



*A Community of faith, led by God's spirit, offering Christ to the World*

**Make A Difference: Increase My Faith**

**October 2, 2022**

A phrase that I have heard all of my life from church members is “Increase My Faith”. I know that sounds so simple to some and so frightening to others. As we move into the last part of our “Now What?” sermon series, we will realize that we are called to make a difference. We are called to be the church and take God’s amazing message to the world.

Sunday is World Communion Sunday, and we are asking that we “be the church” and take the love of God to the world. As United Methodists, we welcome all to the table and offer communion as a means of grace that helps others to encounter the mighty power of Jesus. But one thing that we must realize is that many people may never come inside the church at all, and the opportunity to share this means of grace is only prepared for the ones in the room. I fully believe that the love, grace and mercy of God is bigger than to be contained within the walls of the church. As Christ followers, we are able to take this message Christ has given to us and share it with anyone that we encounter. Talk about making a difference. If we fully believe in the power of the elements, we believe that the message that was given to us can be shared with the people outside the walls of the church... and that is exactly what we are going to do this week.


As we come to the altar, we will be praying for the encounters that we will have when we leave the service on Sunday. We want to take communion to the world and offer it to complete strangers in hopes of helping them to engage with the power of the body and blood of Christ. As we come together as a community of believers and bless the elements, we will invite everyone to go and be the bridge between those who are outside the walls and Jesus. Remember, we are called to GO and make disciples, and one of the first steps is in our ability to share the power of God’s grace.

I will also say that this is meant not to test you, but to allow you the opportunity to experience the blessing that comes with serving communion to others. There is such a powerful message when you are able to say the words, “This is the Body of Christ broken for you,” and “This is the blood of Christ shed for you.” The service of communion allows us to come into union with God through the sacrifice of Christ being directed by the Holy Spirit.

We are ALL called to make a difference in our community. We are called to carry the Gospel of Jesus outside the walls of Wynnton UMC and into the world. It is time that we begin reclaiming this world through the power of the Gospel and allowing those who may have never seen or heard about Jesus, experience the love of Christ in such an intimate way. Whether it is at the gas station, a restaurant, or someone you encounter on the street, I believe in the power of the elements to bring people into connection with God. It is time that we make a difference, be the church and ask God to increase our faith this week as we step outside the walls and share the message of Jesus to the world. The world may not be able to come to our table, but I believe that God has called us to take the table to the world.

In His grip,  
Jason

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### GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of **Neita & John Denny on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** by Linell & David Pringle

In honor of **Betty Garrett for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

In honor of **Bill White, David Pringle, Suzanne Supple and Randy Autry** by Mary & Cliff Livingston

*The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Art Chriss on his birthday by Susan Chriss.*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Dr. Robert Murdock** by Peggy Smith; Mr. & Mrs. Len Sexton; Linell & David Pringle

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

October 2: Eddie Cawthorne, Jeff Yates, David Giammona

### WELCOMERS

9:30 - 11:15 a.m. Carolyn Wilkes, Candice Cotton, Jenny Horton

### PECAN SALE

Joyful Noise Sunday School class is selling pecans to raise money for missions again this year.

Pecan Halves are \$12 for a 1-pound container, or \$7 for a half pound container.

Pecan pieces come in 3 sizes - small, medium and large. They are also \$12 per pound.

Chocolate pecans come in half pound containers - milk, dark, or white chocolate and they are \$9.

Contact any member of the Joyful Noise Sunday School class to place an order or have questions answered.

Orders will be made on October 9th, November 6th, and December 4th. Thank you for your support in this important fundraiser.

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Upatoi UMC

### Wednesday Night Prayer & Book Study

Wednesday Night  
5:30 p.m.  
Alpha Building

The Gift of Being Yourself  
David G. Benner

Facilitator: Deb McCranie  
706-536-5580



Wynnton will be holding its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 12 from 12 -3 p.m.. We will need plenty of volunteers, from a set up crew to people to man the booths and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Meghan Gross, Director of Children Ministries, at [mgross@wynntonumc.org](mailto:mgross@wynntonumc.org). Thanks!

### LIBRARY

We are currently working on expanding our library to better suit the needs of Wynnton. If you have any suggestions or requests for materials you might like to be able to check out, please let the church office know so that we may look into adding them to our collection.

### Trinity House

Wynnton Neighborhood Housing will be working on Trinity House the next several Saturdays from 8:30 until about 1:00. If you would like to volunteer, you can come anytime during those hours or contact Bill White (706) 527-3309.

### BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of October. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

### Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Through Old Testament stories and mission projects, our children have been learning who God is, how He loves us and is always with us, and how we are to love God and love others. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Bldg.'s first floor children's church room next to the nursery.

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Lynn Christenson	Dorothy Robinson
Beverly Ragsdale	Jennefer Spell
Aubrey Walker	Jim Accordino
Daro Miller	Denise Hill
David Woolbright	Benjamin Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Julee Robinson McGehee	Bobby Porch
Amanda Walker	Norma Carey
Betty Garrett	Richard Holmes
Ed Thigpen	Paul Therrien
Kelsey Deriso	Agnes Tew

### JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, we celebrate World Communion Sunday with Christians around the world. World Communion Sunday originated in 1933, another dark time in our world history. Church leaders searched for an act or symbol that would remind us of God's presence even in difficult times. From this endeavor, World Communion Sunday was established. At the table of the Lord, in spite of our differences, the oneness and unity we experience through Christ when we commune at the table of the Lord can bring us all peace.

The Chancel and Wesley Choirs will sing communion anthems this Sunday; anthems that reflect God's abundant grace and mercy. The Wesley Choir anthem, "Come to the Table of the Lord" by Jay Althouse, invites the listener to come to the Table of the Lord to dwell in God's light and be renewed. The Chancel Choir will sing "Table of Grace" by Pepper Choplin. It is a warm, expressive anthem with a fluid, gentle accompaniment. Cascading harmonies, representing holy manna and living water flowing from heaven, remind us that we are nourished and filled with "God's timeless love."

Table of Grace by Pepper Choplin

*Table of grace, table of mercy: see, there is room, there is plenty for all. Rise up and come to this healing place. Come to the table of grace. Table of grace for all who are weary, those who may struggle and need holy rest. Love will refresh, and the Spirit will raise. Come to the table of grace. Receive the bread like holy manna. Be nourished by heaven above. Receive the cup like living water filled by God's timeless love. Table of grace, generous bounty, offering freely forgiveness and love; come and discover God's merciful ways. Come to the table of grace. Come, there is plenty with rest for the weary. Come to the table of grace.*

John 6:51

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

### FLOWERS DELIVERY

Anne Spell



**Sunday, October 2**  
 5:00 p.m. Supper  
 5:45-7:00 p.m. CORE  
 Groups

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Mystery Day Out**  
 October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Fall Retreat**  
 November 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

**GREAT AFTERNOON OF METHODIST  
 SINGING**  
 All Things New

**October 16, 2022**  
 4:00 p.m.  
 St. Luke Sanctuary

Enjoy Methodist Choirs of Columbus singing  
 choral music by contemporary composers.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

**9-25-22**

General Fund.....	5,881.00
Missions.....	74.00
Music.....	135.00
Other Contributions.....	10.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Housing.....	150.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	50.00

**WE NEED YOUR  
 HELP**

Please help us update our  
 information (or pick up a card  
 in the church) by using this  
 QR code. Contact Will  
 Walley at the church for more  
 information or questions.



**READING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**Isaiah Reflection**  
**October 2-8**

Over the last month we read through the book of Proverbs. I'll ask you again to walk through the Bible with me, as for the next 71 days we journey together through the Book of Isaiah. I chose Isaiah because of the glimpse into the visions of the Old Testament and the preparation for what was to come later. So, as we start reading Isaiah this week, and we go all the way through chapter four, read of God. When you finish reading this week, take some time each day and think about what God has said. -Will

- October 2: Isaiah 1:1-9**
- October 3: Isaiah 1:10-20**
- October 4: Isaiah 1:21-31**
- October 5: Isaiah 2:1-4**
- October 6: Isaiah 2:5-21**
- October 7: Isaiah 2:22-4:1**
- October 8: Isaiah 4:2-6**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2 Helen Fuller
- 3 Anne Spell
- 4 Sandi Carpenter, Doug Crawford,  
Nikki Graham, Michael Mashburn,  
Hallie Taylor
- 5 Bob Gilstrap, Mark Thomason
- 6 David Woolbright
- 8 Ruth Anthony, Kreston George

**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**9-25-22**

Early Morning Service.....	31
Morning Service.....	116
Sunday School.....	87

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection of items to fill our Christmas Child boxes is going well. This is just one of many missions in our church. Just a few points to keep in mind.

- We will have a packing party **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** during Take 5 to prepare the boxes. If you are gathering your items at home, you can get boxes or you can bring your items and pack them with us at the church.
- We are now focusing on WOW items to include in the boxes. Please look for that special item to include in the boxes you pack. Some special items are: a small ball, jump rope, flashlight, soccer ball, sewing kit (for older girls), doll, truck, harmonica, or other small items you think would be special to a child. You can turn these items in or bring them to the Packing Party on October 30.

**Hobby Lobby has t-shirts for \$2.99 (Youth small & medium)**

### Items Collected so far:

185 Bars of Soap  
81 Hair Brushes  
142 Toothbrushes  
99 Ball caps  
219 Wash Cloths  
94 Large Combs  
61 Deodorant\*  
236 12 8oz. plastic cups  
84 12 plastic bowls  
44 Notebook paper  
41 Note pads  
47 boxes Markers  
87 boxes Crayons  
7 Large Crayons  
100 boxes Pencils  
58 Pencil Sharpeners  
40 boxes Colored Pencils  
15 boxes Ball point pens  
156 Erasers  
92 T-shirts  
35 flip flops  
6 scissors  
2 pairs socks  
\*may be enough

## SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Make A Difference Sunday:  
Increase My Faith  
Luke 17:5-10*

Dr. Jason Wade

## PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Sept. 30 - Oct. 2  
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
Streams Live on Facebook  
11:00 a.m. Children's Church - Grimes Building  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Basement - Youth  
6:00 p.m. Charge Conference Meeting - Upatoi UMC

### Monday, October 3

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library

### Tuesday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Bldg.  
6:00 p.m. Wynnton Neighborhood Housing - Alpha Bldg.

### Wednesday, October 5

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.  
5:30 p.m. Prayer & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.  
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace  
5:30 p.m. Staff Parish Meeting - Alpha Bldg.

### Friday, October 7

6:45-7:30 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

### Saturday, October 8

8:30-1:00 p.m. Trinity House Work