

April 2025

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The Newest Addition

You have surely heard the news already that Wrightsville UMC has received approval from the Town of Wrightsville Beach to build a columbarium and memorial garden on the site of our main campus on Live Oak Drive. This is really exciting news as members will now have the opportunity to have their cremated remains interred forever at the church. The new wall and accompanying garden will add beauty to the property; but more importantly, it will be a sacred space for members who die and for their family members and friends to visit.

For those who may not be familiar with the term, a columbarium is a more contemporary version of a cemetery. Nowadays, most people are being cremated rather than having their body buried in the ground. The columbarium and memorial garden allow members to have a final resting place for their cremains.

At Wrightsville, we will actually have several options for people to use the area. The first is to purchase a niche in the columbarium where members can have their remains interred. The second option is to have your remains buried in the memorial garden. And, the third option is to have your name engraved on a memorial plaque inside the garden, for those who wish to be interred or buried elsewhere.

Naturally, it will take a few months before the wall, the garden, and the plaque are all completed. But, I love it that the approval came during the season of Lent and that we are starting to purchase the niches now. We kick off Lent with Ash Wednesday which reminds us that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. And yet, we also hold on to the promise of Easter that reminds us that our lives will go on forever beyond the grave. With the addition of the columbarium and memorial garden we will have a physical reminder that the beloved members of Wrightsville who died before us are actually still alive in Christ. And, we will not need to look far when we join in the Apostles' Creed and say that we believe in "the communion of the saints" for their remains will be with us right here on the church grounds.

I'd really like to thank the Board of Trustees and the Memorial Garden Committee for helping to bring this vision to fruition; and I would especially like to thank Jan Turpin, Melissa Wagenseller, and Jerome Pinckney for leading the way in making this dream come true. Working alongside them, David Ray brought his legal skills to help make sure we met all the town's regulations and procedures. So, if you see any of these people in the next few weeks, I know you will want to join me in thanking them for putting in hours and hours of work on this important project.

As you can tell, I'm very excited about this new addition to our church property. I hope you will be too.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Doug



UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Communion - April 6 all 3 services
Palm Sunday - April 13 all 3 services
Easter - April 20 all 3 services
Communion - May 4 all 3 services
Confirmation Sunday - May 18 at 11:15 am



NEW MEMBER CLASS



Saturday May 31, 2025

9am-12pm Fellowship Hall

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



Are you interested in learning more about Wrightsville UMC?

Join us for our next

New Member Class.

Scan the QR Code or email valerie@wrightsvilleumc.org.

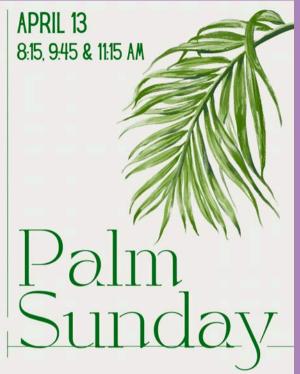
JOIN THE HANDBELL & CHANCEL CHOIRS!

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EASTER SUNDAY PARKING

Ride the Trolley to church on Easter!

PARK AT WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON EASTER MORNING AND RIDE THE TROLLEY TO AND FROM CHURCH!

THE TROLLEY WILL RUN FROM 7:30 AM-12:45 PM

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY
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WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH







Time To +
9 Travel

Those walking the Way of St. Cuthbert will be gone April 28-May 6.
Please keep them in your prayers.

St Cuthbert's Way

Interested in traveling with your church family?

Consider traveling with us in the footsteps of Paul through Greece and Turkey in May of 2026!

More details will be available in the May newsletter or by emailing donna@wrightsvilleumc.org.

Lydia Circle will meet on Monday, April 14 at 4:00 pm at the home of Susan Hahn. Call Betsy Summey at 910-338-7379 with questions.

Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 10:00 am in the church parlor. Call Marie Cooke at 910-620-4241 with any questions.

Circle of Hope will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 12:00 pm in Room 206. Please contact Jeannie DeGaetano at 910-617-7268 for more information.

Esther Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 pm in Room 206. Contact Kristi Jarnigan at 910-538-5221 with questions.

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Memorial Garden Update



The Town of Wrightsville Beach's Board of Aldermen approved our church's request for a Special Use Permit on March 13, granting us permission to build a Memorial Garden and Columbarium. We want to build a Memorial Garden which will include a Columbarium that consists of niches for the interment of the ashes of cremated human beings. Each niche shall be identified with an engraved plaque with the name and dates of birth and death of the deceased. In the Memorial Garden, there will be a dedicated area for the burial of ashes for those that would prefer that their ashes be buried.

We will have a brick wall along our south side property line that will house the columbaria. There will be 12 units of columbaria with 30 niches in each, for a total capacity of 360 niches that can house the cremains of up to 720 people. The Memorial Garden will hold an infinite amount of human cremains.

The Memorial Garden will be self-sustaining and the receipt of all funds and payment of expenditures will be in a restricted account to be known as "The Memorial Garden Fund".

The church shall maintain the Memorial Garden in perpetuity to preserve it as a place of reverence and meditation.

Based on our cost projections to date, we expect initial construction costs and fees for the brick wall Columbarium and the Memorial Garden to cost about \$185,000. We will need to presell about 70 niches before construction can begin to cover the cost of construction.

If we are unable to presell enough niches, burial rights, and memorial wall recognition within six months of sales, our Memorial Garden plans will be tabled and all fees paid to date will be refunded in full.

We are currently taking reservations for niches or burial of ashes in the Memorial Garden and still have room for you to make your reservation. Click here for a copy of the Memorial Garden Agreement. You can also pick up a Memorial Garden Agreement in the church office to complete. Signed copies of the Memorial Garden Agreement and your payment are due to reserve your spot in the church's Columbarium or Memorial Garden. To schedule an appointment to make your reservation and select your choice of niche, please email memorialgarden@wrightsvilleumc.org. Questions? Please contact Melissa Wagenseller (910) 262-1942, Jerome Pinckney (910) 262-5800, or Jan Turpin (910) 619-7942 or email memorialgarden@wrightsvilleumc.org.

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ALL AGES ARE INVITED! SIGN UP TO BE A BASE BUDDY & JOIN US AS WE CHEER ON THE PLAYERS.





This is another wonderful Outreach opportunity for all ages at Wrightsville UMC!

Bring the whole family, a friend, or invite your neighbor!

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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.

Greetings!

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Snipes Academy, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations to help fund field trips for our students. We are continually inspired by the dedication and generosity of your congregation. It is through the kindness of supporters like you that we can provide enriching experiences for our students.

We are grateful for your continued support and to have community partners like you! We APPRECIATE all that you do for our Students and Staff at Snipes Academy!

> Warm regards, Dr. Stephanie Willis, Principal



Weekly Donations Needed



- Pop top canned green beans, corn & green peas
- Plastic veggie cups
- Brown pasta
- Brown paper grocery bags with handles



whether it's more High Tea or Mad Hatter!

Wine Raffle Live Music Heavy hors d'oeuvres

Mimosas

\$125 for two

Meaningful speakers

\$75 each

\$500 for table of 8

Vendors



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VBS REGISTRATION IS FULL! TO BE ADDED TO THE









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Click <u>here</u> to sign up your Senior for Baccalaureate Sunday.















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'We can do more together!"







Sunday, May 4 4:30-6:30 pm

The Healey Property 234 Greenville Avenue Wilmington, NC 28403

Bring the whole family, a side dish to share, and chairs/blankets!

Questions? Email kristin@wrightsvilleumc.org

Last remix of the season!

wrightsville

potluck at wrightsville beach park











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April 2025 Birthdays

- 1. Nancy Jones
- 2. Rick Catlin, Tim Horst, Vickie Clay, Crew Donovan, Palmer Elmore, TJ Fitzpatrick, Sierra Nelson, Coast Schmonsees
- 3. John Littlejohn, Sandra Cherry, Cliff Long, Sydney Skoblar, Alex Carter, Waylon Kirkley
- 4. Sarah Collins, Anna Grace Cazeault, Avery Corbett, Isaac Greenwood
- 5. Sybil Gaskins, Don Spiers, Phoebe Roberts, Allen Van Dyke, Parren Spivey, Katie Walker, Kelly Parker Brooks
- 6. Jeff Holmes, Pam Stone, Dwayne Graham, Riley Caddell, Linda Holt, Reece Hayward, Paige Schlachter, Pam Riggan
- 7. Ginny Adams, Annie Jewell, Ryan Murphy, Kenne Mountford, Fletcher Bruton, Lee Bost, Lily Ward
- 8. Matt Freeman, Justin Queen, Fletcher Mincey, Sam Sanchez, Emma Dunn
- 9. Nancy West, Harrison Peebles, Ryan Caddell, Janelle Stone, Sarah Vick, Finley Hidek, Anna Brooks Reed
- 10. Myers Huettl, Thomas Huettl
- 11. Ethan Horne
- 12. Shark Baynard, Jessica Whitney, Carrie Healey, Josh Dills, Jack Guggenheimer, Jerry Cook, Caroline Moore
- 13. Tom Morris, Samuel Carson, Kim Gilbert, Nick Aughtry, Logan Sullivan, Lawrence Ward, Wynn Bartlett, Samuel Carson, Todd Turner, Riley Sullivan, Hap Fatzinger, Michelle Turner
- 14. Hayes Perry, Karen Fleming, Sara Levesque, Sarah Noland, Ginni Abbott, Austin Luther, Caroline Fullerton, Bentley Summerlin, Rustic Summerlin, Doc Gibson, Austin Luther, Deaton Guill
- 15. Tyke Toler, Kim Dickens, Greg Woodward, Evie Toups, Diane Talley, Scott Upchurch, Ian Durham, Rhys Barco
- 16. Steve Duncan, Jan Bass, June Thames, McClaine McIntyre, Trevor Connell, Wren Shibles, Victoria Broderick, Cathleen Schmonsees, Matix Wiler
- 17. Perry Smith, Hayes Harkey, Will Cunius, Wyatt Amerson, KiKi Barden, Binky Haley, Jim Balkcum, Emmitt Lee, Richard Edwards, Lucy Hodges
- 18. Ann Sawyer, Tori Byrd, Emily Mackovjak, Evan Jones, Nathan Holmes, Grant Meyers, Riggs Prochaska, Lee Thorpe, Ann Brown, Wes Carroll
- 19. Peggy Haar, Todd Byrd, Rachel Snider, Sadie Segars, Vickie Griffin
- 20. Elizabeth Everhardt, Sandy Dombroski, Betsy Fife, Harrison Stevens, Amira Einfelat
- 21. Alexa Winstead, Jessica Eliot, Sara Morris, Madison Graham, Camille Smith, Jennings Bouhather, McCreigh Hayworth, Alina Munn
- 22. Rick Demolina, Brandon Belisle, Jacob Lanier, West Graham, Will Hobbs, Savannah Jacaruso
- 23. Hudson Nichols, Dee Ivey, Sarah Burris, Ken Walker, Lucy Rizzo, Wells Pleasant, Jay Joyner
- 24. Gayle Dortch, Madison Bagley, Bea Amerson, Graham Foreman, Sophie Marshburn
- 25. Peggy Efird, Lee Crouch, Ken Hines, Rodney Yohe, Susan Gross, Traylor Bame, Wiley Girwood, Emilia Rawl, John Ryan Kilian
- 26. Barbara Morton, Chris Lacy, Justin MacDaniel, Madasyn Goins, Maddie Leed, Mackenzie Thornton, Marguerite Braddy, Jeremy Roberts, Dylan Zacharias, Jackie Batson
- 27. Oliver Meyer, Ty Hayward, Chaz Walker, Jackson King, Lillian Posey, Brody Basile
- 28. Sharon Simmons, Brooks Wilson, Nancy Rader, Mila McRainey, Kevin Schmonsees, Sam Agee, Caroline Britton
- 29. Rosalie Howell, Bern Coulter, Aidan Walker, Graham Richardson, Lindsey Gregg, Hayley Foreman, Gloria Carr, Ellie Kenney, Christy Oxendine
- 30. Jamie Borum, Will Fatzinger, Benjamin Rasmussen, Jim Shelton, Nancy Owens, Birdie Mattocks, Michael Cook



If you have news to share with your church family, please email Kristin Selby (kristin@wrightsvilleumc.org) by April 15th so it may be included in the next newsletter.

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Prayer List for April 2025

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

Jack Ceparano
Terry Quinn
Lin Bostian
Jordan Shomaker
The Shepards
James Whitney
Andy & Bev Pitts
Bill & Jean Lampe
John David Furlow
Betty Garner
Maggie L's extended
family
Calvin Freeman

Kathy Seawell
Susan Ward
Joe Bolton
Kitsie Auman
Alline Skees
Susan Barker
Shannon Barmmer
Maxine LeBouef
Philip Rodilosso
Walker Duncan
Bruce Hickman
Terri Littlejohn
Baker Weatherford

Andrea Terrill
Carolyn Finley
Shelvie Harris
Sarah Burris
Sandee Swain
Don Steele
Jim Farrior
Janet Harper
Jonathan Rowell
Lisa Anderson
US Military & their
families

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

Condolences to the families of...

Walt Andrews, Tom Sklens, Pam McCausland (Mary Beth Segars' mother), Margaret Smith, Katie McMillian, Edie Werther, Pat Woodard, Buzz Smith, Durwood Skyes, Catherine Hinton Casteen

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.



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

9:15 & 10:45 am Coffee Hour

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

Sunday School Hour

9:45-10:45 am

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| | | 6pm Young Women's Group | 10am Lenten Study 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS Bible Study | 6.45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 6pm Empty Nesters & Friends 8pm AA | | 8pm NA |
| 6 COMMUNION | | 8 | 6 | 10 INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP BEGINS | 11 | 12 |
| 4pm God's Girlz 5:30pm 4:12 Youth | 7:30am Monday Morning Adult Co-Ed Bible Class 5:30pm Monday Night Lights 6pm: Monday Night Blessings | 10am Ruth Circle 12pm Circle of Hope 5:30pm Outreach Committee 6pm Esther Circle | 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS Bible Study | 6.45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 9:15am Moms & Friends' Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA | | 8рт NA |
| 13 PALM SUNDAY | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY | 18 GOOD FRIDAY | 19 |
| 9:15am Palm Sunday Palooza | 7:30am Monday Morning Adult Co-Ed Bible Class 4:30pm Lydia Circle 5:30pm Monday Night Lights 6pm: Monday Night Blessings | 6pm Young Women's Group | 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS Bible Study | 6:45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 7pm Maundy Thursday Service 8pm AA | 10am Stations of the Cross at the WOO | 8pm NA |
| 20 EASTER | 21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 6:30am Community Sunrise Service | 11:30am Healing Connection Luncheon 5:30pm Monday Night Lights | | 6pm Middle School Boys 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS Bible Study | 6.45am Men's Bible Study 9am Ladies Bible Study 10am Women's Bible Study 8pm AA | | 9:30am Miracle League Family Outreach 8pm NA |
| 27 | 28 SCOTLAND TRIP BEGINS | 29 | 30 | + | | |
| 3pm Faithful 5th 5:30pm 4:12 Youth | 7:30am Monday Morning Adult Co-Ed Bible Class 5:30pm Monday Night Lights | | 5:30pm Confirmation 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm HS Bible Study | | | |



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Return Services Requested

Deep Roots Bountiful Fruit (it happens here.)

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