



THE WRIGHTSBORO CONNECTION

Thoughts from Pastor David...

As you know, we have succeeded in raising all the funds we anticipate will be needed to renovate our Fellowship Hall. Now, it's time to get to work! Actually, work has already begun; crews have removed all items from the Fellowship Hall and kitchen and the demolition has begun.

Chris Crowder, who is serving as the general contractor, has created a schedule of all the phases of the project and we will be letting you know what area of work will be undertaken each week. That way, you will know in advance the type of work that will be going on here, allowing you to decide if that is something you feel comfortable helping with. But keep in mind that there will always be something for everyone to do. Even if you are not comfortable using tools, we will need people to pick up debris and put it in the dumpster, or maybe just bringing someone a drink of water.

This is an exciting time for WUMC, as we all pull together to finish this project. And we know that when we are finished, we will have a "like new" Fellowship Hall we can use and enjoy for God's glory. But in the midst of our excitement, let's be aware that there will also be some disruption in the life of our church. I do not anticipate us suspending any church activities, except for the Wednesday breakfast. We are blessed that the Optimist Club has graciously agreed to allow us to use their building for Wednesday night dinner and Bible study, and other groups who usually

meet in the Fellowship Hall will be moved to another area of the church premises.

Still, these changes in our routines will probably create a little inconvenience, perhaps leading to frustration. Let's remember the warning in 1 Peter 5:8 that Satan is like a roaring lion, prowling around looking for someone to devour. So as we move forward with this wonderful project, let's remember to draw upon God's grace to provide us with peace, patience and a spirit of cooperation.



May Birthdays

1 Pansy Rumley
4 Marsha Hayes
7 Jessy Harrell
8 Lisa Ash
10 Todd Parker
13 Stephanie Capotosto
14 Ronald Oswandel
14 Freda Stephenson
16 Mike Werner
16 Bill Clawson
18 Cheryl Parker
18 Andrew Wardrip
19 Morgan Hamm
20 Adyn Kivett
21 Jerry Gossett
22 Laura Jones
22 Gene Wheat
26 Samantha Weary
28 Jared Kelly
28 Nora M. Parker
30 Donna Fisk

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer concern?
Who do you contact?

Email the church office and we 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.

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

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:

June 24

Aug 5, 26

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.

Family Night

Family Night and Bible study will continue to meet during the renovations. We will meet either in the Optimist Club building or under our new shelter. The menu will be announced each week.

COFFEE CORNER

I love preparing the coffee each week and watching the many conversations that happen as you gather to have a cup of coffee, and perhaps a donut hole or two.



I do, occasionally, need help when I have to be out of town. If there are a few of you who could help out at those times, please speak to me or let Stacy know. Your help would be most appreciated. Thanks.....Pat Everett



LADIES LIBRARY:

Many of you have been enjoying the Christian Fiction Books, found just inside the Welcome Center, on the white book shelves. There are always new books being added so continue to check.

There is no "sign out" of a book, we are on the honor system. So....that said I would encourage those who are using the Library to check about you home and make sure you haven't overlooked a book or two! A couple of the books that are a part of the top shelf series have been out for some time now.

Thanks in advance for helping to keep the Library going. If you have a book that you think would be good to add to our shelves please leave on the back counter, in the Welcome Center, with a note on it and I will take a look at it.

Happy reading!



Boxtops 4 education

The UMW encourages everyone to save Boxtops4Education. Schools earn cash for the Boxtops they submit. The current program runs from March 2 to Nov 1. Some popular products include most General Mills cereals (Cheerios, Chex Mix), Nature Valley bars, Pillsbury cake mixes, Green Giant vegetables, Scott's paper products, and hundreds more. You can download a complete list at boxtops4education.com. If you are already saving your Boxtops, the schools thank you for your support. But if you are not currently participating, then there is a small container in the Welcome Center near the UMW book collection where you can leave your Boxtops.

Lost And Found

Lost and Found items are placed in the large basket in the Welcome Center. If you have misplaced anything, please check the basket to see if it is there.

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 Hops Supply, May 180 at 6:30pm. Hops Supply is located at 5400 Oleander Dr., Wilmington. Sign up in the lobby.

May Anniversaries

24 Jerry & Debbie Gossett

26 John & Susan Fuller

31 Mike & Freda Stephenson

Youth

District youth events registration is underway!

Our local district, Harbor District, is having our annual Spring Beach Rally on June 3rd.

The youth group can leave shortly after church for this. More details to come.

Appalachian Trail Hike- June 18-24, 2018
Breakaway- June 25-30, 2018
ACS- July 23-28, 2018

If your child is interested in any of these events, [Click here to register](#)

Also, the church does offer financial assistance for these events.

Please see Chris or Gina Crowder or Pastor David.

Volunteer Breakfast

Wrightsboro Elementary
May 11th at 8:15am
in the Media Center

If you have volunteered at Wrightsboro Elementary this year, they would like to thank you with a breakfast in your honor.



Thank you for your show of support by bringing in coffee for the troops who are deployed. We collected 54 lbs of coffee. We

will be collecting other items later in the year so keep an eye out.

Pam Spencer
Operation Enduring Love

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.



WRIGHTSBORO WALKERS

It is a beautiful time of year to enjoy outdoor fellowship and get in a little exercise. We have a group that walks at

Smith Creek Park each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 10 a.m.. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. We need your contact information so we can look for you to join us. We also need it in case there is inclement weather cancelling a walk.

News from Staff Parish Relations Committee

As most of you know, Stacy and Robb Bryn will be moving to the Raleigh area in a few months because of Robb's work requirements. We will certainly miss them at WUMC.

Stacy has been an exemplary administrative assistant/church secretary for many years. The SPRC hopes to find a replacement for her as soon as possible in order to give Stacy time to help train them, so we are now accepting applications and resumes. If you are interested, the job description is posted on the church website. Job Description. To apply for the position, send a letter of interest and resume (in Word or PDF format) to Pastor David at his email address, david@wrightsboroumc.org.

Please be in prayer for the members of the SPRC as we undertake the important task.

Sincerely,

Pansy Rumley, SPRC Chair



**Meeting: May Tuesday May 8th
6:30pm in the Sanctuary Sunday
School Room S1.**

Agenda will include putting names in pockets of the All Saints Banners; Mother's Day message and Lighting of Candle; sorting books for

Wrightsboro Elementary Summer Reading Program.

Mother's Day Candle burning: Again this year, the UMW fundraiser will be the burning of a candle on Mother's Day in memory and/or honor of our Mothers and those have been like Mothers to us and others. We will be collecting donations through May 6. Volunteers are needed for May 6 at both services.

**Books for Wrightsboro Elementary School
Summer Reading 2018:**

Last chance to give a child a book to take home for the summer. By the 3rd week in May books will be delivered to the school. Here is one of the Thank You Notes we received from last year:

"Dear Friends, Thank you for the Book My book is Charlotte's Web I like it because it came from you and it's a vary good book"

While at Wrightsboro this project is sponsored by the WUMW, it is a project of the NC Conference of The United Methodist Church and statistics show that reading over the summer reduces learning loss.

"Congregations For Children (C4C) is a state-wide initiative of The United Methodist Church focused on reflecting the love of Christ to our "neighbors" by helping children in public schools who are living in poverty. C4C's areas of focus include:

Helping to improve K-3 Literacy rates (volunteer tutors, collecting/donating books, summer reading programs etc.)"

"The stakes for children who do not read over summer vacation are high. Substantial research on this topic shows it's usually the students who can least afford to lose ground as readers who are most likely to suffer from summer reading loss and fall far behind their peers. The few months of loss in reading skills compounds over the years; by the time children reach middle school, those who haven't read during the summers may have lost as much as two years worth of achievement." www.pbs.org

So please consider contributing a book. It does not need to be new but it can be a used book in good condition.

News from the Harbor District UMW:

UMW Reading Program: A title on Climate Justice to consider reading: "...I would highly recommend reading the 2018 conference selected book, Hospitable Planet by Stephen Jurovics. This book is a work of witness about our faith and the connection to God which should lead us to save and heal

our planet. Mr. Jurovics serves on the Congregational Care for NCCUMC and requested to include the book review in the KEDE on his website. Susie Lupton, President.

Future events:

NCCUMW Annual Mother/Child Retreat SEPTEMBER 14 - 16, 2018, CAMP DON LEE, 315 Camp Don Lee Rd., Arapahoe, NC 28510

The 2018 Mother/Child Retreat will be held at Camp Don Lee, September 14-16, 2018. This year will provide a wonderful opportunity for mothers and their children to enjoy a different experience at another United Methodist Conference Camp. Come and enjoy kayaking, archery, fishing, swimming, canoeing, and much, much more fun. You do not want to miss this fun-filled weekend and all the excitement that come with this experience... More next month.

More Upcoming events:

May 4 Church Women United Fellowship Day - Migrant Kit St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wilmington, NC
May 18-20 UMW Assembly - Columbus Ohio
June 14-16 NCCUMC Annual Conference -Greenville, NC
July 26-28 Mission U - Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC

Questions about UMW items in the newsletter or about WUMW can be sent to Eva Czepiel at her new email address: Lefty1210@atmc.net



Greetings Friends,

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 service.

We had 20 in attendance at our April meeting. Attendance is increasing!! Yay!! We had a short devotion and enjoyed the fellowship as usual!

What a Funny Bunny Time we had at the Wrightsboro UMC Easter Egg Hunt! We served up 155 Hot Dogs to go along with the festivities. All had fun! Thank You to Jennifer, Ruth, Tyrone, Eva and everyone else who helped!

The Wrightsboro UMM Group also contributed two \$50 Gift Certificates to be auctioned off at Pine Valley UMC. The proceeds were to benefit the Salvation Army's program to help the area's homeless!! God Loves the Homeless Too! In addition, if we can share Christ's Love and Help them in any way, it's all worth It! We must Always Reach out to Help!!

A SPECIAL Surprise is coming up on Mother's Day!! Stayed Tuned MOMS!!

God is GOOD All the Time! Keep Looking Up!

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

Brad Shoaf-President WUMM

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 March 2018:

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| Total funds taken in: | \$ 36,363.57 |
| Of note, this figure includes the following amounts collected: | |
| Food Pantry | \$ 240.00 |
| Methodist Men | \$ 860.00 |
| Fellowship Hall Renovation | \$ 2,275.00 |
| Family Night | \$ 708.00 |
| Total funds spent paying bills: | <u>\$34,596.69</u> |
| Surplus for end of month, March 2018 | \$ 1,766.88 |

Our current mortgage payout is \$735,458.18.

Total received on Fellowship Hall Renovations thru March was \$47,289.75 and the total spent has been \$21,168.22 for the same period.

Apportionments are paid on schedule.

Thank you for your generosity to the Fellowship Hall Renovations fund. Since the end of March we have exceeded our goal of \$50,000. Around the beginning of May you should be able to see your gifts at work on the fellowship hall. While this may displace us for a little while, the end result will be worth it.

For those who prefer, please remember you can always make your tithes and offerings online through the church website.

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



**April 14, 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

A class for Early Response Training (ERT) was held at Wrightsboro UMC on Saturday April 28. Eighteen people from several different churches in the Harbor District were trained and certified to respond immediately in the event of a disaster. Snacks and lunch were provided by WUMC.



FLOWER MINISTRY



First many thanks to those of you that sign up on the Flower Chart; those arrangements look so beautiful in our Chancel area. The Flower Ministry happens when you then donate your arrangement. It is divided up into several Bud Vases and taken to shut ins and Nursing Homes. There is a need for Bud Vases!! If you have any....bring them to church, please. This Ministry would be most appreciative. To donate your arrangement let Pat Everett know.

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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



Birthday Celebration for the Church Sunday, May 20

We will begin with a joint worship service at
10:00 am, followed by a lunch of BBQ pork
and all the fixins!