



WIGHTMAN ALERT

Issued to Alert You to Church Matters

From the Pastor - Immeasurably More

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” *Ephesians 3:20*

I’m writing this article from Costa Rica at the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. A common theme is that “God has more” in store for our movement. God has already shown us “the more” through our meetings, mission projects, and worship services. God is pouring out his Holy Spirit on the people called Methodists. There has been more joy, more gratitude, and more genuine fellowship at this gathering than many previous church gatherings I’ve attended in the past. God has something more for us.



One moment stands out as God showing us “his more” for this movement. On Friday night, we traveled roughly 13 miles (2.5 hours due to the Costa Rican rush hour) by bus to a school that had been built by the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica. Once we got off the buses, God showed us “the more” that He can do with Methodists who are loving God and loving others. The school educated children from preschool to seniors in high school. They were learning four to five languages all the while witnessing to a great and mighty God who brought them to this school. We shared a meal, we worshipped together, and we prayed for the something more for our movement.

In previous years, Methodists starting schools, hospitals, and colleges was a common occurrence. However, we’ve gotten away from that. We’ve become too concerned with self-preservation. We’ve chosen safe, risk-free ministry that requires very little faith. We’ve traded in “the more” for less. But God wants and can do “infinitely more than we might ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20).

Likewise, God can do more than we can imagine through our lives and our church. A couple of months ago, I asked you to be in prayer for our church. I’m going to ask that you do that again. For the next month, pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, you can do infinitely more than we can think or ask. Reveal to us, your church, what the “more” is for our church. Help us to walk in faith and be obedient to You and Your Word. In our weakness and frailty, accomplish more than we can possibility imagine for your own glory. We are surrendered to you. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Gryff

Pumpkin Patch

Pumpkins for the pumpkin patch will arrive on Saturday, September 28, at 9:00 a.m. Lots of help will be needed to unload them! Additionally, volunteers are needed to help sell the pumpkins. Come and buy a pumpkin (or two or three) and support our youth. All proceeds from pumpkin sales will go toward their 2024 mission trip, so they are very appreciative of your help in making this year’s patch a success! If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Kenley Beckham (803-517-0020).



Charge Conference

Our church’s annual charge conference will be on Sunday, October 27, at 3:00 p.m. There is a chance this could be changed, so keep an eye out in the bulletin for any updates! Join us for this special service where we celebrate what God has done through us so far this year and as we prepare for ministry next year.

Administrative Council Minutes

The Administrative Council of Wightman Methodist Church met Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. in the Educational Building Fellowship Hall. Vice-Chairman Daniel Floyd called the meeting to order. He opened with Luke 21:34 expressing the anxieties of life.

David Mitchell made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2024 council meeting. Gary Hooker seconded. The minutes were approved as presented. There was no old business and no new business.

Under committee reports, Missions Chairman Leonard May said the Community Workday was held Saturday, August 24, 2024. Church members made improvements at the church and the town playgrounds.

Emily Cope reported for trustees that the trustees have been replacing lights in the children's wing, a drop ceiling is being installed in the downstairs men's bathroom in the Educational Building, measurements have been obtained for new flooring in the children's wing and the Christian Life Center downstairs and palettes have been placed on the walking track for the pumpkins which are scheduled to arrive Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Finance Chairman Gregg Turner stated that as of June 30, 2024 Wightman separated from the United Methodist Church. Due to the separation, expenses for the first half of 2024 were higher than normal at \$244,494.88. Income for the period was \$187,154.00. At the end of the 3rd quarter, we will know better the financial position of the church. Chairman Turner presented the recommendation from the finance committee of the use of a QR code and on-line giving to purchase pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch. Emily Cope seconded. The recommendation was approved. Pumpkins will be able to be purchased with cash, check and debit/credit cards.

Pastor Carosiello spoke for the youth saying that there is an average of 25 youth on Sunday nights. Several volunteers have stepped up to help until a new youth minister is hired. Kenley Beckham is currently leading the group. The youth will have a game night Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. The pumpkins arrive Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help unload the pumpkins. The youth will have an outing at Deceased Farm in October. Forms are available on paper and on-line to sign up to prepare food for the youth meetings and to help sell pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch.

Children's Minister Jennifer Boozer said the bowling trip was enjoyed by the Methodist Minis. About 20 people participated. More drivers are needed for the church buses for the children's trips. She is currently working on the Christmas program. The kids will have a scavenger hunt around town on October 20, 2024. The youth and Methodist Minis are planning to enter the bale decorating contest held at Lever Farms. Trunk or Treat will be held Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Wightman members are encouraged to participate or donate candy which will be given out.

Worship Chairman Janet Davenport stated that the committee did not meet today but Golden Age Sunday will be held Sunday, October 13, 2024.

Evangelism Chairman Amanda Finley reminded members that Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm is Pumpkin Palooza. Volunteers are needed to help. She would like to have a flyer describing Wightman to distribute to visitors at the events.

Discipleship Chairman Henry Dominick said the group would like to have more small groups including an Advent study and food preparation. They would like to have a weekly meal prepared by different groups with classes following for all age groups.

Congregational Care co-leaders Gary and Tina Hooker discussed bereavement in their group meeting. Please let them know if someone needs a prayer shawl or blanket.

P/SPRC Chairman Emily Cope said that the search continues for a youth minister. They have interviewed one person but want to select the right person for Wightman.

Security Team Leader Hunter Shaw stated that today the team was trained on the use of Narcan by member Chris Johnson. It is available should the need arise at the church. Please reach out to Hunter on any safety related issue. The current camera system works but may need to be upgraded at some point.

Communication Chairman Julia Roach has been posting information on Facebook with good engagement from the viewers. She said that church postings should be 80% evangelism and 20% events. She will explore a shortened e-newsletter for members.

Contemporary Worship Music Leader Zack Waites is thankful for the people participating in the Praise Band. The Praise Band is planning to put on a night of worship. More information will be coming. Zack hopes to begin leading the youth in songs of worship at their weekly meetings.

Rev. Gryff Carosiello began a new starting point class today at 4:00 p.m. to get attendees plugged in on what does it mean to be a member of Wightman and a disciple. Pastor Carosiello will be a delegate at the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church which begins September 20, 2024 in Costa Rica. Pastoral coverage will be provided. Rev. Faye Stephens will be providing the sermon Sunday, September 22, 2024. A charge conference is tentatively set for Sunday, October 27, 2024 but could be changed.

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Pastor Carosiello has completed his listening sessions which were very enlightening. Some areas to focus on are local and global missions and the value of children and youth. Issues include communication and cohesiveness. We are one church with two styles of worship. Council needs to figure out where the church is going next. Pastor Carosiello would like to have 2 strategic planning sessions late October or early November to answer "what's right, what's wrong, what's missing and what's confusing. Jesus decided our mission. We have to decide how and where."

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm following prayer by Pastor Carosiello. The next scheduled council meeting is Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. with committees meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Women's Mission Group

The Women's Mission Group will meet on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall. Tina Hooker has the program and Bebe Way will provide the snack. The mission collection this month is feminine hygiene products for the GAAP ministry in Newberry. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. New guidelines will be presented.

Monthly Financial Summary

The monthly financial summary will be returning soon! Stay tuned for future newsletter issues. Should you have any immediate concerns or questions, please contact the church office.

JOY Group

Celebrate Apple Month with the JOY Group on Monday, October 14. Apple Trivia will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch following at 12:00 p.m. Bring a dish made from apples!



Special Gifts to Wightman

Way Forward

In memory of Sandra Brown by Larry & Emily Graham
In memory of Drucie Counts by Newberry County Hospital Volunteers
In memory of Robert Perkins by Larry & Emily Graham
In memory of Drucie Counts by Mickey Waters

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 1 - Landen Lawrence, Konner Myers
2 - Rita Stone, Rhese DeVall
Brantley Counts-Wohnig
Ethan Counts-Wohnig
3 - John Weston Finley, Jon Roach
Jim Stewart, Tori Harper
4 - Cole Kneece
5 - Alex Fields
6 - Bob Burch, Glenn Hamm
Lexi Sease
7 - Larry Bundrick, Renita Bowers,
Mickey Compton, Emily Cannady
8 - Gerald Johnson, Tyler Johnson
9 - Russell Peel, Wyatt Hazel
Anita McCullough
10 - Liam Dominick, Steve Furstenberg
11 - Kyle Graham, Jack Owens
Melinda Rhodes
12 - Lonnie Finley, Rileigh Davis
13 - Jamie Johnson, Charlie Sease
Ethan McCullough
14 - Gregg Turner
15 - Ladison Hamm, Ed Miller
Traci Bouknight, Audrey Kunkle

16 - Susan Saunders, Marie Earwood
17 - Marcie Lawrence
19 - Jeanette Shirey
20 - Bennie Sue Hiller, Channing Cannady
25 - Heather Nelson, Jeff Davis
Mason Ringer
26 - Jody Garmon, Will Summer
27 - Mark Thompson, James Turner
Tom Saunders
28 - Judy Livingston, Chris Johnson
Nolan Rogers
29 - Margie Moore, Jon Lawson Cope
30 - Jessica Northcutt, Logan Mrozinski

Happy Anniversary!

Oct. 4 - Luke and Jessica Meetze
5 - Larry and Dianne Bundrick
6 - Cody and Neva Caldwell
7 - Bill and Renee Joiner
12 - Marvin and Pam Smith
14 - Jeffrey and Rita DeVall
15 - Hunter and Samantha Shaw
18 - Tyler and Kelly Johnson
20 - Blake and McKensy Cantrell

October Assistants Traditional Service (9:00)

ACOLYTES

October 6 - Janet Davenport
13 - Bristol Freeman
20 - Brantley Counts-Wohnig
27 - William Hamm

CROSS BEARERS

October 6 - Betty Graham
13 - Melissa Freeman
20 - Charlotte Freeman
27 - Helen Mitchell

USHERS

Mickey Compton, Ken Cope,
David Mitchell, Tom Eustace

GREETERS

David Mitchell, Joe Miller, Renita Bowers

TRUSTEE

Mitch Lowder

LAY READERS

October 6 - David Mitchell
13 - Lonnie Finley
20 - David Mitchell
27 - Hubert Kinard

October Assistants Contemporary Service (11:15)

USHERS

Joe Palmer, Larry Graham,
Jared Jones, Lee Boozer

LAY READERS

October 6 - Jared Jones
13 - Madison Butler
20 - Missy Roach
27 - Wightman Youth

Youth Group Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 6	Lighthouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 13	Pumpkin Patch, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 19	Deceased Farm
Sunday, Oct. 20	Pumpkin Patch, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27	Lighthouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Costume Contest and Games
Sunday, Oct. 31	Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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



METHODIST MINIS



Children's Sermons

Oct. 6 Communion
13 Henry Dominick
20 Ruby Point-Miller
27 Christy Bouknight



Children's Church

Oct. 6 Let the Children Come
13 The God of Impossible
20 We Serve Like Jesus
27 Speak Up

October Activities

1. On Sunday, October 20 we will have a scavenger hunt! We will have lunch in the CLC following the second service and begin the scavenger hunt. Don't miss out on food and fun with your friends!
2. Be sure to visit our pumpkin patch and also sign up to help sell!
3. Join us on Saturday, October 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for Pumpkin Palooza! Be sure to join us for games, food and fellowship.
4. Trunk or Treat is Thursday, October 31, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Come dressed in your costume and help your parents decorate their trunks for lots of fun!

October 2024

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1 Women's Mission Group 3:00 pm	2 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	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 9:00 & 11:15 am Emmaus Luncheon 12:30 pm Youth 4:30-6:30 pm	7	8	9 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	10	11	12
13 Golden Age Sunday Youth at the Pumpkin Patch 5:00 - 7:00 pm	14 JOY Group 11:00 am	15	16 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	17	18	19 Youth Outing at Deceased Farms
20 Children's Scavenger Hunt 12:30 pm Youth at the Pumpkin Patch 5:00 - 7:00 pm	21 Global Men of God 7:00 pm Sisters on Standby 7:00 pm	22	23 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	24 Friends of God 5:30 pm	25	26 Pumpkin Palooza 11:00 - 1:00 pm
27 Charge Conference 3:00 pm Youth Costume Contest 4:30-6:30	28 Nov. Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Loaves and Fishes 5:30 - 7:00 pm	29	30 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	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30 - 7:00 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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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!

Trunk or Treat

Everyone is encouraged and invited to participate in trunk or treat on October 31 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. One way to help is to donate bags of candy (baskets will be in the narthex and Christian Life Center). Also please decorate your trunk and come help us pass out candy.



Golden Age Sunday

Wightman will celebrate Golden Age Sunday on October 13. All Golden Agers (age 75+) are invited to attend and bring their families to worship with them as we celebrate those who have given so much in service to Wightman and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ over the years. You are truly a blessing!



Avg. Attendance for September

9:00 Worship - 126
11:15 Worship - 77
Combined Worship - 203
Church School - 102