



WESLEYAN CHAPEL UMC | WILMINGTON, NC | 2022

Church Events

- Nov 5– BAZAAR
- Nov 6– Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 8– Election Day
- Nov 9– Charge Conference
- Nov 10– Grace Circle
- Nov 12– Scrapbooking
- Nov 13– Pennies for Hunger
- Nov 13– Lifecare Discussion
- Nov 15– JOY Group
- Nov 17– UMC Information Session
- Nov 20– Consecration Sunday & Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 27– First Sunday of Advent
- Nov 28- New Normal Group
- Nov 29– Advent Studies begins

An Important Message from Church Council

On Sunday, Oct. 23, a group of Wesleyan Chapel members requested an opportunity to speak to church council about their desire to have a church-wide vote about disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. Draft minutes from that meeting are available upon request. Church Council did not entertain a motion to have a church conference for a disaffiliation vote in the near future (due to deadlines having already passed and new ones not yet announced for 2023). However, as Chair of the Council, I committed that we would have a listening and information session on this subject and the future of the UMC. **Revs. David and Carol Goehring will be present to lead this session and to answer questions on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Every member of Wesleyan Chapel should attend this critical information session.** There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the UMC, the NC Annual Conference and the issue of human sexuality. We hope to have a healthy discussion with any and all questions being answered. There is a box outside the church office where you can leave any questions you have so that we can be as prepared as possible to answer questions. You must sign your name in case we need to follow-up with you for clarification. Questions will also be taken verbally at the Nov. 17 event. I ask you to all be in prayer with me between now and Nov. 17. Peace be with you.

Jennifer Hooks
Church Council Chair



November Birthdays

1 Bill Thompson	16 Beth Thorn
2 Don Griggs	19 Sandra Stephenson
2 Samantha Melin	19 Kim Huene
2 Robert Foy	20 Lynda Simmons
2 Heather Noe	20 Jennifer Hooks
2 Juliana Benson	21 Lilly Herring
4 Maryann Nunnally	22 Sandy VanNess
4 Matthew Wagner	22 Nick Romano
4 Joseph Kossan	22 Millie Georgopoulos
5 Teresa Morgan	23 Ryan Boaz
6 Ed Holland	24 Caitlin Noe
6 Weston Troutman	24 Katie Distefano
7 Wesley Crews	26 David Adams
8 Aletha Foster	26 Woody Page
8 Tommy Tuttle	26 Alexander DeMarco
11 Eve Hanna	27 Jamie Wrede
12 Calvin Nelson	27 Levi Jost
13 Molly Spears	29 Travis Huffman
13 Joan Bascomb	29 William Lee
13 Brian Both	30 Cindie Houck
15 Ben Reynolds	30 Cathy Gilbert

November Anniversaries

5 Bill & Vicki Thompson
15 Steve & Leslie Beuth
16 Jennifer & Ian Beaty
18 Ron & Jennifer Patterson
19 Dexter & Pam Johnson

The Vine is Growing...

On Sunday, October 9, we welcomed Pastor Rick and Karen France as professing members. We give thanks for their presence and ministry among us. Pastor Rick's position as assistant pastor has been approved by SPRC and will continue. Karen is fulfilling important roles as a volunteer in the youth and children's ministries.

Prayers for God's People

Homebound or in nursing homes: Ora Lee Simmons, David Skipper, Dot Chalmers, Donald Durham Jr.

Health or other concerns, upcoming operations or hospitalizations: Judy Durham, Jerry Campbell (Jamie Wrede's father), James & Pam Perry, Julie Wisecup, Phyllis Miller, Dianne & Harold Lee, Tommy & Anne Johnson (Debbie Jones's parents), Annis Weir, Phyllis Leitch's daughter- Jackie, Larry & Hattie Teachey, Floyd Greene (friend of Judy & Tommy Carter; pancreatic cancer), Robert and Phyllis Miller (Melissa Stillwell's parents), Carol Olds Peterson, Eddie Campbell (recovering from back surgery), Doris Davis (Dexter Johnson's sister), Sara Scalzo (Mary Fanady), Deloris McGwier, Robert Pope (Carolyn Pinckney's son), Dana Wilson (brain tumor removed; relative of Gladys Sumner), Joyce Richards, Margaret (friend of Mark Williams), Ron Patterson, Sr. (Jennifer Patterson father-in-law), Chris Kuntz (Julie Ledermann's uncle), Tommy Carter, Mary Ellen Simmons (Friend of Shirley Holland in ICU)

Armed forces, civil servants, and first responders: Matt Baer, Ray Metcalf, Ryan Boyette, Nicholas Dobo, Nicholas Torrisi, Vincent Torrisi

Onslow, Pender, and New Hanover County Schools: Students, teachers & administrators

You may submit a prayer request by emailing the church office at churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org OR by calling the church office at 910-686-4041. Please notify the church when prayers have been answered so the list may be updated.

United Methodist Women's
ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5

9am – 3pm

Handmade Crafts, Attic
Treasures, and Homemade
Edibles

*Help needed! See our website or contact
the church office to find out
how you can help!*

Understanding Lifecare

Join the conversation on Sunday, November 13 at 4pm in Lee Hall. We will discuss types of healthcare and services, from palliative care through hospice care, and when each is right for you or loved ones. It

will be led by the local nonprofit Lower Cape Fear Lifecare. If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Schiff.



Pennies for Hunger

2nd Sunday Each Month

Next Collection date November 13

October Collection: \$146.89

2022 Total: \$1,971.37

So far this year we have contributed \$2,000.00 to five ministries.

\$400.00 to Mother Hubbard Cupboard (Wilmington)

\$400.00 to 4 C's Food Pantry (Hampstead)

\$400.00 to Pender Meals on Wheels

\$400.00 to Rise Against Hunger

\$400.00 to CHAP Thanksgiving Meals

Last year we contributed \$2,800 to seven different ministries, so we have our work cut out for us to maintain the same level of giving this year. We will need to collect around \$400 in November and December to do this. Our next collection date is November 13.

Pennies Fact: The back of the first design of the Lincoln Penny was a wreath of wheat, this coin was often referred to as a wheat penny and was minted from 1909 – 1956.



JOY Group

Just Older Youth

Need some JOY in your life? Join us on November 15 at 10:00am in Lee Hall for some fun and fellowship as we play a variety of games. We will continue our fellowship time over a meal at a restaurant to be determined.

Ministry Item of the Month

The outpouring of donations that have been coming in this year have blessed so many local and church ministries. Thank you all for your generosity and support!

Since we will be holding several holiday drives through the season, we will hold off on additional collections. In this newsletter and the next, you will find information on Thanksgiving and Christmas drives.

Check back in January for our next Ministry Item of the Month. If you know of an organization that we can support, please contact the church office.

Stephen Ministry

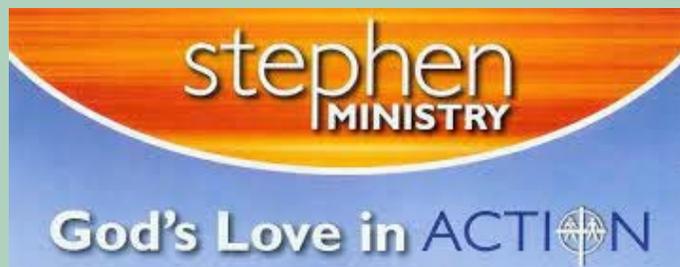
A Stephen Minister is a congregation member with gifts for caregiving who has received training in providing emotional and spiritual care. It is someone who will “be there” to listen, care, pray, support, and encourage.

We all experience challenges in life and a Stephen Minister is equipped to walk beside you in times of:

- A chronic or terminal illness
- Loss of a loved one
- Divorce or separation
- Loneliness
- Unemployment
- Any many more

Stephen Ministry is a confidential Ministry. The identity and what takes place remains private.

Contact Miriam Shipp (910-777-8063) or Diane Croom (910-540-2097) for additional information.



Grace Circle Fundraiser

Grace Circle actively supports the needs of women, children, local schools, the homeless, food banks, and other missions as deemed appropriate. As with other organizations within WCUMC, we have had reduced opportunities this year to raise funds for mission support due to challenges created by ongoing Covid concerns.

In order to raise funds for our missions, Grace Circle will be offering the opportunity for someone to go home with an 88 inch by 101 inch, handmade quilt. We will be collecting monetary donations, in \$10 increments. For every \$10 donated, your name will be entered for a drawing to be held on November 20, 2022; you may donate as many times as you wish.

A box with envelopes will be stationed next to the quilt in the sanctuary. Please include your name, telephone number, and amount being donated on the envelope. We will prepare the appropriate number of donation tickets with your name. Please make all checks payable to Grace Circle. A name will be chosen from all entries on Sunday, November 20.



Good Samaritan House

We will be closed on Friday November 4 and Saturday November 5 for the bazaar, but will be on normal schedule for the remainder of the month.

HELP! We need your children's winter clothing, boys and girls, size 12 months to size 14/16 and men's winter clothing.



Donations are accepted only during our normal hours of operation, Friday 9-12 and Saturday 9-3

We accept **gently used donations, please check** that items do not have stains, rips, holes, missing buttons, excessive wear, that all items work, are not missing parts and have no cracks, chips, etc.

We do not accept furniture, mattresses, TV's, computers, VCR or cassette tapes.

Donations should be brought to the back door.

If you would like to learn about volunteering at GSH, please contact Beth Sanders at efsanders@charter.net or 910-470-2725.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, provides gifts to children throughout the world who have suffered because of war, natural disasters, poverty, illness, and neglect. If you would like to participate, we have a few preprinted boxes available. You may pick up your box and brochure for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry on the table outside the choir room. **Boxes are due no later than November 16.**

They ask for a \$9.00 donation for each shoebox to help with shipping costs. If you are doing multiple boxes, they suggest that you make one combined donation to cover the expense of shipping. If you make this donation online you can follow your box around the world, www.samaritanspurse.org. Attach the label to your box—it includes a barcode that enables you to track your box. You can check back in January to *Follow Your Box* and enter your email address to discover the country that received your box.

PROJECT AGAPE Christmas Boxes

Thank you to all who contributed to the Project AGAPE Christmas Box collection. We delivered 25 Christmas Boxes to the MERCI Center in Goldsboro which will be headed to the Project AGAPE Headquarters in Vayk, Armenia later this year.

WESLEYAN CHAPEL HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES

THANKSGIVING:

We will again be participating in the Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAP) to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in our community who are food insecure. Each family will be provided with a voucher to pick up a fully cooked Thanksgiving meal that serves 8-10. This has been a huge success the past couple of years.

Our need at this time is monetary donations or Harris Teeter gift cards in any amount to provide these Thanksgiving Meals, the cost of the meal per family is \$70.00. Monetary contributions or gift cards can be in any amount. Place your donation in the offering plates or the wooden collection boxes on Sunday, mail in or drop off at the office during office hours, or use our online giving program- select fund #16 Needy Families/ CHAP. Please include CHAP or Thanksgiving Food in the memo line of checks. These funds are needed by November 13 in order for us to place the order with Harris Teeter.

CHRISTMAS:

Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAP) We will again be participating in the Community Holiday Assistance Program (CHAP) with other area churches and organizations to provide Christmas gifts to children in our communities. We will be collecting toys for children (infants to high school) to stock the Holiday Mart which will be held at Blakes Chapel on December 11. Parents will be able to select gifts for each of their children. You may purchase any toys appropriate for infant through high school or select from gift slips that will be available before or after services November 13, 20, and 27. All items are due December 4.

Methodist Home for Children: We will have names of children who are in need with their wish list/needs. Groups and individuals can adopt one or more of these children and provide their Christmas. We will also have individual child specific slips for gifts for some of these children.

Nursing Home Gift Bags: We are checking in to whether we will be able to provide gift bags to residents at Cornelia Nixon Davis Nursing Home this year.

Monetary donations can be made by cash or check. Please indicate that they are for CHAP/ Needy Families, or online use the CHAP/ Needy Family fund code #16.

There are many opportunities to participate in this ministry such as making gift slips, shopping, preparing gifts for delivery, delivering gifts, as well as helping with the Holiday Mart. If you would be interested in volunteering to help with this ministry, please contact Beth Sanders 910-470-2725 or efsanders@charter.net.

MYF

On October 16, the Wesleyan Chapel MYF traveled to Trask Family Farms to get lost in the corn maze! The 17 youth and 4 adults had fun exploring the maze and solving the mystery of the missing Farmer Joe. After conquering the maze, we returned to the church for snacks and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated!

Upcoming Youth Schedule

October 29 (Saturday): MYF is helping with Trunk or Treat (in place of our regular Sunday meeting) from 4:30-7pm

November 6: Lee Hall 5-6:30pm

November 13: Lee Hall 5-6:30pm

November 20: Thanksgiving event Lee Hall 5-6:30pm

November 27: No MYF- Happy Thanksgiving!!

Please contact Lou Reynolds with any questions at lreynolds2@ec.rr.com.



MYF enjoying creating and eating Halloween cookies!



K-5 Alive

During the first six weeks of K – 5 Alive, the 25 students have experienced the Fruits of the Spirit including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and goodness through the lessons, through the crafts, and even through the ending games. With the large “tree” in Lee Hall, anyone can see the many “dots” on each fruit to represent how many learned the memory verse for that week.

Beside a weekly small prize, memory verse learners have names placed into the drawing for bigger prizes at the end of the session. Kids, keep up that good work with memorizing (and even catch up if needed) with the sometimes tricky verses.

The weekly music time is amazing because by the end of the 11-week session, the kids will present the musical “Christmas in Egypt” in the worship service on December 4. The tunes are pretty catchy, and the true meaning of Christmas is woven right into the story. Be sure to attend this musical.

Most of the crafts made each week by the children will be sold at the Bazaar on Saturday, November 5. Be sure to attend the Bazaar!

The kitchen crew continues to keep up with the hungry crowd each week as dinner time happens after the three class rotations. It is amazing how much kids can eat when it's pizza, chicken nuggets, pancakes, hot dogs, and hamburgers!

In the next weeks, we continue to add a “fruit” to include faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control to complete all nine fruits of the spirit. On November 16, we will prepare the blessing bags once we have additional donations of small water bottles, kleenex packets, snacks, and individual hand wipes. There is a separate wooden container in Lee



Hall and marked “K – 5 Alive Donations”. Thank you! Reminder: No K – 5 Alive on November 23. And, Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30 will be dedicated to musical practice for “Christmas in Egypt” for everyone.

December 3 will be a final Saturday practice in the morning – more details to follow!

The willing volunteers and smiling children make each week a great experience!

What a lively and worthwhile fall session of K – 5 Alive! Alive it is!

H₃ † After 7 weeks of the new Sunday morning class for grades 6 – 9, the attendance for the H3t class ranges from 5 – 10 on any given Sunday. Averaging 7 per week, the two teachers (Ms. Jamie Wrede and Ms. Karen France) are happy with any number of students who get up and get to church! Meeting at 10:45 to grab some breakfast, students head upstairs to the comfy youth room. Updating their personal Journal with the latest verse or 2 for the week, students have something for their reflective devotional time spent during the week at home (hopefully). The beginning check-in question leads right into a theme-of-the-month discussion, entertaining video clip, Bible verse reading, main lesson big ideas, and sharing to keep the daily topic meaningful for their lives now. The Holy Spirit was the October topic for the class. We all know more about this life-sustaining, mysterious, and important third member of the Trinity than we did a month ago. At the end of the class time, there is usually time to play ping pong, table pool, fozz ball, or just chat before the noon hour arrives.

In November, a new topic involving some “lesser known” biblical characters will give us new insight into God's prophetic words for his people as well as for our daily lives today. Students and friends are welcome to join our circle of Holy Habitat seekers of Hidden Treasures!

Special event on November 27: The youth will be helping the younger Sunday School class students make an Advent Wreath for their family. Yes, the youth should be able to make one, too!

Charge Conference '22

Wednesday, November 9 at 5:00pm

This year's Harbor District Charge Conference will be held via zoom. All chairpersons are requested to attend; committee members and ministry leaders are encouraged to attend, and all members of the church are welcome! Each local church is meeting with the Harbor District Superintendent Tara Lain.

If you would like to be present, please let the office know by calling or by signing up on The Living Vine (see link on website or follow the QR code). When the date approaches, you will be sent a link to connect to the Charge Conference via zoom.



All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022 is All Saints Day, and we will be honoring and remembering all the Wesleyan Chapel saints who passed away since All Saints Sunday of 2021. This will take place at the traditional worship service which begins at 9:30 a.m. We invite your family to worship with us either in-person or online on this special occasion.

Table Fellowship

On Sunday, November 20 we will have our **Thanksgiving Lunch**. Please plan to join in the time of fellowship in Lee Hall at noon. Invite a friend too!

Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish or a dessert to share. See you there!

Breakfast will be served every Sunday except November 20. Volunteers are still needed to help with prep, serving, and clean-up. If you would like to help, contact the church office: churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org

Budget 2023

It is time to turn in your budget requests for 2023. If you manage a fund for your ministry, committee, or group, and please complete a budget request form and turn it into the office or the finance committee. Printed copies are available in the church office, or a copy can be emailed to you.

2023 Stewardship Season

The 2023 Stewardship campaign is well underway. Mr. Rick Glover is Stewardship Chairperson. Rick and I request that you review your personal financial capacity and then give prayerful thought as to your support of Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church. During the campaign, several persons will share their thoughts on stewardship.

Consecration Sunday will be November 20, 2023. A celebration of Stewardship with a Thanksgiving luncheon in Lee Hall will follow our second service. Make a special effort to attend a service during all Sundays of our Stewardship season.

Al Howard

Finance, Chairperson



Will you be ALL IN?

Financial Update

3rd Quarter Financial Report

As always, the summer months were not kind to the yearly budget of WCUMC. With that said, let me quickly say all bills and apportionments are paid up to date. Receipts and budget year to date are as follows:

Receipts year to date	\$477,996.50
Budget year to date	<u>508,622.76</u>
Receipts under planned Budget	\$ 30,626.26

The staff and program managers have done an excellent job in keeping costs down to bare minimum. Many thanks to them. If you have any questions as to the budget or finances of the church, please call or email.

Al Howard

Finance Chairperson

WORTHY

Time is passing at high speed for me these days. In two more months the cantata will be performed for our church family. Yikes! The children's musical, "Christmas in Egypt," will be presented two weeks before the cantata!

A few parents asked about the Baby Jesus story in Egypt. They didn't know of any story about Baby Jesus in Egypt. It is found in Matthew 2:13-23. Joseph and family arrived and left. An angel spoke to Joseph in a dream. He followed God's request each time, but what happened while they were there??? That is a wonderful sweet story Kathie Hill wrote for this musical. Please support the children in K-5 Alive by attending the presentation on Sunday, December 4 at the 9:30 service. Let's have a full sanctuary that day!

On December 11 at the 9:30 service, the handbells will play a couple of Christmas songs. The bells can bring beautiful memories back at Christmas. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of the hymns the Chancel Ringers will play. It has a 8th – 9th century melody but the English version we sing nowadays was changed around 1960. Our hymnals are history books!

Continuing WC's Christmas celebration is the presentation of, "The Weary World Rejoices," written by Joseph Martin, sung by Chancel Choir, and accompanied by a small chamber orchestra.

You will hear beautiful scripture readings and prayers asking God to heal us in this tumultuous world we are living in. The collection of songs including, "O Holy Night," certainly will bring those words to our hearts. "The Weary World Rejoices" will be performed on December 18 at the 9:30 and 11:00 services.

-Cindie Houck

Altar Flowers

The altar flower sign-up book is on the table outside of the choir room. We have some openings through the year. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday, select a date and sign-up in the book. Contact the church office if you need any assistance.

Our New Normal

The first meeting of Our New Normal was held on October 17 at 10-11 in the conference room with 7 present.

This is a great group to plug into while dealing with spousal loss. Thanks to all who participated.

Our next meeting will be November 28 at 10am. The support we give each other is valuable. Hope to see more next time.

In Christ, Gladys Booz

LIFT

Ladies in Fellowship Together will meet November 14th upstairs in youth room from 7-9pm. Nursery will be provided.

Scrapbooking/Craft Day

Scrapbooking/Craft Day is in Lee Hall on November 12th from 8am-12pm.



Our regular monthly meeting was truly blessed this month! Our own Boy Scout Troop 234 shared their opening ceremony with us. What a great start to the gathering! We used this opportunity to share part of the proceeds of the Shrimperoo with them to help keep this vital program going strong. What a great bunch of young folks and adult leaders. Our church family is justifiably proud of all they do.

We welcomed Pastor Rick back to the group after his bout with COVID and we also welcomed special guest Lauren Moore. Yes, it's always OK to bring a guest – sibling, offspring, significant other, neighbor, friend – just be sure to let Ken or Jerome know so we can plan food quantities. Speaking of which, with 28 present and only 18 reservations, our chefs did a great job stretching the loaves and fishes. Get your reservation in early for November 7 so there is plenty for all. After a rousing rendition of "Rise Up, O Men of God," we offered prayer concerns focused on Hurricane Ian recovery. Eric Walker introduced himself and shared his faith journey. It was heartfelt, humorous in part, and enlightening. Why not come next month and see who is in the spotlight?

Jimmy Schiff is now the WCUMC Early Response Team manager and he provided an update on status and training opportunities. Our ERT trailer is ready to go to Florida if the District needs it. On Sunday, November 13 from 4:00-5:00PM, the UMM will host an hour long presentation on Hospice in Lee Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Mark your calendars.

Plan on joining us November 7 at 7:00PM and join the fun and fellowship.

Steve Hall, President

November Servants

Pennies Counters: Beth Sanders
Linda Riggins

Visitor Gift Bags: Eve Hanna

Good Sam House

Friday	Nov 4	CLOSED for Bazaar
	Nov 11	Jan Kinney Barbara Halpern Ruby Reavis
	Nov 18	Jan Kinney Gladys Booz Joyce Spears
	Nov 25	Jan Kinney Lana Romano Caroline McKinley

Saturday	Nov 5	CLOSED for Bazaar
	Nov 12	AM- Sara Waters Marie Miller PM- Crystal Roman Beth - Open & Close
	Nov 19	AM- Pat Flowers Linda Riggins PM- Judy Carter Shirley Marie Millis Beth - Open & Close
	Nov 26	AM- Connie Flores Jackie Morris PM- Barbara Stapleton Woody Page Beth - Open & Close