

Methodist Messenger

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship,
and serve our community and the world in Christ's name.

Our Church Vision

We exist as a Place where Everyone & Every Age can Connect with Christ.

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service- 10: 00 a.m.
Wednesday Holy Communion
Service/Bible Study- 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt, Pastor

Mrs. Morgan Simmons,
Administrative Assistant
Monday-Thursday/8:30 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.
12 noon-12:30 p.m. Lunch

Mr. Chalmers Waddell,
Custodian
Monday-Friday/7:30-12:30 a.m.

Ms. Tammie Anderson, Treasurer
Friday/4:00-6:00 p.m. (or later)

Office (910) 642-3376
email: wumc@whitevilleumc.org
website: www.whitevilleumc.org

Serving in September/October

Acolytes

September

- 4-Peyton Hunt
- 11-Andrew Sauls
- 18-Camden Collins
- 25-Peyton Hunt

October

- 2-Camden Collins
- 9-Andrew Sauls
- 16-Peyton Hunt
- 23-Andrew Sauls
- 30-Camden Collins

Soundboard

September

- 4- Robert Page
- 11- Suzanne Hall
- 18- Terry & Kathy Simmons
- 25- Robert Page

October

- 2- Suzanne Hall
- 9- Suzanne Hall
- 16- Terry & Kathy Simmons
- 23- Robert Page
- 30-Robert Page

SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Lindbergh Holden
- Sylvia Walters
- 3rd Sue Griffin Lennon
- 8th Sara Brooks
- Debbie Conway
- 10th Heather LaMora
- 16th Mitchell Williamson
- Alma Deans
- 17th Shepherd Edwards
- 18th Dan Biser
- 19th Jim Rabon
- 24th Suzanne Hall
- 27th Chuck Wheeler



OCTOBER

- 3rd Ralph Huffman
- 5th Benjamin Deans
- 9th Eric Pait
- Gina Deans
- 14th Vickie Pait
- 15th Lewis Sauls
- Kenneth Smith
- 16th John Kennedy
- 17th Brooklyn Deans
- 18th Jan Avant
- 21st Gus Cothorn
- 25th Wayne Overcash
- 26th Debra McGougan
- 27th Katie and Emory Ward
- 28th Peggy Huffman
- 29th Lindsey Hunt
- 31st Terry Hunt

2022 Homecoming



October 9, 2022

Covered dish to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

SUNSHINE GROUP NEWS

Celebrate National Pepperoni Pizza Day



When: September 20th

Time: 12p.m.-2p.m.

Cost: \$1.00 per person

Place: Fellowship Hall

***Bring a favorite game to play (UNO, Yahtzee, etc.)**



So, God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Exodus 13:18

Who do you trust when you are in the wilderness? The story of how God led Israel into the wilderness has implications for our own spiritual journey as Christians. Like Israel, many times we are responsible for putting ourselves in the wilderness. Other times, God led us there kicking and screaming.

Have you ever been to the wilderness? If you have, you know more about it than I do. But what I do know is this; the wilderness is not an ideal place to construct permanent homes. Nobody wants to build their home in a place that is rocky and dry... and where water is miles away.

When God led Israel out of Egypt, God took them through the wilderness to teach them that he alone is their provider; God was teaching them to trust him completely for everything! Through the plagues in Egypt and the miracle of parting the Red Sea, he dismantled the gods of the Egyptians and proved that he alone is God ...that there is none like him. If God has the power to dethrone the many gods of the Egyptians and can pave a way for Israel through the Red Sea, surely, he can provide them food and water even in the driest season of their lives. However, as soon as they landed on the other side of the Red Sea, they begin to moan and groan; they begin to wish they were back in Egypt.

Isn't this so typical of us? Humans can be so fickle? When we say we trust God, are we doing so only in times of plenty and abundance? Do we only trust him when our needs are being met ... or when he was parting the red seas of our lives? Could this be why as soon as we are in a dry season, we shake our fists at God and demand that he fills our bellies?

When we are in a dry season, where the necessity of life slowly diminishes, our trust in the providence of God intensifies...we are now being challenged to take a leap of faith with God. We are challenged to depend completely on him for gas / electric, food, and water, and even a place to live -- it is true that finding a place to live these days is extremely difficult as the housing market skyrocketed, and as apartments are becoming more and more difficult to find.

Another aspect of life that we are challenged with in a dry season is in our behavior and attitudes toward our family members, friends, and the community at large; the others are the biggest threat to our well-being after all! Keep in mind that who we trust shines brightly in our attitudes toward those who we do life with; how we treat others reflect the God or gods of our life.

Friends, I believe we are in a dry season as a country ... and as a denomination. As a country, we see the price of gas, food and goods' soaring as everything is in short supply. In my 60 years of life, I have never seen more emptied shelves at the grocery stores. And as a denomination, more and more church members are now awakened to the reality of a real separation or split. What I read and hear is confusion, dismay, anger and blaming. I think it is correct to say that we are in a dry season of our lives as United Methodists. Of course, this does not mean that we should panic as those who have no faith in God. It is in a dry season that we are being challenged to trust God completely for the necessity of life. Jesus told the crowd who came to be fed by him that he is the bread of heaven ... that he is the bread of life". He said also ... "whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty"- (John 6:35). We are reminded by Jesus here to not seek what will fill our bellies, and not to construct permanently of anything in the dry season. We are, however, to trust him and find our satisfactions in him ... he is our permanent home and resting place.

In a dry season, I pray that your faith and trust in God will shine brightly in how you care for one another. As Christians we are to be Christ-like as we care for one another, also in our engagement with those in our community. May our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and mind with his grace, mercy, peace, and hope as you continue to live and serve him.

Pastor Terry

"Reaching People, to Teach People, to reach People"

LAY LEADER MESSAGE

I lived my first 22 years in the Baptist Church, married an Episcopalian and spent the next 26 years and baptizing four children in the Episcopal Church. When the children became teenagers there was more activity for them in the local Methodist Church, and we began our 30 year journey as Methodist. Additionally, though I grew up less than 3 miles from this church, I never was a member, and we have lived elsewhere for over 50 years. This causes me personal concern. I continue asking myself, what business do I have being Lay Leader to lifelong Methodist members here, many who are 2nd and 3rd generation members of this church.

Nevertheless, here I am!

So, as WUMC navigates the journey ahead, regarding disaffiliation or remaining in the UMC, we must realize that issues go far beyond human sexuality. I will share only one personal thought and then defer to John Wesley. Regarding sexuality, I believe we are called to love all people including those whose gender identity and sexual proclivity is different from God's design. I do not believe; however, this allows us to disregard Holy Scripture. We have all read in **2 Timothy 2:16-17** "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work." In the words of Dr. Charles Stanly, we can't be "pickers and choosers" with Holy Scripture.

The following words are attributed to the wisdom and faith of John Wesley.

He is quoted as saying "In all cases, the Church is to be judged by the Scripture, not the Scripture by the Church."

"It is dangerous to depart from Scripture... most of the controversies which have disturbed the Church have risen from people's wanting to be wise above what is written, not contented with what God has plainly revealed there."

John Wesley further stated that there are two reasons for which one perhaps should consider separating from a church body. The first is when one is required to do what scripture prohibits; the second is when one is prohibited from doing what scripture requires.

Perhaps thinking in these terms and contemplating whether such conditions exist might be helpful.

-Biff Simmons

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

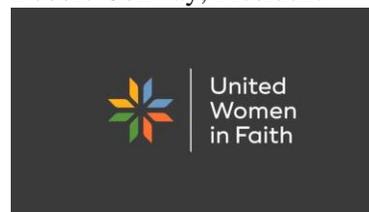
The United Women in Faith will be resuming our meetings on Monday, September 12th with a dinner meeting at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be talking about our different missions that we support and some new possibilities also! It is a great time for fellowship and renewal of our commitment to our purpose of ministering to those less fortunate- focusing on women and children.

Our officers will provide the basics of the meal and anyone else who has a favorite side dish or dessert can bring it if so desired!

Our October meeting will be on October 3rd at 6:30 in the parlor. We will be making/putting together Fall Remembrances for our shut-ins. It will be an enjoyable time of hands-on activity!

Hope to see all the women of the church!

Debbie Conway, President



Fall for
Jesus
HE NEVER LEAVES

We Cannot Hide from God

As a toddler, I loved to peddle my tricycle really fast so the handlebar streamers flew in the wind. I was allowed to ride up and down my driveway and across the front sidewalk. I was forbidden to ride in the street. Because my driveway was cement, it had some cracks and bumps, but the neighbor's drive was new, smooth asphalt. Two houses shared the wide driveway that wound behind my neighbor's house in a big loop. I thought riding there would make my streamers really fly, so one day I quickly peddled up the street into that driveway.

Unfortunately, the neighbor who shared the driveway kept a French poodle in their backyard. As I peddled by, the dog jumped on me and bit my face. Crying, I abandoned my tricycle, ran to my house, and crouched behind my bedroom door to hide. I curled up in a small ball and tried to be very quiet, but my parents still found me and took me to the emergency room.

Like a parent, God knows when we disobey, and He sees the consequences of the trouble we bring on ourselves through disobedience. Still, He comforts us in our affliction and forgives us by His grace when we are truly sorry. Our Heavenly Father knows what behaviors endanger us in this broken world and warns us through His Holy Word. Scripture tells us: "No one can hide from God. His eyes see everything we do. We must give an answer to God for what we have done" (Hebrews 4:13 NLV). God sees our disobedience. Instead of trying to hide, we must confess and repent. "If we tell Him our sins, He is faithful, and we can depend on Him to forgive us of our sins" (1 John 1:9). He will forgive us, but we still will live with the scars of the consequences of our disobedience.

--Judy, a sister in Christ



NURTURE COMMITTEE

We had the honor of organizing a meal for the family of Ruth Walsh. Thanks to all who contributed food and helped to serve and clean up.

We are excited to be working on a Homecoming meal this year since we didn't get to have one last year! Watch the bulletins in the upcoming weeks about this event!

A big THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School this year! It was a great success! It is such a great way to teach the children about Jesus while having fun in the process!

Our Children's Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 11th. Suzanne Hall, Hope High and I are looking forward to it!

Debbie Conway, Chair

*The Lord is greater
than the giants you face.*

WUMC PRESCHOOL

The preschool will welcome new and returning students Tuesday, September 6th. We covet your prayers as we begin this new year.

The preschool staff would also like to thank each person that donated supplies found on the teacher’s “wish list”. We are as always, humbled by the contributions made by the church for our preschool.

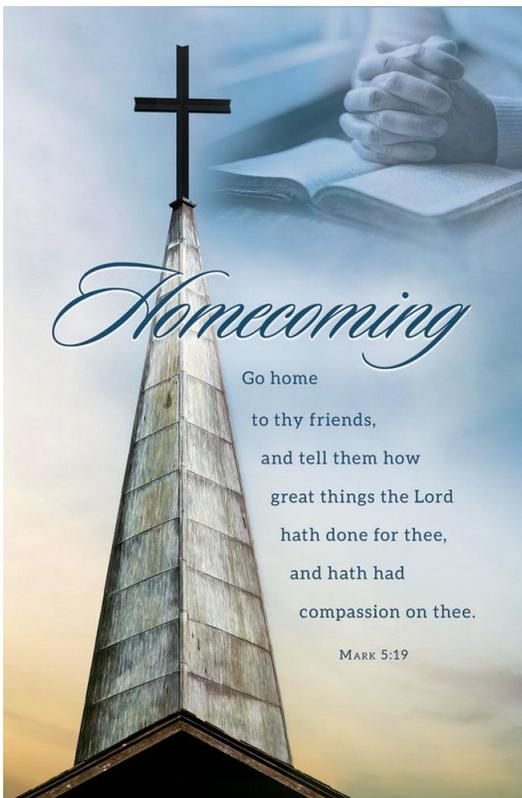


-Preschool Staff

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Homecoming is scheduled for October 9th, 2022 with former Pastor Barry Barbour bringing the message. A covered dish meal will be provided after the service. Carol Worrell will work on advertising in the News Reporter and Morgan will design invitations and print. Invitations will be placed in the Narthex to be picked up and mailed as individuals desire.

-Carol Worrell, Chair



PARISH NURSE

- We will have a Lunch & Learn Wednesday, September 28th from 11:45-12:45 in the church parlor. Guest speaker is Kelly Kahill of Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Since September is National Fall Prevention Month that will be our topic of discussion.



- Flu clinic will be Tuesday, October 4th at 9:30-12:30. Ben Sauls has already ordered the vaccine for persons under 65 years of age as well as persons 65 and above. Please call Pat Ray for your appointment.



NEWSLETTER SPOTLIGHT

This month we would like to shine our light on Clara Hunsucker.

Ms. Clara would like to send a special "thank you" to her church family for their continued love, prayers and support, along with the beautiful bouquet of fresh cut flowers she recently received. They were so pretty!

This lovely picture was taken June 3rd, the day before her 94th birthday!



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

During the past two months our church provided food for the Donayre Cancer Care Center food pantry, hosted a Caregivers Conference in July, and a Red Cross Blood Drive in August. A financial donation was sent to support Partners in Ministry Outreach Community Center in East Laurinburg. This program empowers youth as leaders, advocating for safe and healthy living environments for children and families, alleviating suffering and eradicating causes of injustice. This gift of \$1,800 is half of our missionary salary support in the budget.

Each of these events involved many people in our building and will help others we may never meet to enjoy a better quality of life. Thanks to your generosity, our church can serve Jesus in this way.

During the next two months we will work with: Edgewood Elementary School to secure a book dispensing machine to reward kindness and encourage reading. Vickie Pait is joining Joy Rector, media specialist at Edgewood, to seek a grant for the cost of the Inchy Bookworm machine. Our congregation will donate the books to fill it if these books do not come under the grant for the machine. We hope to have this project completed by Christmas.

Bedtime Blessing Bags for children removed from a hostile environment will be assembled. We are checking where best to donate bags. Each bag will send with a child to their foster home a teddy bear, bedtime story book, sheets, towels and hygiene items. If you would like to provide a bag, an estimate on cost is about \$100. The Outreach team will provide the bags so they are alike. You can also contribute funds or items toward a bag. We'll give you more information in September.

We will meet with other community people at Donayre Cancer Care Center for an update on the food pantry program and food insecurity among their patients in general. We will see what other opportunities are presented to us.

If you would like to become more involved or just want additional information, I'd be happy to talk with you.

Carolyn Hankins,
Outreach team leader
910-207-2241



CAREGIVING CAN MAKE LIFE CRAZY!

Virtual

CAREGIVER EVENT

SEPTEMBER 27TH
10AM-12PM

REGISTER NOW

CONTACT KANDACE GRAY

KGRAY@CAPEFEARCOG.ORG
910-274-0343

YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE E-COPY OF CAREGIVER 101

"How to take care of yourself as a caregiver"

Featuring
Mike Collins

Author: Caregiver 101:
101 Ways to Keep Caregiving
from making you Crazy!

brought to
you by

Area Agency On Aging
Cape Fear Council of Governments

*Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Hankins for more details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022 PICTURES



VBS was a blessing this year. Each night we hosted 30-40 children. They were thrilled to learn about Jesus and loved the many fun activities. Thank you to everyone that was able to volunteer and make it a success!



September 2022

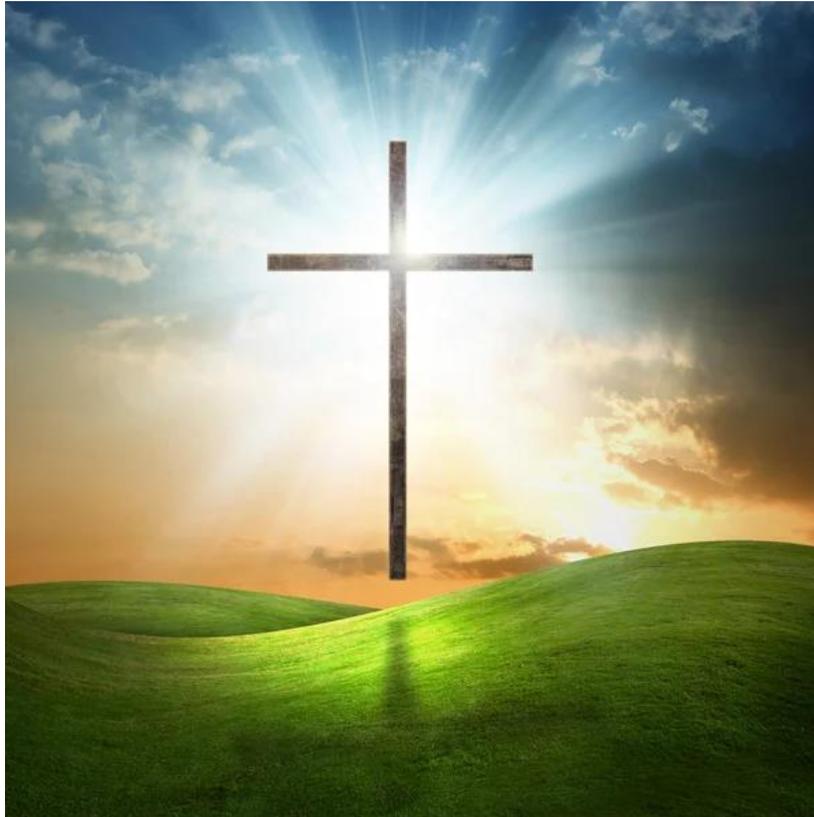
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	5 	6 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise Preschool Resumes	7 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	8 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	9	10
11 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	12	13 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	14 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	15 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	16	17
18 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	19 6:00 p.m.- Trustee meeting	20 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise 12:00-2:00 Sunshine Group Pizza Party	21 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	22 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	23	24
25 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	26	27 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	28 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 11:45 Lunch & Learn 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	29 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	30	

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	3	4 9:30-12:30 Flu Clinic 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	5 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	6 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	7	8
9 Homecoming 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	10	11 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	12 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	13 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	14	15
16 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	17	18 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	19 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	20 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	21	22
23 9:00 a.m.- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.- Worship Service	24	25 10:00-11:00 Fifty+ Exercise	26 9:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Bible Study	27	28	29
30	31 Pastor Hunt's Birthday 					

Whiteville United Methodist Church

902 Pinckney Street
Whiteville, NC 28472



Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt, Pastor

Mrs. Morgan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Monday-Thursday/8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
12 noon-12:30 p.m. Lunch

Mr. Chalmers Waddell, Custodian
Monday-Friday/7:30-12:30 a.m.

Ms. Tammie Anderson, Treasurer
Friday/4:00-6:00 p.m. (or later)

Office (910) 642-3376
email: wumc@whitevilleumc.org
website: www.whitevilleumc.org