

Pumpkin Patch 10a - 8p daily

Night of Worship 10/4

Fall Festival 10/11

Trunk-or-Treat 10/25



WUMC Men's Ministry
Steak and Conversation
 with Pastor Waddle



October 4th—Following Christ; John 13:34-35
November 1st—Changes Lives; 2 Corinthians 5:17
December 6th—We Are Sent; Matthew 28:19



From the Windcrest UMC Church Office



Check Out the Volunteer Board!

The Volunteer Board will be in the Gathering Place on Sundays. Take a moment to look it over and see where

you can lend a hand. Let's be the hands and feet of the church—serving together and making a difference in our community!

Believing & Belonging: Growing in CommUNITY

This fall, we're coming together for an exciting new season at Windcrest UMC — our *Believing & Belonging* campaign! From September through November, we'll celebrate what it means to be part of God's family, deepen our faith, and strengthen the connections that make our church such a special place.

Each month will focus on a different part of our journey together:

- **October – Discipleship:** *Belonging & Becoming* — Growing in Christ through community and learning.
- **November – Stewardship:** *Called to Belong* — Living out our belonging through service and generosity.

Our sub-theme, **Growing in CommUNITY**, reminds us that belonging is more than just being here — it's about building one another up, serving side-by-side, and reflecting God's love in all we do. Whether you've been here for years or are just finding your way, you have a place and a purpose in this family of faith.

Watch for inspiring worship series, special events, outreach opportunities, and ways to connect across all ministries. Together, let's make this a season where hearts are touched, faith is strengthened, and our community shines brighter than ever!

For more information, contact Amy Batiste (Communications Action Team)

Coming in November

November 15 - Church Retreat (9:00 am- 2:00 pm @ WUMC)

November 23 thru 29 - Decorating the church for Christmas

November 30 - One service at 10:00 am followed by 5th Sunday Forum

Finance Report

End of year 2024 **\$13,120.59**
As of August 31

Income	\$38,737.68
Expenses	\$44,584.66
Total	(\$ 5,846.98)

Year to Date (as of August 31)

Income	\$397,719.73
Expenses	\$394,719.91
Total	\$ 2,999.82

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Online



Visit www.windcrestumc.org

scan the QR Code to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.



Church App

Stay Connected with OUR MinistryOne app. Register for events, view your donation history, contact us and more all with the convenience of your phone.



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From Pastor Robert Waddle

Harvest of Hope

Leaf color changes are a reminder of nature's seasonal cycles. October is a time of reflections, gratitude, and preparation as we embrace the blessing of fall and the coming winter.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9



This month, we focus on the harvest of hope—not just in the physical sense, but spiritually. What seed have you sown this year? Have you tended to your faith, your relationships, and your walk with God? Let us continue to trust in His timing, knowing that every small act of love and service bears fruit.

Windcrest, let us be people that harvest the fruit of the spirit—joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we are harvesting, that means we have planted, so we reap what we sow! Praise God!

With love,

Pastor Robert Waddle

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WUMC Men's Ministry



Saturday, October 18, 2025, 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. Books are available to purchase in the church office, for \$13 each.

We meet monthly to build community and strengthen our walk with God. For more details contact the church office.

WUMC Birthdays/Ministry



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| 1 - Stephanie Fraser-Buckner | 18 - Dick Davis |
| 3 - Ron Hoch | 20 - Sandy Sprit |
| 4 - Travis Hoch | 23 - LaDelle Conger |
| 5 - Helen Vatankehah | 24 - Samantha Turner |
| 6 - Cindy Jarvis | Terri Bonn |
| 8 - Mary Anne Feltner | 25 - Fran Ross |
| 9 - Kitty Baccus | 27 - Dan Reese |
| 11 - Al Kelso | Randy Andrews |
| 13 - Byron Miller | Ruth Graham |
| Tava Pitman | 28 - Susan Crites |
| 16 - Nancy Khan | 30 - Mike Pitman |
| 17 - Susie McClung | 31 - Bob Avella |
| Diane Beckley | |
| Jarek Ellis | |
| Patrick Patton | |

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** **October 15** for the **November Connection**

If you would like to receive a mailed copy of the monthly *Connection*, please contact the church office to request one. Thank you.



Pastor Waddle invites you to join his weekly Bible study where we are currently studying the book of I Corinthians 15. Every Tuesday from 11:00 am until 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.



The Royal Order of Terrific Seniors (R.O.O.T.S.) potluck luncheons on the 3rd Monday of October in Bayless.

We'll meet in Bayless Hall and eat promptly at 11:30 am. If you're a first time visitor, bring nothing; you're our guest! If you're a regular, please have your dish present and ready by 11:30. Suggested donation for this event is \$1, which reimburses the church for coffee, tea, table coverings, and utilities. Please DO consider bringing a friend. We'd love to grow this group. If you have questions, or suggested future programming, please contact:

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When we share our blessings, we become God's hands on earth. This Thanksgiving, sponsoring a family, means giving not just a meal, but love, hope, and a reminder that they are never forgotten.

If you can sponsor a family for a Thanksgiving meal, Please call Wesley Nurse Daniela Kulyas at 210 272-7801

Meals will be purchased from Bill Millers and delivered to the family of your choice. There are families of all sizes and needs, **You can be the answer to their prayers this Thanksgiving 2025**

WUMC Events



JOIN US

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

10 AM – 2 PM

for Food,
Rummage, Vendors,
kids scavenger hunt,
and
Much more!

at
Windcrest United Methodist Church
8101 Midcrown Dr., Windcrest, TX 78239
windcrestumc.org



FALL
at WUMC



Sunday Night Together: October Disciple Mini-Series

Join us for a special virtual discipleship series this October:

Sunday Night Together: Believing & Belonging in Action

Led by our very own **Shae Wiens** and hosted by Amy Batiste, this series will be a time of insightful teaching, reflection, and discussion.

- **When:** Sundays (October 12, October 19, & October 26) from 6:30 to 7:30 PM (via Zoom)
- **Who:** Open to all—no prior reading or preparation required! Come ready to learn, share, and encourage one another on the journey of discipleship!

Registration is required to receive Zoom link. The registration link will be in the Friday E-blast, or contact Amy Batiste at amybatiste@icloud.com to receive the link (Please include "Send WUMC Link" in the subject line).



WUMC Children and Youth Ministry



Free Movie Nights by the Patch!

Join us for two cozy evenings under the stars with family-friendly films and fall vibes!

October 3

Movies: *It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* & *Monsters Inc.*

Showtime: 7:30 PM

October 17

Movies: *Spookley the Square Pumpkin* & *Casper*

Showtime: 7:30 PM

What to Bring: Lawn chairs or blankets, dinner or snacks — whatever makes you comfy!

Free Popcorn Provided! Come early to grab a good spot.

Puppet Ministry

October 5, 12:15-1:45 pm

October 12: No practice, come unload pumpkins!

October 19, 12:15-1:45 pm

October 26, 1:15-2:00 pm



Patch Open Daily 10:00 am - 8:00 pm



Youth Group in October

Join us every Sunday from 2-4pm as we serve in the Pumpkin Patch!

It's a great way to connect, give back and enjoy time among the pumpkins. Don't forget to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated!

Why volunteer?

It's a fun and rewarding way to support our Children & Youth Ministries

You'll meet amazing people from our church and community You'll help share the love and light of Christ in a joyful, seasonal way And honestly... the pumpkins kind of sell themselves!

Our Patch has become a beloved fall tradition for so many families and your time helps keep that tradition alive.

Volunteer shifts are just 2 hours & easy to fit into your schedule and packed with purpose.

Sign up today (<https://signup.com/go/hFjDSQW>) and be part of something special!

6/October 2025

Fall Events



Pumpkin Re-Supply

We've got another big batch of pumpkins rolling in on **Sunday, October 12 at 12pm** and we could use some extra hands to help unload! This is a great opportunity for anyone who needs service hours. Come lend a hand, hang out, and be part of the pumpkin patch ministry!



Fall Festival: October 11, 2025 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sign up now to be a vendor at this year's Fall Festival.

Scan QR Code



Trunk-or-Treat is Coming!

Mark your calendars for a spooktacular night of costumes, candy, and community fun on Saturday, October 25 from 6–8 PM!

We need YOU!

Decorate your trunk and join the candy crew!

Candy donations (or monetary contributions) are super appreciated to keep the treats flowing!

Whether you're passing out goodies or attending with your kids, it's always a blast for volunteers and visitors alike.

Let's make this the sweetest night of the season!



United Women in Faith Baking Day: Friday, October 10 – All Day

Let's Bake & Bond! We're firing up the church kitchen to whip up all the goodies for our Fall Festival Bake Sale! Bring your baking supplies and join the fun- everything must be prepared in the church kitchen. Even store-bought treats must be packaged in the church kitchen. A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Place on the "Meet & Greet" table. Got questions? Lorraine Flakes has the scoop!

WUMC United Women In Faith



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Potluck Luncheon

October 26, 12:30 pm, Bayless Hall

Hey ladies -we're saving you a seat!

All women of the church and community are warmly invited to join us for a delicious potluck meal, lots of laughter, and meaningful connection.

Bring a dish to share, come as you are, and enjoy an afternoon of friendship, food, and fun. Whether you're new or a familiar face, we'd love to have you with us!

Hannah Circle – Girls' Night In!

Friday, October 10 at 6:30pm. Childcare provided.

After our potluck dinner, we'll package up all the baked goods, then roll into a lively game of Bunco! Bring: a potluck dish to share & five \$1 prizes for the game. It's a night of laughter, connection, and sweet treats so come as you are and bring a friend!

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

Sarah-Ruth Circle - October 15th, 9:30 am, room 303

WUMC Music Ministry

By the time you read this, there will be beautiful pumpkins in our parking lot! I love this time of year! All my grandchildren have enjoyed our pumpkin patch through the years and continue to enjoy. Please sign up to work a shift at the pumpkin patch. It's a great ministry and you meet a lot of interesting people. It's a lot of fun!

Children's Choir News

The children and some of our youth will be presenting, "Come and Behold Him" on **December 7th at 4p.m.**

If you would like your child to participate in the **Christmas Pageant**, please bring them to rehearsals during October and November. We meet at **3:00 on Sundays** in the choir room. At 3:30 there is our Youth Ukulele class (ukulele). We would love to add more ukuleles to our group! We will be playing on October 19th for the Children's Sabbath Sunday. The Children's Choir will also be participating. I feel music, especially Christian music, is important for everyone.

Chancel Choir

Your chancel choir meets at **8:15** on Sunday morning to go over our anthems for that Sunday and future Sundays. If 8:15 is too early for some of you, 8:30 would be fine. We would love to have more voices in our choir.

Joyful Ringers

The Joyful Ringers are busy rehearsing music for this semester and for our Christmas program on Christmas Eve. While our bell choir is full right now, please put the Christmas Eve concert on your calendar. More to follow.

On **December 6th at 1 p.m. the River City Ringers!** As many of you have been to their spring concerts here, it is a real treat to have them perform their Christmas Concert here! Put this on your calendar!

Our **Christmas Extravaganza** will on **December 7th at 4:00 p.m.** So far we have the children performing their pageant, special music from our own Joyful Ringers. The Felt Faith Puppets will also perform, which is always a treat! More news to follow on this developing event.

Thank you for supporting the music ministry here at Windcrest United Methodist Church!

In Joyful Noise,

Debbie Andrews



The WUMC Choir needs your rummage for the Annual Fall Festival Rummage Sale.

We are accepting donations in the church office or in the Choir Room. Please no clothing, large furniture or magazines. Thank You.

October Mission Focus



Mercy Ships is an international charity. Mercy Ships currently operates the largest non-governmental hospital ship in the World, providing humanitarian aid like free health care, community development projects, community health education, mental health programs, agriculture projects, and palliative care for terminally ill patients. Mercy Ships has operated in more than 57 developing nations and 18 developed nations around the world, with a current focus on the countries of Africa.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry

Join us every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. as we open our doors to serve the community through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.

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).

I choose to serve because:

"I believe in the Bible verse, "Love thy neighbor as you would love yourself" Matthew 22:39

"Volunteering with NHN has helped me establish relationships with people that I otherwise would not cross paths with. Hopefully by visiting our campus they feel loved and feel comfortable and want to attend a service"

"God has blessed me abundantly. I want our clients to feel loved and blessed also. Some are so appreciative of the food we provide"

"I love to help others and the children won't go hungry"

"God called me to be here"

"God told me to be useful"

"It keeps me off the streets!"

"Jesus said, If you do it to the least of these, you have done it unto me!"

"I enjoy helping people"

"When I became a United Methodist I took a vow to do many things and one of those was to give of myself in service. Because of this commitment to my church, to Christ's church, I have made it an intention to act out that vow. I am serving CHRIST and I remind myself of that on the hard days. Because not every day is easy. But I find strength in Christ"



Date: August 7, 2025

Dates: August 14, 21, 28, 2025

SA Food Bank Drive Up Distribution	Qty
# of families served	193
# of people in those families served	718
# of new families served	32
# of volunteers serving	25
# of lbs. of food distributed	13,000

NHN Pantry Distribution	Qty
# of families served	201
# of people in those families served	641
# of new families served	43
# of volunteers serving	49
	9,289

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.

WUMC Outreach

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

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.

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 regard-
less 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.

Sunday School

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

Fall Sunday School

Children and Youth classes are back, and we're so grateful for
all our amazing volunteers-those who served all summer and
those returning this fall. Teaching our kids is a big calling, and
there's still room for others who feel led to help guide and
equip the next generation in faith. See Dawn Crews for more
information .

Everyone is always welcome!

WUMC Leadership Council

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Chair	Chester Varner
Senior Pastor	Robert Waddle
Finance Chair	Laquita Wynn
Trustees Chair	Dick Davis
Ministry Planning Chair	Betty Sullivan
Pastor Parish Relation Chair	Gary Belcher
Lay Member	Barbara Moody
	Larry Shanklin
	Meagan Allen
	Jaime Daigle
Lay Leader	Darryl Taylor
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Dan Reese

Upcoming Meetings for October:

- 7th, 6:30 pm - Church Council Meeting, BH
- 13th, 5:30 pm - United Women in Faith Executive
meeting, 303
- 14th, 6:30 pm - Ministry Planning Team Meeting, BH
- 16th, 6:00 pm - Foundation Board, 305
- 21st, 4:30 pm - Finance Team, BH
- 21st, 6:30 pm - Trustees Action Team Meeting, 303

October Calendar

OCTOBER 2025

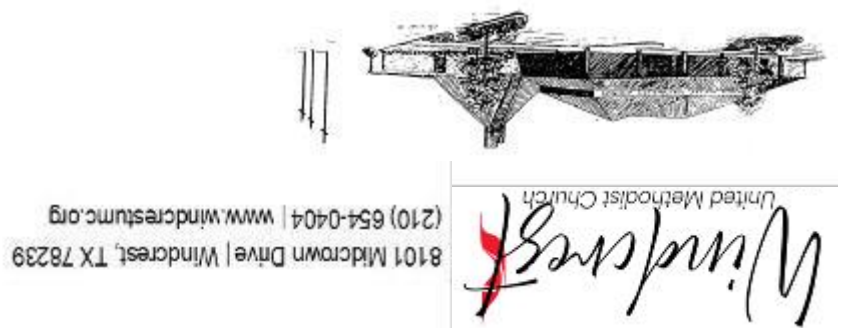
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Pumpkin Patch is open daily October 1st—31st 10:00 am—8:00 pm		1 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Wor- ship 6:30p Sanct.	2 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH SA Food Bank 8a Tops 6p BH Praise Team 7p Sanct	3 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Movie in the Patch 7:15p	4 Night of Wor- ship 6p
5 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Wor- ship 11a Puppet Rehearsal 12:15p Youth Group 2p Children's Choir 3p Ukelele Club 3:30p	6 Chair Yoga 2p BH Cub Scouts 6:30p BH Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	7 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Church Council 6:30p BH	8 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot- luck & Communion 6:30p BH	9 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH NHN Food Pantry 10a Tops 6p BH Praise Team 7p Sanct	10 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Hannah Cir- cle—Bunco 6:30p BH	11 Fall Festival 10a-3p
12 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Worship 11a Youth Group 2p PUMPKIN RESUPPLY DELIVERY 12P Children's Choir 3p Ukelele Club 3:30p Virtual Disciple Mini- Series 6:30p on Zoom	13 Games Day 10:30a Chair Yoga 2p BH UWF Executive Mtg 5:30p 303 Cub Scouts 6:30p BH Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	14 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Ministry Planning 6:30p BH	15 Sara Ruth Circle 9:30a 303 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot- luck & Communion 6:30p BH	16 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH NHN Food Pantry 10a 301 Tops 6p BH Foundation Board, 6p 305 Praise Team 7p Sanct	17 Chair Yoga 10:30p BH Movie in the Patch 7:15p	18 Kosa (Kairos) 8:30a BH Men's Steak and Conver- sation 5p
19 UMM Breakfast 7:30a BH Chancel Choir 8:15a Traditional Worship 9a Contemporary Worship 11a Puppet Rehearsal 12:15p Youth Group 2-4p Children's Choir 3p Ukelele Club 3:30p Virtual Disciple Mini- Series 6:30p on Zoom	20 R.O.O.T.S. Luncheon 11a BH Cub Scouts 6:30p BH Bell Rehearsal 6:30p	21 Sit and Be Fit 9a BH Grief Support 9:45a 301 Pastor's Bible Study 11a Finance Team Mtg 4:30p BH Trustees Action Team Mtg 6:30p 303	22 Chair Yoga, 10:30a BH Wednesday Pot- luck & Communion 6:30p BH	23 Sit N Be Fit 9a BH NHN Food Pantry 10a Tops 6p BH Praise Team 7p Sanct	24 Chair Yoga 10:30a BH	25 Trunk or Treat 6p
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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



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Worship Services - Sundays: In person and Live online at 9:00 am and 11:00 am <https://www.facebook.com/windcrestumc/>