



WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

From the Pastor

A seasoned pastor I know tells the story of a man in one of the churches he served, who was a single father of a young son. The two of them lived within walking distance of the church and regularly came and sat together during worship. On one particular Sunday, however, the pastor noticed the young boy sitting by himself, so afterwards he asked the boy about his father. "Oh, he couldn't make it today. He's got spots!" the boy said as he turned and walked away. "Spots?" "That sounds serious! Could be chicken pox, a rash or hives," thought the pastor.



Concerned, he went by to check on him on his way home. When he knocked on the door, the father answered it, looking perfectly healthy. "What can I do for you, preacher?" He asked. "Well, I came to see how you're feeling?" "Feeling, I'm feeling fine, why do you ask?" "Well, we missed you in church and your boy said you had spots." Puzzled, the two of them called the boy and asked him about what he meant. He said, "Dad, remember I asked you if you were going to church today and you said you weren't because it rained last night and left spots on your car, and you had to stay home and wash 'em off."

We might chuckle at this story. But on a more-serious note, do "spots" too easily keep you from church? If not "spots", what is your excuse for missing church?

If the truth be told, we have probably all used a lame excuse now and again for not going to church. And if we rarely miss church, and for good reason, that's understandable. But when missing church becomes a habit or pattern, it's time to take an honest look at your relationship to Christ and recommit yourself to Him and His Church. Ask yourself this question, "If everyone was as faithful in their church attendance as I, what kind of church would it be?"

See you Sunday in church, spots or no spots!
Pastor B

Graduate Recognition

Our graduates will be recognized during the worship services on May 26. If you are aware of any members who are graduating from high school, technical school, college, or who are receiving other degrees, please inform the church office by Wednesday, May 15.



United Women in Faith

The Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. Freda Jones will provide the snack and also present a program on Haiti. All women of the church are invited to attend. The purpose of this group is to provide support to women, children, and youth.

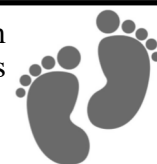


United Women in Faith

South Carolina Conference

Birth

Robin and Mark Romano welcomed a healthy baby boy on March 20. His name is Kiam Richard Romano. Congratulations Robin, Mark, Enzo, Mia, and Wyatt!



Administrative Council Minutes

The Administrative Council of Wightman United Methodist Church held a special called meeting Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. in the Educational Building Fellowship Hall.

Chairman Jeff Shacker called the meeting to order, read Psalms 37:23-24 and opened with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the future affiliation of Wightman following the congregational vote today at church during each worship service and this past week online and in the church office.

The congregational vote was:

Global Methodist Church: 105
9:00 Service: 43
11:15 Service: 19
In Church Office: 13
Online: 30

Forge Congregation: 41
9:00 Service: 11
11:15 Service: 11
In Church Office: 5
Online: 14

Gary Hooker made the motion that Wightman join the Global Methodist denomination following the recommendations of the congregational vote. Henry Dominick seconded. Following much discussion, the Administrative Council voted to approve the motion with 2 members abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. The next scheduled council meeting is Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. with committees meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Avg. Attendance for April

9:00 Worship - 112
11:15 Worship - 77
Combined Worship - 189
Church School - 108

Special Gifts to Wightman

Operating Budget

In memory of Doris D. Wicker
By: Tommy and Jackie Bowers
Larry and Emily Graham

May Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

CROSS BEARERS

May 5 - Linda Richardson
12 - Helen Mitchell
19 - Charlotte Hargreaves
26 - Madison Graham

ACOLYTES

May 5 - Hudson Defreese
12 - Jackson Jones
19 - Ethan Counts-Wohnig
26 - Kyle Graham

USHERS

Frank Harmon, Ken Cope
Eddy Richardson, Leonard May

TRUSTEE FOR MAY

Kelli Fowler

GREETERS

Tommy and Jackie Bowers

LAY READERS

May 5 - Dianne Cotney
12 - Mitch Lowder
19 - Madison Graham
26 - Jackie Bowers

May Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

GREETERS

Chris and Madison Butler

USHERS

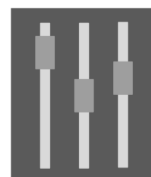
Larry Graham, Jared Jones
Joe Palmer, Daniel Floyd

LAY READERS

May 5 - Will Morse
12 - Jeff Shacker
19 - Chris Butler
26 - Joe Palmer

Tech Team

The Tech Team is in need of volunteers! No experience is required! You will be trained by the current volunteers on how to handle your position on a typical Sunday. People to operate the sound board, ProPresenter (slides), and Switcher (live streaming) are urgently needed. See a member of the tech team if you are interested in volunteering!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- May 1 - Al Farmer, Jared Parnell, Mason Wise
2 - Brenda Perry, Philip Taylor
3 - Ron Wood
4 - Eddie Killian, Griffin Scofield
5 - Susan Lowder, Johnette Kinard
6 - Pam Martin, Debra Weatherly, Blake Cantrell
7 - Silas Dominick, Christy Bouknight
8 - Madison Butler
9 - Kandy Dameron
10 - Audra Guy
11 - Neva Caldwell, Hannah DeVall
12 - Darrell Beckham
13 - Jane Broughton
14 - Hailey Roach, Ron Charette
16 - Rita DeVall
17 - Whitney Wadsworth, Jack Owens
18 - Karon Hazel, Landon Hamm
20 - Henry Dominick, Eric Nolting, Penn Engen
21 - Nick Counts
23 - Thomas Bumgardner Jr., Stone Beckham
25 - Hudson Defreeze, Cindy Pitts, JonAnn Lemoine
26 - Victoria Shealy
27 - Paxton Joiner, Brandon Wood, Emily Caudill
28 - Brooks Hamm, Adleigh Hamm
29 - Ronnie Summer
30 - Tiara Bradburn
30 - Levi Joiner, Ashley Moore

Happy Anniversary!

- May 2 - Gary and Tina Hooker
Tommy and Jackie Bowers
4 - Bert and Camille Dixon
7 - Joe and Ruby Miller
11 - James and Zadean Bouknight
15 - Glenn and Kim Hamm
16 - Bennett and Angie Garner
19 - Robbie and Jennifer Amick
20 - Will and Amie Morse
21 - Joshua and Brooke Pressley
22 - Eric and Candace Nolting
23 - Ken and Emily Cope
Tyler and Elizabeth Turner
25 - Jonathan and Emily Metts
28 - David and Helen Mitchell
30 - Nick and Cayce Scofield
31 - Woody and Mary Wilkie
Ron and Jan Wood

Monthly Financial Summary

General Funds (total)	\$ 179,249.16
Designated Funds	68,395.59
General Funds Available	110,854.07
Capital Improvement Fund	<u>190,102.22</u>
Total Funds	\$369,351.38

Mystery Dinner Theater

Wightman's second Mystery Dinner production will be held on May 18th at 12:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.! While watching the play, "The Fifth Gospel," the audience will be served a delicious dinner and dessert. Tables of 6 will work together to solve the mystery and win a prize! Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children twelve years and younger. They must be purchased in advance. **The last day to purchase your tickets is May 8!** Make checks out to Wightman UMC and mark "Mystery Dinner" in the for line.

Help is needed to set up tables and chairs on May 16. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Lucy Thompson at (603-748-1202).



Epworth Offering

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives.

On Sunday, May 12, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry.

For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



Epworth
Children's Home

Disaffiliation Assessment Campaign

Wightman's congregation was presented a Disaffiliation Assessment Campaign in both services on Sunday, March 3 by Finance Chairman Gregg Turner. The campaign goal is \$150,000. Below you can find the gift pyramid that was part of Chairman Turner's presentation.

GIFTS NEEDED	GIFT LEVEL	CUMULATIVE GIFTS
5	\$10,000	\$50,000
5	\$5,000	\$25,000
10	\$2,500	\$25,000
25	\$1,000	\$25,000
50	\$500	\$25,000
95	GOAL:	\$150,000

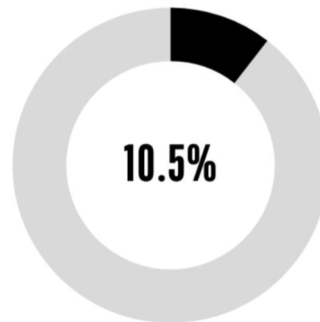
The Way Forward Fund has received \$15,765 to date. This is 10.5% of our goal!

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support. If you would like to give to the Way Forward Fund, please designate your gifts by writing "Way Forward Fund" in the for-line on checks made out to Wightman UMC.

Here are some important reminders:

1. The giving to this campaign is in addition to our annual giving.
2. This is an attainable goal!
3. God is blessing this church with wonderful ministries!
4. He will make a way!

WAY FORWARD FUND DISAFFILIATION ASSESSMENT CAMPAIGN



\$15,765 Rec'd
Towards
\$150,000 Goal



UMKIDS



Children's Sermons

- May 5 Communion
- 12 Anna Farmer
- 19 Rosemary Bowers
- 26 Madison Graham



Children's Church

- May 5 As I Have Loved You
- 12 Jesus Prays for His Disciples
- 19 Pentecost
- 26 Jesus is Our Life Saver



SCUBA VBS

Vacation Bible School will be June 23-27 this year! Register early to guarantee your spot and your t-shirt. Volunteers, this means you too! Visit the website at www.wightmanumc.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to register online!



May 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am Emmaus Luncheon 12:30 pm Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	6	7 United Women in Faith 3:00 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Epworth Mother's Day Offering	13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	16	17	18 The Mystery Dinner Theater 12:00 & 5:30 pm
19 Pentecost Committees 12:30 Admin. Council 1:30 pm Youth 4:00-6:00 pm	20 UMMen 7:00 pm SOS 7:00 pm	21	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:30 pm	23 June Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Friends of God 5:30 pm	24	25
26 Graduate Recognition	27 Memorial Day Loaves and Fishes 5:30 - 7:00 pm	28	29 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Newsletter Staff 2:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm	30	31	

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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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