



Windcrest UMC Connection

July 2023

Windcrest United Methodist Church



Welcome

to Windcrest United Methodist Church

Pastor Robert Waddle

Wifi- WUMC-Guest
password: disciples

Text in Church
210-817-7007

Text To Give
210-903-5589

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210-202-2811

Worship Services - Sundays: Traditional—9:00 am • Praise—11:00 am

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1/July 2023

Adapting to Change

“The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change” – Heraclitus

That is one thing I know is truth. Change happens. It is an inevitable part of life. It comes in many forms and is generally unexpected. No matter what form it comes in or how big or small, one thing is sure: we can't stop change from happening, we can only adapt. Some of us do that happily and some of us dig in and fight! History shows us time and again that those who don't adapt to change do not survive. Examples: dinosaurs, the French monarchy – to name a couple. Where are they now?

I won't start in on how to adapt to change, only that we are in the midst of change here at Windcrest UMC. As is the “norm” in the UM Church, we are having a pastor change. For me, Reverend Waddle will be the 8th pastor I have worked with in the nearly 30 years I have been employed at WUMC. So, shouldn't I be “used” to this? I am, however, it never gets easier. I have grieved each time a pastor goes and then rejoiced when the new one arrives. It is with hope and a small amount of anxiety that I welcome our new Pastor, Reverend Robert Waddle.

What I know of him so far is that he is a hugger, a great pray-er, and has a good sense of humor! These are all excellent qualities and I am excited to begin working with him. I will let him introduce himself in future newsletters, however, I know that you will all join me in giving him a warm welcome.

In addition to our new Pastor, we are also experiencing another (temporary) change. The program staff has decided to put our Wednesday nights fellowship meal/Communion on break for the months of July and August. This program began toward the end of the Covid shut downs as a way to celebrate Lent with soup dinners and Holy Communion. It has evolved into a wonderful time of fellowship over a meal, ending with Holy Communion and prayers. Yes – it is a fun and delightful midweek event. However, it was never meant to be a church staff-led event. The lack of volunteers has meant that our staff is left with the responsibility of cooking a meal each week, serving and cleaning up. And, this is in addition to their other full-time work. There are some additional issues that we need to look at, so, we are hoping to spend July and August reevaluating the event and looking at ways to bring it back so that it is purposeful and moves each participant closer to God. We are open to ideas from anyone who is willing to share and possibly help develop a new, laity-led ministry. This will definitely be one of our agenda items at future Ministry Planning Team meetings. These meetings are open to anyone in the church to attend and the next meeting is set for Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. in Room 303.

As we move forward, we trust in God to move within our lives and in our midst, to give us strength, wisdom, and discernment in our decisions, and that we continue to do His will for ourselves and our dear church. We ask God for strength in this time of change and grace when we make questionable decisions. Thank you to WUMC members for your support and love for the staff and for this church.

Marcy Williams
Church Administrator

From the Windcrest UMC Church Office



The church campus will be closed on July 4, 2023, in observance of Independence Day. Church campus will be closed on July 3, 2023, Marcy will be answering calls remotely.



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As of end of April 2023	Actual
Scheduled Giving	\$23,535.00
Unscheduled Giving	\$10,690.44
Total Operation Income	\$36,725.44
Total Operating Expenses	\$40,946.39
Balance	-\$ 4,220.95

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WUMC Birthdays/Ministry



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| 1 - Jessica Bristow
David Morrison | 16 - Caleb Greene
17 - Nannette Gwaltney |
| 3 - Virginia Newton
Kaylee Morton | 18 - Erin Dean
Natalie Fuller |
| 4 - Carolyn Johnston-
Schrader
Becky Fair | 19 - Eleanor Baentsch
21 - Laura Hoch |
| 5 - Norman Graham
Steven Byers | 22 - Jaime Daigle
23 - Sharon Falk
Darren Miller
Madeline Sossamon |
| 6 - Greg Ellard
7 - Jeannette Kight
Jonah James Herrera | 24 - Rip Stimpson
26 - Natalie Crews |
| 8 - Jiselle Lockhart
Luna Andrews | 27 - Frances Peace
Omari Parham
Cisco Romero |
| 9 - Amy Batiste Woodwick
10 - Makenzie Sossamon
Martin Valenzuela | 28 - Garrett Fair
Pat Woodbury
Marie Adkins |
| 11 - Karen JuVette
Justin Buckner | 30 - Carol Essenpreis
Alex Cruz |
| 12 - Seth Davis
13 - Janice Marsh
15 - Jody Siler
Elena Garcia
Sandy Pelton
Shae Andrews
Lena Recinos | 31 - Pattie Yarbrough
Carter Harper-Farr
Evencio Macario |

We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a July 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 birth date in our database.



Wednesday night dinners will be on-break for the summer. Stay tuned for updates.

Thank you to our June hosts:

- Debbie and Randall Andrews
- Church Council
- Allen and Rydell Families
- UMM and WUMC Staff



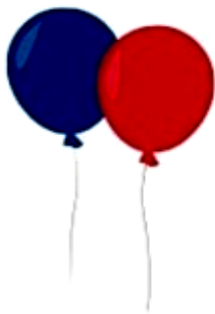
Submissions due *by Wednesday July 14* for the August Connection

OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, July 4, 2023
In observance of Independence Day**

4th of July Word Search

F O U R T H A U N I T E D S O
 R R E F I R E W O R K S Y B D
 E I E P A R A D E R W H I R A
 E B E V A S F L A T G A T I T
 N B L E O L U L I B E R E T H
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Puppet Ministry

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Felt Faith Puppet Ministry by attending one of their Summer 2023 shows. Our church is blessed to have some amazing youth who spend Sundays from 12-1:30pm creating not only a wonderful show, but special memories & friendships that will last a lifetime. The adults that help guide this group feel very privileged to have the opportunity to hang out with the coolest youth in our church. The puppeteers will be taking July and some of August off to rest. Then they will be at it again working on the Christmas 2024 show! If you missed any of our last few summer or Christmas shows- they are all uploaded to YouTube and the Felt Faith Puppet Ministry Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Felt.Faith . If you are interested in joining this fun & sometimes crazy group and are in 6th -12th grade, let us know.



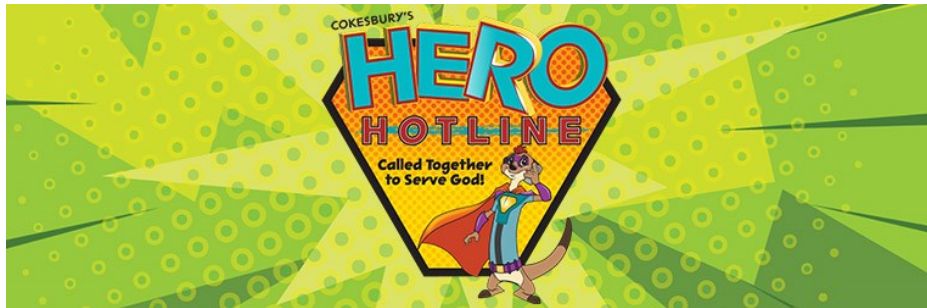
Movie Night: Luca

Join us on Friday, July 7 at 6pm in Bayless Hall. Bring your lawn chairs, bean bags or blanket to sit on the floor. We will have nachos and popcorn but feel free to bring your favorite movie snacks. Everyone is invited!



Vacation Bible School 2023

What a fun week we had at Hero Hotline VBS! Thank you to everyone who helped. Everyone who donated money/items, helped decorate, led a station, led a crew, and prayed are part of our VBS Team. We are fortunate to be able to continue to provide a free VBS for our community. Thank you Church for being the Church!

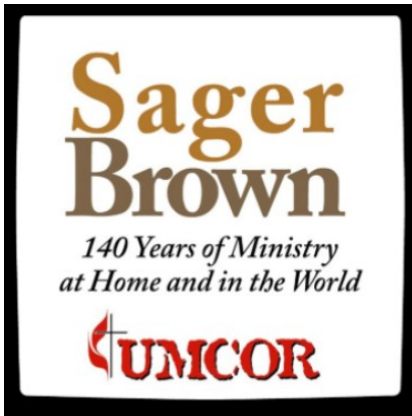


5th Sunday Brunch– July 30, 2023, 10:05-10:55am in Bayless Hall As a way of connecting those who attend different worship services, we are having a 5th Sunday Brunch. In lieu of Sunday School, come fellowship together over a brunch during the normal Sunday School hour. This 5th Sunday will be hosted by Dan Reese and the WUMC Youth. Menu is breakfast tacos!

Pastor Jim was given an original oil painting by WUMC member Abby Kilpatrick before he began his retirement adventure. She captured him as he presented a child for baptism with the other children in the “splash zone”. Abby said that this painting is symbolic of what this church means to her.



Mission Focus



Sager Brown Depot – Sager Brown Depot, located in Baldwin, Louisiana, provides opportunities for both short and long-term volunteers to engage in hands-on mission work. Their participation not only meets their personal need to serve God but it also helps those who are less fortunate and are in their greatest hours of need. Sager Brown Depot is part of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Relief Supplies Network. Windcrest UMC has a long history of supporting Sager Brown, through supply donations, monetary donations and sending mission teams to the depot to volunteer. In fact, we have a mission team forming now to spend a week at Sager Brown in November, 2023! Please support this important mission by making donations to Sager Brown during the month of July – or anytime

throughout the year. Sager Brown is also part of the 5-star giving program.



WUMC United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women in Faith (formerly know as United Methodist Women) is looking to renew and revitalize their ministry! We are seeking new members with fresh ideas, an open spirit, and a youthful point of view. If you are interested in being part of this new movement in women's ministry, please reach out to Dawn Crews or Rina Segura. Let's step up young women – and be part of this revitalization in the United Methodist Church!



F.A.S.T.

Face
Drooping

Arm
Weakness

Speech
Difficulty

Time to
Call 911

F.A.S.T. Warning Signs

Use the letters in F.A.S.T. to spot a Stroke

- F = Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- A = Arm Weakness – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = Speech Difficulty – Is speech slurred?
- T = Time to call 911

Other Stroke Symptoms

Watch for Sudden:

- NUMBNESS or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- CONFUSION, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- TROUBLE SEEING in one or both eyes
- TROUBLE WALKING, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- SEVERE HEADACHE with no known cause

For any questions please consult your doctor or your Wesley nurse Daniela Kulyas, BSN RN

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MINISTRY

We joined in the retirement celebration for Pastor Jim and Kercida and wished them the best as they venture out to Santa Fe.

We welcome Pastor Waddle and his wife Elisa and are excited about their presence and their gifts.

I am so humbled by the ways so many serve in countless hours getting to the people in need. When asked to serve, they see the ways they CAN bless others and find a way to make the reach as far and wide as necessary.

They learn new ways to meet the demands put on them as struggles become harder and more frequent. They set aside their needs for a time so they can address someone else's need that is more pressing and more urgent.

The comfort level for a giver isn't the determining factor. The service to others is what sets the tone and creates the willingness to perhaps be uncomfortable yet useful.

We have seen many changes at Neighbors Helping Neighbors and at this church and we always find a way to look at those changes as an adventure in discipleship!

It will be exciting to see what adventures are on the horizon!

Come see us any Thursday. We welcome all!

Thank you for your continued support and please feel free to reach out with any questions. Please contact Francyne Underwood at francyne@prodigy.net or at 210-355-1559.

Food Pantry every Thursday, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (with the exception of the first Thursday)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry distributes food every Thursday, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Windcrest United Methodist Church, 8101 Midcrown, Windcrest, Texas 78239. Please follow the signs for location of food pantry.

Volunteer and giving opportunities

If you would like to volunteer to help in the food pantry, call the church office for more information at 210-654-0404 or email francyne@prodigy.net.

Although contributions of non-perishables and checks are generous, please, consider placing one or two of these items on your grocery lists:

Beans	Vegetables	Peanut Butter
Pasta	Canned Meat	Crackers
Sauce	Fruit cups	Pop-top (ravioli, spaghetti, etc)
Rice	Mac & Cheese	Little boxes of Cereal



Community Outreach

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. FREE

Chair Yoga

Mondays 2:00 pm in Bayless Hall. FREE
Wednesdays 10:30 am in Bayless Hall. FREE
Fridays 10:30 am in Bayless Hall. FREE

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.

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 the Fellowship 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.

Grief & Life-Change Support Group—Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 am in room 105

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
Thursdays in Bayless Hall, 6:30—8:00 pm

AA Meetings
Wednesdays, room 303, 6:00—7:00 pm

Youth Group (6th—12 grade) - Sundays 2:00—4:00 pm, youth room (on-break the month of July)

WUMC Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Searchers-McClung Bldg., 303

SUNDAYS @ 10:05—10:55 am

The Inquirers-McClung Bldg., 302
Growing Family - McClung Bldg., 307
Builders Class-McClung Bldg., 301
The Procrastinators-McClung Bldg., 305

Children and Youth Sunday School @10:05-10:55 am

Summer Sunday school program. All children and youth should come to Youth Room from 10:05-10:55am for "Discovery on Adventure Island: A Quest for God's Light." Children will spend the Summer in the following stories: The Creation Story (June 4, 11 & 18), Moses and the Burning Bush (June 25, July 2 & 9), Faith Through the Roof (July 16 & 23 and August 6), and the "Lost" Parables (August 13, 20 and 27). The Youth will participate as leaders and helpers. The new Sunday School year will kick off on September 3, 2023.

WUMC Leadership Council

Council Chair	Chester Varner
Lay Leader	Larry Shanklin
Chair of SPRC	Grace Habicht
Chair of Finance	Deborah Cannon
Chair of Trustees	Shae Wiens
Lay Delegates	Dan Reese Larry Shanklin
Committee Members	Amy Batiste Dick Davis Stan Hess Barbara Moody Christina Wood

WORSHIP

Sundays—Traditional @ 9:00 am
Praise @ 11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours—Monday –Thursday, 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am—12:00 pm



Office Staff

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Senior Pastor	Robert Waddle	112	r.waddle@windcrestumc.org	
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Media Tech	Tim Ross			
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Church Treasurer	Jasmine Caldwell	111	J.caldwell@windcrestumc.org	Tu—Th
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Maintenance	Braulio Diaz			M-F
Custodian (weekend)	Michael George			Part-Time
Day School Director	Linda Wilcoxon	120	l.wilcoxon@windcrestumc.org	M-F
Wesley Nurse	Daniela Kulyas	142	DKulyas@mhm.org	

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