



Thoughts from Pastor David...

Things have really been busy around here over the **last** few months, especially with special Sundays. We had a wonderful Summer Celebration on July 30, followed by Consecration Sunday on September 17, and then Laity Sunday on October 15. We have another big Sunday coming up on November 19 - Homecoming! This promises to be another special celebration as we gather together and proclaim that Wrightsboro UMC is more than just our church - it is our home. We hope that former members of the family will return to share in our celebration of all that God has done here over the years and continues to do today.

I have invited our District Superintendent, Rev. Edie Gleaves, to be our guest preacher. The choir is working on some special music, and the Good News Singers will bless us as well. Another special musical treat is in the works, but it's too early for me to share; and, it would spoil the surprise! Following worship, we will gather together on the grounds to share

a covered dish meal and a time of fellowship. Our new shelter is 90% complete, so we will have the joy of putting it to good use.

As we remember and celebrate that WUMC is our church home, we will have some people step forward and proclaim that WUMC is their "official" church home by taking membership vows and joining the church. If the Lord has been leading you to join the church and become a "formal" member, please contact me so we can discuss it. If you have not been baptized or made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and feel led to do so, this will be a perfect opportunity. Give me a call and let's talk about taking that important step.

Let's start getting the word out about our special Homecoming celebration and invite everyone we can - friends, neighbors, family, even strangers. It will be a wonderful occasion to have visitors and introduce them to this wonderful church!



Stephen Ministry is a ministry of Christian caregiving. If you need someone to encourage you when life gets hard, pray with you, listen as you share your story,

then our Stephen Ministers can help. Contact one of the pastors for more information.

November Anniversaries

10 Ron & Viola Oswandel
27 Bill & Marie Crump

Facebook



Yes, Wrightsboro United Methodist Church has a facebook page! Some of you have already liked our page and we thank you. If you have not already done so, please take time to go and "like" our page. Also, you can really help us get the word out about what we are doing here at Wrightsboro UMC by not only liking the posts but also by sharing the posts. This will increase the number of people exponentially who see our posts. Another way you can help is when a question is posted, answer the question. This will help open up the communication. Lastly, if you have some time on your hands and would like to help keep our social media current, please contact the church office.

Pre-Advent Gathering

This year, we have a Sunday between Thanksgiving and the first Sunday in Advent. On that Sunday, November 26, we have planned a very special afternoon and evening of food, fun, fellowship and worship.

We will gather at the church at 4:30 and begin decorating all the facilities for Advent and Christmas. Current plans include a REAL Christmas tree for the Sanctuary, so we will need lots of help decorating it, including adding the lights.

When we finish with all the decorating, we will come together in the Fellowship Hall for dinner. The current menu includes a variety of homemade soups and sandwiches; and, I bet we can find some Christmas cookies for dessert.

Following dinner, we will move into the Sanctuary for a brief worship service, with a focus on singing our favorite Christmas carols.

This will be a wonderful way to prepare for and enter into the Advent season. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us, and look for a sign-up sheet in the near future.



November 5th
Daylight Savings
Time Ends

November Birthdays

1 Joyce Hollingsworth
4 Debra LaRue
6 Doug Bardwell
8 Dillon Eastmond
10 Helen Seese
11 Tina Messenger
13 Nataleigh Porter
13 Bettie Dresser
16 Reba Marlowe
17 Michael Tate
17 James Messenger
18 Ruth Cannon
19 Charles Lawhon
19 Tim Wilson
20 Brenda Bouwens
21 Gene Rivenbark
21 Jamie Roberts
22 Susie Gottlieb
24 Wilson Rumley
24 Debbie Steagall
25 Donna Wolfe
28 John Moore
30 Gail Nunn

Deeds of Mercy

The Deeds of Mercy is an outreach ministry of the Church to provide monetary aid to families in our church and community in times of need. The fund is designed to be a helping hand rather than a "pay it all" ministry.

We receive a special offering for the Deeds of Mercy on the 1st Sunday of the month during communion, and those funds are usually fully disbursed during the remainder of the month \$625.00 in October. Our funds for October ran out early in the month, so I anticipate that November will be a very busy month. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry!

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer concern? Who do you contact?

Email Aileen Jennings, at aileen928@gmail.com, who will email it out to the prayer chain. If you would like to receive the prayer chain email contact the church office. Just remember that you are committing to pray for the members of our church and their family and friends.

In Case of Emergency

The defibrillator is now located in the cabinet marked AED on the wall in the hallway beside the sanctuary.

Also, we have consolidated all our first aid supplies - first aid kit, blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, glucose meter, glucose tablets and Propel or something similar for sudden blood sugar drops. All these items are now located in the cabinet in the Welcome Center, behind the door with the "First Aid" sign.



The 2018 Altar Flowers chart is posted in the hallway across from the restrooms. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers in the

Sanctuary on a Sunday during 2018.

Dates Available in 2017

December 17

The cost of flowers is \$49.00. You can mark your check or envelope "flowers" and place it in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact the church office

DVD Ministry

Each week, John Fuller records our 10:50am Worship Service. If you missed worship or would like to share the service with a friend or family member, copies are available. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby; put your name and date of the service and we will get a copy to you. A donation of \$5.00 is appreciated to cover the cost of supplies

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

On Thanksgiving Day, we will join together with other churches in the Wrightsboro Community to serve a Thanksgiving meal for the community. The event will be held in the Wrightsboro Baptist Church Family Life Center, and everyone is invited. Each church is being asked to provide something for the meal, and we have offered to provide a total of 15 turkeys, some cooked and some uncooked. We also need volunteers to help set up, cook, serve and clean up. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby. For more information, contact [Shirley Clawson](#)

Did you know that when you make a purchase on Amazon.com that you can support Wrightsboro UMC?
www.smile.amazon.com

Bible on CD

Joyce Wardrip has graciously donated the entire King James version of the Bible on CDs. She tells how much they meant to her late husband, Jerry, as he spent time in the hospital and was not able to read his Bible.

They are being kept in the Welcome Center, on the back lower shelf. If you or someone you know would find comfort in listening to one or more of the CDs, feel free to come and borrow. We would just ask that when you are finished listening that you return them so they will be available for others to borrow and enjoy.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Each year, WUMC provides families with items for a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Many recipients come from the Food Pantry, but some are from our congregation. We have committed to provide 10 baskets this year, and we need donations of food and/or funds to fill them. Items we like to provide for the families include:

Turkey
Stuffing
Potatoes
Green beans
Corn
Cranberry sauce
Bread/Rolls
Chicken broth
Butter
Eggs
Flour
Sugar
Apples

We need to have all donations by November 15th. You can deposit food items in the shopping cart in the lobby. If you would like to make a monetary donation to purchase needed items, you can place it in the offering plate during worship or give it to Stacy.

Thank you for your support!

Family Night

Again, Thank you!, to all the October volunteers. I couldn't do it without you. If you are unable to help on your Wednesday, please let me know so I can make sure I have enough desserts/cooks/cleaners. Email Tina at messtina66@gmail.com

November menus:

1 - Chili & Baked Potato
8 - Fried Chicken & Mac & Cheese
15 - Meatloaf & Rice
22 - NO FAMILY NIGHT
29 -

Parking notes

The Cape Fear Optimist Club will host a tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 11-12. As in the past, they will direct their participants to not park in our lots in front, behind and beside the church. We should have plenty of parking, but you may want to allow yourselves a little extra time.

Also, they are scheduled to receive their Christmas Trees on Sunday, November 19. They usually have their lot roped off, so please plan to park in one of the church lots. Thank you for your cooperation.

Adult Singles Ministry

The Adult Singles group has two fun adventures planned in the near future.

On Friday, November 10, we will go to the Dickens Christmas Show in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It is a beautiful craft show. We plan to leave the church at 9:30 a.m for Myrtle Beach, tour the Christmas show, eat dinner at Calabash, and return early evening. Tickets to the show are \$10 at the door, \$9 on line, or depending on the group size we may be able to get tickets at \$8 each.

On Saturday, December 9, we will go to see the Christmas lights at Enchanted Airlie. We plan to meet at the church at 4:00 p.m., have dinner at K &W, and visit Enchanted Airlie from 7 to 9 p.m.. Ticket prices vary based on vehicle size. The group will ride together and share in the vehicle ticket cost.

If you are an adult single age 50 or over, please join us. We need to get a headcount so we can get tickets. If you plan to go to either event, please sign up now.

For more information, please contact Gail Nunn at gpnwilm@ec.rr.com.

College Ministry

Care Packages

For the last 3 years, we have sent our college students care packages filled with goodies during exam time. Last spring, time became short and we sent them a card with a gift card to McDonald's. We received a good response to these cards, so we thought we would do that again for finals this year. For most colleges, finals are the week after Thanksgiving, so we would like to send out a card and gift card right before Thanksgiving. We have 10 in college this semester. If you would like to make a donation to help this ministry, please make checks payable to WUMC and include "college" in the memo line or see Stacy Bryn.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MERCI

A group from WUMC traveled to Goldsboro Oct. 14 for another work day at the disaster relief warehouse. We processed shoe boxes for shipment to the children of Armenia. There are still boxes to be inspected and, if enough people are interested, we will go again on Nov.4. See a member of the Missions & Outreach Team to sign up.

YARD SALE

Thanks for all the donations, and to all the wonderful volunteers who came out to sort and organize on Friday and then to help set up, sell, and clean up on Saturday. We raised \$1,250 to be used toward a "Rise Against Hunger" event to be held in January. We need an additional \$1650 for this important ministry to happen. Meals of rice and beans will be put together and heat-sealed to be shipped to hungry people here and around the world. Please consider helping out with donations and volunteering in January.

Friday Night Fellowship

Friday Night Fellowship is a dinner group that meets the 3rd Friday of the month at a different restaurant.

This month you are invited to join us at Sweet n Savory Cafe, November 17 at 6:30pm. Sweet n Savory Cafe is located at 1611 Pavilion Pl, Wilmington, NC. Sign up in the lobby today.



Christmas Program Rehearsal Dates have been set.

Every person in our church Christmas program is vital. We are planning on having only 3 full rehearsals, so please mark your calendars if you or your youth/child is or wants to be involved.

They are all on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm after the family night dinner, and we will meet in the sanctuary. Please let me know if you cannot attend one or more rehearsals.

Here are the dates:

November 1st
November 29th
December 6th
See you there!

Pam Lipka 910-796-1252

Children's Ministry

CHICKEN FARM OUTING

A good time was had by some of our children at the Go Chicken Coop Oct. 8. The children went on a hayride, found their way through a corn maze, raced rubber duckies, climbed through tunnels of hay and had lunch at McDonald's.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual fall festival for the children was held October 25 and was fun for everyone. We had a record-breaking crowd of families come out for the festivities. Over 250 hot dogs were served and tons of candy and popcorn were given away. The children enjoyed games, a hayride, bouncy house and a cupcake walk. We had nine cars for trunk-or-treaters to visit for candy. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many volunteers; thank you!

WUMC Youth

As we begin a month of giving thanks, I reflect on how thankful I am for the our youth group here at Wrightsboro UMC. We have seen growth in many ways in the youth group. The youth have been bonding and growing in their faith. This past October we had a dinner party to begin the month and ended the month with a trip to Hubb's Corn Maze and Lock In. We had 28 participate in the corn maze. Fun was had by all!

We look forward to a time of spiritual growth and renewal for our youth at Pilgrimage, November 10-12. This is a major event for the youth. They listen to speakers discuss topics of faith, as well as listen to testimonies by other youth from around the state. They also have a youth band that performs along with lots of fun and fellowship. The weekend ends with an amazing church service where more than 5,000 people celebrate Holy Communion. God definitely moves in these kids' hearts.

We would love for each and every member of the church to pray for these kids and encourage them along their way on their faith journey. If you would like to be involved with the youth or know a youth who would like to join us, please let Chris or Gina Crowder or any staff member know. We have a place for you!



Operation Enduring Love

This Advent season, we are preparing and sending a care package to our military who are deployed and serving on the front lines. Below is a list of suggested items. Deadline for donations will be November 26th. For more information, contact Pam Spencer 910-253-8716. Thank you for supporting our military serving on the front lines!

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- Beanie babies or other small stuffed animals, 6 inches or smaller
 - Decks of standard & "UNO" playing cards
 - Mini sets of dominos, chess & checkers
 - Poker sets
 - Puzzle books
 - Sports & fitness magazines
 - Magazines for our female soldiers
 - News & entertainment magazines
 - Earphones
 - CDs & DVDs
 - iTunes gift cards
 - Hand-held games
 - Any little plaques or small items with "love sayings", funny or serious
 - Sunscreen & eye drops
 - Toiletries, such as body wash, shampoo, lotion, dental floss, nail clippers, razors, loofahs, etc.
 - AA & AAA batteries in packs of 4
 - Vicks VapoRub, cough drops, Neosporin
 - Hairpins and/or hair ties for females
 - Breath mint strips
 - Tuna in can or packet
 - Beef jerky
 - Jumbo sunflower seeds & any kind of nuts
 - Peanut butter & Nutella
 - Hard candy, sweet or sour
 - Instant pudding
 - Sport and protein bars
 - Texas Pete and other hot sauces
 - Non-perishable foods in small single serving size, like Vienna sausage
 - Energy drinks
 - Single serving drink mixes
 - Cans of bean & other dips; salsa & queso of any kind
 - MOST TREASURED ITEMS are letters and cards from children and adults, and art from children.

Finance Committee Update:

Dear Church Family,

Week-by-week, through your generosity with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, the church educates young and old; provides space for prayer, faith development, and personal transformation; assists the poor, visits the sick, and supports people in times of trial; conducts worship; assists with other needs through the greater Methodist connection; and, in general, helps people to experience and live Christ's life and to work for a more just, loving, and peaceful world.

Be sure to keep your email address updated with the church office by adding/updating it in the attendance pad on Sunday morning or notifying the church secretary of changes. We communicate a great number of items via email, so it is a wonderful way to stay connected.

For the month of September 2017:

Total funds taken in: \$ 34,223.66

Of note, this figure includes the following amounts collected:

Building Use	\$ 100.00
UMCOR	\$1,753.00
Missions	\$ 415.00

Total funds spent paying bills: \$23,755.34

The receipts toward the renovations of the Fellowship Hall project are \$31,180.00 thru September 30, 2017. The mortgage payout as of September 30, 2017 is \$764,964.20. Apportionments are up to date.

Our online giving option will soon be changing processing companies. This will, hopefully, be a smooth transition---visible only to those of us behind the scenes. We have been notified that our account has been created, so Stacy will soon be contacted to go through setting up the details. Functionally, givers will continue to click the link available online for tithes and donations. Any questions or issues with the current or new click and pledge online giving module can be directed to Stacy in the church office.

Kristine Chandler
Finance Chair



The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm. This month's project is

collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry, so bring an item with you. All women of the church are invited. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, please plan to join us.



Saturday 10/28 & 11/4

On Saturday 10/28 and 11/4 we will be putting out door hangers and standing in front of the Wrightsboro Food Lion collecting nonperishable food. The food collected goes to Wrightsboro UMC's food pantry. This is an annual event and in recent years we have done this more than once a year. This gives both scouts and scouters a better understanding of our community, doing for others, strengthening community bonds through the Lord's work, a sense of belonging, accomplishment, plus it is fun. So if a hanger appears on your door please consider putting some food out. This year Samuel Crowder is heading this up. Not for rank, award or reward but just because even at his young age he understands the meaning of giving and the part of the Scout Oath that says "...to help other people at all times..."

GIVING MADE EASY

Do you find yourself wanting to praise the Lord by giving back to Him a portion of the many blessings He has so generously showered upon you? Have you been sitting in the pew when the collection plate is being passed and you realize you have little or no cash and you don't carry a checkbook? Have you been out of town or sick on Sunday and not sure how to handle your weekly tithe in those instances? We have all been there.

The church office will provide you a self-addressed envelope upon request, if you wish to mail a check. But why not utilize the online giving option? Online giving is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It can be accessed by going to the church website, www.wrightsboroumc.org, and choosing "click & pledge" in the upper right corner, or by clicking the link, "click here to give online", in the weekly announcement email.

Simply pick the amount of your tithe or offering and where you wish the funds to be applied, check out and you are done. You can even elect to set it up as a recurring payment to ensure the funds are sent each week without any extra work on your part.

What an easy way to ensure the missions of WUMC are able to continue and grow. I am proud that we offer multiple options for our congregation, and I encourage you to at least check it out to see if it would be a good fit for you.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most Hight.

Psalm 9:1-2



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Scouting at Wrightsboro United Methodist Church

- This past month the Troop participated in the Northeast Cape Fear District Fall Camporee at Camp Kirkwood in Helena, NC. Camporees are when multiple troop from local districts come together to compete and to have fun showing off their scouting skills. It was a great weekend of fun and scouting activities. Everyone had the opportunity to zip-line and shoot archery and then the scouts competed in competitions such as fire building, knot tying and lashing with ropes, gateways into camp and camp setup. The troop won two first place events and won second place overall for the camporee weekend.

- * The Pack has just completed its Fall Family Camping Trip to the Fort Fisher recreational center. WOW what a great weekend. There were over sixty Cub Pack members and support from the Boy Scout Troop. The weather was great, no bugs, great food and lots of Scout spirit. The Cubs and their families went to the Fort Fisher Civil War Museum, hike the Hermit's trail and were taught some scout skills by some of the boys from the troop. It is events like this that help build a great scouting program.

- * Popcorn sales are over and we are in the process of figuring out how the units did. Both units made more of an effort to do a better job of selling popcorn this year because this not only helps to fund the us here at Wrightsboro but it also helps on the Council and National levels of the Boy Scouts of America. We know that the popcorn is cheap but it is of the highest quality. We thank everyone that supported or contributed. As we tell the Scouts that are selling popcorn and learning good manners and salesmanship, "we are not selling popcorn, we are selling Scouting and giving popcorn in return for supporting the scouting program".

- * In November the Boy Scouts are heading back to the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park on the 17th through the 19th to take part in a repeat event from last year that called "Thanksgiving in the Woods". It is a camping trip but the focus of the trip is to have a traditional Thanksgiving meal cooked outdoors in Dutch ovens.

- * This Month we would like shine the spot light on Jordan Marsicano. Jordan is eighteen years old and has aged out of the boy scouts as a scout. Jordan, along with his brother Samuel and father John, came to us about four years ago. Jordan is a remarkable young man with not only crazy mad scout skills but also scout spirit and a very good sense of what is right, giving back to the community and to scouting. Jordan is a college student at Cape Fear Community College and is also preparing to help lead a scout training class NYLT (National Youth Leader Training). Although he has aged out of scouts, he still attends meetings when he can and has accepted a leadership roll with the troop. Jordan is liked, appreciated and respected by the scouts and scouters alike here at Wrightsboro and throughout the Council. Please join us in applauding a success story in scouting - Jordan Marsicano.

*Blessings to All.

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Mission Statement

To reach out and to serve all people with
Christ's love and acceptance through
faith, study, and action



*Wrightsboro UMC
Homecoming
November 19
One Service 10:00am*

*Guest Preacher
Rev. Edie Gleaves
Harbor District Superintendent*

*Covered dish meal
following worship*

