



From the Pastor - What's Next?

In May 2012, I wrote a short announcement introducing myself to Wightman Methodist Church as one of your interns for the summer. Little did I know that I'd be writing another article several years later for the newsletter to reintroduce myself as your next pastor. I'm thrilled to return to Wightman and join you in doing God's good work and sharing God's good news. This next chapter of ministry together will be an exciting one as we focus on God's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



Over the next several weeks, we will spend considerable time in conversations so that I can get reacquainted with some of you but also to meet all the new faces around Wightman. Part of these conversations will include several questions to help you reflect and think about the church's history and potential future. These questions include:

1. What do you value most about Wightman? What ministries or activities are most important?
2. What is one thing you would fix right away?
3. What new ministries or growth do you hope to see in 5 - 10 years?

These questions are important because it tells us what we value most, what Wightman does well, and what needs to be addressed. Equally important, it shows our hopes and dreams for our church. After this initial time of conversation, I hope that we will all begin to pray for God's new direction for Wightman.

All this work is to answer the question, "What is God calling us to next?" Like many of you, I'm convinced that God still has work to be done. Not only will we have these conversations to answer these questions, but we'll also work through a sermon series called *What's Next?* In this sermon series, we will look at some foundational practices for healthy churches. Healthy, mission-driven churches look ahead knowing that God is still active.

God isn't done with his church. God isn't done with you. God isn't done reconciling people to himself. God isn't done transforming lives. God isn't done making a difference in the community. God isn't done with Wightman. God is still active and still working.

So, I hope you'll join me in prayer as we ask God, "What's Next?"

Notice from Annual Conference

Members of the 2024 S.C. Annual Conference on June 11 overwhelmingly approved the closure of 112 local churches whose members have voted to separate from the United Methodist Church, and Wightman was one of the 112. Wightman will become affiliated with the Global Methodist Church in the weeks to come.

We also welcome our new pastor and his family, Rev. Gryff Carosiello of the Global Methodist Church, his wife, Rachel, and their son, Theo. Gryff comes to us from Sharon Methodist Church in Greer, South Carolina. He was a senior pastor there for the last 5 years. Rachel is also a pastor in the Global Methodist Church at Mt. Horeb Church in Lexington, South Carolina.

We are looking forward to Gryff's first service on Sunday, July 7!

JOY Group

The JOY Group invites you to a Meet and Greet with our new pastor, Rev. Gryff Carosiello! The time and date are to be determined so be sure to check the weekly bulletin for more information!

A Heartfelt Thank You

To my Wightman Church family,

From the bottom of my heart, my family and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, thoughts, cards and well wishes throughout the last few months.

For those of you that may not know, I was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma of the tongue in the fall of 2019. It's a battle I've fought for the last five years.

Over the last few years, I've had countless biopsies, laser ablations and many surgeries to remove cancer that just kept coming back. In February of this year my doctor told me we'd been hitting singles and doubles, and it was time to hit the home run.

On April 17 I underwent an 11-hour surgery to remove the cancerous tissues (approximately 1/3 of my tongue) and to reconstruct my tongue using tissue from my forearm. Blood vessels from my forearm were reconnected to the blood vessels in my neck as part of the reconstruction. Skin was grafted from my thigh to replace the forearm tissue. Science is truly amazing.

I had 22 lymph nodes removed during this surgery and am thankful to report that for now, it seems I am cancer free as those lymph nodes came back in the clear.

I am so grateful for long-awaited answered prayers and for the love and support my family has been shown during this time. We feel truly blessed to raise our daughter here at Wightman. Thank you,
Elyssa Haven and family

Messages to Wightman

The Dixon family appreciates the prayers and assistance given by Wightman's members during Camille's final weeks on this earth. I hope Heaven meets her expectations and she is now truly happy. A special thanks to Riley and David for the yard work, Cecilia and Laura for fulfilling one of her final wishes. Also, Rosemary and team for the food and service for the family meal.

Music was her life, believing her talent was God given to share. She rarely played a song as written, adding notes that she felt enhanced the piece.

Again, thanks for the prayers and thoughts for our family.
Bert Dixon and Family

Dear Wightman Congregation,

Laura and I wish to express our deepest appreciation for the lovely send-off on June 16. The gorgeous bouquet of flowers, the generous honorarium, and the pickle ball set, along with the kind remarks and sincere well wishes during the reception meant more than words can express. Please know that y'all will forever be in our thoughts and prayers and that we will cherish the years spent in ministry with "the happy band of faithful disciples" that we came to know you as. May God bless you richly as you move upward and onward under your new pastor, Rev. Carosiello.
Yours in Christ,
Pastor B and Laura

Special Gifts to Wightman

Operating Budget

In memory of Agatha Cook by McSwain-Evans Funeral Home

In honor of Nolan and Eli Amick by Donald Amick

In memory of Camille Dixon by Mollie Graham

In memory of Kay Craven by Mollie Graham

Way Forward Fund

In memory of Marie B. Johnson by Martha Waller

In honor of Max and Dot Cook by Shirley Weaver

In memory of Jerry Turner by Ladison and Paula Hamm

Music Fund

In memory of Camille Dixon

By: Ladison and Paula Hamm

Miriam R. Deyoung

Karen Bowers

Martha Waller

Larry and Emily Graham

Sue Hiller

Christy Bouknight

Cody and Neva Caldwell

Barry and Deborah McNaughten

McSwain-Evans Funeral Home

In Loving Memory of



**Sandra
McLain**

9.4.1946
6.25.2024



**Drucie
Counts**

9.6.1918
6.24.2024



**Marie B.
Johnson**

11.30.1949
6.14.2024



**Camille
Dixon**

10.28.1939
5.28.2024

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- July
- 1 - Justin Davenport, Aaron Franklin
 - 2 - Wanda Oliveto, Katie Engen
Will Lever
 - 3 - Will Murray, Mac Murray
 - 4 - Summer Nolting
 - 5 - MaryMac Richardson, Dianne Bundrick
 - 6 - Mollie Graham, Victor Thacker
Lori Longshore
 - 7 - Alex Johnson, Julie Murray
 - 8 - Lawson Lawrence, Aubrie Bundrick
 - 9 - Ann Dominick, Kristina Cannon
Gabrielle Rivas
 - 10 - Tandice Northcutt
 - 11 - Jayden Kinard, Bella Sease
 - 12 - Darin Shealy
 - 13 - Kayla Rankin, Eli Amick
 - 14 - Beth Kunkle, Jacob Meetze
Jordan Butler
 - 15 - Sterling Beckham, C.J. Thornhill
Mike Bernardo, Nelson Perry
 - 17 - Marianna Ray
 - 18 - Beverly Shealy, Jordan Cannady
Allie Compton
 - 19 - Jennifer Wood, Kimberly Graham
Dawson Defreese, M.J. Mollohan Jr.
 - 20 - Jesse Rogers, Reagan Owens
 - 21 - Harper Longshore, Lawson Ray
 - 22 - Teresa Owens, Jessica Meetze
Cayce Scofield
 - 23 - Levi Lawrence, Arlan LeCompte
Joanne Trefsgar
 - 24 - Bob Ivey, Cora Floyd, Cooper Simei
 - 25 - Jordan Jones, Mot Hamm
 - 26 - Laurie Shacker, Renee Johnson
Kevin Kinard, Emma Metts
 - 27 - Missy Hydrick, Layla Sheppard
 - 28 - Emily Garner, Ryan Stewart
 - 29 - Timothy Chandler
 - 30 - Jacob Garner, Dylan Rogers
Taygen Hazel
 - 31 - Travis Chapman

Happy Anniversary!

- July
- 3 - Ron and Jessica Northcutt
 - 9 - Ron and Carol Charette
 - 10 - Jamie and Melissa Freeman
 - 11 - Ted and Madison Graham
 - 12 - Victor and Lynn Thacker
Ken and Tina York
 - 18 - Matthew and Alicia Overstreet
 - 20 - Blake and Mary-Mac Richardson
 - 22 - Russell and April Peel
Mickey and Allie Compton
 - 31 - Nick and Carla Dudek

Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, June 2, Wightman witnessed four confirmands profess their faith in Jesus Christ. Peyton, Lila and Laila were baptized. Thank you to Chris & Madison Butler who instructed them in their Christian faith and the beliefs of the United Methodist Church.



Laila & Lila Koon



Peyton Butler & Cora Floyd

Welcome, New Members!

On Sunday, June 9, Wightman received Kayla S. Koon and Bruce Connelly into membership. Kayla comes to us by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Bruce comes to us by Certificate of Transfer from Zion United Methodist Church. Welcome to the Wightman family, Kayla and Bruce!



Kayla Koon



Bruce Connelly

Avg. Attendance for June

9:00 Worship	- 117
11:15 Worship	- 59
Combined Worship	- 176
Church School	- 100

Old Fellowship Hall Kitchen

The kitchen in the Old Fellowship Hall has recently been cleaned and organized. Please help to keep it that way by returned items to the correctly labeled cabinet. Also, don't leave any leftover food or supplies in either kitchen area. These areas are used by many individuals and should be left ready for the next user!

July Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

CROSS BEARERS

July 7 - Helen Mitchell
14 - Madison Graham
21 - Charlotte Hargreaves
28 - Jennifer Amick

ACOLYTES

July 7 - Jackson Jones
14 - Kayleb Graham
21 - Ethan Counts-Wohnig
28 - Nolan Amick

USHERS

Ronnie Summer, Kirk Atwood
Joe Miller, Ron Wood

TRUSTEE FOR JULY

Nick Dudek

GREETERS

Kirk and Shirley Atwood
Marcelle Ackerman

LAY READERS

July 7 - Hubert Kinard
14 - Gary Hooker
21 - Devonna Summer
28 - Hudson Defreese

July Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

GREETERS

Jimmy and Karon Hazel

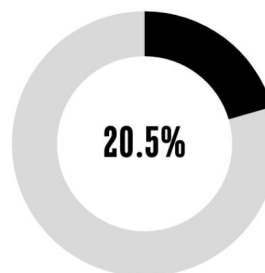
USHERS

Josh Meetze, Lee Boozer
Nick Counts, Chris Butler

LAY READERS

July 7 - Will Lever
14 - Amanda Finley
21 - Chris Johnson
28 - Josh Meetze

WAY FORWARD FUND DISAFFILIATION ASSESSMENT CAMPAIGN



\$30,706 Rec'd
Towards
\$150,000 Goal



UMKIDS



Children's Sermons

July 7 Communion
14 Christy Bouknight
21 Madison Graham
28 Rosemary Bowers



Children's Church

July 7 Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth
14 God Chooses Us
21 Rest in Jesus
28 There's No Fear in Jesus

Huge Shoutout!!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with SCUBA VBS! We registered 107 children and 70 adult and youth helpers. God is Good, All the time and All the time God is Good!

We learned how to dive deeper into friendship with God. Each day we learned a new Bible verse with the help of our Bible buddies.

Day 1	Tad taught us that God is a friend who's real (Thanks, God)	John 6:69
Day 2	Finnley taught us that God is a friend who loves (Thanks, God)	John 13:34
Day 3	Fisher taught us that God is a friend we can trust (Thanks, God)	John 14:27
Day 4	Waylon taught us that God is a friend forever (Thanks, God)	John 11:25
Day 5	Octavia taught us that God is a friend for everyone (Thanks, God)	John 3:16

We enjoyed all these Bible verses and stories through games, story time, sticky scripture, science experiments and also enjoyed yummy food!!

July 2024

SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THURS. FRI. SAT.

	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am	8	9	10 M&Ms 11:00 am	11	12	13
←————— YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA —————→						
14	15	16	17 M&Ms 11:00 am	18	19	20
21 Committees 12:30 Admin. Council 1:30 pm	22 Loaves and Fishes 5:30 - 7:00 pm	23	24 M&Ms 11:00 am	25	26	27
28	29 August Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm	30	31 M&Ms 11:00 am Newsletter Staff 2:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm			

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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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