



WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

From the Pastor

What comes to your mind when the month of February is mentioned? For you sports fans, it could be the Super Bowl... For couples and those with love on their mind, it may be Valentine’s Day... For pastors like myself, it may be the beginning of Lent... For you “calendar geeks”, it may be the month that the Lunar New Year begins... For you kids in school, it's all about a day off for Presidents Day... And for the warm-weather-loving person, it may be Groundhog Day, and the hope that Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, signaling an early Spring.

In this particular year, for us who are members here at Wightman, it also happens to be the month of our Disaffiliation vote—February 4 at 3:00 PM to be exact! This is when each church member is given an opportunity to weigh in on what our denominational affiliation will be, going forward. I trust that this date is on your calendar and that you will be in constant prayer as we seek to discern and act on what we believe God is leading us to do, both as individuals and as a church.

As your pastor, I am joining you in this commitment to prayer, and although I do not know what the future holds, I do know Who holds the future in the palm of His hand. And, I also know that His plans for us are good, as long as we keep him first in our lives and determine to love one another as God in Christ loves us, whatever the outcome of the vote!

Praying and hoping . . .
Pastor B

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 3:00 pm in the Old Fellowship Hall. Cecilia Odum will have the program titled: Shoeboxes: “God’s Love for Children”. She will also provide snacks from other cultures. Everyone is invited to attend. Guests from other local churches who participated in the Shoebox ministry have been invited to participate.

Walk to Emmaus

Do you seek . . .

- Spiritual Renewal?
- A new understanding of God’s grace and love?
- Worship & community with other believers?
- Answers to questions about your faith?
- A new dedication of your everyday life to God?



If you do, then the Walk to Emmaus is for you!

The Walk to Emmaus seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip leaders for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities. On an Emmaus weekend you will sing, reflect, pray, learn, share Holy Communion, participate in small groups, experience God’s grace in community and in the world, and understand Christian love in action.

The Walk to Emmaus is based on Luke 24:13-35.

Upcoming spring weekends are:

- Men’s Walk: March 7-10, 2024
- Women’s Walk: March 14-17, 2024

For information contact Leonard (803-924-5794) or Therry May (803-924-5793). There are many other Emmaus members in our congregation who will also be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Volunteer Opportunity



O'Neal UMC is doing amazing work feeding, clothing and caring for people in Newberry County. They can use volunteers and donated items.

Current needs are food for the food pantry, clothing, and miscellaneous items for the thrift store. Monetary donations will be used to buy food to serve hot meals. If you would like to volunteer, please visit O'Neal UMC on Thursday through Sunday. They will put you to work!

Wightman is collecting warm clothes and blankets that will be delivered to O'Neal UMC. You may bring items and place items in the boxes set up in the CLC and Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Hooker (803-422-9029) or Jane Shuler (864-621-2863).

O'Neal UMC contacts are: Mary Beth Heath (607-345-9614) for Feed Thy Neighbor Kitchen, Tracey Wise (803-944-5429) 4Real 2nd Chances, and Chrissy (607-972-1183) for the thrift store.

February Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

CROSS BEARERS

Feb. 4 - Madison Graham
11 - Jennifer Amick
18 - Charlotte Hargreaves
25 - Betty Graham

ACOLYTES

Feb. 4 - Kyle Graham
11 - Nolan Amick
18 - Brantley Counts-Wohnig
25 - Janet Davenport

USHERS

Hunter Shaw, Mickey Compton,
Tom Eustace, Bill Joiner

TRUSTEE FOR FEBRUARY

Ron Wood

GREETERS

Ken and Emily Cope

LAY READERS

Feb. 4 - David Mitchell
11 - Jennifer Amick
18 - Camille Dixon
25 - Sandy Horne

Avg. Attendance for January

9:00 Worship - 125
11:15 Worship - 77
Combined Worship - 202
Church School - 113

Monthly Financial Summary

General Funds (total)	\$ 142,790.89
Designated Funds	54,765.83
General Funds Available	88,025.06
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>188,750.07</u>
Total Funds	\$331,540.46



In loving memory of

Lynn Waller

12.8.1944 - 1.22.2024

February Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

GREETERS

Darrell and Kenley Beckham

USHERS

Daniel Floyd, Lee Boozer,
Joe Palmer, Jared Jones

LAY READERS

Feb. 4 - Chris Butler
11 - Joe Palmer
18 - Sawyer Bay Beckham
25 - Kristina Cannon

Thank You Note

Wightman Church family,

Thank you for your caring expressions of sympathy during the recent death of our mother. The cards, food, memorials in her memory and prayers were greatly appreciated. Mother loved Wightman, participating in its many ministries and sharing her faith with others.

The Voris Bowers Family

Attention! All current members*
of Wightman UMC:

**The vote on Disaffiliation is
February 4th at 3 PM.** Come early
to register and receive your ballot.
If you have questions about the vote
or about your eligibility, please call
the church office at (803-364-2340).
For the vote, please enter the main
doors of the CLC and continue to
the sanctuary.

*Your receipt of this notice indicates that you, and/or possibly others residing with you, are listed on our membership rolls and are eligible to vote. If you have joined another church, or no longer wish to be a member of Wightman UMC, we would appreciate you notifying us, so we can adjust our records accordingly. Thank you and God bless!

Souper Bowl

Wightman will observe the Souper Bowl on February 11. Please come prepared to contribute \$1 which will be forwarded to a local soup kitchen or food pantry.



From We Care Center

Wightman United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation of 132 pounds of food in 2023. Your continued support allows us to follow the lead set forth in Proverbs 22:9, "A generous man will himself be blessed, for He shares his food with the poor." Thank you again!

God bless you,
Alicia Klauk, Executive Director

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Feb. 1 - Shannon Caudill
2 - Julia Roach, Hailey Thomason
3 - Jeremiah Amick, Sawyer Bay Beckham,
Carol Charette, Corie Franklin
4 - Beth Eargle
5 - Leslie McDuffie, E.J. Ringer
6 - Jordan Buster
7 - Colin Mrozinski, Nancy Robinson,
Kayla Shealy
8 - Noah Davenport, Amanda Finley
9 - Aaron Sease
10 - Abigail Butler, Baylee Hamilton,
Odis Hoyle, Michael McCullough
11 - Dave Fautley, Easton Freeman
13 - Anna Farmer, Danielle Bannister,
Bebe Way, Kyle Cannon
14 - Harold Broughton, Jimmie Phibbs
15 - Joey Legette
16 - Gracie Newton
- 17 - Blake Hamm, Jessica Jones,
Lucy Anne Meetze
18 - Bob Hamilton
20 - Bailey Gause
23 - Rusty Farmer
24 - Deanna Meade
25 - Will Garner
26 - Amy Bernardo, Jackie Bowers,
Kelton Butler, Don Stone
28 - Kristin Defreese, Katie Jackson
Tracey Wise

Happy Anniversary!

- Feb. 1 - Gary and Beverly Heinly
6 - Richard and Melinda Rhodes
24 - Chuck and Debra Weatherly

Special Gifts to Wightman

Operating Budget

In memory of Pat Shealy

By: Larry and Emily Graham
Mollie Graham

In memory of Voris Bowers

By: Elijah and Olivia Abrams
Ivory Zadean Bouknight

In memory of Caroline Cockrell

By: Anthony and Sebrena Matthews
Jack and Susan Williams
Marahall and Dorothy Dennis
Bill and Renee Joiner
Walt McLeod
Larry and Emily Graham

In memory of Michael Wood by McSwain-Evans
Funeral Home

In memory of Marian Bowers by Ladison and Paula
Hamm



Children's Sermons

- February 4 Communion
11 Rosemary Bowers
18 Henry Dominick
25 Ruby Point-Miller



Children's Church

- February 4 God's Eyewitnesses
11 Recipe for Happiness
18 Jesus says No to Temptation
25 Born Again

Sunday School lessons vary from class to class.

Volunteering

Are you interested in assisting in our children's ministry? You can serve in areas such as Sunday School, Children's Church, and monthly activities! Please contact Jennifer Boozer at (803-924-5460) if you would like to volunteer!

Parent's Night Out

On Friday, February 9, at 6:00 p.m. the UMKids will have a movie night! Meet in the Christian Life Center for supper. The movie will follow the meal. Can't wait to see you there!



"LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

February 2024

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4 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am Emmaus Luncheon 12:30 pm Vote on Disaffiliation 3:00 pm Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	5	6 United Women in Faith 3:00 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Intercessory Prayer 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	8	9 UMKids Movie Night 6:00 pm	10
11 Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7:00 pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Intercessory Prayer 11:00 am Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Lenten Breakfast 8:00 am Committees 12:30 pm Admin. Council 1:30 pm Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	19 UMMen 7:00 pm SOS 7:00 pm	20	21 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Intercessory Prayer 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	22 Friends of God 5:30 pm	23	24
25 Lenten Breakfast 8:00 am Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	26 March Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Loaves and Fishes 5:30 - 7:00 pm	27	28 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Intercessory Prayer 11:00 am Newsletter Staff 2:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm	29		

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CHURCH**

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Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Contemporary Service – 11:15 a.m.



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