



*Love God, Love People and Serve Together*

**“And Just Like That... We Start Again”**

**January 14, 2024**

I truly love the new year. It has nothing to do with the fact that my birthday is in January, but that the new year always seems to push into people a new understanding of hope. No matter how crazy the old year may have ended, many people feel inspired to begin a new part of their journey when the new year begins.

I hope and pray that all of us have this same hope and desire for 2024. I pray it is a time that we turn the page from COVID and disaffiliation and step into the visions that God has laid before us to impact the world through *Loving God, Loving People and Serving Together*. I know that I say this all of the time, but any good leader is called to remind the people of God’s call for our lives at Wynnton Methodist Church. We should all be excited to see how God will lead us to make an impact in the lives of others through our willingness to serve in 2024.

But once again it all starts with our love for God. We cannot understand our call if we cannot grasp the fullness of God’s love for us. As the people of God and followers of Christ, we are called to desire a deeper relationship with Jesus. As disciples we must continue to dig deeper into knowing God and making God known. We must be willing to embrace the journey of where we are and realize that God has us exactly where we need to be to grow His kingdom on earth. Sometimes that is truly mind boggling to me, but as a faithful disciple of Christ, I have come to stop trying to figure that out. God has us EXACTLY where He needs us to be to fulfill His plan and not ours. So, we trust and love God fully as He leads us to fulfill His purpose right where we are in our journey of faith.

We also have to realize our necessity to love others. As Jesus responded to the question of, “What is the greatest commandment?”, he realized the hearts of the Pharisees and lawmakers as they were trying to corner Him with His answer. What did Jesus do? He flipped the script and began to teach them a deeper meaning of what it looked like to fulfill God’s command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Simply, we cannot fully love others until we are willing to humble ourselves and understand our call to fully love God with our hearts, minds, soul and strength. With the love of God, we can finally see our neighbors the way God’s sees us, through the lens of Christ. As we grow deeper in our love for God, our hearts desire is to love our neighbors with the same joy in which we seek God.

Finally, we find ways to reach out into our community and serve together. We seek ministry opportunities that help to lead others into a deeper relationship with Christ. This may actually mean that they NEVER come onto our campus, but through our love for God and people, we provide avenues for others to come to know God. Trust me; we are not the only church in the world trying to crack open this opportunity for evangelism, but we have been given multiple opportunities to use our resources to reach the world and serve alongside others in the name of Jesus. Whether it is through the Wynnton Neighbor Housing, Network, FCA, Wesley Foundation, Church on the Grass, Quilting, blessing bags...etc - you name it. When our hearts are right with God and we see the people as a reflection of Christ, God will open the doors and show us ways to serve that will impact the world.

So just like that.... With a brand-new year.... We are ready to start again with the dream and vision to follow God’s plan. May 2024 be a year where there will be no doubt that Wynnton Methodist Church is showing the world how to Love God, Love People and Serve Together to grow the kingdom of God for eternity.

In His grip, Jason



## GIFTS OF LOVE

In honor of Jason Wade by Beverly Schlitzkus  
In honor of Will Walley by Beverly Schlitzkus  
In honor of Michaela Walley by Beverly Schlitzkus  
In honor of Tyler Smith by Beverly Schlitzkus  
In honor of Diana Boensel by Beverly Schlitzkus

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Kristi Chriss** by Nikki & Robert Graham

In memory of **Oz White** by Anne Spell; Debby & Eric Hubbard; Georgia & Fred Wise; Carolyn Evans; Ramona & Andy Andresen; Suzanne Supple; Shirley Moon; Mary Mims; John & Shirley Richey; The Goodwill Sunday School Class; Carol Hammock; Bobbie Edmondson

*The Chancel Flowers are given in honor of Doris Hicks for her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday by Bart and Brenda Wilson.*

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have quite a few openings to beautify our sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers in the church, please call Brenda in the office. Here are available dates: Jan. 21, Feb. 4 Feb. 11. If you would like to partner with someone to cut the cost we would be happy to publish both in the Newsletter.

## BACKPACKS OF GRACE

Backpacks of Grace is an amazing opportunity that we have to minister to children in our area. Last semester, we served 103 children from Wynnton Arts Academy on a weekly basis. In January, we will be once again gearing up to serve the children in our area with weekly backpacks of food. Please help us by contributing. We are always in need of fruit cups, individually packaged snacks (goldfish crackers, pretzels, scooby-snacks, pudding cups, etc.), individually packaged breakfasts (cereal, oatmeal, or grits), or financial contribution so that we can purchase these items. There will be a box under the giving tree during the month of January, or you can drop the items off in the Ministry Center's ministry bins. If you have any questions, please let Michaela Walley know.

## JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

This Sunday, our choirs will sing anthems based on Psalm 42. Both anthems include the musical setting of Psalm 42 by Martin Nystrom. The Chancel Choir will share Benjamin Harlan's beautifully crafted anthem, *Classic Praise*. Harlan pairs the Adagio from sonata "Pathetique" by Ludwig van Beethoven with the familiar arrangement of Psalm 42 (As the Deer Panteth for the Water). The choral treatment of this pairing creates an experience that allows us the opportunity to feel the message of the Psalm as we sing it and hear it. The slow steady rhythms of the Adagio in our anthem *Classic Praise* are both comforting and contemplative.

Beethoven (December 16, 1770-March 26, 1827) was influenced by his Catholic upbringing and his encounter with the intellectual ideology of the Enlightenment. He believed that music could be a profound channel to explore spirituality. He was committed to conveying spiritual messages through his music. Speaking on the nature of one of his most loved sacred works, *Missa Solemnis*, Beethoven said "My chief aim was to awaken and instill religious feelings, not only into the singers, but also into the listeners."

CHANCEL CHOIR "Classic Praise" arr. by Benjamin Harlan (Psalm 42)

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength my shield; to You, alone, may my spirit yield. You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a king. I love more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength my shield; to You, alone, may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.*

God's Great Peace to You!  
Diana B.

## UPCOMING ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!  
Rev. Michaela Walley  
Director of Family and Adult Ministries

## READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 1



This week we will be starting a new Bible reading plan. We will be reading together through the book of Joshua. Joshua was the aide to Moses, and he would go on to lead God's people after Moses had passed on. It was left to Joshua to keep the people true to the law Moses had given to them. These early chapters and in fact the whole book, is a lesson in patience and trust in the Lord. God had made a promise to Moses and the people, and He means to fulfill it. As you read these pages and explore the life Joshua led for God, keep aware of your own journey. There are so many times in our lives where, if we were willing to be just a little bit more patient, we would finally be able to reach the promised land. Stay true to the Lord. Trust in Him always.

-Will

Jan 14 Josh 1-2

Jan 15 Josh 3

Jan 16 Josh 4:1-5:12

Jan 17 Josh 5:13-6:27

Jan 18 Josh 7:1-8:29

Jan 19 Josh 8:30-9:27

Jan 20 Josh 10:1-15

### \*ATTENTION ALL YOUTH PARENTS!!!

- Sunday School 10 a. m. in the Basement
- 211 Faith Connection Sundays @ 5-7pm in the Basement!
- Youth Leadership Meeting 4pm 1/14
- Youth Bible Study Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. @ Ambassadors of Christ
- Prayer Breakfast & Jesus 7:00-7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittlesey
- Youth Committee Meeting 4pm January 28<sup>th</sup>



### WYNNTON ARTS ACADEMY

Watch this space for new opportunities to serve the students at Wynnton Arts Academy!!

### COFFEE STATION VOLUNTEERS

January 14, 2024



New Seekers

### OUR DEPLOYED CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Bryant Giang

Adam Walker

If you have a deployed family member and you would like them added to our list please call the office.

### 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 January. 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.

### IN-DEPTH MARK BIBLE STUDY

Our Sunday night Bible study continues! All are welcome to attend; it's still not too late to join us! We meet in the Alpha Building Community Room Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. This week our reading will be from Mark 5:21-34. Our goal is to read it through three separate times. The first time, we are simply reading through the verses. The second time, we are reading through with the intention of thinking about and journaling the who, what, where, when, why, and how of the passage. On the final sitting, we are thinking about and writing down questions we may have about the passage. Then, we will bring our notes and thoughts with us on Sunday, the 14th to discuss them as a group. Please join us as we take a deep dive of the Bible together!

-Will

## PECAN SALE

Thank you again for supporting our pecan sale! We couldn't give the donations we make without your support through the years. This year our profits benefited so many worthy organizations. We donated to Open Door, Wynnton Neighborhood Network, Carpenter's Way, Ben Moon Scholarship Fund, Boys and Girls Club, Camp Laughing Child, Mercy Med, Mercy Ship, Pine Eden, Sound Choices, Safe House Ministry, The Plummer Home, Wake for Warriors, Stewart Community Home, Truth Spring School, Wesley Glenn Ministries, and Wynnton Arts Academy.



Thank you from the Joyful Noise Sunday School Class.



We're looking for volunteers for the Modern Worship Service. If you play an instrument or sing, feel free to join us at our practices every Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. in the Ministry Center.



Please use the QR code to sign up to volunteer to serve in the Modern service.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 14 Rosemary Thigpen
- 16 Maxwell Bray, Amelia Toelle,  
Wallace Twiggs
- 18 Bobbie Edmondson

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

### 12-24-23

General Fund .....	21,068.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	150.00
Communion .....	590.00
Missions.....	50.00
Other Income .....	351.00
Christmas Offering .....	1,455.00
Pre-Paid Pledge .....	5,700.00
Youth Fund.....	25.00

### 12-31-23

General Fund .....	8,208.00
Loose Offering.....	61.00
Missions.....	50.00
Youth Fund.....	20.00

### 1-7-24

General Fund .....	16,283.00
Backpacks of Grace .....	370.00
Communion .....	200.00
Endowment.....	45.00
Methodist Home .....	100.00
Missions.....	50.00
Music .....	150.00
Loose Offerings .....	35.00
Open Door .....	100.00
Other Income .....	140.00
Sunday School.....	38.00
Wesley Glen .....	100.00
Wynnton Neighborhood Network .....	1,100.00

## OUR ATTENDANCE

### 12-24-23

10:00 Service.....	78
3:30 p.m. Service.....	210
5:30 p.m. Service.....	128

### 12-31-23

10:00 Service.....	100
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### 1-7-24

8:30 a.m.....	34
9:00 a.m.....	14
11:00 a.m.....	123
Sunday School.....	89

### Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Robert Garrard
Michelle Foote	Jim Accordino
Kaye Hill	Sabrina Hart
Lynn Christenson	Reese Stallings
Jarrold Hart	Bob Lowery
Virginia Bonner	Beverly McDaniel
Jaleen Welch	Frederick Woodruff
Abraham Cook	Jennifer Ramey

**Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:**  
Family of Oz White  
Family of Frances Grell

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

All of the staff have new email addresses which are as follows:

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Please check your spam or junk folder in your email to ensure that you haven't received something from the church.

### SUNDAY'S SERMON

*Flipping the Script*  
Matt 5:13-16 – James 3:13-18

8:30 a.m. - Rev. Will Walley  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Jason Wade

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Modern Service - Ministry Center  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for adults, youth & children  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. 211 Faith Connection - Basement  
7:30-9:00 p.m. The Bridge College Bible Study - Basement

#### Monday, January 15

OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr.  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

#### Tuesday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building  
5:00-8:00 p.m. Modern Worship Practice - Ministry Center  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

#### Wednesday, January 17

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building  
12:00-1:00 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)  
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Ambassadors of Christ  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, January 18

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

#### Friday, January 19

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.  
12:00 p.m. Goodwill Class Meeting - Ministry Center

### WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD January 14, 2024

**Team 4:** Dave Stevenson, Bart Wilson, Paul Therrien, Andy Andresen

### PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies January 12-14  
Rev. Will Walley 601-337-9691