

Beacon ~ September 2022

Please Join with Us!

For most churches, September is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings in ministries, mission, and getting back involved in worship and fellowship. And we are no exception! Here at WUMC we have many new, renewed, and refreshed programs, groups, activities, and mission and outreach opportunities, as well as Bible studies, worship, fellowship, and Christian growth opportunities. Several of these are highlighted below. If you have not been actively involved, or if you have been inconsistent in your life of faith, NOW is a great time to take the next step in your Christian walk of service, spiritual growth and commitment. **"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching"** Hebrews 10:24-25.

Sunday, Sept. 11 ~ OUTDOOR WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC at

Richmond Park back pavilion. We will meet at Richmond

Park by 11:00am for worship, including special music, congregational singing, and Pastor Clint sharing a message, "God is Good!" Lamentations 3:19-26, Psalm 34:8.

Our worship experience will be followed by a covered dish picnic lunch (chicken, hot dogs & drinks provided), and then several organized games, fun, and fellowship activities for all ages. Please join with us and invite others!

There will be NO regular worship services at the church on Sept. 11

Wednesday, Sept. 14 ~ FAITHBUILDERS "FRESH START" ~ 5:30-7:30pm

* We will be having free, fellowship meals together once again! Also, brief Praise & Prayer, Kingdom Kids, Youth Group, and Adult Bible studies.



Wednesday FaithBuilders Schedule:

5:30-6:15 ~ Free Fellowship Meal

6:15-6:30 ~ Praise & Prayer (all together)

6:30-7:30 ~ Kingdom Kids, Youth Group, Adult Bible Studies

Sunday, Sept. 18 ~ RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR

Please join with us in person (or online if necessary) and INVITE OTHERS for worship, fellowship & opportunities for Christian discipleship and outreach.

** Worship theme - "NOW is the Time!" 2 Corinthians 5:15-6:2
Special Music at both services.

** "Children's Church" 9:30-10:00, led by Jessica Ward

** MINISTRY FAIR 10-11am in the Fellowship Hall . Many of our church and community ministries, programs, groups and outreach will be represented: new, established and expanded ones. Also, Shirley Baylis will be available

to sign her new book! PLEASE plan to participate and prayer about how God wants YOU to be involved! Refreshments provided also.

****NEW Wednesday Evening Study Led by Pastor Clint****

"United Methodist Church Today: Where Do We Go from Here?"

These are tumultuous times in our United Methodist denomination. The UMC denomination is in turmoil, and division and separation is taking place. What does this mean for us as the people of Wintersville UMC? How should we respond? What is our best course of action or inaction?

Many members of United Methodist churches are uninformed, and it seems that many may be misinformed as well. There are confusing and complicated issues involved, but for all who are currently United Methodists, "church life" as we have known it will no longer be the same. Changes are happening and vitally important decisions will need to be made. With this in mind, on Aug. 25 our Administrative Council voted nearly unanimously to begin the process of exploring disaffiliation from the UMC. We DID NOT vote to leave the UMC. Our Administrative Council DID vote to start the process of looking into it, gathering information, and exploring options so that we can be best informed on how to move into the future in the best possible way for us as a church.

There will be many steps to this process and all who desire can be involved as much as they would like to be. In fact, we are hoping for very involved participation from as many as possible in our congregation. If a vote to disaffiliate finally happens, all members of the church will have an equal vote.

As part of this discernment process, I will be leading a Study Group on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 in the sanctuary beginning on Sept. 21. We will be utilizing a set of six videos featuring Rev. Rob Renfroe, a long time leader of Good News, which is an evangelical, traditional renewal ministry within United Methodism. Each video is about 15 minutes in length. We will watch the video together and then I will facilitate discussion from a biblical perspective and how we feel it applies to our church. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. These are unprecedented times for Wintersville UMC and really nearly all UM churches. Decisions will need to be made, and in some cases very difficult decisions. We want to be as prayerfully and truthfully prepared as possible.

A chorus in our hymnal by Gloria & Bill Gaither affirms, "Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion He understood; all I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife, but He made something beautiful of my life." There is much confusion, brokenness and strife in the UMC right now, but I believe as we "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness," as we "trust in the Lord with all of our heart," and as we are convinced that "Thy Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path," God WILL show us the way and make "something beautiful" of our lives and church.

PLEASE JOIN WITH US IN PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION.

Jude 2-3, Pastor Clint

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September Worship Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 4 ~ Theme: "Unsung Heroes Then and Now: Skilled Laborers for the Kingdom," Ex. 35:4-36:7, 38:21-23. **Celebration of Holy Communion.**

Sunday, Sept. 11 ~ **WORSHIP AND PICNIC AT RICHMOND PARK** starting at 11:00am.
NO worship services at the church or online on Sept. 11. Please join us at the park.

Sunday, Sept. 18 ~ **RALLY DAY & MINISTRY FAIR.** Theme - "NOW is the Time!" 2 Cor. 5:15-6:2
Special Music at both services. "Children's Church" 9:30-10:00am;
**** MINISTRY FAIR 10-11am in the Fellowship Hall . Please join with us & INVITE others.**

Sunday, Sept. 25 ~ First in fall series: "What Kind of Church is Jesus Calling Us to Be?" Rev. 1.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for special CONCERTS: Oct. 23; Dec. 4; Dec. 14

First Wednesdays in Wintersville September 7!

The First Wednesdays in Wintersville will be Wednesday, September 7 from 4:30-7:30pm! The theme for September is "Salute to Heroes!" Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue in honor of "heroes!" Please join us for fun, fellowship, and this great community outreach, and plan now to participate and help our church reach out as a "Beacon of Christian love, compassion and hope to our world." We will have hot dogs, snowcones, bake sale goodies, crafts, tours, and more! If you would like to help with this great community outreach, please contact Jessica Ward (931-217-7766) or the church office.

NEW 2022-2023 - After School Program

We are excited to be a part of this great new ministry in our area. This program will be providing a positive and enriching experience for the youth of Cross Creek Elementary in a safe and structured environment. The program is set to launch on Thursday, October 6th. It will take place every Thursday from 3:30-5:30pm. We will be serving food, as well as having structured gym time, tutoring and homework help, and a planned creative activity each week.

We are currently looking for those who would love to serve in this new mission of the church. We are in need of several volunteers weekly. Pray about it and if you feel God is calling you to help in some way please reach out to either Ryan Bradley or the church office. You can serve every week, every other week, or just once a month!! This is another great way that we can be a beacon of hope in our community and to follow our mission, "Serve in Love." THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, PARTICIPATION, AND SUPPORT!

Cookies/Baked Goods Needed

We are in need of baked goods for First Wednesdays in Wintersville for September 7 and October 5. Several groups in the church have supplied them already for the past months. There are signup sheets in the back of the Sanctuary and CFH. We ask that if you make cookies you put two (2) in a bag (unless really big) and brownies or other treats one (1) in a bag. We will need them by 3:00pm on the day of the event. Thank you so much for joining in this community outreach.


Wednesday Committee

First

Purpose Driven Knitting Class

The summer is winding down and it is once again time to pick up the knitting needles to make scarves, hats and mittens for the holiday tree. If you are an experienced knitter – work on your favorite pattern. If you're a novice – let us help you learn. Please join us on Wednesdays beginning September 14 from 1:00-3:00pm.

Supplies for Operation Christmas Child




This year Outreach and Christian Education made a decision not to do Back to School Bags. Schools received money to purchase these supplies as well as Urban Mission and many other organizations providing these supplies. We are going to work on providing other needed services to our school children. We decided to purchase some Arch cards (McDonald's) to pass out at First Wednesday to give the kids a treat before they start back. We will however need supplies for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that we pack in October and thought we might get the list out early since the school supplies are on sale now. We had trouble finding scissors last year in October.

So if you would like to help fill our shoeboxes, these are the items we will need: loose leaf paper, markers, scissors, Crayola crayons (others melt), small tablets, pencils, and pens. Toiletries we collect are washcloths, bars of soap (no liquids allowed), combs, toothbrushes (no toothpaste), hair bows and headbands. We also need small toys and books that will fit in a shoebox. Bins will be in the Sanctuary and the Center. Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas Child.

Outreach Committee

September Youth Group Schedule

For more information please contact Tif Manley at 740-317-0609 email: tif.manley@gmail.com Youth Group for 6th grade through 12th Grade



Wednesday, September 7th - No Regular Youth Group due to Wednesdays in Wintersville

Sunday, September 11th - Church Picnic at Richmond Park 11am Bring a dish to share and your family.


Wednesday, September 14th - Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 21st - Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm Camping Trip RSVP Due

Wednesday, September 28th - Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Friday, Sept. 30th -Sunday, Oct. 2nd - Youth Camping Trip at Tappan Lake Meet at the church 5:30pm and we will return On Sunday at 1pm. Cost \$25.


Kingdom Kids News



Kingdom Kids will resume with its fall schedule beginning September 14th from 6-7:30 pm! A free meal will be offered before class at 5:30 and all are welcome to attend!

We are so excited to pick back up and can't wait to see everyone! For more information please contact Ms. Jess at 931-217-7766.

Children's Ministry Donations



Our Children's Ministry is in need of some items. We are looking for Lincoln Logs, Legos, and magnetic tiles. If you are willing to donate these items we would be so grateful! Thank you to everyone who donated the containers, we now have all we need for this project! Thank you for always supporting our kids!

Financial Support of WUMC Ministry & Mission

Faithful financial stewardship and generous giving is essential for us to fulfill the mission to which God has called us. Our church budget reflects our WUMC Mission: children and youth ministry, worship and Christian discipleship, outreach to our community and beyond, serving those within and beyond our church "walls", looking forward to new and expanded ministry and mission through the Center of Hope, providing opportunities for worship and discipleship and fellowship in person and online, being a light in the darkness and providing encouragement, care, comfort, and hope. **THANK YOU for serving the Lord and others in ALL these ways and more.**

With a great sense of appreciation, we ask you to **please prayerfully consider how you can generously support the good work that God is doing, and will be doing, through the Ministry and Mission of WUMC.**

Financial support can be given at the church, through the mail, and/or online through our website. (There is a small service charge for online giving). ALL giving is greatly appreciated and needed. **God has blessed us abundantly so that we might be a blessing to others. Thank you for carrying out God's work in this way.**

Financial Giving 2022

	<u>Needed Weekly</u>	<u>Yr to Date Total (35 Weeks)</u>
Unified Budget	7,600.00	250,579.41
Center for Hope	1,800.00	91,214.79
	(for loan payment only)	

Please visit our Church's Website for more information!

wintersvilleumc.com

**COMMUNICATION INFORMATION INSPIRATION
DONATIONS CONNECTION INVITATIONS**

Also, please visit, "share", and "like" our church **Facebook page (Wintersville United Methodist)** as often as possible. Thank you!

Online Bible Studies

See our Website: wintersvilleumc.com for details. All are welcome to join!

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Sunday Church Services

**Praise Service ~ 9:00am
Sunday School ~ 10:00am
Traditional Service ~ 11:00am**

Our Mission:

*****Connect with God** **Grow in Faith** **Serve in Love*****

Church Office Hours

**Monday – Thursday
8:30am -3:30pm**



Pastor ~ Rev. Dr. Clint Quillen Jr.

Secretary ~ Susan Matics

Dir. of Youth Ministries ~ Tiffany Manley

Dir. of Praise Worship & Discipleship ~ Ryan Bradley

Dir. of Children’s Ministries ~ Jessica Ward

Organist ~ Carol Evans

Treasurer ~ Dana Sindeldecker

Custodian ~ Kerry Thomas

Nursery/Preschool ~ Barbara Strachan, Sue Evans, Karlee Warren

Sound Tech ~ Deacon Sindeldecker



“2 for Christ Concert” Thank You!

Thank you to all those who supported and participated in the “2 For Christ” Concert on Wednesday, August 17. It was an inspirational and uplifting evening of music, testimony, Christian fellowship and encouragement for nearly 230 people in attendance. We are looking forward to many other opportunities and events in the future. May we all continue to pray for God to bring many, many blessings through the Center for Hope in many different ways.

Vacation Bible School ~ Thank You!

We are so grateful for EVERYONE who helped in SO MANY different ways to make VBS 2022 a great success. Over 100 young people participated along with nearly 70 adult helpers, and many others provided supplies and supported VBS in other ways. Many seeds of faith were planted and the children grew in their understanding and experience of the deep, deep love of God. And besides many other wonderful blessings, our mission goals were greatly exceeded (over \$3,000 and over 1,000 items!) and many lives of local families will be positively impacted through VBS generosity. Again, thank you to “Shark

Tif", our VBS Director, and ALL who supported another outstanding week of VBS at WUMC!

Notes of Thanks

Wintersville UMC Congregation, Thank you so much for your prayers, good thoughts and love to help me get through this new life I have been given.

May God Bless you all, Margi Kellar

To all my friends in the WUMC church family: I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the well wishes over the nearly past 9 months as I have navigated my various health issues. Your cards, phone calls, and (infrequently, unfortunately) in-person well wishes have meant the world to me. But more than all that, I know that my church family has been praying for me all along as well. I can attest that those prayers do work! They were especially helpful in getting me through my recent vision issues. Bless you all and thanks again for your love and prayers.

Greg Day

A Heartfelt thanks to all for the cards, prayers, calls, texts, etc. before, during and after my knee surgery and recovery. I hope you included Jim in your prayers. (He was my nurse, and I gave him a hard time once in a while.) PRAYER works, even though you don't feel it at times. I'm recovering nicely and my knee is getting back to normal.

Blessings and Prayers, Loretta Cottrell

Life Application Bible Study

All are welcome to join with us Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm studying the Book of Luke. Dr. Jim Cottrell leads this meaningful time of growing together in God's Word. The study takes place in the Fellowship Hall and all are invited to participate. In September we will be meeting September 11, 18 and 25.