



WRIGHTSVILLE
ON OLEANDER

December 2024

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“Joy to the World”

What is your favorite Christmas song? I don't mean a secular song like Mariah Carey's *“All I Want for Christmas is You”* or Bing Crosby's *“White Christmas.”* I mean a song about the birth of Jesus. Do you have a favorite? There are so many good ones to choose from. *“Silent Night,” “O Come, All Ye Faithful,” “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,”* and *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* are just a few of the many that I love to sing every December. But, my number one, all-time favorite Christmas song from way back when I was a little kid all the way up until now is *“Joy to the World.”* It might be yours too.

The only thing I don't like about *“Joy to the World”* is that we don't get to sing it all year long. I wish we would. And, actually, the writer of the song, Isaac Watts, might agree with me. Did you know that Watts didn't intend for *“Joy to the World”* to originally be a Christmas song? The lyrics are actually a paraphrase of Psalm 98, which was written way before Christ was born. In the song there is no mention of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, Wise Men, the Star, the Stable, Angels, or even a Baby's Birth! Instead, it focuses on nature rejoicing in the Lord. That's not a theme inappropriate for Christmas, but it isn't something specific to Christmas either.

So, how did it become a Christmas song? Well, legend has it that the composer of the music, Lowell Mason, was a big fan of Handel's *“Messiah;”* and that he borrowed musical themes from *“Messiah”* when he wrote the tune for *“Joy to the World.”* Since *“Messiah”* was generally sung at Christmas time people started to associate *“Joy to the World”* with Christmas. And nowadays, it is the most published Christmas hymn in America.

It is actually the tune that resonates so well with me. It starts big, on a high note, one that is generally sung loudly, as if we are proclaiming some tremendous news. You know how it goes... *“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!”* This is not a song of sweetness and serenity, like *“Silent Night”* or *“Away in a Manger.”* This is big. This is bold. This is powerful. And then the rest of the song feels like a roller coaster. We slowly go up the scale to higher notes on *“Let earth receive her King”* and then when we hit the top we speed back down the scale again with lots of eighth notes and sixteenth notes singing, *“Let every heart prepare him room”* and then we continue that fast pace throughout the repeating section of *“and heaven and nature sing”* until we come to a conclusion at the end. And then, just when you catch your breath, you rejoice boldly all over again as you start the second verse, which once again starts with those awesome words of proclamation, *“Joy to the world.”* It is such a fun song to sing.

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As I already mentioned, the song doesn't actually reference the angels or the shepherds; but in the Christmas story found in Luke, chapter 2, we learn that the angels do tell the shepherds not to be afraid because they are bringing "good news that will cause great joy for all the people." The birth of Jesus should bring joy to the world.

I see so many people in this world who are anxious or stressed. And they have reasons to be. We have wars around the world, high prices for food and gas at home, worries over loved ones' health, or parenting concerns, and financial poverty around us, and poverty of spirit within us, division in our community and sometimes in our families over politics and what morals we should value the most, the list goes on and on. We need some joy. And the Good News is that Jesus comes to redeem us from the sin and brokenness that so often has such a strong hold on our lives. Jesus' birth means that God is with us, and his death and resurrection mean that Jesus can overcome the worst that the world can bring. Our Savior is here. So, let us not despair. When times are tough let us hear the angels once again declare, "*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*"

May the Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Doug



JOY
to the
WORLD

Advent Devotional Video Series

Starting December 2nd through December 20th (weekdays only), we invite you to join us for our Advent Devotional Video series, available on our church YouTube channel. These short, meaningful reflections will help guide you through the Advent season as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

Don't miss this opportunity to find a moment of peace and reflection in your day!



ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

9:45 am: Advent Wreath Workshop

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

9:00 am: Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

5:00 pm: Children's Christmas Play & Family Dinner

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

11:30 am: STARS Luncheon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

7:00 pm: Handbell Holiday Concert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Blue Christmas service available online

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:00 pm: Jazz Nativity



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

9:30 am: Children's Lessons & Carols

11:30 am: Children's Lessons & Carols

3:00 pm: Candlelight Communion

5:00 pm: Candlelight Communion

7:30 pm: Candlelight Communion



**A nursery will be provided for children under the age of 3 at our
3:00 & 5:00 pm Candlelight Communion services.**

**We will not be staffing the nursery for Children's Lessons & Carols services at
9:30 and 11:30 am nor the 7:30 pm service**

**WE
BAKE
YOUR
DREAMS
CRUMB TRUE!**



WUMC
COOKIE WALK

WRIGHTSVILLE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
COOKIE WALK

Select from thousands of beautiful and tasty
homemade cookies, candies and treats!

Saturday, December 7
9:00 am - Noon

4 Live Oak Drive, Wrightsville Beach

Cookies are \$12 a pound • Checks or Cash
Proceeds support local outreach missions benefiting children & families.



Thank you!

Wow, thank you for generosity this season! What a blessing knowing that all of the angels from our tree will have a merrier Christmas this year!

Methodist Home
for CHILDREN

Don't forget!
Gifts are due
Sunday, December 1st

YOU'RE INVITED
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
5:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



FAMILY DINNER & RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING



This year, a portion of the Christmas Eve offerings and Poinsettias for a Purpose proceeds will be donated to the Warming Shelter, a local nonprofit that supports those experiencing homelessness in Wilmington. The Warming Shelter works year-round to support our neighbors in 3 ways: a Cold Weather Shelter, a Mobile Shower Trailer & a Drop-In Day Center. In addition to supporting their overall mission, our donations will help to replace the Warming Shelter's Mobile Shower Trailer, which was stolen this fall. You can learn more about the Warming Shelter at <https://thewarmingshelterilm.com>.

Thank you for helping us support this vital local ministry!

December events




YOU'RE INVITED!

**STARS
CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
11:30 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL




EMPTY NESTERS & FRIENDS

Christmas
PARTY

DEC **11** 2024
AT 6:00 PM

THE PENTHOUSE
2 N. Front Street

RSVP BY DECEMBER 5
DONNA@WRIGHTSVILLEUMC.ORG



Healing Connection

**Have you experienced
the loss of a spouse or
significant other?**

All men and women of WUMC are invited to join us for a Dutch treat luncheon with others who have been through the same difficult time.

**Monday, December 16
11:30am
Olympia Restaurant**

Sign up on the deep roots bulletin board



YOU'RE INVITED!

*Handbell
Holiday Concert*

December 15th
7:00 pm
SANCTUARY

JAZZ NATIVITY

Thursday, December 19 at 7 pm
Kenan Auditorium
Tickets: \$15



Special opening music provided by the
Port City Trio

Purchase tickets between worship services or
during the week in the front office.

What is the Jazz Nativity and why all the hype?

“Bending Towards the Light” is a beautiful production written by Anne Phillips and Dave Brubeck. It tells the traditional story of the nativity through the medium of jazz. Several prominent Wilmington musicians, such as Benny Hill, Ryan Woodall and Annie Jewell join with the Chancel Choir of Wrightsville UMC to deliver a delightful and heart warming experience that’s sure to please everyone, jazz lover or not. Opening music will be provided by The Port City Trio. In it’s ninth year of production, this event has become a Wilmington favorite and one you won’t want to miss.

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE
CHURCH FRONT OFFICE DECEMBER 1-15.**

We welcome all donations to help underwrite this heartwarming holiday tradition.

Sponsor Levels:

Gold: \$1,000 and up

Frankincense: \$500-999

Myrrh: Up to \$500

You may also support us by buying an ad to go in
our program.

Pricing is as follows:

1/4 page ad is \$25

1/2 page ad is \$50

Whole page ad is \$100

Thank you for helping to support this!

Donate to our preschool this holiday season!
The WUMC Preschool PTA will have a giving tree
out in the Narthex between services on
Sunday, December 8th & 15th.

You can also scan the QR code to donate
directly from their Amazon wish list.



Nurture Committee Expands Love in Action

Our Nurture Committee is finding new ways to share love and care within our church family! We've started a wonderful project where volunteers team up based on zip codes to visit, check in, and strengthen connections within our Wrightsville church community!

In October alone, we reached out to over 300 people through visits, phone calls, and cards! If you get a call from one of our amazing volunteers, don't be surprised – it's just a loving hello from your church family.

If caring for others and sharing love is something close to your heart, we'd love for you to join our volunteer team! Feel free to reach out to Mikki Perry (Director of Congregational Care) or Pastor Eunsoo to get involved.

Together, we're growing in Christ's love! ❤️

Congratulations from your Wrightsville UMC Family!

Wrightsville UMC
welcomes

Payton Layne Wise

Born November 10, 2024

Parents:
Mary Margaret & Jason Wise

Siblings:
Poppy Wise
Piper Wise

Wrightsville UMC
welcomes

Lauder Page Steadman

Born October 29, 2024

Parents:
Caroline & Grant Steadman

Wrightsville UMC
welcomes

Margot Kear McRainey

Born November 11, 2024

Parents:
Madison & Bowen McRainey

Sibling:
Mila McRainey

Dear Friends and Fellow Members of Wrightsville UMC,

On behalf of the SPRC, I wanted to express my sincerest thanks for the love, support, and grace you have extended our pastors and staff this past year. The pastors and staff have worked extremely hard to take care of our congregation. Doug, Julia, Eunsoo and David are the best pastors any church could have. We give praise and Thanksgiving for all of our pastors and their leadership.

Donna has kept our administrative team's duties coordinated seamlessly in her role as Executive Director. Kristin has done an amazing job as our Communications Director, putting out the church news in all the many ways WUMC connects with us. Mikki is the fabulous Director of Congregational Care, and her personal touch with all of us is a blessing. Gina our Director of Facilities, continues to coordinate all the tasks needed to keep our properties in top shape and to coordinate the many groups that use our buildings. Mac continues to keep our facilities and grounds maintained. Jamie our Director of Finance keeps all of our financial tasks taken care of without a hitch. Valerie keeps our front office humming along and Lisa keeps all of our data recorded and organized as our church grows in membership and space with the addition of the Oleander campus.

Christina, Pam, Courtney, and Carey continue to dedicate their time and talents reaching our children and youth through all of Wrightsville's various programs. It has been an enormous bonus to welcome Jackson as a key member of our youth staff. It is wonderful to have our 4:12 Youth Group, youth small groups, Faithful 5th, Children of JOY, our WUMC Preschool and wrightsville remix bring children and families together for weekday study and fellowship. Courtney who also runs the preschool has created a wonderful program for all the little people and their families.

The dedication of our music ministry team has continued to be a blessing during worship services. Julia, Joseph, Kelly and Ryan continue to bring us beautiful music during our Sunday worship services and through The Vine online service.

I also want to compliment Mel and her amazing nursery staff for taking care of all the tiniest people in our Wrightsville UMC church family. It is a blessing for parents and grandparents to know their little ones are being nurtured by such patient and kind people. Such an important part of the care our staff provides.

I ask those of us who can to consider a love offering gift to our staff this holiday season. There are (3) ways in which you can do this and those are listed below. The deadline is Tuesday, December 24th. Join me in giving thanks to our entire Wrightsville UMC staff!

May the love of Jesus Christ continue to bless you and your families!

Barbara Gowdy – Staff Parish Relations Chairperson

WAYS TO GIVE

- Drop off cash or check in the front office. Please indicate on check memo line that it is for Staff Love Offering.
- Mail Check to: Wrightsville UMC, P.O. Box 748, Wrightsville Beach, NC, 28480
- Website - (www.wrightsvilleumc.org) Click the Give Now button on the homepage. Select Staff Love Offering under the dropdown.



**DONT
FORGET**



Circle of Hope will meet on Monday, December 9th at 10:00 am in Room 206. Please contact Jeannie DeGaetano at 910-617-7268 for more information.

Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, December 9th at 4:30 pm at the home of Alice Tysinger. Call Betsy Summey at 910-338-7379 with questions.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 am in the church Parlor. Call Marie Cooke at 910-620-4241 with any questions.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 pm at The Wine Sampler. Contact Kristi Jarnigan at 910-538-5221 with questions.

January Newsletter

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the deadline for the January newsletter will be on Tuesday, December 10th.

Please contact Kristin at kristin@wrightsvilleumc.org with any questions or to submit articles.



Mother
Hubbard's
Cupboard
Help. Hope. Humanity.

**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Cans of Beanie Weenies
Canned Meats
Brown Pasta
Large juices (no glass)
**Brown paper grocery bags
w/handles**

**Holiday donations needed:
sugar, flour, stuffing mix, cake mix, etc.**

Kempton Ministry

For several years Wrightsville UMC has provided weekly worship service leadership to the Kempton assisted living folk, and also to the Brightmore independent living residents on occasion. We would like to expand this ministry to other assisted (or independent) living homes in our greater Wilmington community, but this will require a small group of congregants who truly feel called to work with this community segment.

Please call or text Richard (Dick) Morrison at **910-616-5091** or e-mail dickmorrison36@icloud.com if you would like more information or to join this ministry.



With WUMC's continued and generous support, we are helping again this year to provide experiences for students at Snipes that might otherwise not be possible. We recently sponsored a kindergarten field trip to Galloway Farm in Hallsboro, NC where they received some hands on, practical learning. Many of the students had never been to a farm or interacted with farm animals.

We have also committed to providing six more field trips throughout this school year including one to Pine Knoll Shores and to UNC- Chapel Hill for the STEP program. (Striving Toward Educational Prosperity)

Your donations make these types of outside classroom learning possible.

"We are truly GRATEFUL to have community partners like you and APPRECIATE all that you do for our Students and Staff at Snipes Academy." Dr. Stephanie Willis, Principal

**Wrightsville UMC 2024 Church Budget
2025 Budget Approved by the Administrative
Council on September 23, 2024.**

Conference apportionment	\$175,169
Personnel & benefits	\$1,122,328
Administrative expenses	\$84,200
Utilities	\$63,000
Maintenance expenses	\$227,750
Insurance	\$85,000
Outreach	\$50,000
Racial Unity	\$2,000
Worship	\$8,000
Youth	\$46,950
Spiritual Formation	\$20,250
Music	\$28,500
Finance	\$20,000
Fellowship	\$7,000

INFORMATION



According to IRS regulations, in order for your contribution to be credited to 2024, you must have it into the church office (or postmarked) no later than December 31, 2024.



Join us Sunday!

*Fifth Sunday
Breakfast*

December 29th • 9-10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

**ALL ARE INVITED FOR GOOD
FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

*Thank you to the United Methodist Men for
cooking and serving!*

NEW MEMBER CLASS



WRIGHTSVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday
January 11, 2025**

**9am-12pm
Fellowship Hall**

Sign up on the New Member Bulletin Board or
email valerie@wrightsvilleumc.org

Sign up on for our next
New Member Class in January!

The sign up sheet is located on the
New Member bulletin board.



Wrightsville Plunge 2025

Join us at Wrightsville Beach on January 1st and kick off your New Year by Plungin' for a Purpose! The 9th Annual Wrightsville Plunge benefits Communities in Schools of Cape Fear, which works to help keep kids in school and on the path to graduation. What a great way to support our region's youth and have a blast at the same time!

Register by click [here](#) to save your place for the 2025 Plunge!

SAVE THE DATE

2025

**WOMEN'S
RETREAT**

FEBRUARY 21-22

WRIGHTSVILLE ON OLEANDER

More details coming soon!

Contact pastorjulia@wrightsvilleumc.org
or eunsoo@wrightsvilleumc.org
with questions.



bountiful fruit

The Wrightsville United Methodist Church Outreach Committee supports and nurtures individuals and organizations who are in need in our community, nation and world. We also seek to provide members of our congregation opportunities to define their own ministry in service of Christ.



Our Racial Unity Group invites you join our Christmas tradition of giving to those embarking on their “second chance” journey! You can show your love and support by helping fill a stocking for a resident at LINC.

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Bring your unwrapped items to the church by Monday, December 9th, and drop them in the Racial Unity Box in Grace Place under the stairwell.

All ages are invited to help stuff the stockings on Tuesday, December 10th at 4pm at the WOO!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4AA9A929ABFC1-52403136-2024>

Join our Racial Unity Group for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at LINC celebrating their new van provided by Wrightsville UMC!

After the theft of the LINC van during COVID, and two years of manufacturing delays we can all celebrate Wrightsville’s generosity.

The event will take place at 4pm on Tuesday, December 17th at the LINC campus at 222 Division Drive, Wilmington.

LINC has welcomed anyone interested to take a tour of their facility after the ceremony if you would like to see their campus lifestyle.



“Meals of Love” lunches at Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center make it possible for family members to remain close to loved ones. Our church hopes to provide simple lunches such as sandwiches, pizza, etc for 15-20 people on the third Wednesday of each month between 11:00 am and noon. No utensils or drinks needed. Food should be dated and put in disposable containers.

If individuals and or groups are interested in providing a lunch, please contact Kay Warren at kwarren51@hotmail.com or 910-231-3667 for dates available and more details. Dates to provide lunches are January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21 & June 18. Thank you!



ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

Sunday, December 1st
9:45-11:30 am
Fellowship Hall

Bring clippings & greenery from your yard to help decorate the wreaths. All are invited!



Hot Cocoa and Refreshments will be served!
RSVP to christina@wrightsvilleumc.org



Click [here](#) to sign up to participate in our Christmas Eve services. We need ushers, greeters & readers.



We wish you a merry christmas



SET AN  EXAMPLE

THE FOUR TWELVE

WRIGHTSVILLE UMC YOUTH

Click [here](#) to donate & spread Christmas JOY!



Help us spread Christmas **JOY!**

We have adopted 4 teenagers that are currently in foster care this Christmas.

Bring gifts to 4:12 on Sunday, December 8th.



MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

4:12 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

IT'S TIME TO wrap up for Christmas!



BRING A \$5 WRAPPED GIFT TO EXCHANGE

DECEMBER 15TH 5:30-7:00PM AT THE WOO!

CLICK [HERE](#) TO SIGN UP FOR THE SKI TRIP.

4:12 HIGH SCHOOL **SKI TRIP** FEBRUARY 7-10



GRADES 9-12 SPACE IS LIMITED. \$850

Questions? Christina@wrightsvilleumc.org



GOD'S GIRLZ Life Group

Sunday, December 15th 4:00-5:30 pm At the **WOO**

All Middle School Girls in Grades 6-8 are invited!

Questions? christina@wrightsvilleumc.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS LIFE GROUP

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18 6-7:30 PM WRIGHTSVILLE ON OLEANDER

CHRISTINA@WRIGHTSVILLEUMC.ORG

Click [here](#) to sign up to participate in Youth Sunday!

THE FOUR TWELVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MEETS IN ROOM 203 HIGH SCHOOL MEETS IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE

ALL ARE WELCOME 




5:30-6pm Dinner
6-7:15pm Class
at the WOO
December 11th: Class #5

SAVE	YOUTH SUNDAY <small>ALL 3 WORSHIP SERVICES</small>
23 FEBRUARY 2025	THE
DATE	<p>SET AN  EXAMPLE</p> <p>THE FOUR TWELVE WRIGHTSVILLE UMC YOUTH</p>



Nursery will not be available during our

Children's Christmas Eve services.

We can't wait to have all of our families together
in the Sanctuary!



Children's Christmas Eve Services

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11:30 am: Children's Lessons & Carols

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No Sunday School.

Enjoy worship &
communion with your
family.

December 1

wrightsville remix

ON WEDNESDAYS

Dinner + Joyful for Jesus + Young Adult
& Family Fellowship & Discussion

5:15- 6:00 pm: Family Dinner
6:00- 7:00 pm: Joyful 4 Jesus (ages 4-4th grade)
Adult Bible Study
Nursery (ages 3 & under)

DECEMBER 4
JANUARY 8 & 22
FEBRUARY 5 & 19
MARCH 5 & 19
APRIL 2

Questions?
christina@wrightsvilleumc.org
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
5:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



FAMILY DINNER & RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us Sunday!

Fifth Sunday Breakfast

December 29th · 9-10:15 am
Fellowship Hall

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December 2024 Birthdays

1. Maggie Landreth, Camdyn Emerson, Breck Bisplinghoff, Jim Morrissey, Leigh Kline, Tilley-Gray Cheek, Brenda Bailey, Brittany Atkins
2. Geneva Yohe, Angela Carson, Lisa Menius, David Rizzo, Julia Campbell, Jack Ford, Alison Pollard, Parker Midgett, Susan Russell, Cathy Griffin
3. Charlotte Konrady, Amy Bullock, Davon Peebles, Hannah Halac, Muriel Shelton, Jan Turpin, Issy Thompson, Kristen Icenhour, Riley Mills, Matthew Maynard
4. Tate Harris, Clay Emerson, Anderson Ray, Joe Dickinson, Caison Brock
5. Betsy Summey, Jeannie DeGaetano, Yvonne Hughes, Bailey Easley, Carol Mansbery, Jerry Gaskins, Mary Jo Harris, Lillian Pope, Tessa Phillips
6. Cathy Bagley, Rick Blacher, Chloe Stowe, Ellie Marks, Carol Knight, Rob Reynolds, Nic Reschly
7. Peyton Neatherly, Jennifer Nease, Cathy Hines, Nick Cobb
8. Tanya Aldridge, Adam Keen, Aimee Almond, Babs Sutton
9. Steve Lewis, Noah Pierson, Cassandra Hughes, Michael Stone, Kristin Freeman, Caroline Borum, Gibby Little, Truett DeGeare, Stacy Ward, Cora Long, Ford Long, Annie Rawl
10. Marian Sidbury, Holly Boyer, Annemarie Petroff, Jim Holt, Erin Gould, Lila Karasek, Doug Hahn, Harper Massey
11. Marty Hernandez, June Knott, Whitney Belisle, Zach Batey, Bennett Tayloe, Stacie Hidek, Rod Maguire
12. Ron Guard, Jennifer Dorton, Ellis Newman, Emery Nichols
13. Linda Gibson, Matt Hunter, Hunter Rahe, Donna Collier, Ben Schosek, Elkins Cheek
14. Elizabeth Williams, Donna Pinckney, Bryce Morrison, Lauren Phillips, Mary Ryan Campbell, Ella Senter, Mavis Norvell, Marty Foerster, Glenn Schroeder, Maverick Pittman
16. Lara Cottle, Jean Rich, Jordan Fife
17. Brooke Graham, Ansley Segars, John Peck
18. Barbara Guard, Connie Rogers, Kathryn Schosek
19. Frank Crandall, Carol Powers, Tim Howard, Angela Brown, JT Helfrich
20. Eddie Collins, Scarlet Campbell, Beth Scott, Vince Long, Stella Brown
21. Colton Daniels, Andy Eliot
22. Nancy Madison, Norwood Smith, Walter Blackwell, Parks Lee
23. Ashley DeGroot, Ames Yorba, Patton Hutchins, Ann Mallard
24. Drew Kerekes, Claire Witmer, Katie Witmer, Jamie Witmer, Beau Beam, Jim Collier, Doug Peacock, Elle Fitzpatrick, Parker Smith, Betsey Norris, Eric Hansberry, Eleanor Heustess
25. Tigger Clarkson, Kathy Saieed, Brittain Knowles
26. Dell Hocutt, Perry Newman, Will Sullivan, Kea Stroud, Lenny Beller, Alice Evans, Aaron Rader
27. Mary Alice Howard, Amy Witmer, Brandon Farrell, William Bumgardner, June Guggenheimer
28. Candace Blanke, Thomas Cofer, Bill Buchanan, Tanner Hamilton, Libby Schosek, Kelly Ridenhour
29. Sharon Chadwick, J.D. Swart, Erin Dills
30. David Bryant, Becca Edwards, Catherine Murphey
31. Jack Kilbourne, Nicole Roche, Cooper Perry, Lily Bobo, Thomas Carter



If you have news to share with your church family, please email Kristin Selby (kristin@wrightsvilleumc.org) by December 10th so it may be included in the next newsletter.

Prayer List for December 2024

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16)

Emilia Torello	Patrick Darrenkamp	Carolyn Finley
Sarah Burris	Philip Pearsall	Ann Woodworth
Joann Harmon	Pastor David Haley	Barbara Vitarius
Bobbie Edwards	Mary Palmer	Nancy Madison
Sylvia Fink	Dave Nowakowski	Lydia Desmond
Kathy Rice	Ross Walls	Shelvie Harris
Allen Peterson	Bobby McKeithan	Susan Ward
Riley Liberati	Nicole Buffong	Pat Boyer
Nathan Stickler	Judie Eakins	Don Steele
Kalsi Grimes	Terri Littlejohn	Jim Farrior
Roger Harford	Laurie Dzierzynski	Janet Harper
Florence Ferguson	Ann Harper	Jonathan Rowell
Roger Hill	Baker Williams	TC Godwin
Jack & Penny Luhrsen	Peggy Smith	Lisa Anderson
Marie Cadigan	Bill Barr	US Military & their families
Margaret Clontz	Hector Sanchez	
Chrissy Killian	Peace in Israel	
Maxine LeBouef	Flo McClain	

A requested prayer of thanks from many who have benefited from your prayers.

Condolences to the families of...

Barbara Godwin, Paul Teal, Linda Mumma, Betty Starbuck, Donna Gregory, Anna Johnson (Ashley Wells' Grandmother), Billy Edwards

We encourage you to lift up the names of people in our church, your family, or friends you know personally so that the church might pray for them.

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list please contact Mikki Perry at mikki@wrightsvilleumc.org.



December



Worship in the
Sanctuary at 8:15,
9:45, and 11:15 am

Coffee Hour
9:15 & 10:45 am

Sunday School Hour
9:45-10:45 am

Nursery provided.
3 years & under during 8:15
& 11:15 services.
2 years and under during
the 9:45 service.

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1 First Sunday of Advent Communion 9:30am Advent Wreath Workshop 4pm Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal	2 9:30am Peace, Love & Yoga 5:30pm Monday Night Lights 6pm Monday Night Blessings	3 5:45pm Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 6pm Young Women's Group	4 10:30am Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 4pm Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 5:15pm wrightsville remix 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm HS Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 6:45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 9:15am Moms & Friends' Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA	6	7 9am Cookie Walk 10am Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 8pm NA
8 Second Sunday of Advent 4pm Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 5:30pm 4:12 Youth	9 9:30am Peace, Love & Yoga 10am Circle of Hope 4:30pm Lydia Circle 6pm Monday Night Blessings	10 10am Ruth Circle 11:30am STARS Luncheon 5:30pm Outreach Committee 5:45 Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 6pm Esther Circle	11 10:30am Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Empty Nesters & Friends 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm HS Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 6:45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA	13	14 8pm NA
15 Third Sunday of Advent 3pm Faithful 5th 4pm God's Girlz 5:30pm 4:12 Youth 7pm Handbell Holiday Concert	16 9:30am Peace, Love & Yoga 11:30am Healing Connection Luncheon	17 4pm LINC Van Celebration 5:45pm Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 6pm Young Women's Group	18 10:30am Advent Study w/ Pastor Eunsoo 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Empty Nesters & Friends 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm HS Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Blue Christmas Service Available Online	19 6:45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA	20	21 8pm NA
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	23 9:30am Children's Lessons & Carols 11:30am Children's Lessons & Carols 3pm Candlelight Communion 5pm Candlelight Communion 7:30pm Candlelight Communion	24 9:30am Children's Lessons & Carols 11:30am Children's Lessons & Carols 3pm Candlelight Communion 5pm Candlelight Communion 7:30pm Candlelight Communion	25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8pm AA	27	28 8pm NA
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(it happens here.)

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