



From Dan's Desk

I want to highlight how our larger connectional United Methodist Church works to communicate. The benefits of optimizing our connectedness as United Methodists are many. We get to know the many ways in which United Methodists are in mission, which in turn can spark our own imagination. We gain confidence in how apportionment dollars are spent. We become aware of local opportunities for worship, education, and experiences. Inspiration hits us as we see the witness of so many diverse and faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

The first place I would commend to you is our Western North Carolina Annual Conference website: <https://www.wnccumc.org/> The latest word from our bishop, news of missional success, and updates on denominational matters are all readily available and searchable. You can also subscribe to the Conference newsletter at the bottom of the homepage and have all this news delivered to your email. As I write this column I see news of an upcoming women's retreat at Lake Junaluska, grant opportunities, the latest on disaffiliation, and a program for those who might want to explore a call into ordained ministry. You can also follow our Annual Conference on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

The next place I would recommend is our Yadkin Valley District website: <https://www.yadkinvalleydistrictumc.org/> Again, you can subscribe to a newsletter where all the latest opportunities and witness is laid out for you in your inbox. Yesterday's edition of the Yadkin Valley District email newsletter included: a word from our Superintendent, Sam Moore; news of a local joint Moravian, Baptist, and United Methodist event on the topic of Gratitude; three different district grants to apply for; a report from the Wake Forest Wesley Foundation; a look at a Community Garden in Winston-Salem; a description of three special weekends for women at Lake Junaluska; an opportunity to take a course entitled, "Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches"; and a listing of the 2023 Laity Service Award recipients that includes our own John Miller.

For a wider perspective I would recommend our denomination's website: <https://www.umc.org/> This site contains basic beliefs, world-wide missions, news stories, and more than I can possibly list here. It's inspiring to see how much is being done in this world in the name of Jesus.

John Wesley thought that our life of faith together was just as important as our faith life individually. I hope that you will subscribe to the above information and be inspired.

Peace,

Dan

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YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

UMYF Schedule

- November 17th, 7pm-7am - Fun & Lock-In
- November 19th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 12-1:30pm - GYM
- November 26th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - No GYM
- December 1st-3rd - Jr./Sr. Retreat
- December 3rd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - No GYM
- December 3rd @ 5:30pm - Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 10th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- December 16th @ 6pm - Youth Christmas Party
- December 17th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - No GYM
- December 17th @ 6pm - GK Nativity & Youth Pancake Supper
- December 24th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups
 - No GYM
- December 31st -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Youth Small Groups

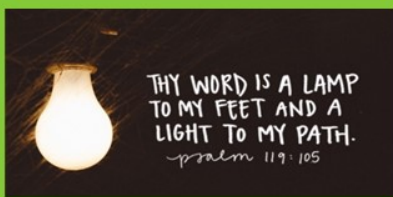


2023 Feed the Hunger Pack-a-Thon

On Sunday, November 12th, SGUMC hosted a pack-a-thon and joined with Feed the Hunger to provide food for children around the world. This churchwide project brings all of us together to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a tangible way—putting food in the bellies of hungry children. From the youngest Garden Kids to the Golden Agers we labeled bags, filled the bags with rice, soy, vegetables, and vitamins, sealed the bags, packed them in boxes and stacked them on pallets for shipping. Each box is marked with a sticker that says SGUMC, and Feed the Hunger will let us know exactly where our boxes have been delivered! We packed enough food for 126 kids for an entire school year...over 30,000 meals! Great work!



Mark your calendar!
Youth Christmas Party
Friday, December 17th @ 6pm



Chad & Amanda Betters, Co-Directors of Youth Ministry
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 336-682-6899 & 336-624-1423 youth@sedgegardenumc.org



Wear your festive attire!

Bring a \$5 Dirty Santa gift to exchange! (optional)

Golden Agers Christmas Party!
Dec 4th at 1:00



Crisis Control MINISTRY

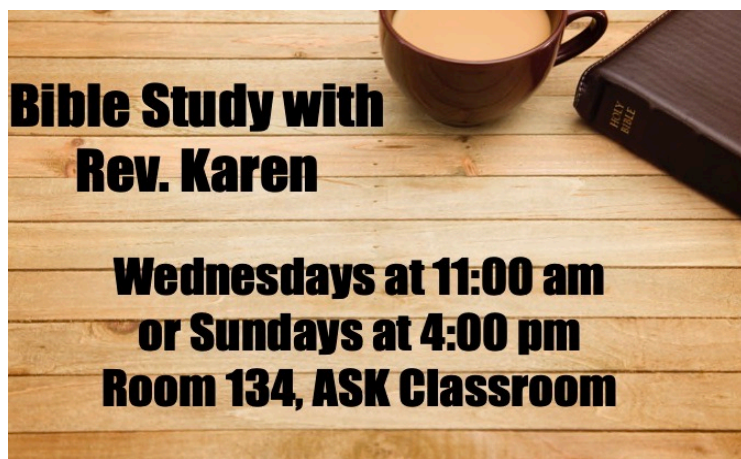
Food of the Month
December 2023

Canned Vegetables



Stitches of Love

Monday, December 4, 10:00 AM



Bible Study with
Rev. Karen

Wednesdays at 11:00 am
or Sundays at 4:00 pm
Room 134, ASK Classroom



United Methodist Men's
Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 26th
7 am
Fellowship Hall



CHRISTMAS CAROLING & COMMUNION

JOIN DAN ON
DEC 8 & 15
2 PM
BACK
PARKING LOT

We will go visit church family who are home bound for some Christmas music and cheer!

Church Council and
Charge Conference Meeting

Sunday, November 19th
Fellowship Hall

3 - 4 pm Council Mtg
4 - 5 pm Charge Conference



Thankful Thursday

POTLUCK

Devotional to follow

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

Thursday December 7th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Pastoral Care Notes

We extend our Christian love and Sympathy in the passing of:



Marian Harrison who passed on October 19, 2023

Joe Stewart who passed on November 3, 2023

Charlie Bean who passed on November 7, 2023

Hospitalization and Rehabilitation

Delta Bean(rehabilitation) Hilda Young (recent procedure)

Linda Schafer (upcoming procedure)

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers
Edna Holland
Erline Shelton
Robin Weavil

Lynn Cash
Carol Hoover
Bryan Staley
Vickie Wooten

Becky Hines
Lanelle Johnson
Dennis Stout
....and prayers unspoken



Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents

Myrtis Holder

**Dot Sides
Pat Vogler**

Peggy Holder

Anne Coffey (BrookRidge, Winston Salem Rm 622A)
Gayle Hampton (Morningview at Irving Park)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)
Bub and Karen Manning (Salem towne)
Patsy Rowell (Arbor Ridge)
Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge)
Mona Terrell (Brookdale, High Point, Rm 17)
Robin Weavil (Davie Nursing & Rehab Center)

Evangeline Davis (Cadence, Huntersville, Room E9)
Linda Heath (Cadence, Wake Forest Senior Living, Wake Forest)
Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge)
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge)
Mary Lea Shreve (Kerner Ridge)
Virgil Smith (Heritage Woods)
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge)

Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Jared Robbins Sam Tice Cameron Ashburn

***All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed.**



Birthdays

12/1 Maggie Conway
Jason Hoyle
Alexandra Gallop
Randy McCormick
Tracy Holder-Kearns
12/2 Jared Reid
JoAnne Via
Bailey Faith Meeks
Rebecca Snyder
12/4 Trish Grubbs
Jerry Ring
Michael Comer
12/5 Grier Jones
12/6 Carson McCann
Kathy McCliment
12/7 Jim Karr
Joshua Pendelton
12/8 Sherry Jeffries
12/9 Tyler McLean
12/10 Brad Bennett
12/11 Morgan Beaman
12/12 Greg Voss
Dillon Houseknecht
12/13 Angie Shearer
Beth Caudle
Hannah Craver
Donna Gilbert
12/14 Karen Manning
Kenny Stafford
Megan Young
Lauren Smith

12/15 Denny Walker
Brad Houseknecht
12/16 Nick Conner
Kent Martin
Cole Rouse
12/17 Robin Rowell
Jerry Young
Debbie Page
12/18 Connor Manuel
Tara Desmond
12/19 Kay Bailey
LuAnn Baker
Payton Hunter
Harold Sapp
12/20 Garrett Walker
Don Thomas
Jonathan Turner
12/21 Avery Dobson
Fiona Duncan
12/22 Chris Umbaugh
Ryan Kurtiak
Betsy Richardson
12/23 Charlie Kearns
12/24 Fran Fiumara
Luke Manuel
Derek Caudle
12/25 Erline Shelton
Kristine Brixius
12/27 Jason Baker
Hannah Dunlap
Bay Routh
Anita Waibel

12/28 Lynette Hampton
Craig Motsinger
Allie Yokley
12/29 Allison Tuttle
Clara Langford
Ryan Julian
12/30 Kevin Kling
Mike Hennis
Katie Tyndall
12/31 Charles Bocholis
Hugh Hill
Patricia Weavil
Cheryl Hancock

Anniversaries

12/3 April & Charles Bocholis
12/5 Jennifer & Neil Casstevens
12/14 Tara & Damian Desmond
12/18 Debby & Rob Alexander
12/20 Linda & Hugh Pennington
12/26 Nina & Denny Holder
Linda & David Chapman
12/27 Margaret & Bryan Staley

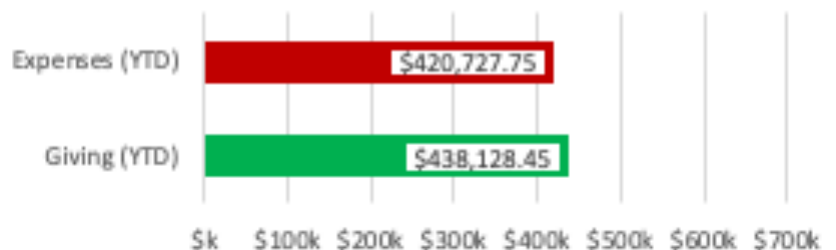


From the Finance Committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses: \$11,492.00
Year to Date Expenses: \$420,727.75
Year to Date Giving: \$438,128.45

Giving from Oct 22 - Nov 14:
\$38,728.89

November 2023 Mission and Ministry Fund Update



Poinsettia Sale

Honor or Memorialize
a loved one with a
beautiful Poinsettia!

\$20

There are a limited number of flowers still available. If you missed the deadline but want to purchase a flower, call the office!!



Collecting toys Nov 11-Dec 3
Donate a toy for a child this
Christmas!!

Holiday Evening for Ladies of SGUMC

December 14, 2023
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish or
dessert to share and
a fun gift (\$15 limit)

Sponsored by Rachel's Roses
& United Women in Faith

Christmas Tree Lighting
December 3rd
5:30 PM

Heavy hors d'oeuvres
Pictures with Santa!!

Gather at 4:00 to carol in the neighborhood!

Scout Hut Pavillion

Advent Events

- Church Decorating Dec 2nd 9 AM until finished
- Tree Lighting Dec 3rd at 5:30, Caroling at 4:00 Scout Hut
- Golden Agers Christmas Luncheon, Dec 4th at 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall
- Thankful Thursday Potluck, Dec 7th at 6 PM Fellowship Hall
- Christmas Caroling Dec 8th & 15th, 2:00 PM Meet in the back parking lot
- Sounds of the Season Concert, Dec 9th at 7 PM
- A Wiggly Nativity, Dec 14th at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall
- Holiday Evening for Ladies of SGUMC, Dec 14th, 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
- Special Music Sunday, Dec 17th 8:30 and 10:55 services
- Garden Kids Nativity, Sunday, Dec 17th at 6 PM
- Christmas Eve Services, Dec 24th at 8:30, 10:55, 4:30 and 11:00 PM
- New Year's Eve Sunday, Combined Services at 10:30 AM



Thank you for your continued support of Sedge Garden UMC. In order to be better stewards of your contributions we have changed our online and scheduled giving tool. Our old system will be turned off on **Nov. 30th** and your scheduled contributions will stop. In order to facilitate this change without disrupting your support we ask you to Logon to our website www.sedgegardenumc.org and click online giving to setup your scheduled contribution.



Garden Kids Ministry

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

2023 Trunk-or-Treat



Every year we host a Trunk-or-Treat for the Sedge Garden Community, and this year we had 16 trunks and about 100 treaters! The creativity among the trunk decorations and the costumes was incredible! Our 2023 trunk decoration winners were BJ & Ashley Locklear's under the sea live fish giveaway, and Tommy & Sheila Holder's pirate ship and gangplank experience! Our 2023 costume winner was Lucy Slate as Barbie!



We are kicking off the Christmas season with the Annual Sedge Garden Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 3rd @ 5:30pm! Join us for this fun community event! A special guest...Santa!...will be joining us for pictures!

Mark your calendars for the Garden Kids Nativity on Sunday, December 9th @ 6pm! The Garden Kids will begin practice for the Nativity on Sunday, November 19th during the GK Worship time!

Amanda Betters, Director of Garden Kids Ministry
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Memorial Contributions In Memory Of

Betty Bryant

General Fund

Frances Fiumara

Marion Harrison

General Fund

Vonnie Motsinger

Janell Hart

General Fund

Patti Smothers

Dennis & Cindy Stout

Sandar Hart

General Fund

Patti Smothers

John Jarman

GYM

Vicki & Harry Jarman

Brian Long

GYM

Vicki & Harry Jarman

Bruce Richardson

General Fund

Harry & Nan Padgett

Pattie & Tom Sacrinity

Gwen Padgett Williams

Joe Stewart

General Fund

Nancy Klutz

Harry & Vicki Jarman

Patti Smothers

2023 RED FOOD BAG PROJECT

BAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER STARTING NOVEMBER 19

Thank you so much for volunteering to provide a meal to a local family.

Any brand is acceptable as long as sizes and quantities are close to the same.

{Brands noted are only suggestions}

Please purchase the following items and approximate sizes as listed. Thank you!

- 1-pound dry white rice, box or bag [not Instant]
- 1-pound bag dried pinto beans
- 2 cans [15.25-oz each] whole kernel sweet corn
- 16-ounce bottle ranch dressing
- 12-ounce bottle Texas Pete original hot sauce
- Medium size bottle vegetable cooking oil
- 2 boxes brownie mix
- 2 boxes Jiffy Corn mix
- One medium size jar peanut butter
- 1 can spaghetti sauce (please no jars)
- 16 ounce box spaghetti noodles

Place all grocery items inside the provided SGUMC red shopping bag.

**Please Deliver to the Brian Ray Holland Fellowship Hall
Between December 3 and December 10, 2023**

Deliveries will be Monday morning, December 11!}

Thank you and God Bless! UWF and Outreach Committee

Hosted by:
Downtown Sound
Acapella Ensemble
& Sedge Garden
United Methodist Church



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

To benefit Crisis Control Ministry

**Saturday, December 9, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

**Special Guests: Cash Elementary Chorus,
Triad Harmony Express, North Davidson HS Chorus**

**Sedge Garden United Methodist Church
794 Sedge Garden Road, Kernersville**

**Admission: monetary donation or
non perishable food items**

Sponsored by:



Sewing Day
Sat. Nov 25th
9AM - 1PM
Fellowship Hall

**This outreach project is to make
washable pads for girls in Kenya.**

**Please bring a sewing machine
and scissors if you have them.**

SGUMC Contact Information

Mailing Address

Office Phone

Preschool Office Phone

Pastor

Director of Traditional Music

Director of Contemporary Music

Financial Secretary

Church Office Coordinator

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Co-Director of Youth Ministries

Congregational Care Team Leader

Director of Preschool Ministry

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