

Food for thought from J

February 20, 2022

The United Methodist Church recognizes two official sacraments – Holy Communion and Baptism – which are activities in which Jesus himself engaged during his earthly life and ministry, and which he ordained that we should continue practicing today. As a result, these sacraments are integral to our lives as Christians as a regular means of grace through which Methodists believe we draw closer to God and receive God’s grace in our lives.

While we regularly celebrate communion on the first Sunday of every month, this week we will have the opportunity to participate in our other, less frequently practiced sacrament, as my newest grandson, Rory, is initiated into the new covenant in Jesus Christ through infant baptism. As with communion, in which we gather together as one community at Christ’s table, baptism is also a communal activity that invokes the power and obligation of our Christian community in two ways. First, we are called to help raise, or bring up, the one being baptized to walk in the way that leads to life. Second, as we celebrate this sacred step in the life of the infant, we also remember and renew our own baptismal vows to live as disciples of Christ.

As we prepare to participate in this sacrament on Sunday, I ask for your prayers for me and my whole family, as we seek to raise Rory to live in a Christlike manner and to one day make his own decision to follow the example of Christ. I also invite you to look on this ritual as a means of grace for your life. Remember your own baptism and take a moment to consider what it means that you are a member of the community of faith through the Wynnnton congregation. May this week’s joyous occasion of welcoming a new member into Christ’s church also infuse our lives and that of our church with God’s grace and strength for proclaiming God’s kingdom and living as witnesses to the power of Christ in our lives.

WYNNNTON ARTS ACADEMY NEEDS

1. School supplies--teachers need glue sticks, pencils, markers, notebook paper
2. Cookie decorating supplies: sprinkles, small candies like M&Ms, or Skittles, small containers of icing, plastic spoons, small paper plates.
3. Bags of individually wrapped candy for the end-of-school-year celebration of positive behavior rewards.

Please deliver to the door of the school or leave in the blue bin at church for Shirley Wright to deliver.

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Eyler Larson, Jr., Richard Staley, Herbert Boensel & Armando Boensel by Diana & Marc Boensel.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Maria and Joe Bannon on the birth of a grandson, Taylor Royal Sorensen, born February 3, 2022. Parents are Kelci and Taylor Sorensen.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Lenore Ash** by Ann Barbaree Smith, Marie Bullock; Mary Gene Calfee; Linda Twigg

In memory of **Sarah Crawford** by Ann Barbaree Smith

In memory of **Bettie Watkins** by Lynn & Bill White; Betty Woodruff; Susan & Tommy Hudson

WYNNTON KIDS

I am so excited for where God is taking Wynnton's kids. They are working their way through stories in both the Old and New Testament with experiments, object lessons, games, crafts, and snacks to help them dive deeper into the Word of God. I've heard it said that kids don't just want to hear the story. They want to experience it by tasting it, getting their hands into it, and really using all five senses to engage with it. That has been a main focus of this ministry, that as we provide fun activities for them to immerse themselves in the stories, that they would not only grasp important concepts but that they would ultimately love God's Word and want to read it for themselves and develop personal relationships with Christ because of it. We try to create amazing memories for them to recall when they are older, which will help reinforce the stories beyond Sunday morning. This is no easy feat, but it is one worth striving towards!

I've received requests to serve with Wynnton Kids. If the idea of raising up kids to be passionate followers of Christ that inspire others to wholeheartedly pursue Him excites you, send me an email at mgross@wynntonumc.org. I would love to talk with you more about how we can utilize your gifts for God's purposes in these children's lives.

Flower Delivery

Lisa Stephens

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 March. 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.

Our former Pastor, David Blalock's wife, is undergoing difficult medical treatments. Prayers, cards and letters are appreciated and may be sent to:

Patsy Blalock
5249 Windmill Pl
Evans, GA 30809

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Try, try again! Plans are being made for our Packing Party in October when we will fill our boxes for children around the world and make an important difference in their lives. To prepare for this, we will be requesting different items each month. You can bring your donated items to the church at your convenience, and we will also provide each SS class with a bag to collect these items. There will also be a bin in the hall for donations. This year's goal is to pack 250 boxes!

Requested items for the remainder of February are: hair brushes, plain ball caps, hair bands, large combs. Check the dollar stores for hair brushes and Walmart for plain caps.

"Praise God for shoebox gifts that were collected last year. Thank you and all Glory to God!!" - Samaritan's Purse

EMMAUS GATHERING

Friday, February 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
Wynnton UMC
Fellowship Hall

Youth Sunday School

Four Acts of Love

We are starting a new series in The Basement called, "Four Acts of Love". Through Old and New Testament Bible stories about human encounters, we will talk about four Christian actions in response to Jesus' saving grace: radical hospitality, grooming a hunger for spiritual knowledge, practicing humility, and as J likes to say, always leaving room for the Holy Spirit.



SOUPER BOWL

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped collect food for Wynnton Neighborhood Network and Wynnton's Little Free Pantry. Our final donation tally for the event was 439 food items and monetary gifts of \$70. These gifts will provide important resources for the hungry in our community.

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. These lessons have prepared us to meet Jesus during this Advent season. 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. on the second floor of the Grimes building.

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 3-year olds is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for K-5th Grade is on the 2nd 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.

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

The 1980's contributed music that made an impression on Christian communities and the music industry. It was an era when many denominations enjoyed large, well-trained church choirs and stylistic additions to worship music. Culturally, music itself became a language which communicated the concepts, attitudes, dreams and visions of the younger generation. That generation, sometimes referred to as "Boomers", was seeking a more fulfilling spiritual experience. The desire at that time for renewal and reconciliation offered hope for the next generation. Some of the popular Christian music from the 1980's was arranged for church choirs. *God is an Awesome God, He is Exalted, Holy is He, Great is the Lord, and God and God Alone*, are among the Christian singles arranged for choir from that time period. On Sunday, the Chancel Choir will sing Tom Fettke's arrangement of Phil McHugh's "God and God Alone." With elegance and simplicity, this anthem proclaims with power and truth that God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne!

"God and God Alone" arranged by Tom Fettke
God and God alone created all these things we call our own; from the mighty to the small, the glory in them all is God's and God's alone. God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown; and all the best and worst of man can't change the master plan; It's God's and God's alone! God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne. Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone. God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home. He will be our one desire, our hearts will never tire of God and God alone. God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne. Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone. Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone. Amen.

Isaiah 37:16

"O Lord Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.

God's Great Peace to You!

Diana B.

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies Feb. 18-20
Rev. Greg Harrison 478-955-1577

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Glenn Killough	Kathy Draughon
Matthew Allen	Dorothy Robinson
Bobby Porch	Kerry Mess
Lillian Cox	Jennefer Spell
Lynn Christenson	Jim Accordino
Beverly Ragsdale	Gwen Bolin
Jean McGlamry	Joyce Hawkins
Aubrey Walker	Margie Spurlin
The Meacham Family	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Rubye Screws
 Family of Stella Jambon
 Family of Marjorie Croft
 Family of Sarah Crawford
 Family of Jeanette Bunch
 Family of Wanda Jones
 Family of Carole Mitchell
 Family of Brad Trim
 Family of Lenore Ash

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 20

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

Monday, February 21

Office Closed - Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 23

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Chapel & Book Study - Alpha Bldg.
 6:30-7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee Mtg. - Library
 7:15-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 24

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Bldg.
 9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, February 25

6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering - Fellowship Hall

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

February 20: Matthew 2, Exodus 22-23, Proverbs 10
February 21: Matthew 3, Exodus 24, Proverbs 11
February 22: Matthew 4, Exodus 25-27, Proverbs 12
February 23: Matthew 5:1-20, Exodus 28-29, Proverbs 13
February 24: Matthew 5:21-48, Exodus 30-32, Proverbs 14
February 25: Matthew 6:1-18, Exodus 33-34, Proverbs 15
February 26: Matthew 6:19-34, Exodus 35-36, Proverbs 16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

20	Maddie Haines, Will Haines
22	Donna Carrion, Debby Hubbard, Paul Therrien
23	Frances Hargrove
25	Charlotte Chism
26	Seth Harp, Keith Prentice

OUR STEWARDSHIP

2-13-22

General Fund.....	11,101.00
Endowment.....	200.00
Missions.....	40.00
Backpacks of Grace.....	250.00
Other Contributions.....	11.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network.....	250.00
Souper Bowl.....	70.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Choosing *the Good Fruit*
Galatians 5:19-24

Rev. J Grantham