



Windcrest UMC Connection

March 2023

Windcrest United Methodist Church



Lenten Soup Dinners: beginning Wednesday, March 1

Join us for a soup dinner each Wednesday during Lent at 5:45 pm. Communion service will follow. Groups wanting to host a soup night, please contact Marcy Williams, m.williams@windcrestumc.org

A Service of Worship for Passion
Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023
Traditional worship service 9:00 am
Praise service 11:00 am

Holy Thursday
Seder Meal with Holy Communion
6:00 pm in Bayless Hall

Saturday
Baptisms/Baptism Renewal,
4:00 pm

Easter Sunday
9:00 am and 11:00 am



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210-817-7007

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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/March 2023

Let us Explore

I once read an article by Herb Miller, a church consultant, where he wrote about “unconscious intent”. I have been familiar with the concept for many years but never had a name for it. He called it an “invisible guidance system [that] exerts more power than the bylaws, the mission statement or any other document.”

I first remember observing this as a child. My mom’s outward intent for making us clean our rooms may have been so they would be clean. Sometimes, though, I believe I witnessed my mother’s unconscious intent to gain some sense of control over her life. If she had an especially tough day at the office, she might come home and ask why my room wasn’t clean. I could clean it thoroughly (which didn’t happen often). But if I did so begrudgingly, and only after she threatened me with some form of punishment, she didn’t seem pleased. If I showed respect and promptness, I could clean minimally and she seemed pleased. Learning this lesson early saved me many hours of cleaning. Her conscious intent appeared to be to have my room clean. Her unconscious intent may have been to feel she had control over some small part of her life. We are not always aware of our unconscious intent. Miller goes on to say, “Effective pastors and lay-leadership groups should become as conscious as possible of their unconscious intents.”

Part of our vision statement is “... to expand God’s kingdom by tearing down walls and building bridges.” This would be our conscious intent. Discovering our “unconscious intent” is much more difficult. Richard Dunagin tells the story of a Russian Rabbi who became discouraged. One evening he took a long aimless walk. Without realizing where he was, he strolled into a military compound. A guard suddenly confronted him with, “Who are you? Why are you here?” The old Rabbi, startled by the stern question replied, “What?” The guard said more loudly, “Who are you?” Why are you here?” The Rabbi blurted out, “How much do they pay you a month?” After the guard asked why he wanted to know the Rabbi replied, “Because I need someone to ask me those two questions every day! Who are you? Why are you here?”

We could ask ourselves those two questions as a congregation while looking at our mission statement. Who are we? Why are we here? Take this small part of the mission statement and ask, “What is the conscious intent? What is the unconscious intent? For example, “... to expand God’s Kingdom by tearing down walls and building bridges.” What walls am I not comfortable tearing down? Do we tear down “interior” or “exterior” walls? What do we do with the walls that make us feel good or safe? How far are we comfortable letting God’s Kingdom expand? We filter what we do and who we are with the history that brought about our unconscious intent. When we work to become aware of our unconscious intent and bring it in harmony with our conscious or stated intent, we can exert less energy, focus on our stated goal and actually be more productive.

All congregations and pastors have unconscious intents. As they move from unconscious to conscious, they are able to tolerate the ambiguities, embrace the differences and find harmony. Successful congregations blend the conscious and unconscious to create meaningful ministries in their communities. Lent is a time to truthfully explore our unconscious goals and bring them in line with God’s. In doing so we can tear down walls and build bridges.

See you Sunday,

Jim

Senior Pastor, Jim McClain
j.mcclain@windcrestumc.org

2/March 2023



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From the Windcrest UMC Church Office

Please welcome our new members



John and Barbara Harrington
Jared Underwood (rt)



Windcrest Day School
Mardi Gras Parade



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As of January 31, 2022	Actual
Scheduled Giving	\$50,676.76
Unscheduled Giving	\$7461.61
Total Operation Income	\$60,638.37
Total Operating Expenses	\$68,131.93
Balance	-\$7493.56

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WUMC Birthdays/Ministry



Ministry Planning Team

Are you interested in planning or taking part in the carrying out of programs and events within the church? If so, then you are invited to join the Ministry Planning Team. This group meets periodically to look at program planning and to assess what works, what doesn't work and explore new ideas. The Team meetings are open to ALL church members who are interested in programs, ministries and events. If you have an idea for something new, this may be the place to start!

Be watching the monthly newsletter for the next meeting date/time and show up – or contact Marcy or Dawn at the church office to get on the email list. We are excited to meet with everyone who has ideas and are willing to work as a team to make Windcrest UMC a fun and exciting place for worship and fellowship.

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| 2 - Eve Cisneros | 19 - Gary Belcher |
| Hazel Reaney | Linda Quebe |
| 3 - Hannah Mayer | Abby Kilpatrick |
| 4 - James Moody | 20 - Johnnie Waters |
| 9 - Tracy Greene | 22 - Laura Ferguson |
| 10 - Tim Ross | Mary Anne Neve |
| 12 - Kathy Macario | 24 - Gwen Perez |
| Marilyn Olivarez | Sid Underwood |
| 13 - Bill Bowen | Stan Hess |
| 14 - Kristen Reeves | 25 - Pat Unger |
| 16 - Brook Tidwell | 27 - Sherry Stimpson |
| David Allen | Emily Rydell |
| 17 - Kara Lazzaretti | 28 - Charles Greene |
| 18 - Karisa Tidwell | |
| Michael Heath | |

We don't want to leave anyone out! If you have a March 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*
March 19 for the
April Connection**

Music Ministry

Greetings to all!

As I'm writing this on Ash Wednesday, I realize there are only 6 more Wednesday's to rehearse for Easter on April 9th! If you have ever thought about joining the chancel choir this would be a great time to do so. We have a lot of beautiful anthems to learn and I would encourage you to give us a try. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:15. Either one or both rehearsals you would like to attend would be great!

The Sunday after Easter, April 16th at approximately 1 p.m. the children and youth will be performing the musical "Hallelujah!" We rehearse every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for thirty minutes in the choir room. It's not too late for your children to join in the fun.

Any questions, just email me at d.andrews@windcrestumc.org or call the church office at 210-654-0404.

In Joyful noise,

Debbie Andrews



Music Ministries

There are times in our lives that the phrase “Then sings my soul!” describes what we are feeling. When we experience joy and, yes, even uncertainty or sorrow, music and song can help us share what is deep in our souls.

Our Chancel Choir, Joyful Ringers and Praise Team members share their gifts and talents with us each Sunday by letting their “souls sing” and making a joyful noise! Music fills the spirit, revives and renews all those who attend worship services in person or online.

Debbie Andrews

Our Chancel Choir and Joyful Ringer bell choir are led by Debbie Andrews. She took over the helm a couple of years ago and has kept our groups singing and ringing through Covid and beyond. Debbie also leads the Children’s Choir, along with Janet Young. The children are learning about music and enriching their faith through music. Soon they will begin rehearsing for their Spring Show! Debbie loves spending time with her nine grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, reading, playing the piano, and camping with her husband and dogs.

Nadine Mansour leads the Praise Team and has done a wonderful job of integrating new persons into the group and creating a rotating team of talented musicians and singers. Some of Nadine’s favorite things are:

Color = purple, Animal=lion, Place to Be=the beach, Music=classical/soul/R&B/rock/fusion/hip hop, Artist=Bobby McFerrin.

Debbie and Nadine would love for you to think about sharing your gifts and talents with us by joining the Chancel Choir or Praise Team. It doesn’t matter if you have sung in a choir for many years or have never sung in a choir before...we want to learn to sing praises and worship God together with you.

Come and let the music fill you until your spirit is revived and renewed. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday night from 7:30 – 8:00 and on Sunday mornings from 8:15-8:45. The Praise Team rehearses on Thursday night at 7:00. Both groups meet in the Choir Room. Please come and join us this week.

If you have any questions about the music ministry, please call me at 654-0404 extension 118 or e-mail Debbie at d.andrews@windcrestumc.org or Nadine at nadinewindcrest@gmail.com.

Won’t you come and join us as we share our music to tell how great God is?

Children/Youth/Family Ministries

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at Windcrest UMC exists with the primary purpose of growing faith from cradle to young adulthood. “It takes a village” and here at WUMC we are your village throughout this short but significant time. We begin this journey with you by **BUILDING COMMUNITY** within and between families and helping children fully connect with their faith. As tween and teen years approach our focus shifts to **RAISING LEADERS** by helping them form healthy relationships and a desire to reach out in service to others. The high school years are a time of **DISCOVERING PURPOSE** where we focus much of our ministry on asking questions and discerning how our faith and life intersect. Throughout all of these phases we walk alongside parents and families so no one is alone through the trials and triumphs of raising faithful humans.

Dawn Crews has led the Children/Youth/Family ministries since December 2015. Before that time she was a faithful volunteer and ran the church nursery for a period of time as well. Under her leadership those ministries have flourished. She continues to bring new and exciting ideas to her team of volunteers and the church. There are always ways to serve in this fun and rewarding ministry – whether you prefer to teach/work behind the scenes/drive the church van/cook meals/provide snacks – those are just a few of the ways you can help out. Dawn would love to meet you and connect you to the fun world of children, youth and family ministry!

As the Director of Children/Youth/Family ministries, Dawn’s duties include but aren’t limited to:

Events pertaining to Children, Families, Youth
Children and youth Sunday school
Pumpkin Patch

Puppet Ministry
Nursery/Childcare
Manages the Church library

One thing Dawn doesn’t have is a lot of “spare” time but when she does have it, she loves spending time with family, especially her two granddaughters, Natalie and Abigail.

Congratulations to this years SOUPER Bowl winners!

- 1st. Megan Allen
- 2nd Debbie Andrews
- 3rd Pat Ridenour



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Annual SOUPER Bowl event.

Lenten Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came to the First Ever Lenten Workshop! We had a great time making pretzels and doing a few activities to prepare for Lent.



VBS 2023

Vacation Bible School is June 26th-June 30th from 9am-12pm. We will have a planning meeting on March 26th from 2-4pm in the Youth Space. Anyone interested in helping plan, decorate or serve on one of the elementary or preschool teams (crafts, science, recreation, snacks, missions) should try to attend. Childcare will be provided if requested. See Dawn for more info.

Youth Retreat & Summer Camp Update

Some of our Youth attended Winter Retreat 2023 from February 10th—12th and they had a great time. Retreats and camps are a great way to take a break from the influences of the “world” and focus on God. They also promote deeper friendships among the youth.

Summer camp, Camp Unidos, will be offered this summer at Twin Oaks Ranch from July 9th—13th. Our Youth want to attend and will be hosting a luncheon on April 16, 2023 for camp scholarships. Donations can be made to the Youth account #24110, mark your donation “camp scholarships.” Cost of camp is \$300/person. If your youth age 6th-12th (2022-2023 schoolyear) would like to attend, please let Dawn know no later than May 31st.



Congratulations

Congrats to Abigail Kilpatrick! On February 13, 2023, Abby was recognized for the patch she designed for the Marion Police Department.



WUMC MISSION FOCUS



UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief – Supporting programs that fight hunger and poverty, assist the displaced and respond to disasters. UMCOR is a Global Advance.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the ministry of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)—the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church—we are able to work alongside those in need to make a difference in communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change.

By working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild in the years following a disaster or crisis. UMCOR offers relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery and long-term health and development.

UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR special offering equips the organization to respond quickly.

On March 19, United Methodists around the world celebrate UMCOR Sunday to recognize the impact we achieve together. We invite you to join in this ministry! [Your donation](#) on this Special Sunday underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs so 100% of EVERY dollar received in response to emergency appeals is spent on direct relief. This helps us keep the promise that 100% of any donation is used for those in need.

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways. [Even the smallest gift makes an impact!](#)

WUMC Lenten Soup Dinners



Join us every Wednesday night for Lenten Soup Dinners in Bayless Hall at 5:45 pm. Communion service will follow. We are in need of group or family to host a Wednesday Lenten Soup Dinner if interested please contact Marcy Williams at m.williams@windcrestumc.org

Thank you to our February hosts:

Janie Walters
Jasmine Caldwell
Kristin Rodriguez

Ash Wednesday meal was moved to Shrove Tuesday, was hosted by the United Methodist Men

Help is needed each Wednesday to set up, serve, cook and clean up. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we want to know. Let the church office know if you can help.



The ministry of men in the local church is defined as a core group of men, partnering with their pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Everyone has different gifts, graces and areas of interest. For more Information contact Chester Varner, 653-7914.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS MINISTRY

Last month we mentioned we were able to provide scrip cards to our neighbors on two (2) Pantry days in December because of your generous support. 79 neighbors received a total of \$2665.00 scrip cards to Walmart for purchases of gasoline, groceries or Christmas gifts for their families. The church also received a bonus of about \$75 as a result of using the scrip card program which is now called Raise Right. The amount each household received was based on the number of family members in the home.

Through our partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, we have been notified that the emergency money given to families receiving SNAP (formerly food stamp program) will end in February. This money was allocated due to Covid as well as inflation. What does this mean in terms of our efforts to provide food for those that struggle? We will most likely see an increase in the number of families that come weekly to our Pantry and attend the San Antonio Food Bank truck distribution on the first Thursdays. We have already seen an increase in clients and we are preparing for a further increase in numbers. A large order was picked up at the Food Bank a few weeks ago and we see your donations as well.

In conclusion, thank you for all you do and a thank you to those that saw the email blast and were able to help out in February when we needed additional volunteers on that cold and windy February 2nd, Food Bank truck distribution. We anticipated about 75 families due to inclement weather but actually served 117 families and 381 family members!! You made it happen. Hallelujah!

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Ministry will be meeting soon to discuss our budget, goals and plans for 2023. We will provide additional information on that soon.

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 Underwood.

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



WUMC United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

The United Women of Faith (formally known as the United Methodist Women) invite you to join their circle meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am in room 303.

Scholarship

The Windcrest United Women in Faith will award "The Linda S. Short Memorial Scholarship" to first year college, technical, or vocational students from our church. Applications are available in the Church Office, the Gathering Place or from the Church Youth Director. Application deadline is by noon, May 1. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Green (210) 854-2289 rvingjg@yahoo.com or Linda Boyle (210) 655-6644 boylelinda22@gmail.com.

Windcrest United Women In Faith information and Social Action

Windcrest United Women In Faith had a great year in 2022 thanks to the support of everyone who attended and helped with our bazaar and rummage sale and special offerings. We were able to help support groups: Magdalena House, Methodist Children's Home, Vacation Bible School, Christmas families, out church kitchen and many others. Now we are looking forward to our yard/rummage on the 25th of March. Your donations and attendance will be greatly accepted. Look for more information in the Communicator and Sunday Bulletin. We invite you to come join us and learn more about UWIF at our meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in room 303.

UWIF Action Statement: Bold action, like faith, takes courage. Our bravery is inspired by God's love and our powerful commitment to improve the lives of women, children, and youth. United Women in Faith works for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems that harm women, children and youth—from racial and gender injustice to economic inequality, climate issues and more.

Marilyn Olivarez, VP and Social Action Coordinator WUWIF

A Note of Appreciation

February 1, 2023

Dear Windcrest Family,

On behalf of the entire Martindale and Thomson families I want to express our deepest appreciation for your kindness and gracious service shown us as we celebrated Doris Jane Thomson Martindale's life January 23, 2023.

Reverend Jim McClain was extremely thoughtful and helpful as he assisted in the planning and conduct of the services, both the private graveside service and the open memorial service. Thank you, Pastor. Reverend Joan Ahrens' comments regarding her love for Jane meant much to us and thank you, Debbie Andrews, for providing the all important music.

Thank you, Lace Team, for your gracious hospitality. The setting and food made for just the right time and place for family and friends to gather and share memories of our Jane. And a special thanks to Marcy Williams for going above and beyond to provide AV support so that the service could be live-streamed. I've received numerous comments from extended family and friends who were unable to attend in person, but able to view online.

The many cards, texts, emails and phone calls from Windcrest family have meant much to us and will continue to offer comfort in the future as we reread how much you loved our Jane and care for us in this time of sorrow.

With love,

Bob Martindale

Neighbors Helping Neighbors—Local School

Local Children's School Ministry Snack bags

Thanks to everyone that has dropped off donations of granola bars, fruit cups, ravioli pop-tops, chips, etc.

If anyone would like to donate something not listed, there's always individual boxes of raisins, Jello cups, jerky, juices, and pretzels. These would be appreciated. If you think of something else that is a nutritional snack, please, bring it.



Fruit cups	Crackers w/cheese	Small pop-tops:
Small cereals	Pudding cups	Ravioli
Pretzels	Jello cups	Spaghetti
Juices	Vienna sausages	Mac and Cheese
Apple sauce	Granola bars (no nuts or peanut butter)	Soup

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 - Hilliard Bldg., in Pastor's office

Builders Class-McClung Bldg., 301

The Procrastinators-McClung Bldg., 305

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

0-3 year olds—Jesus and Me, Jones Bldg., 203

Pre-K, Kinder—Godly Play, Jones Bldg., 208

1st-2nd grade—Godly Play, McClung Bldg., 308

3rd—5th grade—Upper Elementary, McClung Bldg., 307

6th—8th grade—Middle School, McClung Bldg., 306

9th—12th grades—High School, Hilliard Bldg., 105 (Youth Space)

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 Ron 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



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