# The Methodist Messenger

Whitville United Methodist Church

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**November Newsletter**



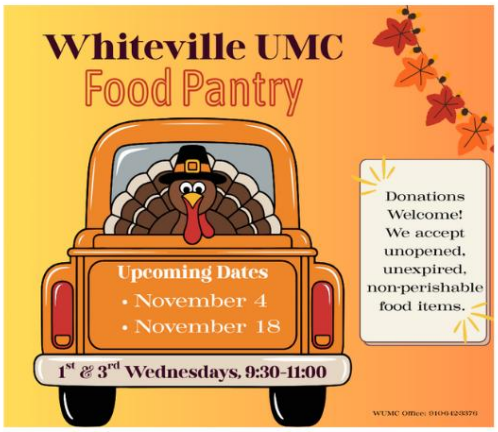
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### November

2nd - United Women in Faith

22nd - Community Thanksgiving Service

29th - Hanging of the Greens




## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Morning Bible Study will continue it's study on Angels: God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham. It's never too late to join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00. This study has been led by Rev. Howard James and Claire Bazley. Our morning bible study is open to not only members of our congregation, but our neighbors and friends as well.

## WUMC CHANCEL CHOIR

Help us in welcoming our new chancel choir director, Kristie Leinthal! Kristie graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in music and plays the flute. She is also an administrator in our county schools. We are blessed to have Kristie join us, and look forward to the lovely music she will bring to Whiteville UMC.



Rob Conway presents long-time WUMC choir director, Gus Cothern, with a new music cabinet in honor of his years of dedication and love for our music ministries here at Whiteville UMC.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of the end of September 30th, Sunday morning attendance is averaging 36. However, October average attendance in 48, thanks to Homecoming Sunday and Chuck Wheeler's family joining us on his birthday.

Offerings as of September 30th were $5,269 less than last year at that time. This decline is likely the result of the 2 bad weather days in January. Expenses exceeded offerings and other incomes by $33,383. Fortunately, the shortage was anticipated, and we have funds on hand to fund the shortage.

During October we paid $16,478 of our $32,483 annual Conference Apportionments. The amount paid was based on the percentage of income to expenses as of September 30th. Additional payment will be determined at year-end, based on the same percentage method and funds on hand.

The finance committee is optimistic that we will have larger offerings as we approach year-end. We typically have larger offerings late in the year. We usually receive funds from those who contribute on an annual basis.

Budget planning is underway and we expect no increase in the 2027 budget. Application for financial assistance from the Conference for pastor salary support has been made. This program reduces the assistance amount each year and 2027 is the last year for the program. We receive $458 per month this year.

The committee welcomes Sylvia Walters who replaced Ann Pait. Others on the 2027 committee are Les High, Carlton Williamson, Rob Conway, Sue Lennon, Vickie Pait, Tammie Anderson, Morgan Simmons, and the pastor.

Keep our financial health and need for attendance growth in your prayers.

Thank you again for your support and may God continue to bless WUMC.

Tom Leggett, Finance Chair

## SOUTHEASTERN ORATORIO

Southeastern Oratorio Society presents its Christmas concert, "A Season of Light" Monday evening, December 7 at First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. The community looks forward to this musical treat each season, so save the date on your calendar.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Jessie Edwards

2nd Marly Gore
Jake Bullard

3rd Kristen Williamson Dowdy

7th Les High

9th Ruth Kuykendall

12th Andrew Sauls
Emily Gilmore

17th John McGougan

19th Mary Jo Williamson

22nd Robert Dew

23rd Janice Simms

24th John Gayle Barkley

25th Phyllis Maultsby

29th Tyler Hood

