

Wright's Word

The mission of Wright's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Pastor's Ponderings

Welcome to Kingdomtide! It's the season after Pentecost and lasts until Advent and it's all about Kingdom living. Jesus describes what the Kingdom is like through his stories (Parables) who inherits it and who doesn't, and what it takes to achieve it. The Kingdom of God can be described as God's vision or plan for the world, for human beings, for each one of us. As Creator, he creates for a purpose, which is love. As Redeemer, he heals and we experience his mercy. As Sanctifier, he strengthens and purifies us to be more like the perfected example, his only son Jesus Christ.

Many times in life we set goals for ourselves. The goals can be simple as in daily tasks or chores. The goals can be lofty such as a change in work or lifestyle. The goals can be interior or exterior. Regardless of the type of goals most of us regularly set goals and seek to accomplish them. There are plenty of self-help books, Oprah-esque shows, or even Bible studies (40 days of purpose by Rick Warren), that have tried to answer the questions, "What is the ultimate goal in my life?" or "What do I want to do with my life?" or "Why am I here in this world?" Jesus gives us some very foundational teachings that help us answer these questions to renew, refresh and revive our very souls and show us what the world could be like if everyone would take the greatest commandment actively, "You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and Love your neighbor as you love yourself". If we could all just have that in our heart, and come pouring out of our actions, words, and relationships we would bring about the Kingdom Of God, The wish God had in mind when he breathed creation into being in Genesis 1:1. Jesus gives us glimpses of the kingdom and describes it pretty clearly. He says "The kingdom of God is like a sower who goes out to sow..." and "The kingdom of God is like a man who had two sons..." and by the time we get to the end of these stories we realize these are prescriptions for ushering in the kingdom of God. When we do these actions, which are a reversal of values to what our world normally gives us, we experience the kingdom of God, where Love,

Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Goodness and Self-control are the prevailing attitudes. We experienced that this week on mission trip to Murrels Inlet South Carolina. A total of 82 campers of all ages above 14, representing 14 different churches, hosted by our Belin UMC and 50 volunteers for cooking, cleaning up after, and caring for the needs of all the missionaries actively pursuing Kingdom values. Breakfast at 6:00am and ending devotions at 10:00 with little time to focus on anything else but God's values. It was a refreshing break from political anger, racial inequality, and gender discussions that are the loudest voices in today's social media driven society. We worked side by side, with all the elements that are dividing us in America, and at the end of the day we sat down at the table and ate together, prayed together, and shared the Love of Christ in music, reflection and fun times, holding each other up through both encouragement and accountability to the spirit of our resurrected Lord. I believe I experienced the Kingdom of God right before my very eyes. How about you?

Agape
Pastor Richard

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EXTRA, EXTRA read all about it.... Newsletter Articles Wanted

All Ministry teams are encouraged to submit newsletter articles each month, no matter how big or small. Please have any/all articles to me by the 12th of each month. If you submit your article(s) via email (shelleywumc@verizon.net), or disk-word format only- (preferred methods) then your due date is extended to the 15th of each month. Thank you for your time and articles. They are appreciated

WORSHIP

...his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. – John 4:24

Between Wrights and Edwards Chapel we offer three worship opportunities every weekend:

Sunday @ 9:30 AM – Family Worship at Wrights children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Sunday @ 11 AM – Family Worship at Edwards Chapel children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Saturday Night Faith Café is held 6:30 PM. Check calendar for dates.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

WITNESS/MISSIONS



Awesome work to everyone to all 8: Michael, Tara, David, Mikey Reidenbaugh, Karissa Coffield, Abigail Robb, Suzanne Schafer and Pastor Richard. Thanks to all here that remembered us in prayer and support through fundraising.

Brown Bag Concerts

A big thanks to all our volunteers, performers, participants. It takes a village, we are the village.

Kitchen

Roberta Roberts
Donna Cain
June Harrison
Kathy Jo Kernen
Marion Sphar
Brett

Set-Up

Becky, Buggs, and Kathy Jo Kernen
Clayton Sphar

Bill's Brigade- Hospitality Continues

In honor and memory of beloved "worker in Gods vineyard" Bill Mowry, a new service/mission arm has been established to continue the hands of Bill and the humble legacy he has inspired. Join us for coffee, and fellowship outside—Sunday's in August! 8:30-9:30 AM. Bill's sign says "Y'all Come!"

Greeter



August
Twila Hummel

FINANCE

Copies of the monthly Finance report is available in the Narthex.

DONUT SUNDAY

A BIG thanks to June Harrison who volunteered to take over Donut Sunday beginning in September.



August

20 Dave & Twila Hummel

August

- 5 Paul Peterson
- 6 Tammy Leech
Darin Schultz
- 8 June Harrison
- 9 Jackie Hill
Tracy Sneddon
- 11 Cheryl Gereshenski
- 12 Lori Walters
- 14 Joyce Durham
- 17 Tawny Patterson
Luke St. Cyr
- 21 John Metrovich
- 22 Whit Walters
- 24 Savannah Rankin

If your name is not on our list, or if the wrong name, date, or month is listed, please call the church office, and let us know. Thank

A WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR VBS STUDENTS

Veronica Didado, Vince Didado, Caroline Roberts, Elle Handke, Audra Handke, Olivia Montgomery, Nickjay Saune, Ava Schafer, Lucy Johnson, Penny Johnson, Abigail Roberts, Julia Franks, Colina Montgomery, Addie McDonald, Grace Reidenbaugh, Kira Brant, Nat Roberts, Grace Handke, Jacob Coffield, Kayla Franks, Marissa Klose, Lizzy Klose, Kristen Himes, Dylan Ernst, Dom Ernst

VBS Thank You's for our Theme Egypt Joseph Journey

Crew Leaders:

Karissa Coffield, Yvonne Federough, Doreen and Abe Franks, Megan and Jason Johnson, Mikayla, Malina and Michael Ridgeway, Abigail Robb, Suzanne Schafer

Market Place Shops:

Kathy Jo Kernen, Mary Schweitzer, Roberta Roberts, Robin Lounda, Laura Roberts, Jennifer Handke, Tara Reidnebaugh

Games:

Savannah Rankin, Shannon Federough

Joseph:

Rev. Richard Roberts, Vince Johnson

Kitchen Crew:

Roberta Roberts, Donna, Cain, Danny Didado, Abe Franks, June Harrison, Kathy Jo Kernen, Marion Sphar.

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7PM Trustees	2	3 9AM Men's Breakfast	4 11:30 AM-1PM Senior lunch at Venetia Community Ctr.	5	6 6:30-7:30 PM Faith Café
	VBS at	Edwards Chapel	Backyard Round	Up	9:30- Noon	
7 9:30 AM Communion Sunday	8 7 PM Finance 7:30 PM Council	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School	15	16	17	18 11:30 AM-1PM Senior lunch at Venetia Community Ctr	19	20
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Edwards VBS Backyard Round Up- Aug. 1st-5th, 9:30 – noon. New Location. It's a cowboy/cowgirl dream at the Circle K Ranch of Tim and Danielle Kearns outside of Bentleyville. Real horses, awesome crafts, cowboy food and bible lessons for the trail. Open to everyone—Sign up with Laura today.