

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday

	General Fund	Attendance
July 29	\$3,153	72
Aug. 5	\$5,770	78
Aug. 12	\$2,745	88
Aug. 19	\$2,271	73

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sundays

Worship	8:45 AM
Coffee & Fellowship, 9:30 – 9:45 AM	
Sunday School	9:45 AM

Gathering SS (Bible Study)

Friendship Bible Class for Adults

Worship	11:00 AM
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Wednesday

Fellowship Meal	6:00 pm
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THE MESSENGER

Winterville United Methodist Church
Rev. John Merk, Pastor
September 2018



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, Sept. 10

7:00 p.m.

FINANCE MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 18

7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 18

7:30 pm

Donations given to the
Operating Fund

In memory of Mrs. Lessie Scott
By: Henrietta Tucker

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Monday -Thursday 9 AM—1 PM Friday—office closed

HOMECOMING

1859 - 2018

159th CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
REV. WAYNE SMITH
11:00 AM
COVERED DISH



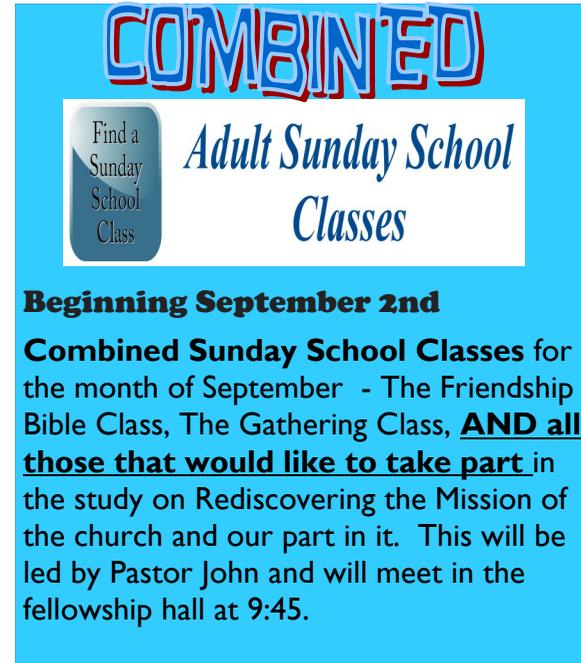
(Re)Discovering the Mission

Thank you for the welcome dinner on August 12th. Billi and I enjoyed the event very much. We truly love this community and are proud to be serving here, the most “eating-ist church we’ve ever been to! Seriously though there is a sweet spirit of fellowship at Winterville UMC and you have made us feel right at home.

This month I will be teaching during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45, on Rediscovering the Mission of the church and our part in it. **I want to encourage everyone to attend**; there’s plenty of room in the Fellowship Hall and there will be refreshments (we are the eating -ist church after all). The first week we’ll review the biblical vision for the Church; what every church should be doing. Then, we’ll get a brief history of the Methodist church and our church’s role. Next, we consider the ways in which the Holy Spirit has equipped each of us to take part in the mission. We will first look at what spiritual gifts are, then on **Sunday September 23** we will take an inventory to discover the gifts each of us have; you’ll definitely want to be here for that! The final Sunday will be about moving into action.

September will be a busy and exciting time for us. I continue to ask for your prayers for the church, and our mission. As always, see you in church!

Blessings,
Pastor John



COMBINED
Find a Sunday School Class
Adult Sunday School Classes
Beginning September 2nd
Combined Sunday School Classes for the month of September - The Friendship Bible Class, The Gathering Class, **AND all those that would like to take part** in the study on Rediscovering the Mission of the church and our part in it. This will be led by Pastor John and will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:45.



children's CHURCH
Fall Children's Church will begin Sunday, September 9 for children in grades K-5. Children will be dismissed to the Fellowship Hall with a leader after the choir anthem/special music.
Terrie W. Seagraves

Just a reminder that Communion will be observed on the 1st Sunday of each month for both services.

AMAZING GRACE

OFFERING—SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

This offering is received across churches in North Georgia to impact the lives of children in foster cares. 100 % of your gift supports children and families. There are over 15,000 children in foster care who need a safe place to call home.

Adorn the Altar!

Altar Flowers are a simple way to add beauty to our church and worship.

You may place them in honor OR in memory of a loved one on their birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc. These can be florist flowers (let Kristy know should you want her to order them) or some from your garden.

To put flowers in the sanctuary, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Administrative Hall and let Kristy know what you would like printed in the bulletin.



On September 11th we will repeat our discount day trip to Anderson at Hamricks and the Russell Stover Candy Store. You'll work up an appetite at some antique stores before we eat lunch at Mama Penns.

September 21st we are headed to Hartwell for "Shrek the Musical". We will have dinner at the Downtown Café before the show.

October 26th is our Halloween party, dinner, entertainment and games. Details will be posted.

Hope everyone is enjoy their summer.

God bless,
Linda & Charley



The United Methodist Women had a great meeting on August 14 at Carol Hodges' home. We enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by Joyce Mullenix and Carol. Patty Boyd presented several excellent suggestions of outreach opportunities for our church which UMW might support. Thinking outside the box and the building is the key! Please pray for our church's efforts as we strive to be a light for the Good News of Jesus in the community.

Our next meeting is September 11. Our program for the September meeting will be Taren Tripp with Hope Haven. We would love to have you join us-all women are invited!

Our annual Baked Potato and Salad Bar Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, October 28. Everyone is invited to join us after the 11 am worship service for lunch. Baked potatoes, green salad, a variety of other salads, chili, dessert, and all the fixings will be provided. Cost is your donation to our fund which supports mission projects both here and around the world.

Terrie W. Seagraves

CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY



**Saturday, September 8
9 AM**

As we get ready for Homecoming please help us beautify God's house. All hands are needed!



The UMM met August 16th and enjoyed a great fellowship and breakfast/supper. We enjoyed Pastor John talking about his past and what influenced his decision to go into ministry. He talked about some plans he has in mind for the future. Overall it was a great meeting with him.

We will have a Litter Pickup September 8th @ 8:30 AM and our September meeting will be Thursday the 20th at 6:30 pm. All men of the church are welcome.

Thanks,
Johnny

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the generous contribution of school supplies for my children and my classroom this year. I am overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. Please continue to pray for me and my class throughout this year.

Thank you again,
Cindy Paulson

To My Church Family,

I am so grateful to all my friends for all your prayers and concerns during both of my surgeries. The doctor says that I am doing exceedingly well. Please continue to lift me up in your prayers as I still have a ways to go. I love you all.

Carolyn Simpson



We will begin our fellowship meals on Wednesday, September 12. At the present time we have only three committees.

As always, we have two ways to sign up for the meals. On the permanent list or sign up slips on Sundays. Meal prices will be \$6.00; children under 12 free.

**If you sign up or you are already on the standing list and are unable to attend that week please let Kristy know by 1:00 pm Monday to cancel your reservation.*

Last Wednesday night supper for the calendar year will be November 14. Please note no Wednesday night meals in December. Suppers will resume January 9, 2019 and continue through May 22, 2019. The last meal of the cooking season will be a covered dish in the Banquet Hall.

There are two 5th Wednesday's, October 31, 2018. Since this is Halloween Patty Boyd will be in charge of that meal and January 30, 2019. I will be in charge of this meal.

We will continue with no take out plates or deliveries except for members who are unable to attend meal.

Meal time: 6:00 pm.

Your team leader will let you know what time you need to be at the kitchen to help prepare the meal. Thank you for volunteering and Thank you Cooking Teams, for all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Henrietta Tucker
Kitchen Coordinator

YOUR WONDERFUL COOKING TEAMS

2018 - 2019

First Wednesday

Joyce Mullenix, Team Leader	706-899-0057
Dan Aldridge	678-761-3222
Kenny Hodges	706-224-4227
Joyce Brodnax	706-208-8715
Judy Aldridge	706-654-6957

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goldminega@bellsouth.net
kenneth335@charter.net
joycebrodnax@gmail.com
judyaldrige@bellsouth.net

Second Wednesday

Covered Dish – Watch the bulletin, someone might decide to cook something for us.
However, September 12 is covered.

Third Wednesday

Betty Patton, Team Leader	706-742-8226
George Chandler	706-742-8487
Patsy Chandler	706-742-8487
Debbie Tolbert	770-561-0821
Billy Patton	706-742-8226

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Fourth Wednesday

Henrietta Tucker, Team Leader 706-742-8449/706-206-2852

Betty Ashley	706-742-8203
Gloria Bowman	706-742-8265
John Merk	404-210-2687
Billi Merk	404-615-7766

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You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.
-Isaiah 25:4

Winterville UMC has the opportunity to be a shelter in the storm for the lives of a family in transition.

Athens Interfaith Network is a cooperative between faith organizations in the Athens area to provide housing, job assistance, and transportation for families that are temporarily without a home. Our next volunteer week for Athens Interfaith Network is September 17th at Tuckston UMC. We will be taking over the volunteer slots for Tuesday, September 19th, including morning and evening driver, dinner, and overnight hosts. You can find a signup sheet at the front of the sanctuary.

Learn more about Athens Interfaith Network at their website <http://www.ihnathens.org/>

Thank you,
Michelle



SHE'S BACK!!!!

Yes, I am back at it. Carol Hodges was sweet enough to allow me to finish out her term as Outreach chairperson and then continue next year. So, blame her! (Just kidding).

Let me start off by just saying – I AM EXCITED – AREN'T YOU!

New pastor (isn't he great) and new fresh ideas (plus some familiar ones).

First - Outreach and Missions are extremely connected in purpose – so Michelle Vetter and I will be working together to make this happen.

Second – We have already met with Pastor John and let me just say he sure gets those creative juices flowing. The ideas and suggestions seem to be endless – my little penny pencil could not keep up.

The three of us agreed that to be successful with Outreach and Missions we have to get up and actually go outside of this building – literally! There is an international movement of missionary disciples called Fresh Expressions (thank you Michelle and Rev. John) that takes the church from its walls out to the people that would normally not hear the Word of God.

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Outreach continued...

Examples are holding a church service at a restaurant, bar, gym or as we discussed having a tailgate church at the UGA games. That would not necessarily be a church service but be there, have a presence, discipleship, minister to people.

Here is a better explanation from their website: **A Fresh Expression is a form of church for our changing culture, established primarily for the benefit of those who are not yet part of any church.** Fresh Expressions is an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside existing congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society. Beginning in 2004 as an initiative of the Church of England and the British Methodist Church, the movement has resulted in the birth of thousands of new communities in the UK alone and brought renewal to scores of established churches. The movement has spread to Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and Germany. In 2010, the movement began taking shape in the US through the vision and generosity of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and a growing number of partners committed to a new era of missional ecumenism, a unity around the mission of God the Father through the resurrected Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. If you want to read more just click on this link to go to their website <https://freshexpressionsus.org/about/#what> Or click on this link and watch a video: <https://vimeo.com/49480906>.

Now after reading that and watching the video – if you are not excited (excited nervous, excited scared, excited happy and ready) about what we are planning to try – then check your pulse.

We will be taking it slow so take a deep breath, roll up your sleeves and say yes – sure I will be a part of this when asked – or better yet – come up and volunteer (you know, without being asked). Volunteer your time and talent. Notice I did not say the third “T” of stewardship “treasure”. We talk about that later – just your time and talent are needed right now. Also we need your ideas and suggestions please.

Some of the other ideas are: a holiday vacation bible school (not necessarily held in the church), Blessing of the Pets, Trunk or Treat, Fall Festival, Christmas Goody Bags for those who work on Christmas Eve, a Craft Night or Day once a month, Scavenger Hunt, Chili Cook-off, Drama Camp, Hand bell Choir, Drive- Thru Prayer (I love this one) and many others. I was delighted to have the August program for UMW and boy was that exciting. Lots of great ideas – keep them coming ladies. If you don't mind – would you please email me those ideas if I did not mention them here (pattyboyd@windstream.net)?

One or two of these I have already decided on doing – Blessing of the pets (no date as of yet) and Trunk or Treat to be held in place of the Wednesday night meal on October 31st . So get your costumes, cars and candy ready.

One thing I think we can all agree on is that we as a church and as her members need prayer – and lots of it. So on the prayer list that Kristy so wonderfully includes in our weekly bulletin please write Winterville United Methodist Church and her members.

Well I believe I have taken up enough of the newsletter so I bid adieu. Keep smiling!

Patty “Cakes” Boyd

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Sunday Worship Worship 8:45 AM Coffee & Fellowship, 9:30 – 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Combined (Gathering Class & Friendship Bible Class for Adults Worship 11 AM</p>	 <p>HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BORN IN SEPTEMBER!</p>			<p><u>Atlas Learning Center</u> Monday—Thursday 9-3:30 pm</p>		<p>1 Will Bowman</p>
<p>2  8:45 & 11 AM Combined Classes, 9:45 AM, fellowship hall</p>	<p>3  Office Closed</p>	<p>4 Amanda McCabe Judy Aldridge ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>5 Brenda Keen ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Harry Spratlin ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Aaron Gray</p>	<p>8  UM Men Will pick up trash @ 8 AM 9 AM</p>
<p>9 Von Bird Valerie Chandler Children's Church begins.</p>	<p>10 Trustees Meeting, 7 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>11 Emily Seagraves ALC -, 9:-3:30 Young at Heart Trip to Hamricks, 9:30 AM United Methodist Women, 7 pm</p>	<p>12  6 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>13 ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Mary Grace Watson  11 AM</p>	<p>17 Bryan Hines ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>18 Finance Meeting, 7 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>19 Kim Carter Fellowship Meal, 6 pm</p>	<p>20 Matthew Tomlin United Methodist Men, 6:30 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>21  Trip to Hartwell, 4:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Jaycie Culbertson</p>
<p>23 Sabina Alvarado Sonja Peterson</p>	<p>24 ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>25 Fellowship hall & Conference room reserved, 6:30 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Fran Hancock Art Dempsey Fellowship Meal, 6 pm ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>27 ALC -, 9:-3:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Herschel Reeves</p>	<h1>SEPTEMBER 2018</h1>					<p>OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS We the people of the United Methodist Church.</p>