry Shanklin
	Meagan Allen
	Abigail Kilpatrick
Lay Leader	Darryl Taylor
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Dan Reese
Alternate Lay Delegate	Larry Shanklin



Submissions for the December Connection is due by Wednesday November 13.

Month	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Expenses	Net Income	% Apportionments Pd to Date
August 2026	$47,631.34	$44,668.64	$48,093.82	($3,425.18)	2.52
September 2026	$47,637.34	$35,190.08	$41,635.66	($6,445.58)	2.52
YTD Totals	$571,576.00	$314,348.30	$331,305.31	($26,882.77)	2.52

A Word from Pastor Waddle



Dear Windcrest UMC Family,

As we enter November, my heart is filled with gratitude for our church family. November gives us a wonderful opportunity to pause, give thanks, and remember the many ways God continues to bless us.

The Bible reminds us in Psalm 107:1, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” No matter what circumstances we may face, God remains faithful. We have much to be thankful for.

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday on the calendar. It is a way of living. Every day we can look for God's blessings—in our families, our friends, our church, and even in the small moments that we sometimes overlook.

I am especially thankful for Windcrest UMC. I am thankful for every person who worships, serves, prays, teaches, encourages, gives, and helps make our church a place where people can experience God's love.

Remembering Our Saints

November is also a time when we remember those faithful members of our church family who have gone before us. Their lives, faith, love, and service have helped shape who we are today.

We thank God for their witness and for the ways their lives continue to encourage us. May we honor their memory by continuing Christ's work and sharing His love with others.

I encourage each of us to make November a month of thankfulness and service.

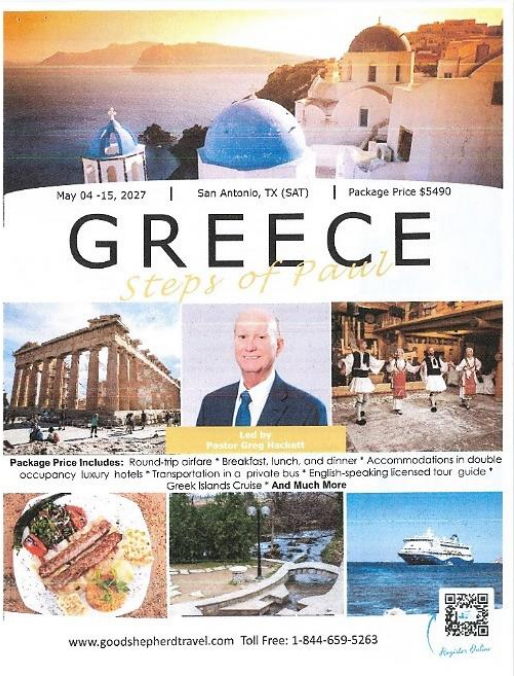
Take time each day to thank God for one blessing. Then look for one opportunity to bless someone else.

A kind word, a phone call, a prayer, a helping hand, or an invitation to church can make a difference in someone's life.

With love from my family to yours, Pastor Waddle!!

Pastor Robert Waddle

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Steps of Paul - May 4-15, 2027

There’s more to Paul than a Damascus Road experience where he suddenly became the most influential gospel evangelist in history. You are invited to dig deeper with Rev Greg Hackett on a trip to Asia Minor and Greece, visiting Thessalonica, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth, and Athens, ending with a 4 day cruise to Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini.

Cost is $5,490 per person, which includes all travel, 3 meals a day, private transportation, guides, and the cruise.

For more information, and to see a flyer with registration information, please contact Marcy Williams in the church office.

Pastor will be out of the office

November 2-4 Training in Dallas

Ministry Retreats

2026

September 21-22
October 26-27
November 16-17

2027

January 25-26
March 8-9
April 12-13
August 30-31
September 27-28
October 25-26



5 - Alyssia Perez
6 - Paula Miles
7 - Jennifer Hill
8 - Lillie Wier
10 - Tom Winn
14 - Rich Ross
JoAnn Watts
15 - Robert Eure Jr
16 - Maureen Barnes
17 - Bill Horton
Terry Walpole
20 - Kendall Allen
Jack Fuller
Erica Pasquale-Davis
21 - Kevin Allen
23 - Diane Evans
24 - Tysen Buckner
29 - Rod Goslin
30 - Jeff Jobe

Upcoming Meetings for October:

3rd , 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting, BH

10th, 5:30 pm - United Women in Faith Executive meeting, 303

10th, 6:30 pm - Ministry Planning Team Meeting, BH

17th, 4:30 pm - Finance Team, Office

17th, 6:30 pm - Trustees Action Team Meeting, 303



SUNDAYS @ 9:30 am
The Searchers—McClung Bldg., 303
SUNDAYS @ 10:05—10:55 am
Builders Class—McClung Bldg., 301
The Procrastinators—McClung Bldg., 302

10:15–10:50 am Coffee, refreshments, and friendly fellowship.

MONDAY @ 7:00 pm
Faith & Life Discussion w/Pastor Waddle

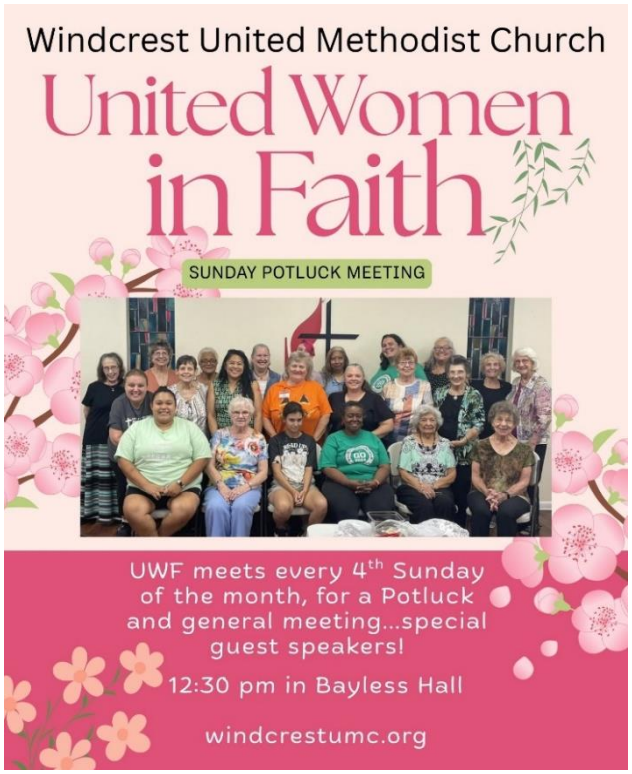
TUESDAY @ 11:00 am
Pastors Bible Study, in October we will be studying the Book of Daniel.



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UWF Upcoming Events

General Meeting and Potluck, Sunday
November 22 - 12:30 pm



Christmas DECORATING WORKDAYS

WUMC Trustees have scheduled the following workdays to decorate the church for Christmas:

- Sunday, November 22: After the 10:00 am combined worship service
- Monday, November 23: Beginning at 10:00 am and continuing as needed
- Tuesday, November 24: Beginning at 10:00 am, if additional time is needed

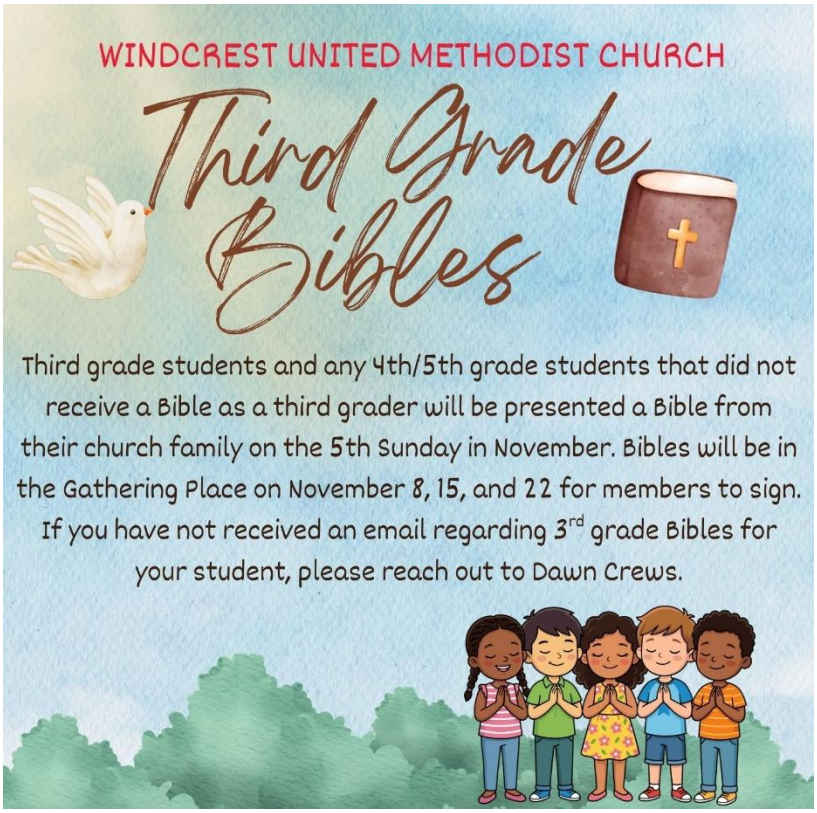
How You Can Help:
We will decorate the Sanctuary and Gathering Place and, if time and weather permit, the church exterior. We may not need all three workdays, but we have reserved them just in case.

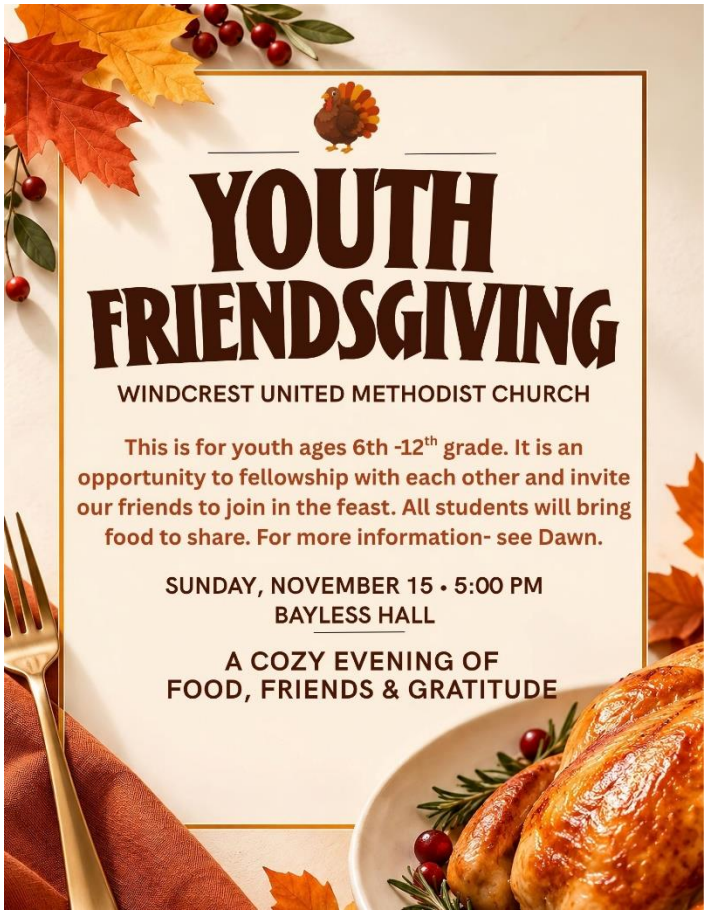
Volunteers of all abilities are welcome—there are both large and small tasks. Please join us if you are able. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Place.



Children and Youth Ministry









Confirmation

Confirmation 2027

Melissa Garza is taking the lead on Confirmation 2027. She is very excited and has planned a great Confirmation season. Confirmation Celebration will be on the 5th Sunday in May so that Confirmands can be confirmed in front of their whole church family. If you have a 6th grade student or older wanting to participate, please see Melissa or Dawn.



Taco Sunday: November 22, 2026

It's taco time! Youth should arrive between 8:00–8:15am to help cook and assemble tacos. Tacos will be available for $1 each as soon as they're ready. Come hungry and bring a friend!



11/14 in the parking lot by the Community Garden
Join us as we do some fun activities, spread mulch and check on the progress of our Fall garden. Note: If it's raining, we will not meet. Garden Club will not meet in December but join us in January for Winter Mini Green House planting.



WINDCREST DAY SCHOOL

Christmas Market *Donations*

Our children are getting ready for their Christmas Market, and we need your help!
We are looking for new or gently used items that children can purchase as gifts for family and friends. If you have any of the following items you'd be willing to donate, we would greatly appreciate it:

- Socks, scarves, ties & t-shirts
- Lotions, nail polish & costume jewelry
- Cosmetic bags & travel mugs
- Note cards & notepads
- Candy dishes & decorative items
- Candy & Christmas tree ornaments
- Soup mugs, coffee cups
- Candles & potpourri
- Oven mitts & dish towels
- Books
- And other small gift items



Please bring all donations to the school office no later than December 14th.
Thank you for helping make our Christmas Market a special experience for our children!



WINDCREST DAY SCHOOL COOKIE CONTEST!

This December, Windcrest Day School is hosting a Christmas Cookie Contest, and we'd love for our church congregation to join in the fun!
Here's how to participate:

- Bake 18 Christmas cookies—your favorite recipe or a creative new one!
- Please be sure to put your name on the bottom of the container you bring your cookies in.

Three church staff members will judge the cookies based on taste, appearance, and creativity.

After the judging, the cookies will be divided among the staff to enjoy with a cozy cup of coffee or hot chocolate. ☕🍪
We can't wait to see, and taste! Your delicious Christmas creations!

BRING YOUR COOKIES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9:30 A.M. ON DECEMBER 10TH.



A Special Thanksgiving Trivia Night & Potluck!
Since we are moving into the season of gratitude, our next event is going to look a little bit different. We are pairing our love for trivia with a wonderful community meal!

- When: Saturday, November 14, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Where: WUMC
- The Feast: WUMC will provide the main meat dishes and drinks. We ask everyone who attends to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share!
- The Game: After we eat, we will dive into 40 fantastic multiple-choice trivia questions completely focused on Thanksgiving holidays, history, and traditions.

Put Your Knowledge to the Test!
Do you know which U.S. city is famous for hosting the iconic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade? If you know the answer or just want to enjoy a night of great food and fellowship, grab your friends and form a team!

How to Sign Up (Required)
Because we are hosting a full dinner, pre-registration is required for this month's event so we can accurately plan the food. You can sign up using one of two easy methods:

1. Register online through our website.
2. Sign up in person at the church office.

Note: Please remember to specify which side dish or dessert you plan to bring when you register!

Childcare Available
Need a night out? Free childcare is available for this event! To secure a spot for your kids, please reach out directly to Dawn Crews to make your request by November 1.
We can't wait to see you on November 14 for an evening of food, fellowship, and festive fun!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

Join us every Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:50 am as we open our doors to serve the community through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. (Except the months with a fifth Thursday, the Food Pantry will be closed)

On the first Thursday of each month, in partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, we offer an expanded food distribution from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or while supplies last).

We need YOU to help us serve our neighbors!
Each month, our Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry relies on around 500 plastic grocery bags—and we're always in need of more. We're also looking for volunteers to welcome and register our guests, bag groceries, and help with loading food into cars during our drive-through distribution.

Whether you donate bags, lend a hand, or simply spread the word, **you are a vital part of this mission.** Come see how compassion, teamwork, and community come together when it's needed most.

Date: October 10, 2026

SA Food Bank Drive Up Distribution	Qty
# of families served	163
# of people in those families served	682
# of new families served	20
# of volunteers serving	22
# of lbs. of food distributed	15,054

Dates: October 8, 15, 22, 2026

NHN Pantry Distribution	Qty
# of families served	239
# of people in those families served	829
# of new families served	36
# of volunteers serving	32
# of lbs. of food distributed	11,857





Advent Study - By Water and the Spirit

"United Methodists have many questions about the sacrament of baptism. The purpose of *By Water and the Spirit* is to attempt to answer those questions. It is significant in the life of the church because it tries to clear up some of the confusion that sometimes prevents us from appreciating this wonderful gift that God has given us. *By Water and the Spirit* is an official statement by our church to be used in teaching our people how United Methodists understand and practice baptism. It is a resource for pastors, teachers, small group leaders, curriculum writers, families, and others. It is intended to be a tool for making Christians, for fashioning people into disciples of Christ, and equipping them for ministry." - Gayle Carlton Felton

A sacrament can be defined as "an outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace". This Advent, join us as we explore the sacrament of baptism! We will be using *By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry* by Gayle Carlton Felton, but there is no need to purchase materials. (And there's no homework, either!) This conversation-style study will be held on Zoom and led by Shae Wiens.

Day: Every Sunday through Advent (November 29-December 20)
Time: 5:30-6:30
For more info: Shae Wiens - (830)237-2444
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Shelf Care Book

Are you interested in exploring new ideas focusing on health, wellness, and personal growth? Join us to discuss books that promote mental and physical wellbeing. This Shelf Care Book Club is a collaboration between Molly Pruitt Library and the Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Wesley Nurse Program.

Tuesdays- November 3 & 17
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For more information, call 210.650.1122, scan QR or visit mysapl.org/events

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October Music Notes

The Children's choir is getting our Christmas Musical, "Sing We Now of Christmas" ready for the Christmas Extravaganza on December 6th at 4 p.m. We would love to have your child or grandchild join us! We rehearse on Sundays at 3 p.m. in the choir room.

The chancel choir is going strong. We have room for more if you would like to join us. Just go into the choir room on Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. and we go over that day's anthem and the next. We "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

The handbells have been rehearsing Christmas music plus our regular 3rd Sunday music. We will perform at our Christmas Eve concert at 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Extravaganza will be on December 6th at 4 p.m. If you would like to share your talent, please contact me. I'll put you on the program!

As you can see, there is a lot going on in your music department. Hope you all have a blessed November.

In Joyful Noise,
Debbie Andrews

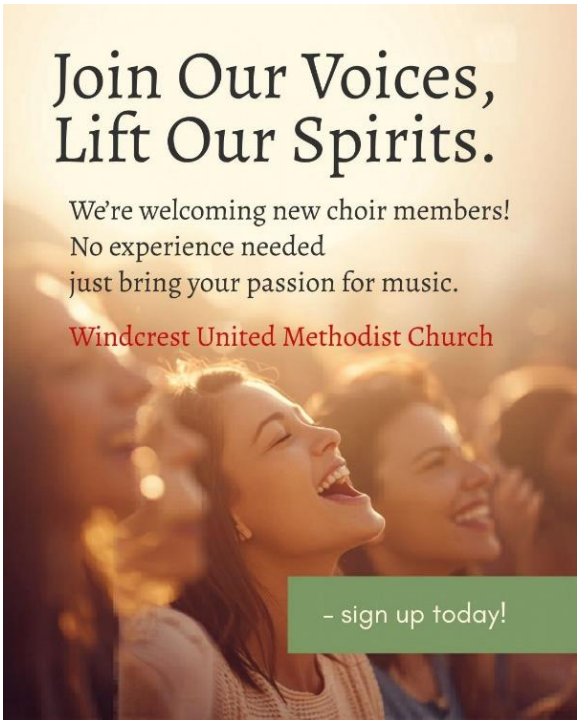


Senior Adult Games Day

Every 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month,
10:30 am – 1:30 pm in Bayless Hall.
Currently, there's Mexican Train,
Hand and Foot, Rummikub, and Pinochle, but there might be others that we could start. Bring a sack lunch, and there will be a snack table if you choose to bring anything else to share (optional).
All are welcome.

Sit and Be Fit
Tuesdays and Thursdays

The senior adults enjoy a time of light exercise on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in Bayless Hall.



MISSION FOCUS **NOVEMBER**

The Agape Ministry - The Agape Ministry was founded over twenty years ago by a member of Windcrest UMC. Its purpose is to serve families in need here in the northeast area of the city. With the support of 24 area churches, the Agape Ministry helps meet the needs of people with donations of food and clothing, volunteers, and financial assistance.

Chair Yoga

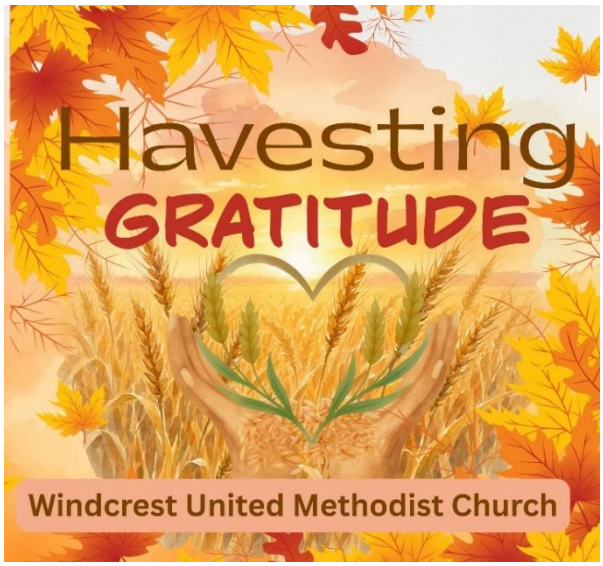
Mondays 2:00 pm in Bayless Hall.
(Not on third Mondays)
Wednesdays 10:30 am in Bayless Hall.
Fridays 10:30 am in Bayless Hall.

Grief & Life-Change Support Group
Join us every
Tuesday at 9:30 am in room 301

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Thursdays in Bayless Hall, 6:00—8:00 pm

**Check calendar for any changes*

Harvesting Gratitude: Living Our Vows This November



Dear Church Family,

November is a season of harvest. As the fields are cleared and our tables are set for Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the natural rhythm of planting, growing, and gathering. In our spiritual lives, this is the perfect time to look back on the year and begin **Harvesting Gratitude**, intentionally gathering up the memories of God's goodness, faithfulness, and provision in our lives.

As United Methodists, we know that a harvest doesn't just happen; it requires faithful tending. When we committed to this congregation, we promised to tend to God's vineyard through our **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness**. The ministry we share today is the bountiful harvest of seeds planted by those who came before us, and the seeds we plant now will sustain our community for generations to come.

This month, as we practice **Harvesting Gratitude**, let us prayerfully reflect on how we bring our harvest to God:

- **Our Prayers & Presence:** Gathering together in worship and lifting each other up, ensuring that no one in our community walks alone.
- **Our Gifts:** Returning a portion of our financial blessings to the church, fueling the vital ministries, missions, and day-to-day operations that transform lives.
- **Our Service & Witness:** Rolling up our sleeves to feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and boldly share the love of Christ outside our walls.

When we give generously, we aren't just meeting a budget; we are offering an act of worship. We are acknowledging that every good thing we have comes from God.

Pledge Sunday is November 8. You will have an opportunity to bring your completed pledge card to the altar as we pray. Additionally, on the reverse side of your pledge card, you will find a space for you to write down one thing you are harvesting gratitude for this year.

As we look toward the coming year, we invite you to pray about your commitment to our church. Together, let us cultivate a spirit of generosity so that our collective harvest may continue to feed a hungry world with hope, grace, and love.
"The harvest is plentiful..." — Luke 10:2



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Worship Services – Sundays: In person and live online at 9:00 and 11:00 am https://www.facebook/windcrestumc/
Combined Worship Service at 10:00 am (every month with a 5th Sunday)