



Thoughts from Pastor David...

The season of Lent is flying by! In just a few weeks, we will observe Holy Week. It begins with Passion/Palm Sunday, which we will celebrate on March 25. Later that week, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday and then observe what is called the Great Three Days. Sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch, these days begin at sunset on Maundy Thursday and end with sunset on Easter Sunday. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death and resurrection, and we are encouraged to journey with Jesus from the upper room, to the garden, to the cross, and to the tomb. As in the past, we will have several special services to help guide us through that journey.

We will begin with a special service for Maundy Thursday. We will move our Wednesday Family Night meal to Maundy Thursday, with the worship service in the sanctuary afterwards. The meal will begin at 5:30, followed by our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30. In the past, we have celebrated Holy Communion, but for this year I am considering having a foot washing ceremony instead. I know this may sound strange to some of you, and you may not be comfortable participating. Please note that participation will be purely voluntary, so I hope you will attend. And if you do decide to participate in the foot washing portion of the service, I am confident you will be moved and blessed.

For the last couple of years, we have had a Service of Tenebrae on Good Friday. After much prayerful consideration, I feel led to change this as well. Many of you, especially if you have a

Catholic background, are familiar with the Stations of the Cross. This is a time of reflection upon Jesus' journey to the cross and His crucifixion. Pictures depicting these events are arranged in sequence and you are invited to move along and meditate on what our Lord encountered at each point. I have done some research and found that a number of Protestant churches are now using some form of this idea, often with some modifications to the specific stations. I plan to set up these stations in the sanctuary on or about Monday, along with instructions. Since participation is self-guided and done in silence, you are invited to come by any time, especially Friday evening.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! We will begin the day with a Sunrise Service outside in the lot in front of the playground (weather permitting) at 6:30. If you have never attended an Easter Sunrise Service, I urge you to do so - you will be blessed! We will continue celebrating our Savior's victory over death at a combined worship service at 10:00, with the message being our Easter cantata/drama, "The Borrowed Tomb".

That's a lot of activity in a short period of time - but it is an appropriate attempt to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I urge each and every one of you to make every effort to take advantage of these special opportunities for worship. Watch for announcements of any changes in the above schedule and, as always, please contact me if you have any questions.

March Birthdays

2 Russell Leitch
4 Jean Brinson
4 Jada Bybee
7 Lily Crowder
7 Tom Carver
8 Andy Timmons
10 Tiffany Oliver
12 Jim Tyler
13 Mason Chandler
19 Brian Rubright
21 Charles Harrell
22 Charlotte Jarvis
23 Mike Stephenson
25 Birdie Younginer
26 Karen Hamm
28 Joseph Steagall
30 Brad Jordan
31 Katy Leitch

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.



Thank you Crafty Friday ladies for creating a cute saying and making homemade chocolate for our Wrightsboro Elementary Staff. They were very appreciative!

Joan Skaggs sends a thank you to everyone for all the card, the visits and all the goodies. She is getting stronger each day.

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.

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.

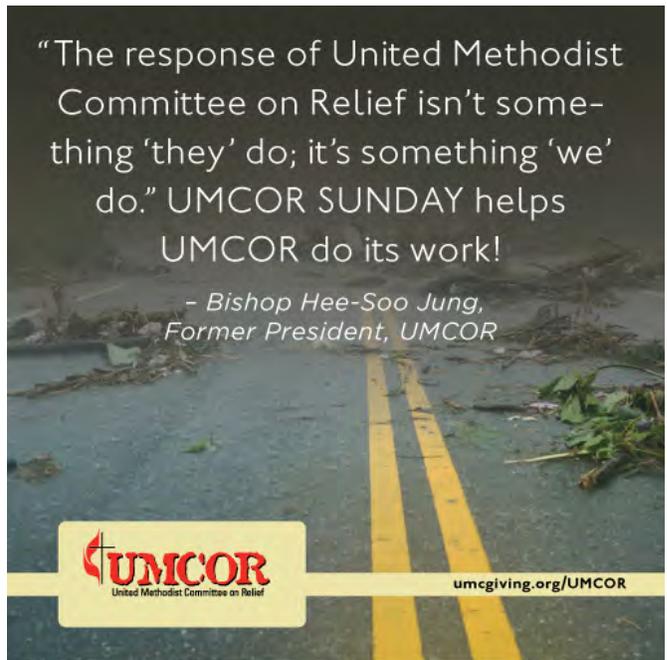


The 2018 Altar Flowers chart is posted in the hallway across from the restrooms. Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday during 2018.

Available Dates:

March 18, 25
April 1, 22, 29
May 6

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.



“The response of United Methodist Committee on Relief isn’t something ‘they’ do; it’s something ‘we’ do.” UMCOR SUNDAY helps UMCOR do its work!

- Bishop Hee-Soo Jung,
Former President, UMCOR

Family Night

Thank you again to everybody who helped me in January. I do appreciate that a lot. I am still in need of volunteers for cooks and cleaner. Please come see me.

March menus:

7th Chicken & Rice
14th Tacos
21st Beef Stir Fry
28th Baked Ziti

UMCOR Sunday March 11, 2018

What is UMCOR Sunday?

UMCOR Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God's love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR's "costs of doing business." This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

What is UMCOR?

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 50 countries, including the United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more at www.umcor.org.

How can I give to UMCOR Sunday offering?

On Sunday March 11th we will have a basket in the lobby for donations. You can write a check made payable to the church and in the memo line put UMCOR or you can give online.

an EASTER musical of FAITH and BELIEF

THE BORROWED TOMB

Created by Steve Moore & David T. Clydesdale
ARRANGED & ORCHESTRATED BY DAVID T. CLYDESDALE

Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018
10:00am

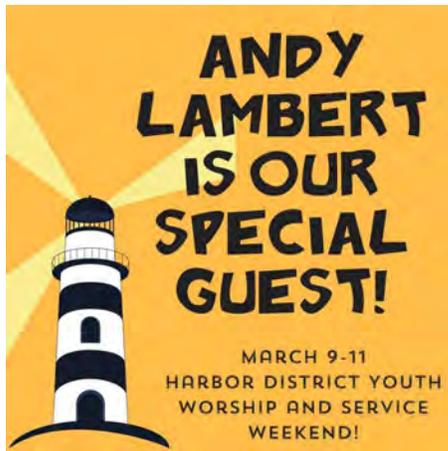
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Wrightsboro Youth

The Harbor District will be offering a weekend long district youth event called "Lighthouse" March 9th through 11th at Grace UMC in Wilmington.

Our original speaker had a family medical emergency, so Andy Lambert (one of our favorite Pilgrimage speakers) is coming to lead us instead! So get ready for great teaching that also makes you laugh!

If you are interested in attending contact Chris or Gina Crowder.



Wrightsboro United Methodist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31, 2018

10:00am

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Story Time
Bouncy House, Games,
Hot Dogs and More



3300N Kerr Ave
Wilmington NC
910-762-2583

March Anniversaries

5 Robb & Stacy Bryn

26 Brad & Cindy Shoaf

Jesus HAS
OVERCOME
AND
the grave is overwhelmed.

THE VICTORY IS WON

He is risen from
THE DEAD

Classic Club

The Classic Club will meet Tuesday, March 20th at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a delicious lunch, followed by a very special program. Jerry Mannen, a local attorney whose practice includes wills and estates will be with us to provide a general overview of things we all need to consider as we plan for the future: wills, trusts, estate planning, powers of attorney, etc. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this informative gathering.

God Bless, Alma



Meeting : Tuesday March 13 at 6:30PM in Fellowship Hall - Items on the agenda include the Spring Tea, Establishing a UMW Reading Program Book Club, Assisting with Meals On Wheels Mission and the Easter Egg Hunt

UMW Reading Program Update: Of the titles

ordered only On Pluto and When Breath Becomes Air have not yet arrived. I have created a list by category of all the titles in our collection and have placed a category label in each book. The titles are ready to be borrowed from the UMW collection in the Welcome Center. A copy of the list of titles is available in the Welcome Center and will be distributed at our March Meeting. Remember that you need to read a title from each category.

Books for Wrightsboro Elementary School Summer Reading 2018: "Congregations For Children (C4C) is a state-wide initiative of The United Methodist Church..." One of the ways our church participates is by collecting and donating books to the Wrightsboro Elementary School. We already have a good start but need more books so that each child has at least one book to take home. As you do your spring cleaning or visit yard sales please be on the lookout for age appropriate books. In addition, the Northeast Regional Library Book Sale is March 10-11 and March 16 - 18. This is an excellent source for inexpensive books.

Sewing Kits: At our February meeting we assembled 24 sewing kits which will be delivered to the Merci Center and from there will likely be shipped to Armenia. We have enough scissors and other supplies to make several more kits, so if you find 3 yards of fabric at a great price, please bring it to the church and it will be used to change someone's life.

Green Tip: As we start our spring cleaning let us remember the 5 Rs of Sustainability - Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle, in that order. Some of these are easier do than we think. For example: Reduce and Reuse- Pastor David mentioned at Wed Night Bible Study that one thing we could do for Lent is to purge our closets of unused items. Items can be brought to the church to be passed on. Reduce our dependence on chemicals by making our own window cleaning solution of vinegar and water. First Vinegar Wash to remove chemicals from previous washings: 2 c. water, 1/4 c. white vinegar, 1/2 tsp. dishwashing detergent or liquid. Combine these ingredients in a spray bottle, spray and clean. Once chemicals have been removed: Forever After Vinegar Wash: 1 c.

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water and 1 c. white vinegar. Combine these ingredients in a spray bottle, spray and clean. Instead of paper towels use microfiber cloths and your window will be lint free.



The Wrightsboro Methodist Men continue to meet on the second Sunday of every month in the fellowship hall for breakfast. And, as usual, women are also welcomed. We eat at 7:30 am, have a short devotional, and then conduct the business portion. We are finished in time for those that want to attend our early worship service.

We had 14 in attendance at our February meeting. The flu bug was going around, so I did not attend, but Pastor David and the men worked together and made it a success. Thanks for the Prayers!! Darren Poe has stepped up and was voted in as our Vice-President. Thank you, Darren! Your leadership is greatly appreciated by all.

It is that time of the year again! Our annual Shrimp/Oyster Gathering will be Saturday, March 10, beginning at 5:00pm. This will be a great time enjoying each other along with some great food and sharing Jesus' love with all. A suggested donation of \$10 per person is appreciated; this will cover our costs as well as help support our graduates. Please be sure to sign up in the lobby to help us plan on the number of people to feed.

Our Annual Widow/Widowers Dinner will be on Thursday, March 22 at the K & W Restaurant. They deserve our love and the men always look forward to this event. Again, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, March 11th. Please come out and join us. And remember - bring a friend!

God is GOOD All the Time!! Keep Looking Up!!

* Also, a reminder to the men of our annual men's dues-see me or Stacy.*

Brad Shoaf-President WUMM

**Sunday Breakfast
March 11 at 7:30am
All men are invited.
Bring a friend!**

Finance Committee Update:

Greetings Church Family - Thank you for allowing us to serve the church in this way each month. We consider it a privilege to be charged with such responsibility, and we make every effort to be good stewards. At all times, financial information is available in the church office or by request.

For the month of January 2018:

Total funds taken in: \$ 25,512.94

Of note, this figure includes the following amounts collected:

Food Pantry \$ 296.35

Senior Adult Ministries \$ 97.00

Rise Against Hunger \$ 1,118.20

Family Night \$ 452.00

Total funds spent paying bills: \$32,995.69

Deficit for end of month, January 2018 (\$ 7,482.75)

Due to existing funds in our bank account, we had the money to cover the deficit this month.

Our current mortgage payout is \$745,350.87.

Total received on Fellowship Hall Renovations thru January was \$42,403.75 and the total spent has been \$21,168.22 for the same period.

Apportionments are being paid on schedule.

Our Lenten offering this year will go toward the Fellowship Hall renovations. Please pick up a change container to fill up as we work toward reaching our goal.

As always, thank you for your faithful tithes, your donations, your gifts, and your prayers.

Jim Timmons

Finance Chair

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 the red Give button 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.

Jim Timmons

Finance Committee Chair



**March 10, 2018
10:00 to 11:00 AM
Fellowship Hall**

Prayer Shawls are found in Old Testament references and were used during worship and private prayer times. Today, our Prayer Shawls are symbolic of God's presence in our lives and the prayers of our church family that surround you.

*For you formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb."
Psalm 139:13*

DO YOU LOVE TO KNIT OR CROCHET, OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN? USE YOUR TALENT TO PROVIDE COMFORT TO THOSE IN NEED! PRAYER IS WORKED INTO EVERY SHAWL, SO THE RECIPIENT IS LITERALLY WRAPPED IN PRAYER. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS MINISTRY!

Yarn: Provided
Knitting needles: Provided
Crochet hooks: Provided
Looms: Provided
Instructions/Patterns: Provided

Wrightsboro's Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all who knit or crochet regardless of any limitations. You probably know that the ministry provides shawls of comfort for those going through a difficult time. I plan to include other "needs" items to knit or crochet as an additional gift of this ministry of hats and scarves, prayer bears, and twiddle or sensory muffs.

When we gather each month, we light a candle and offer our prayers for those we know and for those we shall never meet. Our hour together is mostly prayer, inspiration, and fellowship. Our ministry is a simple and silent ministry where most of our work is done in the comfort of our homes and at our own pace. We knit, crochet, and pray for those in need of God's love. We create the projects of our ministry with love, prayer, and the talents given to us by God.

Also, if you have a yarn stash that needs to find a home, we would be happy to take it off your hands. Yarn donations are always needed. For more information contact: Debbie Grigsby @ 910-685-4494

Missions at Wrightsboro UMC

On Feb. 17, a work team from WUMC joined workers from other areas to put a new roof on a house for the Anchor Church which will provide shelter for homeless men. It was a day of hard, but rewarding work. We joined a group of workers from different nationalities, races, and religions. We shared lunch and fellowship and came together to work as the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers.

MERCI

A trip to MERCI is proposed for March 15 if there is enough interest. See a member of the Missions Team if you would like to go. It will be a fun day of assembling various kits to be shipped to places around the nation and world where the need is greatest.

CRAFTY FRIDAY

The Crafty Friday ladies have been busy working on Easter treats for our children and for the teachers at Wrightsboro Elementary and our shut-ins. We are also working on toboggans for our military men who are deployed. We welcome anyone to join us at 9:30 Friday mornings.

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 The Harp, March 16th at 6:30pm. The Harp is located at 423 S 3rd St, Wilmington. Sign up in the lobby.

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

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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

