



WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

From the Pastor - A New Thing

“Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters...“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:16,18-19 (ESV)

This past month, the Global Methodist Church of South Carolina hosted its second annual gathering called Behold. In essence, this event will be our annual conference moving forward and our guiding passage is Isaiah 43:19. In the passage, God speaks to his people and tells them of the new thing that he is doing in their midst. All the misfortune, pain, and grief they’ve experienced will pass and God will bring new life. In the Global Methodist Church of South Carolina, we believe that God is wanting to do a new thing through every person and every church. Ultimately, God isn’t done with his Church. He’s not done with Wightman either.

In this new season of ministry, I’ve spent most of my initial time with you listening and asking questions. Too often, we try to rush in with answers without ever asking questions. We make assumptions and push our own personal agendas. The result is more hurt and damage. While I’ve been familiar with Wightman and its past, it was necessary that I spent this time listening and understanding where the congregation is, what it values, and where it hopes to go. It’s also important for me to hear the wounds, hurt, and pain that has been felt over the months and years. Both the pain and praises are part of Wightman’s story.

The good news is that God is still writing that story as we move forward. The good news is that Jesus is building his church “and all the powers of hell will not conquer it” (Matthew 16:18). Wightman’s story isn’t done. Our work is to discern what God wants the next chapter to be and then follow him as he leads us. But for us to see what God is doing now, we need to move beyond what has happened. Or as Isaiah puts it, “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old” (Isaiah 43:18). We can continue to celebrate and remember the good that God has done. We can continue to grieve the things that have caused harm over years. But we can’t let the past (both good or bad) hold us prisoner. Instead, we need to lean into the new thing God is doing. Here at Wightman, God is going to “make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19).

In Christ,
Pastor Gryff

Pumpkin Delivery

The pumpkins for our pumpkin patch will be delivered at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 28. If you are able, please come out and help unload the truck! Many hands make light work! Information will be coming soon on how to sign up for shifts at the pumpkin patch.



Starting Point

Membership is not the end goal of the church, it’s the starting point. On Sunday, September 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, Pastor Gryff will lead a membership class called Starting Point.

If you’re new to Wightman and are looking for your next step, be sure to attend to see where God will lead you!

Women in Faith

The Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall. Jane Shuler will present the program and Paulette Halfacre will provide the snack. Bring your survey to the meeting if it has not been turned in. Also, supplies for the Shoeboxes or postage will be collected. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and share in this ministry for women, children, and youth.

Youth Parents and Volunteers

There will be a meeting at the Lighthouse on Sunday, September 8, at 4:30 p.m. for youth parents and volunteers. Please mark your calendars!

Sisters on Standby Game Night!

S.O.S. will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. Since the men will be meeting as well, they will cook dinner for the group. This month S.O.S. will play Po-ke-no which is a bingo-type game. There will be prizes! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and laughter. Bring a friend! The more the merrier!

**SISTERS
ON
STANDBY**

The Walk to Emmaus

Do you seek . . .

- Spiritual Renewal
- A new understanding of God's grace and love?
- Worship and 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 fall weekends are:

Men's Walk: October 10-13, 2024 Women's Walk: October 17-20, 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.

Average Attendance for August

9:00 Worship - 135
11:15 Worship - 85
Combined Worship - 220
Church School - 122

Special Gifts to Wightman

Way Forward

In memory of Drucie Counts

By: David and Sally Sease
William and Deborah Engen
McSwain-Evans Funeral Home
Connie Chalk Counts

In memory of Sandra McLain

By: Gary and Tina Hooker
Kevin and Johnette Kinard
Francene J. Chalk

In memory of Marie B. Johnson

By: Ladison and Paula Hamm

Operation Christmas Child

There will be a workshop on Sunday, September 22 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. at Mt. Hebron UMC in West Columbia. This is open to everyone who has been praying, purchasing, and packing shoebox gifts for children in need. We will hear from a speaker who has traveled to hand out the shoebox gifts and tell the children about God's love.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Sept. 1 - Tina Hatch
 2 - Helen Mitchell
 3 - Everett Hamm, William Hamm
 5 - Larry Graham, Edith Kinard
 6 - Noelle Rankin, Lyric Grimsley
 7 - Maryanne Atkinson, Krystal Sanders
 11 - Judy Joiner, Kaden Myers, Ed Barcomb
 John Walker
 12 - Emma Haven, Eden Harper
 Savannah Perez
 13 - John Meyers 14 -Ike Allred
 15 - J.T. Longshore
 16 - Susie Barnett
 17 - Donna Parnell, Woody Wilkie
 Tristan Lever, Megan Elwood
 Xander DeVall
 18 - Daniel Floyd
 19 - Isabella Perez
 20 - Jennifer Amick, Mary Wilkie
 Dennis Armstrong, Nancy Blackburn
 21 - Paulette Halfacre, Grace Bernardo
 Jade Thomason, Easton Mollohan
 22 - Myrna Killian, Vic Theriot
 Brenna Perry
 23 - Stevie Lawrence, Blake Longshore
 24 - Marcelle Ackerman, Will Morse
 Rachel Carosiello
 25 - Casey Hughes

- 28 - Penny Hamm, Kevin Kempson
 Nolin Metts
 29 - John Hargreaves, Donna Bumgardner
 Kay Ravan, Sally Farmer
 30 - Martha Waller, Devonna Summer
 Alex Rhodes

Happy Anniversary!

- Sept. 1 - Timothy and Maria Chandler
 4 - Mark and Amy Kirkland
 Nelson and Brenda Perry
 Chad and Melonie Senn
 5 - Blair and Mary Williams
 8 - Tom and Donna Bumgardner
 10 - Cole and Tori Harper
 Sam and Bailey Worley
 Don and Rita Stone
 Kirksey and Rhonda Koon
 12 - Keith and Kayla Rankin
 Brian and Seabron LeCompte
 14 - Kyle and Laura Kneece
 16 - Jim and Paula Stewart
 17 - Terry and Tina Brown
 19 - Trent and Kelli Fowler
 22 - Sam and Nancy Gause
 25 - Justin and Janet Davenport
 Aaron and Corie Franklin
 27 - Jimmie and Cassandra Phibbs

Youth Week of Hope Meeting

Next year's Week of Hope mission trip is scheduled for the second week of July. If you're interested in going, please attend the meeting on Sunday, September 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse. Please reach out to Kenley Beckham (803-517-0020) with any questions!

Pumpkin Palooza



Pumpkin Palooza is scheduled for Saturday, October 26. This will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Walking Track!

Please join us for some fall fun as we reach out to the community at the pumpkin patch! There are lots of areas that you can help with. Contact Amanda Finley (803-940-7279) with questions and to volunteer!

Community Work Day

Thank you to all who helped out at the Community Work Day on Saturday, August 24. Check out some photos of the crew below!



September Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

ACOLYTES

September 1 - Bristol Freeman
8 - Kyle Graham
15 - Ethan Counts-Wohnig
22 - Hudson Defreese
29 - Nolan Amick

CROSS BEARERS

September 1 - Melissa Freeman
8 - Madison Graham
15 - Charlotte Hargreaves
22 - Janet Davenport
29 - Jennifer Amick

USHERS

Lonnie Finley, Hunter Shaw,
Bill Joiner, Ron Charette

GREETERS

Nick and Carla Dudek

TRUSTEE

Jenny Harris

LAY READERS

September 1 - Mitch Lowder
8 - Jackie Bowers
15 - Madison Graham
22 - Lonnie Finley
29 - Jennifer Amick

September Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

GREETER

Joe and Marquerite Palmer

USHERS

Lee Boozer, Elijah Abrams,
Josh Meetze, Blake Cantrell

LAY READERS

September 1 - Jeff Shacker
8 - Chris Butler
15 - Joe Palmer
22 - Sawyer Bay Beckham
29 - Wightman Youth

Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 1 No Youth, Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, Sept. 8 Lighthouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 15 Lighthouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21 Lighthouse, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Fall Fun and Games
Sunday, Sept. 29 Lighthouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Mission Trip Mtg., 6:30 p.m.

Youth group is open to anyone from 6th - 12th grade! Meetings are held at 110 McNearney Street, behind the Prosperity Fire Department.



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Children's Sermons

Sept. 1 Communion
8 Anna Farmer
15 Madison Graham
22 Anna Farmer
29 Rosemary Bowers



Children's Church

Sept. 1 3 Wishes (Prodigal Son)
8 Playing Favorites
15 Parable of the Talents
22 Parable of the Apple Tree
29 Widows Mite

Bowling & Pumpkins

We had a wonderful time at Anchor Lanes! Be on the lookout for another activity in October! Please come help unload pumpkins on Saturday, September 28.



September 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 Women in Faith 3:00 pm Exodus Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm	4 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:00 pm Cantata 6:45 pm	5	6	7
8 Epworth Work Day Offering Emmaus Luncheon 12:30 pm Parent/Volunteer Mtg. 4:30 pm Youth 4:30-6:30 pm	9	10 Exodus Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm	11 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:00 pm Cantata 6:45 pm	12	13	14
15 Committees 12:30 Council 1:30 pm Starting Point 4:00 pm Youth 4:30-6:30 pm	16 Global Men of God 7:00 pm Sisters on Standby 7:00 pm	17	18 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am Choir 6:00 pm Cantata 6:45 pm	19	20	21 Youth Fall Fun and Games 6:00-9:00 pm
22 Youth 4:30-6:30 pm	23 Oct. Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Loaves and Fishes 5:30 - 7:00 pm	24	25 Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Take 5 10:00 am M&Ms 11:00 am News. Staff 2:30 Choir 6:00 pm Cantata 6:45 pm	26 Friends of God 5:30 pm	27	28 Pumpkin Patch Delivery 9:00 am
29 Youth 4:30-6:30 pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting 6:30 pm	30					

**WIGHTMAN
METHODIST 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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