



WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

From the Pastor

The following letter of thanks (with a few editorial changes) was recently received at Wightman UMC. We hear too much about what the Church is NOT doing and too little about what it IS doing. This example of Christian compassion and Church cooperation is evidence that God is still working in and through His Church for the redemption and restoration of the world. Enjoy!

- Pastor B

Proverbs 3:5-6

To fellow Christians at Wightman UMC,

“Thank you!” is not adequate for the outpouring of love and generosity that was shown to a child of God, Mary Beth. It was laid on my heart to help her replace the roof on her home when I met her while I was working at the Abundance Food Pantry. I could see how helpless she felt with a leaking roof she could not afford to replace. With all the children she is raising (some of them with special needs), I felt we should help her. So I started asking churches, foundations, businesses and individuals for help.

Our first two bids were close to \$29,000, but we finally got one for \$19, 881. God totally took over and soon we had raised \$16,900. Great Southern Homes stepped up and donated the shingles, which brought the cost down to \$16,881. We now had enough money to replace the roof! But when the old roof was removed some rotten wood was found which required attention. God took care of the extra money we needed, and *Willingham & Sons* said they would do their part to help cover the cost.

This left us with \$41, but we still needed to replace and repaint some rotten boxing at the back of the house. God got to work again! A Lutheran Church in Little Mountain donated their Lenten Offering, a Presbyterian Church in Chapin gave a generous donation and a Presbyterian Friendship Sunday School Class in Newberry all donated money to cover the extra cost.

I cannot say enough about Chapin UMC and Chapin Presbyterian for all the extra work they did on the home in addition to their generous financial donations. Chapin UMC put an extra bathroom in her home (she only had one bathroom for 9 people). They also put in some new windows and a staircase for the attic. Chapin Presbyterian painted the bathroom. (I did not ask for any of this to be done—they came, saw the need and responded.)

Thank you so much, Wightman UMC for your generous donation to this project. Thank you so much for serving the Lord by helping people in need. That is our purpose on this earth—helping one another.

God Bless You!
Willie Morris

From Mary Beth & Family

Dear friends and neighbors,

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have done for me and my children. A huge weight has been lifted from my shoulders.

I will never forget your generosity and kindness to us. I promise I will do everything I can to pay it forward.

God bless you ALL!
Mary Beth & family



WE ARE HIRING CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DIRECTOR

To oversee the music for, and work with the pastor in the planning of, the 11:15 a.m. Sunday service:

We are looking for a devout Christian, and a team player, who has a passion for worshipping God through music. He/She must be willing to serve under the direction of the pastor, and within the parameters of the churches beliefs and traditions. This person would be in charge of the band and worship of God through music and oversee and direct the sound, lighting, ProPresenter, and video elements of the service. In addition, this person will select music/worship songs for the Sunday 11:15 a.m. service and other special, seasonal services. He/She will be responsible for scheduling and for the communication with the band and tech members about the dates and times of their service.



THINK YOU ARE A GOOD FIT? SCAN THE QR CODE TO BE TAKEN TO THE JOB LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE. HERE, YOU CAN RECEIVE MORE INFO ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Job Location: 302 N Main Street, Prosperity, SC 29127
Phone: 803-364-2340 Email: secretary@wightmanumc.org

Monthly Financial Summary

General Funds (total)	\$ 156,341.04
Designated Funds	69,887.96
General Funds Available	86,453.08
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>198,420.14</u>
Total Funds	\$354,761.18

Average Attendance for April

9:00 Worship -	136
11:15 Worship -	72
Combined Worship -	209
Church School -	114

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 1 - Kimberly Dominick, Henry Counts-Wohnig
2 - Jared Joiner, C.J. Lathrop
3 - Sean Johnson
4 - Sam Johnson, Charles Pardee, Kane Summer
6 - Amir Cromer, Sydney Owens
7 - Ann Bowers
8 - Frank Harmon, Lewis Shuler
9 - Preston Cook
10 - Madison Graham
11 - Lila Ridlen, Jessi Pitts
12 - Ken Cope
13 - Freda Jones
14 - Bryan Bowers, June Farr,
Ron Northcutt, Mike Wood
15 - Steven Douglas, Elyssa Haven
16 - Erin Davis
18 - Lauren Cope, Glenn Rhodes
19 - Brandon Fowler
21 - Gary Heinely
22 - Hannah Caudill, Kayleb Graham, B.J. Harris
23 - Mindy Armstrong, Karen Bowers
24 - Zadean Bouknight, Ted Graham,
Cole Harper
26 - Summer Childers, Vicki Hamm, Rhonda
Johnson, Roman Studer
27 - Viki Hydrick
30 - Melanie Bedenbaugh

Anniversaries

- June 4 - Tim and Jessica Ringer
5 - Ron and Lisa Abrams
7 - Tom and Donna Eustace
10 - Rusty and Anna Farmer
12 - Jeff and Laurie Shacker
15 - Dewey and Marie Earwood
Martin and Brittin Friar
David and Tina Hatch
Darin and Beverly Shealy
16 - Gerald and Renee Johnson
19 - Henry and Kimberly Dominick
Dave and Janet Fautley
Larry and Whitney Wadsworth
20 - Ben and Laura Barnett
Jordan and Jordan Buster
22 - Jack and Teresa Owens
Levi and Beth Joiner
23 - Tom and Susan Saunders
27 - Mike and Lucy Anne Meetze
29 - Leonard and Therry May

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Mark your calendars now for our next Columbia Fireflies fellowship outing on Friday, June 9. The fan experience for the kids is to play catch on the field before the game. Wightman gets to have up to 25 kids to join the experience! The game starts at 7:05, and any children who want to participate in the fan experience need to be there at 6:00 with their baseball gloves. Tickets are \$10. Please contact Heather Studer or the church office to claim your spot.



The Mystery Dinner Theater



Wightman's first Mystery Dinner Theater was on May 20! There were two showings with great turnouts at each. This was a wonderful event filled with laughter, fellowship, and delicious food! Proceeds will go to Wightman UMC Missions. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success!

Cast & Behind the Scenes Crew: Daniel Floyd, Carol Charette, Christine Thornhill, Maria Chandler, Henry Dominick, Tina Hooker, Rene Johnson, Laura Barnett, Sean Johnson, Jan Caitlin, Jeff Shacker, Charlotte Hargreaves, Sami Pitts, Tim Chandler, Lucy Thompson, Rhonda Johnson, Whitney Wadsworth, Julia Roach, Paulette Halfacre, Amy Kirkland, Chris Thornhill, John Rodriguez, Kitchen Staff, Chris Butler, & Wightman Youth volunteers.

June Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

CROSS BEARERS

June 4 - Kim Graham
11 - Melissa Freeman
18 - Charlotte Hargreaves
25 - Betty Graham

ACOLYTES

June 4 - Kayleb Graham
11 - Bristol Freeman
18 - Brantley Counts-Wohnig
25 - Jayden Kinard

USHERS

Rusty Farmer, Blake Richardson,
Tom Eustace, Jeff Murray

GREETERS

Tom and Donna Eustace

TRUSTEE

Todd Studer

LAY READERS

June 4 - Camille Dixon
11 - Jackie Bowers
18 - Jennifer Amick
25 - Lonnie Finley

June Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

GREETERS

Jimmy and Margaret Boozer

USHERS

Joe Palmer, Elijah Abrams,
Blake Cantrell, Kyle Kneece

LAY READERS

June 4 - Will Morse
11 - Mike Bernardo
18 - Jeff Shacker
25 - Wightman Youth

Special Gifts to Wightman

Asbury Bedenbaugh Class Fund

In memory of Rose Marian Lowder by the Asbury
Bedenbaugh Sunday School class

College and Career Class Fund

In honor of Blake and Mary-Mac Richardson by Kevin
and Johnette Kinard

Youth Missions

In memory of Cindy Ramirez by Cindy, Jesse, and
Samantha Pitts

Congratulations To Our 2023 Graduates!

Wightman recognized the 2023 graduates on May 21 in both services. More information about our graduates will be coming out in our July Alert!



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Coffee Ministry

Do you enjoy having coffee available at Wightman on Sunday mornings? If so, you may like helping the Coffee Team so that the coffee is always available for everyone to enjoy. There are many things you can do and they take very little time as long as we have plenty of people to help. Please contact Marquerite Palmer if you are able to help with any of the following jobs. Cannot help every Sunday? That is okay! Just let Marquerite know what you can do.

Sunday coffee help needed at the following times:

Task 1: 8:15 AM -9:00 AM - Make 4-8 carafes of coffee and set up the coffee station before first service. Once this is done, another team member can do the next task.

Task 2: 9:45 AM - 10:10AM - Check on the carafes to see if more coffee needs to be made or if empty carafes need to be cleaned and put away. Also check to see if more creamer and sugar need to be put at the coffee station.

Task 3: 12:15 PM. At the end of the second service, empty, clean, and put away coffee carafes. Put away the coffee station items and wipe down the countertop or table where the coffee is served.

The Coffee Team Coordinator makes sure there is coffee, sugar, creamer, and other supplies available for the team to use. They also check in with the rest of the team before Sunday to make sure all the jobs are covered for the upcoming Sunday. We are so thankful for the folks who faithfully help with getting the coffee made and ready for all to enjoy. We are excited to add some new members to our team! One of the team members will show you what to do and how to do it. To reach Marquerite you can email her at mppottery@gmail.com. Text or call her cell at 803-924-6028. Please leave a message if she is unavailable to answer.

Emmaus Luncheon



There will be NO Emmaus Luncheon in June.

JOY Group

The upcoming JOY Group meeting is Monday, June 12, and it will be an Italian Day! Games and entertainment begin at 11:00 followed by a spaghetti and salad lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The College & Career Class is sponsoring a

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

10:00 a.m.

June 17

At Wightman

\$20.00/Team

\$30.00/Team

Register by June 16

Register Day Of

Proceeds help fund the C&C
Sunday School Class & Outreach

Contact Mary-Mac Richardson (803)528-7823 if you would like to participate!



UMKIDS

Children's Sermons

June 4 Communion
11 Henry Dominick
18 Ruby Point-Miller
25 Christy Bouknight



June 4

Children's Church

June 4 Creation: And It Was Very Good
11 Who Needs a Doctor?
18 Isaac was Born
25 God Cares for Ishmael



**Vacation Bible School
July 9 - 13, 2023**

It's going to be
STELLAR!!

Vacation Bible School Registration

Please make sure that you register for VBS!!! You can register when you are at church, or online. Visit the church website or scan the QR code on the right to access our online registration. Also, share the dates and registration information with your friends, family, and neighbors. Don't miss it! It's going to be STELLAR!!!



VBS ONLINE
REGISTRATION LINK

Safe Sanctuary Training for VBS

There will be Safe Sanctuary meetings on the following dates. Please make sure you attend one of these! Contact Jennifer Boozer 803-924-5460 with questions.

Sunday, June 4, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.

Fireflies Game

Don't forget about the upcoming Fireflies game, June 9. The fan experience for the kids is to play catch on the field before the game. The game starts at 7:05, and any children who want to participate in the fan experience need to be there at 6:00 with their baseball gloves. Tickets are \$10. Please contact Heather Studer or the church office to claim your spot.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am Youth 4:30-6:00 pm	5	6	7 Bible Study-6:30 Choir - 6:30 pm	8	9 Fireflies Game- 7:05 pm	10
← Annual Conference →						
11 Youth 4:30-6:00 pm	12 JOY Group - 11:00 am	13	14 Bible Study-6:30 Choir - 6:30 pm	15	16	17 College & Career Class Corn Hole Tournament - 10:00 am
18 Father's Day NO YOUTH	19	20	21 Bible Study-6:30 Choir - 6:30 pm	22 Friends of God - 5:30 pm	23	24
25 Youth 4:30-6:00 pm	26 Newsletter Deadline - 12:00 Loaves & Fishes 5:30-7:00 pm	27	28 Bible Study-6:30 Newsletter Staff - 2:30 pm Choir-6:30 pm	29	30	

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Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.
Contemporary Service – 11:15 a.m.



***RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED***