



The Methodist Messenger
APRIL 2019
Whiteville United Methodist Church



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

HOLY WEEK 2019
PARTICIPATE IN
THE CENTRAL EVENTS OF
THE STORY OF THE WORLD

Palm Sunday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Service of Worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17

12:00 noon Community Lenten Service of Worship in the Sanctuary
and Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

Holy Thursday, April 18

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service of Worship in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 19

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service of Worship in the Sanctuary and Neighborhood

Easter Day, April 21

6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service at St. Mark AME Zion Church
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Easter Service of Worship in the Sanctuary

UNIFY COLUMBUS

A Gathering for Unity in Our County

Bower's Auditorium
Whiteville High School

April 6/Saturday

11:00 a.m.

With family and friends, please join us!

AN ATTEMPT AT A CALM REPORT ON A RAMBUNCTIOUS GENERAL CONFERENCE

As the last day of General Conference 2019 wore on, it became more and more disordered. There was shouting. Chanting. Delaying of the legislative process. That disorder often took the form of cries of being hurt, and accusations and anger toward those perceived to do the hurting. Now the accusations and anger at General Conference have spilled into the larger United Methodist Church. At this difficult time for our denomination, we would be wise to try to take a calm, careful look at what led to the special, called General Conference of 2019 and at what that General Conference actually decided.

Human Sexuality Teaching

The United Methodist Church has teaching, real Book of Discipline teaching, about human sexuality. In a simpler form, this teaching passed General Conference in the early 1970s. Amended often by General Conferences, this teaching has maintained consistency with Biblical witness and Church Tradition for fifty years -- by withstanding vigorous challenges every four years at General Conference. On the topic of "Human Sexuality," this is what The United Methodist Church now officially teaches: "We affirm that sexuality is God's good gift to all persons. We call everyone to responsible stewardship of this sacred gift.

"Although all persons are sexual beings whether or not they are married, sexual relations are affirmed only with [sic: within] the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage.

"We deplore all forms of the commercialization, abuse, and exploitation of sex. We call for strict global enforcement of laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation of children and for adequate protection, guidance, and counseling for abused children. All persons, regardless of age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation, are entitled to have their human and civil rights ensured and to be protected against violence. The Church should support the family in providing age-appropriate education regarding sexuality to children, youth, and adults.

"We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self. The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching. We affirm that God's grace is available to all. We will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us. We implore families and churches not to reject or condemn lesbian and gay members and friends. We commit ourselves

to be in ministry for and with all persons." (Paragraph 161G, The Book of Discipline [2016], pp. 112-113).

Most would agree that this United Methodist teaching challenges the church and all United Methodists to be not only loving, but also truthful, in the ministry of the church and the discipleship of the Christian.

From Dissent to Disruption

The first time a version of the above church teaching on human sexuality was adopted into The Book of Discipline (in the early 1970s), some United Methodists -- including bishops, clergy, and laity -- disagreed with it. Those who disagreed with this particular teaching, in other words, were in dissent against it. While opposing this church teaching and sometimes working to change it, they remained ministers and members in good standing in the church. While merely objecting to this teaching, they did not violate church laws found in the The Book of Discipline.

As years passed, however, that changed. Dissenters became disrupters. Dissenters began to disrupt The United Methodist Church. That is, they began to break the church's discipline (or church law or rules): some local churches hosted same-sex weddings, some clergy (including bishops) presided at same-sex weddings, and annual conferences and conference boards of ministry (which support, vet, and hold accountable people entering, and continuing in, the ministry) announced they would not follow church discipline on human sexuality. The straw that broke the camel's back was the Western Jurisdiction's election of a woman, in a same-sex marriage, to be a bishop.

Throughout these recent years, when the flouting of church discipline arose, many of those in positions of authority (oftentimes bishops) did everything they could to avoid charging, finding guilty, and handing down serious consequences to those who had indeed broken church discipline. There was an obvious need for enhanced accountability in the church's life.

To General Conference 2019

The General Conference of 2019 was a special, called General Conference -- called to help the church remain as unified as possible, and move out of its paralysis caused by disagreements over human sexuality. The 2019 General Conference was to act on the plans created, and forwarded, to the conference by the Commission on a Way Forward -- and related petitions (that is, bills) from throughout the church. That conference has just concluded.

At this point, let us be clear: General Conference 2019 did not approve the One Church Plan. General Conference 2019 did not approve the Connectional Conference Plan. General Conference 2019 did not approve A Simple Plan (which was developed by the United Methodist Queer Clergy Caucus). General Conference did approve the

Traditional Plan.

On Sunday, February 24, General Conference voted to prioritize the Traditional Plan over the other plans. On Monday, General Conference, functioning as the Legislative Committee, approved the Traditional Plan. And on Tuesday, General Conference, in plenary session, again adopted the Traditional Plan -- and refused, one more time, to adopt the One Church Plan. Again and again, directly and indirectly, General Conference approved only the Tradition Plan and rejected all other plans. To be sure, what General Conference adopted in 2019 can be reviewed and even reversed by General Conference in 2020; but for now the Traditional Plan indicates the general way forward.

But what exactly does that exactly mean?

It could be said that, generally speaking, the Traditional Plan has three (3) parts.

First, the Traditional Plan preserves the church's teaching on human sexuality (see above), which aligns with the Bible's witness and with the Church's 2,000-year Tradition of teaching. Also, the plan continues to carry this teaching into its marriage practices (one man, one woman) and its ordination standards (celibacy in singleness, faithfulness in marriage).

Second, the Traditional Plan aims to strengthen accountability in The United Methodist Church. That is, the plan attempts to close loopholes in church law that often allowed clergy and laity to break church discipline without penalty.

All sixteen (16) petitions (or bills) in the Traditional Plan will be reviewed by the Judicial Council (the "Supreme Court" of The United Methodist Church) later this month (April 23-25). The Judicial Council review will determine which Traditional Plan petitions are constitutional and which are not. Those found constitutional will go into effect on January 1, 2020 in the United States. Those found unconstitutional might well be amended, resubmitted to General Conference 2020, and approved (or rejected) by the same body.

The following accountability measures had been found constitutional under earlier review by the Judicial Council and were passed by General Conference 2019. Therefore, in the April 2019 review by the church court, these approved petitions will more likely than not be found constitutional again and become effective in the American church this coming January 1. The accountability measures, which will probably survive one last round of judicial scrutiny, are:

*the definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual" is expanded to include those who are living in a same-sex marriage or union (Traditional Plan #1);

*bishops are prohibited from consecrating self-avowed, practicing homosexual persons as bishops, and from commissioning and ordaining such

persons as clergy (Traditional Plan #5).

*clergy who are found guilty of performing same-sex weddings would face mandatory penalties: a one-year suspension without pay for the first offense, and revocation of ministerial credentials for the second (Traditional Plan #11);

*the District Committee on Ministry and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry are prohibited from recommending for ministry those who do not meet denominational qualifications, and a bishop presiding over a clergy session at Annual Conference shall rule an unqualified candidate out of order and ineligible for consideration (Traditional Plan #12),

*a bishop can dismiss a complaint only when it has "no basis in law or fact;" in other words, a bishop cannot wave off a complaint he would simply prefer not to handle; also, this petition mandates an expanded paper trail (Traditional Plan #13);

*the one who files a complaint is now involved in the entire process of "just resolution" or mediation (Traditional Plan #15); and

*the church can now appeal a trial-court verdict to the Judicial Council if it involves errors of church law (Traditional Plan #16);

(The above list is from "2019 General Conference Legislation under Review," which was compiled by Ask The United Methodist Church and United Methodist News, and found at United Methodist News Daily Digest - March 15, 2019.)

Third, the Traditional Plan would have a "disaffiliation" petition, so that local churches that decide to leave The United Methodist Church can do so without being punished by the annual conference or by the denomination. General Conference passed such a petition, but the bishops asked that it be reviewed by the Judicial Council. If it is determined to be constitutional by the council, it will become effective on January 1, 2020. If it is found to be unconstitutional, it will probably be amended or rewritten, put before General Conference 2020, and approved or not.

A Way Forward

General Conference 2019 was called and assembled so that its delegates, from all over the world, could select a plan, proposed by the Commission on a Way Forward, that The United Methodist Church would follow into the future. The church spent millions of dollars on this General Conference and the Commission on a Way Forward. General Conference 2019 determined that the way forward for The United Methodist Church would follow the Traditional Plan. Again, The United Methodist Church has a way forward: the Traditional Plan. General Conference 2020 can revisit, rework, or reverse the decisions of General Conference 2019. But for now, the way forward is the Traditional Plan.

The Traditional Plan is certainly not an easy way forward. It is probably more difficult than all the others. It goes against the current stream of American

culture. In the midst of the Sexual Revolution reaching the four corners of the world, and in the midst of that revolution causing constant consternation in most (if not all) of the churches, the Traditional Plan calls forth the greatest faith and the most challenging obedience that United Methodists and our church can muster. In the months ahead in The United Methodist Church, there will be countless challenges and many bumps in the road. But the church, we have it on good authority, can endure them. Our Lord promised: "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18, NRSV). In response to Christ's promise, the church maintains constant faith in the One who made the promise, with obedience to His commands, with love, and with firmness. In time, under God's providence and judgment, this storm will pass.

And then, in the distance, another will arise. (Perish the thought!)

But God's provisions for Christ's Church will always be sufficient. Until our Lord returns in glory.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul

STRONG WORDS IN ST. LOUIS

Dr. Jerry P. Kulah is the dean of Gbarnga School of Theology at United Methodist University in Liberia. At an early morning breakfast meeting sponsored by the Reform and Renewal Coalition during General Conference 2019, he delivered a memorable, fiery speech. Dr. Kulah stated: "Friends, please hear me, we Africans are not afraid of our sisters and brothers who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered, questioning, or queer. We love them, and we hope the best for them. But we know of no compelling arguments for forsaking our church's understanding of Scripture and the teachings of the Church universal. And then please hear me when I say as graciously as I can: we Africans are not children in need of Western enlightenment when it comes to the the church's sexual ethics. We do not need to hear progressive U.S. bishops lecture us about our need to 'grow up.'"

Later, Dr. Kulah noted: "Unfortunately, some United Methodists in the U.S. have the very faulty assumption that all Africans are concerned about is U.S. financial support. Well, I am sure, being sinners like all of you, some Africans are fixated on money. But with all due respect, a fixation on money seems more of an American problem than an African one. We get by on far less than most Americans do; we know how to do it. I'm not so sure you do. So if anyone is so naive or condescending as to think we would sell our birthright in Jesus Christ for American dollars, than they simply do not know us...."

"Please understand me when I say the vast majority of African United Methodists will never, ever trade Jesus and the truth of the Bible for money."

LETTER FROM REV. ELLIOTT

March 15, 2019

Dear Brother Paul and Whiteville UMC,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission. Your excellent preparation was obvious, and your hospitality a great blessing. It is always a joy to be with Christian friends and to share the Good News of the Gospel. Please know that Jackie and I will remember you in our prayers as you continue to share Christ in your community and beyond.

In His Service,
Roger V. Elliott
Cary, NC

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Whiteville United Methodist Church family for the cards, flowers, food, friendship, and prayers following the death of Jim High.

The passing of a beloved family member leaves a big void, but the caring and compassion of the church helps one get through it.

We also extend thanks to the Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission Committee, Rev. Stallworth and Music Director Gus Cothorn for an outstanding two days of music, ministry and fellowship. Rev. Elliott's preaching was wonderful, and the Community Choir blew the roof off the church. There was indeed a spirit of revival.

– The Families of Les High and Stuart High Rogers

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The WUMM meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30p.m. The location will be Joe's Barbecue. We look forward to seeing the men of the church for good fellowship and food.

– Brad Crowell, President

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

March 6, 2019

Dear Whiteville United Methodist Church,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 11/10/2018. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals, has been sent to El Salvador by our partner Convoy of Hope. If you happen to receive more than one of these announcements, your meals have gone to impact multiple partners.

Convoy of Hope is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in El Salvador. To learn more, visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.

Ending hunger is possible only if we continue to grow the movement. We encourage you to share the news about this shipment. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped us distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. We can end hunger by 2030, but we can't do it without you. – Rise Against Hunger

NURTURE COMMITTEE

The Lenten services and lunches are well underway. Many thanks to Shirley Kennedy and crew, and Suzanne Hall and crew for their culinary skills to produce delicious lunches that all enjoyed! Thanks in advance to the other crews that will be serving the rest of the lunches. They are headed up by Carolyn Hankins, Margie Rabon, Sandy Turner, and the Nurture Committee. Attendance has been good so far.

We are working on special gifts for the mothers and fathers on their respective Sundays coming up. Happy Easter season to all - a time of rejoicing in the Lord!
– Debbie Conway, Chair

FREE BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Southeastern Community College will begin a Free Basic Computer Class on May 14th at Whiteville United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon every Tuesday through August. All equipment is provided. The class is open to anyone 18 and over. Registration will be held during class.

WUMC PRESCHOOL NEWS

The WUMC Preschool welcomes new teacher Morgan Dorsey Simmons to the Mother's Day Out Playgroup! She stepped up to help replace Ms. Amanda in February. She is a blessing to the children and to our program. We are so grateful for her willingness to serve God in this capacity.

The 2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment Forms are now available in the Church Office. We already have children enrolled for next year and urge you to apply early.
– Ms. Karen, Director

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee was notified along with many of the volunteers, that our Rise Against Hunger Event (held this past November) meals were sent to El Salvador in a shipping container holding 285,120 meals! How wonderful it was to be a part of this worthwhile project along with Hallsboro United Methodist Church. We have added another event to our calendar for this fall with the date to come soon.

Please remember to pray for the missionaries that we support. Mozart Adevu is based in Ghana, West Africa and Vickie Sigmon is based in Winston Salem, NC with the Open Arms Community Program. They are doing so much important work, and we are honored to be supporting them.
Peace and Love,
Vickie Pait

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

April is a new month for us to collect items for shoeboxes. Our focus for April is on WOW items such as stuffed animals, dolls, matchbox cars, etc. When Easter items are marked down, it's a great time to find good bargains.

Clothing items are another thing to look for as you run across seasonal items that are being marked down. The shoebox items can be left in the OCC drop-off boxes in the Church Office or the Narthex. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

– Wendy Hood

FIFTY-PLUS EXERCISE CLASS

On a recent Monday morning, a surprise visitor knocked on the Parlor door. She introduced herself, and asked if she could exercise with us that day.

We gladly welcomed Jackie Elliott, wife of the guest minister for the Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission, to our midst. She was a delightful addition to our group.

At the conclusion of the exercise session, Mrs. Elliott took her cell phone out of her pocket to check her Health App. She gladly reported good news: The workout was equivalent to over 1 mile of walking. She was pleasantly surprised at the results. Needless to say, we were all happy with the news!

The WUMC Fifty-Plus Exercise Class will celebrate it's 12th anniversary in May. And we are still going strong! Come join us for a fun hour on Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
– Patricia Ray, Parish Nurse

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

– Philippians 4:4-9

SERVING IN APRIL

Acolytes: 7th - Anna and Sophie Bivens;
14th - Emily McLam; 21st - Emily and Andrew Sauls; 28th - Grace and Maggie High

Greeters: 7th - Ann Sauls; 14th - Peggy Huffman; 21st - Cynthia Page; 28th - Marsha Stallsworth.

Soundboard Workers: 7th - Darryl Diefes;
14th - Suzanne Hall; 21st - Lynne Inman;
28th - Beverly Justice.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We had wonderful meetings during March with food, fellowship and community service. First Presbyterian was the host church for youth from our church, First Baptist, and theirs. We will be hosting all the youth from these three churches on Sundays, April 14 and 28. We look forward to seeing you then and hope you will invite a friend to join you! Thanks for all your support of our youth!

– Heather LaMora

SUNSHINE CIRCLE

The Sunshine Circle will meet on April 15, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lewellyn will give the devotion and Marsh Stallworth is the hostess. The program is Health Kits. Come join us!

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FACTS AND OPINION AFTER 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Global United Methodist Church comprised of United States (5 jurisdictions with annual conferences) and 7 Central Conferences outside the US (3 in Africa, 3 in Europe and 1 in the Philippines.) The United States is bound by the actions of General Conference; the seven Central Conferences are not absolutely bound by General Conference.

Judicial Council was asked to review plans proposed by the Commission on a Way Forward prior to the start of 2019 General Conference.

* The One Church Plan was deemed constitutional with a one-sentence exception.

* The Connectional Plan was not reviewed because it requires multiple constitutional amendments be adopted by each annual conference; there is no way to know what the final version would be to evaluate constitutionality.

* The Traditional Plan was constitutional on provisions already included in the Discipline but

many if not most of the proposed strengthened, accountability petitions were deemed unconstitutional by the Judicial Council. The “Gracious Exit” allowing churches to leave with their property was among items deemed unconstitutional.

The vote by delegates within the United States was about two-thirds opposed to the Traditional Plan.

Members of the African and Philippines Central Conferences voted in favor, and thus the Traditional Plan was adopted.

The Germany Central Conference has stated it will not adopt the Traditional Plan as church law.

Voting irregularities alleged and further investigated - small number but reveals breach in awarding delegate - status credentials.

Differing points of view are reflected in the following excerpts.

Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) message to members by Rev. Keith Boyette, president:

While the special General Conference reaffirmed the UM Church’s teachings on the definition of marriage, ordination standards, and sexual ethics, and addressed important aspects of our church’s governance, the reality is that one cannot legislate behavior. Without leadership at the general and annual conference levels committed to implementing the actions of the special General Conference, more conflict and dysfunction are inevitable. The future is not bright for the institution.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) has been resolute from its inception. The adoption of the One Church Plan would have left its governing council with no choice but to call a convening conference for a new Methodist denomination. All was in readiness for us to do so, but the One Church Plan was not adopted. True to its word, the WCA decided not to proceed with a convening conference at this time. Some were disappointed by this decision. Many hoped for the launch of a new denomination after enduring years of frustration in a denominational system in chaos. With little likelihood of good order and missional effectiveness being restored, and the probability of further rebellion occurring, some hoped for a decisive step leading to the departure of orthodox evangelical pastors and churches. The WCA Council did not proceed as some would have hoped

for two reasons: the UM Church's teaching remains unchanged, and the absence of a clean gracious exit path forces local churches to risk losing property and assets or spend significant resources in litigation and payments made to the institution.

See full message at

<https://wesleyan covenant.org/2019/03/14/the-dawning-of-a-new-chapter/>

Western Jurisdiction, The United Methodist Church - (Seven Annual Conferences in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming) *A home for all God's people, gathered around a table of reconciliation and transformation.*

In a manner emblematic of the Western Jurisdiction, the 2019 leadership team meeting March 14 was dedicated to conversation and dialog about General Conference. Members and guests listened and joined together in the conversation. Worship centered around passages from Job and Matthew with themes of lament, hope, and responding. Considering Matthew 9:16-17 attendees reflected on the possibility of being able to move the church forward with its existing structure. Can new wine be put in old wineskins? Knowing that the people across the denomination are looking to hear from western voices, the leadership team adopted a statement at its meeting to share with the church. The statement, proposed by PNW Conference layperson Marie Kuch-Stanovsky, calls for United Methodists to, "... resist injustice and insist that the Church repent of the exclusionary principles of the Traditional Plan," and affirms an intention to look for new ways of being church saying, "Grounded in our Wesleyan heritage, we will foster a new movement to gather the energy of inclusive United Methodists throughout our global connection.

Visit www.westernjurisdictionumc.org for more information about this inclusive jurisdiction. View the bishops' statement following General Conference to see and hear the diversity represented.

United Methodist Women (UMW) statement after General Conference

The Traditional Plan adopted by General Conference invites clergy, bishops and congregations who do not support the church's stand regarding LGBTQIA persons to leave the denomination and form another expression of Methodism. However, while our membership has many opinions about

the matters considered at General Conference, United Methodist Women stands together, committed to serving women, children and youth. Part of the United Methodist Women Purpose is to be a creative supportive fellowship, and that's what we intend to do. For United Methodist Women, commitment to the Purpose and prayer are the only litmus tests for determining who can belong, who can serve and who can devote themselves to mission. Our differences make us stronger. We continue to be open to any woman who chooses to commit to our Purpose and mission.

Visit www.umw.org for more information about the Purpose and work of UMW, celebrating 150 years in mission.

The opinion portion gives my personal beliefs about how Jesus calls me to follow as a Christian. My belief on the place of all children created by God has evolved over many years. As there is strong evidence that sexual orientation has been determined at birth, I believe this is not a choice an individual makes and can reverse at will. As God calls his children to live in love and relationship with one another, Jesus makes no reference to homosexuality. Discrimination within the church and judgment on how God creates individuals is not part of my calling. The fruit of the spirit – "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22) – does not reflect sexual orientation.

For nearly 60 years, I have been part of the Methodist/United Methodist Church. I have seen it evolve in the changing role of women, watched as General Conference has apologized to Native Americans and People of Color for the way they were treated by the church. I affirm the global work to empower people and improve health --physical, mental and spiritual-- for all. But I cannot commit to the stance required under the Traditional Plan to judge and put on trial fellow Christians. Under the Traditional Plan, I am given a choice: Agree or leave the United Methodist Church. It is not how I hear Jesus or the Holy Spirit calling me to practice my faith in proclaiming the Good News.

– Carolyn Hankins



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Ms. Tammie Anderson, Treasurer
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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.