



CONNECTION Newsletter

Happy New Year
Welcome, 2026!

New Beginnings

“Behold, I am doing a new thing...” — Isaiah 43:19

Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! As we step into January, we welcome not just a new calendar year, but new opportunities for God to move in our hearts, our homes, and our community. May this month be a fresh start filled with hope, renewal, and purpose.

A new year often brings resolutions and reset buttons, but for God's people, it brings something richer—renewed spiritual focus. This month, we are inviting everyone to choose either a “word for the year” (such as trust, joy, or surrender) or a spiritual goal to pursue—daily prayer, Bible reading, serving others, or growing in fellowship.



Let's enter 2026 expecting God to do extraordinary things through ordinary obedience.

Windcrest – let us join the Holy Spirit in making 2026 a time of spiritual renewal for ourselves and our community. With Love pastor Waddle!

Happy New Year From the WADDLES

With Love pastor Waddle!

Pastor Robert Waddle

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FROM THE WINDCREST UMC CHURCH OFFICE

2026 Pledge/Estimate of Giving Cards

It's Not Too Late to Submit Your 2026 Pledge!

If you haven't yet turned in your 2026 Estimate of Giving card, there is still time. You can mail your card to the church office (Attn: Marcy Williams) or drop it off in person.

Please Note: Your 2025 pledge will **not** automatically roll over. If you wish to maintain the same giving level for 2026, you must confirm this with Marcy via phone or email to ensure our records are accurate. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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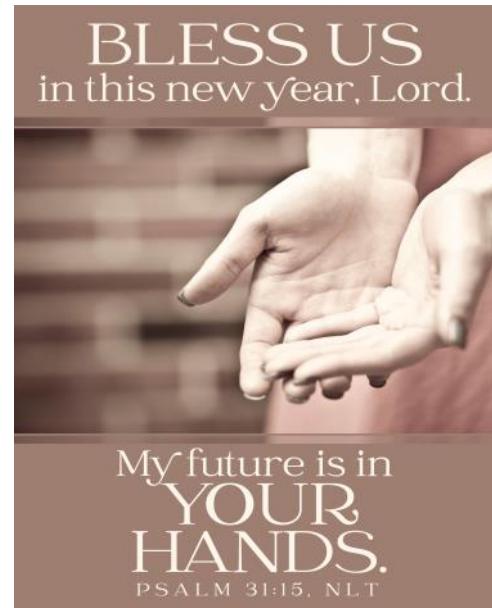
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your phone.



Month	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Expenses	Net Income	% Apportionments Pd to Date
October	\$42,571.09	\$43,965.18	\$40,507.18	\$3,458.00	\$0.00
November	\$42,571.09	\$49,295.53	\$28,178.58	\$21,116.95	\$0.00
YTD Totals	\$468,281.99	\$536,422.72	\$509,843.42	\$26,579.30	

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>Join us for our Wednesday Night Communion Pot-luck dinners beginning on January 7, 2026, at 6:30 pm— “New Beginnings With God”</p>			1 HOLIDAY	2 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Hannah Circle 6:30p BH	3
4 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Worship 11a NEW! Christian Coffee and Conversation 10:05p	5 Chair Yoga 2p BH Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	6 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a 303 Church Council 6:30p BH	7 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot-luck & Communion “New Year's Resolutions That Bring You Closer to God” 6:30p BH	8 Sit N Be Fit 9a GP NHN Food Pantry 10a Tops 6p 302,303 Praise Team 7p Sanct	9 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH	10
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 <p>8101 Midcrown Dr. Windcrest, TX 78239 windcrestumc.org Facebook.com/windcrestumc Instagram windcrestunitedmethodistchurch</p>			<p>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</p>			



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Hannah Circle – 1/2 – 6:30 pm, BH

United Women in Faith Potluck Luncheon
Not meeting in January

United Women in Faith Executive meeting, Tuesday, January 13th, at 5:30 pm, in room 303.

Sarah-Ruth Circle - January 21st, 9:30 am, room 303

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 am

The Searchers—McClung Bldg., 303

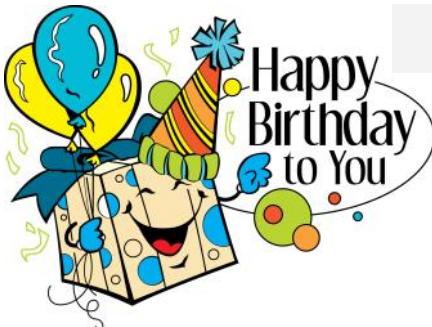
SUNDAYS @ 10:05—10:55 am

Builders Class—McClung Bldg., 301

The Procrastinators—McClung Bldg., 305

NEW! Coffee and Conversation—McClung Bldg., 303

WUMC BIRTHDAYS/MINISTRY



1	- Debbie Andrews	16	- Doris Bristow
4	- Darryl Taylor	19	- Dawn Crews
5	- Robert Avella, Jr.		Matt Hoch
	Young-Ok Fellows	22	- Victoria Hylton
8	- Colby Mills	27	- Jean Bryson
11	- David Falk	29	- Miriam Vatankhah
12	- Judy Goslin	31	- Bruce Blumer
13	- Kylee Valenzuela		Robert Felder
15	- Annette Perez		Cassie Mills
	Jennifer Perez		

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
January 14 for the
February Connection**

Music Notes

First, I would like to thank all who attended the **River City Ringer** concert. It was a great crowd and the concert was wonderful!

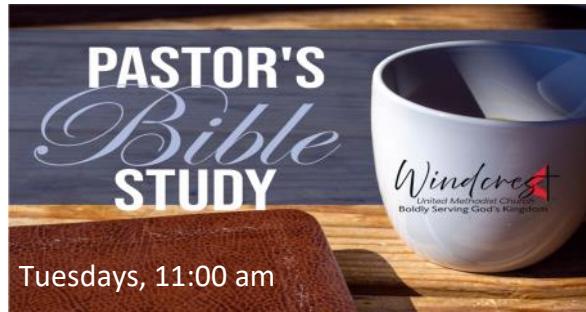
Then the next day, we had our **4th Annual Christmas Extravaganza**. We had the largest crowd we've ever had and the talent was epic! Thank you all who participated and helped. We had 14 different acts and they were all wonderful! Can't wait till next year!

If you need any suggestions for New Year's Resolutions may I suggest joining the chancel choir and/or the Joyful Ringers! There's room!

Psalm 101:1

I will sing of your love and justice; to you, Lord, I will sing praise!

In Joyful Noise,
Debbie Andrews



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.



Saturday, January 24, 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.

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.

Grief & Life-Change Support Group

Join us every Tuesday at 9:45 am in room 301

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

**Check calendar for any changes*

R.O.O.T.S.

Royal Order Of Terrific Seniors

Meets from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on the third Monday of each month in Bayless Hall. **Everyone is welcome regardless of age.** Come and bring a friend or make a friend. We always have a great potluck & good speakers. Our motto is "Life is short, Eat Dessert First" and we do. Program for January 15 is Rev Julie Brendan Rowe speaking on her research and study through personal visits on insight into Israel / Palestine issues.

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.

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 close)

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: November 6, 2025

SA Food Bank Drive Up Distribution	Qty
# of families served	259
# of people in those families served	1044
# of new families served	55
# of volunteers serving	32
# of lbs. of food distributed	10,128

Dates: November 13, 20, 2025

NHN Pantry Distribution	Qty
# of families served	209
# of people in those families served	782
# of new families served	55
# of volunteers serving	56

10,898

5/January 2026

WUMC CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Youth Group

Our meeting times will look a little different this month! January 11 & 18: Lunch and Youth Group from 12:30–2:00 pm

- January 25: Taco Sunday at 8:00 am in the kitchen
- All middle and high school students are invited to join us!

For meal planning, please let Dawn know which Sundays you'll be attending.

School Supply Re-Supply Block Party

Join us on Saturday, January 24, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm for a fun and meaningful event! By mid-year, crayons are broken, pencils have lost their erasers, and classroom supplies are running low. Let's come together to help the kids in our community start the second half of the school year strong!

Want to get involved? Contact Monica Sparks, Jamie Daigle, or Dawn Crews. We'll need plenty of helping hands for setup, running activities, and cleanup.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a practical way. Let's make a difference together!



Felt Faith Puppet Ministry

Our amazing puppeteers will enjoy a well-deserved break until February, when we kick off preparations for our Summer 2026 production!

All youth entering 6th grade for the 2026–2027 school year are invited to join us for the first rehearsal. During this session, we'll focus on basic puppetry skills and begin learning some of the music for our summer show.

Save the dates: Our summer performances are tentatively scheduled for July 10–12, 2026.



Confirmation 2026

Confirmation is a sacred milestone where baptized believers publicly affirm their faith in Jesus Christ and commit to following Him as faithful disciples.

Who can participate?

All students in 6th grade and older—whether baptized or not—are welcome!

Those who have not yet been baptized will have the opportunity to receive baptism before Confirmation Sunday on May 24, 2026.

Classes will begin soon!

Please let Dawn Crews know if you'd like to participate. Once we know who's joining, we'll work together to set class days and times that fit everyone's schedule.



Faith & Family Garden Club

At our first gathering of our Faith & Family Garden Club is January 17th, at 10:00 am. We will have an introduction to gardening. Families will decorate pots, plant seeds and explore how God grows new things in our hearts. All ages are welcome. Seasoned gardeners are encouraged to come and share their knowledge. See Dawn Crews for more information or to get involved.

MISSION FOCUS

January – Wesley Nurse Discretionary – These funds are made available to our local Wesley Nurse (Daniela Kulyas) to use at her discretion. It allows her to help individuals (WUMC members and non-WUMC members alike) in different ways and to purchase personal hygiene items to give out, also at her discretion.

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS—MERCY SHIPS

The mission of the month in October is Mercy Ships. Many of you remember that a representative from Mercy Ships spoke to the congregation about this amazing ministry. At that time, we were introduced to Bailey Havis, a nurse who spent time on the ship and talked to us about some of her experiences. Below is a letter from Bailey who we will continue to support as a missionary through out 2026.

My name is Bailey Havis, and I had the privilege of speaking at your church services a few months back about my time with Mercy Ships with Rosalinda. Rosalinda shared the news with me regarding the extremely generous donation your church congregation made to my long term commitment with the Global Mercy. I have been truly speechless since finding out - God is SO good. I do not have the words to express my deepest gratitude to each of you and your gracious church members. You all have been such kind contributors to Mercy Ships over the years, and I could feel the love and care you guys had for this organization when we were together. This organization is so special because of partners like you - both financially and in prayer. It is with my deepest gratitude that I come to you all to say thank you!

I have felt so very confident that the Lord was calling me back to the Global Mercy, but over the last few weeks, my fundraising efforts were not as successful as I had expected... I started to question God's plan, but with your contribution, God solidified to me that this was in fact His plan, and I have been overwhelmed with gratitude. I cannot be more excited to return to the ship in just about a month and keep you all updated on all that the Lord is doing in Freetown, Sierra Leone and beyond. Your generosity means more to me than I will ever be able to express, thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

With immense gratitude,

Bailey Havis
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Global Mercy Crew
Pediatric Ward Nurse

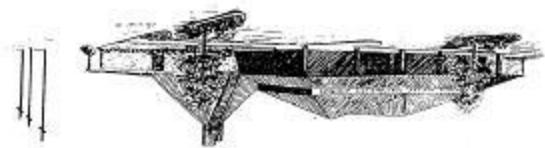
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	Larry Shanklin
	Meagan Allen
	Gary Belcher
Lay Leader	Darryl Taylor
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Dan Reese
Alternate Lay Delegate	Larry Shanklin

Upcoming Meetings for January:

6th, 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting, BH
13th, 5:30 pm - United Women in Faith Executive meeting, 303
13th, 6:30 pm - Ministry Planning Team Meeting, BH
15th, 6:00 pm - Foundation Board, 305
20th, 4:30 pm - Finance Team, BH
20th, 6:30 pm - Trustees Action Team Meeting, 303



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