



# CONNECTION Newsletter

Welcome Back  
**Pastor**  
Waddle



## Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

Drive by Ashes, 8:00 am - 9:00 am, under the portico.

Imposition of Ashes available (come and go) in the Sanctuary, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

## Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm

## Lenten Dinners: beginning Wednesday, February 25

Join us for Pot-luck dinners in Bayless Hall during Lent.

Please register online via the Windcrest UMC website, the MinistryOne app.

## Lent Bible Study, Where: Zoom

When: Sundays, Feb. 22-Mar. 29 - 6:30-7:30pm

Supplies: Bible, journal, willingness to be surprised, your whole self.

Contact: Shae Wiens, (830)237-2444,  
shaewiens27@gmail.com



## Shrove Tuesday: February 17th

Come join us for pancakes, sausage and eggs on Tuesday, February 17th, 5:30—7:00 pm in Bayless Hall. Dinner, fellowship and fun for all ages!



Wifi- WUMC-Guest  
Password: disciples  
MinistryOne app

**Worship Services - Sundays: Traditional 9:00 am · Contemporary 11:00 am · Wednesday 6:30 pm**  
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 Windcrest UMC church office

Month	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Expenses	Net Income	% Apportionments Pd to Date
November	\$42,571.09	\$49,295.53	\$28,178.58	\$21,116.95	0.00
December	\$42,574.09	\$64,235.12	\$61,559.47	\$20,562.72	0.35
YTD Totals	\$510,853.08	\$600,657.84	\$509,843.42	\$ 2,675.65	0.35

40 days  
OF LENT

Dear Windcrest United Methodist Church,

Thank y'all so much for your generous contribution to my service with Mercy Ships. I cannot begin to express my gratitude for your kindness & service-minded congregation. The heart of Mercy Ships is so evident when people support graciously – God truly is moving so big in Africa through people like you all. I look forward to connecting with y'all very soon – I appreciate the way y'all have brought me in with such grace. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Friends, God is good! May God bless you!

Love, Bailey Havis

**Join Us for Weekly Potluck & Fellowship!** Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, Bayless Hall—Come share a meal, build community, and enjoy a fun activity night for all ages. Bring a dish if you can, but most importantly, bring yourself. There's always a place for you at the table.



**Online**



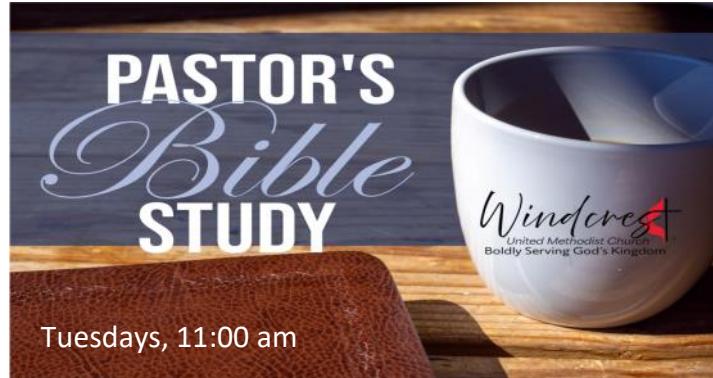
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**Church App**



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Pastor Waddle invites you to join his weekly Bible study every Tuesday from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, we will meet in Room 303 in the McClung Building. Come join us as we get closer to God through the scriptures.

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# From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

February invites us into a beautiful blend of seasons—a time to remember our history, renew our spirits, and rejoice in God's love. As we journey through this month, may we open our hearts to God's presence in fresh and meaningful ways.

## Ash Wednesday: Beginning the Journey of Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten season—a sacred time of reflection, repentance, and renewal.



## Ash Wednesday Service—February 18, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

As we receive the ashes, we are reminded: "From dust you came, and to dust you shall return."

Let this season draw us closer to Christ as we seek deeper prayer, intentional fasting, and acts of compassion.

## Black History Month: Honoring Faith, Strength, and Legacy

Throughout February, we celebrate the profound contributions of African Americans to our nation, our culture, and our faith tradition.

## Each Sunday, we will feature:

Influential Black leaders, and their accomplishments.

Let us remember the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: "The time is always right to do what is right."

## Valentine's Day: Love in Action

Valentine's Day reminds us of the greatest love ever shown—God's love for us.

This month, let us practice love in simple, powerful ways:

- Call someone who may feel alone
- Offer a prayer for a neighbor
- Share a word of encouragement
- Perform a small act of kindness
- Forgive someone who has hurt you

## A Prayer for February

Lord, as we enter this month of reflection, remembrance, and love, draw us closer to You. Strengthen our hearts, deepen our compassion, and guide our steps. May our church be a place of unity, healing, and hope. Amen.

With Love,

*Pastor Robert Waddle*

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**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
*Steak and Conversation*  
with Pastor Waddle

**Saturday, February 28, 2026, 5:00 pm**

Pastor is very excited to invite you to join him for an evening of great food and meaningful conversation.

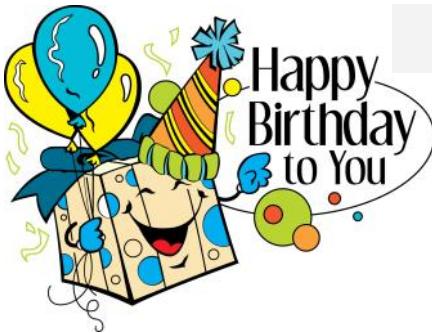
Bring your favorite cut of steak, seasoned just the way you like it—we'll handle the grilling and provide all the sides. This is a time for men to connect, share, and grow together as we talk about life, family, and faith.

We'll be continuing our journey into the book *"Men of God: Becoming the Man God Wants You to Be."* Each month, we'll explore a new chapter together. It's never too late to join in.

We meet monthly to build community and strengthen our walk with God.

For more details contact the church office.

# WUMC BIRTHDAYS/MINISTRY



1 - Phyllis Avella	18 - Tom Walker
3 - Bob Short	19 - Tamara Torru
	Eve Wiens
4 - Walter Stoops	21 - Kayla Mann
8 - Abigail Crews	24 - Deb Mayes
	25 - Lyam Monteiro
16 - Chalmers Gable	26 - Justin Falk
17 - AJ Crews	27 - Betty Sullivan
	Larry Shanklin

We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a birthday but don't see your name on the list, please notify the church office. It could be that for some reason we don't have your birthdate in our database.

Submissions due by **Wednesday February 11** for the March Connection

# INDOOR CONCERT

Windcrest UMC  
Presents An Evening  
with  
Michael Dale O'Brien and Friends  
Featuring Original Songs from Michael  
and some new music from  
Sarah Wallace  
Guest Artist Guitarist Joe Gonzales  
Message by Pastor Robert Waddle

Friday, February 13, 2026  
Doors open at 6:30 pm  
Concert begins at 7:00 pm

Windcrest United Methodist Church  
8101 Midcrown, Windcrest, Texas 78239

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**SUNDAYS @ 9:30 am**  
The Searchers—McClung Bldg., 303

**SUNDAYS @ 10:05—10:55 am**  
Builders Class—McClung Bldg., 301  
The Procrastinators—McClung Bldg., 305  
NEW! Coffee and Conversation—McClung Bldg., 303

## Music Notes

Happy February!

This month on the 18<sup>th</sup> we will begin Lent. During Lent the music, hymns, anthems become more solemn, subdued and focused on repentance and Christ's journey to the cross. There will still be some upbeat music but mainly it will be more reflective music. Ash Wednesday this year will be on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

On February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. we will have our Indoor Concert/Night of Worship. This month it will be inside. There will be some great music and a message from our Pastor. Mark your calendars for this worship night.

The children's choir (ages 4—5th grade) and Youth Ukes (5th grade and up) will start back up on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Hope to see your child and/or youth in the choir room on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our Chancel Choir has had several empty spots lately. Though those we have are very faithful, we need more singers. We've lost a lot over the past years for different reasons and haven't been able to replace them. If you could find it in your heart to join us, even occasionally, I would really appreciate it. We meet in the choir room at 8:15 am, every Sunday morning. Please prayerfully consider joining our Chancel Choir.

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
Come before Him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:1-2*

In Joyful Noise,  
Debbie Andrews



# OUTREACH

*"These events are open to everyone—we'd love to see you there!"*

## 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.

## 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*



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Hannah Circle** – 2/6 –6:30 pm, BH

**United Women in Faith Potluck Luncheon**  
February 22, 12:00 pm, Bayless Hall

**United Women in Faith Executive** meeting,  
Tuesday, February 10th, at 5:30 pm, in room 303.

**Sarah-Ruth Circle** - February 18th, 9:30 am, room 303

# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

## 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).

**Please help fill our shopping cart with non-perishable food to help restock our pantry shelves. Items needed are:**

Canned Vegetables	Peanut Butter
Canned Soup	Mac & Cheese
Cereal	Jelly

A grocery basket is available in the Gathering Place to collect items. Thank you.

Date: December 4, 2025

<b>SA Food Bank Drive Up Distribution</b>	<b>Qty</b>
# of families served	167
# of people in those families served	691
# of new families served	22
# of volunteers serving	36
# of lbs. of food distributed	14,111

Dates: December 11, 18, 2025

<b>NHN Pantry Distribution</b>	<b>Qty</b>
# of families served	148
# of people in those families served	476
# of new families served	44
# of volunteers serving	27

6,067

# WUMC CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

## Youth Winter Retreat: February 13-15

The Youth will be traveling to Camp Chrysalis after school on Friday and return on Sunday. Please keep the students and their adult leaders in your prayer during this time. This is a very meaningful event that the youth enjoy each winter.



### Faith & Family Garden Club—

**Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am**

Join us for the second ever meeting of the Windcrest UMC's Faith and Family Garden Club. We are learning and growing together. Come meet new friends as we learn about gardening & taking care of God's creation.



### SOUPer Bowl Soup Cook-off: February 8, 2026, at 12:15 in Bayless Hall

Bring a crock pot or a big pot of soup. We will also need donations of breads, crackers and desserts. For a donation of \$5 or more, you will get a token to vote for your favorite soup. All money raised will go towards summer camp scholarships.

## Taco Sunday: Sunday, February 22.

Youth should arrive by 8am to help Dan cook. Tacos sales start as soon as possible. Bean and cheese are usually the first ones ready. They will also be selling egg & potato, egg & sausage and egg & bacon. Sales will continue until the end of the Sunday School hour.



### Puppet Ministry Orientation: Sunday, February 22, 12:15pm in room 306

Calling all 5th grade students through high school- if you think you might be interested in joining the Puppet Ministry, please plan to come to orientation. Lunch will be provided for all puppeteers. Please let Dawn know if your child is planning to attend. This is for all students currently in 5th grade through high school.

## MISSION FOCUS

**February – Northeast Senior Assistance (NESA)** – Northeast Senior Assistance, NESA, is a 501 C 3 non-profit organization. They began in 1984 when they realized that many citizens were isolated and had no one to help them. They welcome volunteers who want to “pay it forward” and connect with older people who have asked for help from the community. Their mission is to reflect God’s Love by providing transportation and other services to enhance the quality of life and independence for seniors. Their services are free and help older adults continue to live in their own homes, around their familiar environment, which is where they want to be. Volunteers drive them to their doctor visits, remain with them during that time and then drive them home. Volunteers are vital to the success of this organization in addition to much-needed funds. Your support and contributions enable NESA to meet their mission to improve the lives of older people in their community!

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Worship 11a  Sager Brown Retreat	2 Chair Yoga 2p BH Scouts 6:30p Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	3 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a 303 Church Council 6:30p BH	4 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot-luck & Communion 6:30p BH	5 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH SA Food Bank NHN 8a Tops 6p BH Praise Team 7p Sanct	6 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Hannah Circle 6:30 pm	7
8 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Worship 11a Souper Bowl 12p BH	9 Games Day 10:30p BH Chair Yoga 2p BH Scouts 6p Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	10 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a 303 United Women in Faith Exec mtg 5:30p 303 Ministry Planning team mtg 6:30p BH	11 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot-luck & Communion 6:30p BH	12 Sit N Be Fit 9a GP NHN Food Pantry 10a Tops 6p 302,303 Praise Team 7p Sanct	13 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Youth Retreat  Indoor Concert an Evening w/Michael Dale O'Brien and Friends, 7:00p	14 Valentine's Day Youth Retreat
15 UMM Breakfast 7:30a BH Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Youth Retreat	16 President's Day Office and Campus Closed—Church Holiday	17 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a 303 Finance Support 4:30p BH Trustees Action Team 6:30p 303 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5:30p BH	18 Ash Wednesday Drive by Ashes 8a-9a Sara Ruth Circle 9:30a 303 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Imposition of Ashes (come and go) 12p-1p Sanct. Ash Wednesday service 7:00p	19 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH NHN Food Pantry 10a 301 Tops 6p BH Foundation Board 6p Praise Team 7p Sanct	20 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Night Fellowship 7:00p	21 Faith & Family Garden Club 10a
22 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Taco Sunday 8:30a BH Traditional Worship 9a Women in Faith Pot-Luck Luncheon 12:30 pm BH	23 Games Day 10:30p BH Chair Yoga 2p BH Scouts 6p Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	24 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Windcrest Garden Club Pastor's Bible Study 11a 303	25 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot-luck & Communion 6:30p BH	26 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH NHN Food Pantry 10a 301 Tops 6p BH Praise Team 7p Sanct	27 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH	28 Re-Supply Block Party 10a—12p  Men's Steak and Conversation 5:00p



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BH—Bayless Hall (Hilliard Bldg.)

CR—Choir Room (Jones Bldg.)

Sanct—Sanctuary

YS—Youth Space/105 (Hilliard Bldg.)

PL—Parking Lot

CY—Courtyard

SH—Scout Hut



## WUMC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

### 2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### Upcoming Meetings for February:

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

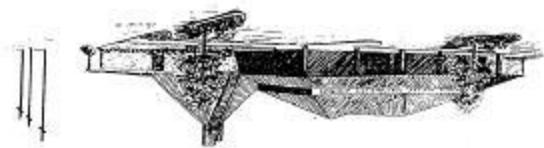
10th, 5:30 pm - United Women in Faith Executive meeting, 303

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

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

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

19th, 6:00 pm - Foundation Board, 305



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