Wilmington Island United Methodist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF WIUMC

FEBRUARY 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- **February 6 - 2pm - 4pm** Community Event to collect canned food/cash for Wesley Community Center
- **February 7 - 9:45am** New Youth Sunday School series begins, "Experiencing God"
- **February 7 - 8:30am and 10:45am** "Souper Bowl of Caring" Bring canned food/cash for Wesley Community Center; all adult Sunday School classes will resume in person
- **February 7 - 9:45am** New Attendees and Members gathering will meet in **Fellowship Hall** (If you are interested in Methodist beliefs and ministries please join us for **2** weeks.)
- **February 12 - 5:30pm - 9:30pm** Parents' Evening Out Please make reservations by **February 5** by contacting Kellie Jernigan.
- **February 14 - 21** Our church will again participate in working with Family Promise to help families that are homeless. We are scheduled for the week of **February 14 - 21**. Families are staying at the Oasis Center of Isle of Hope United Methodist Church. Participating churches in Family Promise have been asked to provide evening meals, lunches and breakfast foods. We will also need volunteers to take the meals to the Oasis Center each evening at **5:30pm**. Family Promise has staff that stay with the families evenings and at night. Churches have been asked to help with financial contributions. Our Missions Committee has set a goal of **$500** offering to help. **Contact person is Marshall Acree**.
- **February 17 - 6pm** Ash Wednesday service
- **February 21 - 5:05 pm** Children's Choir Ministry for **1st - 5th grade**; led by Caitlin Long and Lynn Walker; the choir will perform on **Easter Sunday, April 4, at 10:45am**

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WIUMC Music Ministries

Sundays - 4pm Handbell Practice (Handbell Room)

Wednesdays - 5pm Praise Team Practice

6:30pm Traditional Choir Practice (Sanctuary)

Children's Programs at WIUMC

Sundays - 9:45am Sunday School;
11am Children's Church
4pm Children
5pm Youth

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES by Kellie Jernigan

February 7th at **9:45am** will KICK off our new Sunday school series **"Experiencing GOD"** for our **youth 6th-12th grade.** Come and bring a friend as we walk through this nine-week course of learning how to know and do the will of God in our lives.

SOUPER BOWL **Sunday, February 7th**. **8:30 and 10:45** worship the youth will be collecting can goods/money for the **Wesley Community Center.**

Read an article not long ago about Why is it important to raise children in church? To Some of us, this is not even a question. It is the way it has always been. But many of our friends and even families, do not understand the concept of why we attend church each Sunday. Growing up going to church with my grandmother was so much fun. We had cousins, friends and neighbor that would there. The lessons, music, vacation bible school, country stores and barbecues would be all-day events where love and fellowship came together.

In today's times we need this more than ever. Do you really want your child's teacher, classmates, tv, or social media leading your children and youth into a world without religion, with GOD as their focus.

In the article it asks:

Does the Bible specifically instruct us to attend church?

(Hebrews 10:25) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Being firmly rooted in God's Word and having a true relationship with the Lord through prayer and devotion will bring us a measure of discernment when it comes to where we are called to worship. To be with other like-minded believers will strengthen us, and will hopefully allow us to gain a better understanding of how to apply God's Word to our daily lives. We are all part of the Body of Christ. As members of this Body, we belong to each other! Sure there are those Sundays that illness, travel or family activities prevent us from attending our regular church service. With today's technology we are blessed to have the online or archived messages which can easily be accessed wherever we are! But these "viewing" sessions are really exceptions and not meant to be the rule. We are part of a Body, and we need each other. We need to be physically present, for ourselves as much as for the other members of the Body.

(Romans 12:5) "so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other."

(1 Corinthians 12:12) "The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ."

Have you taught your children it's important to attend church? What criteria do you use to choose a church home for you and your family? Have you ever thought of attending church as a GIFT and not an OBLIGATION?

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT by Caitlin Long

Church, I would like to start off by once again saying thank you. My first two weeks as the Interim Director of Music Ministry here at WIUMC has truly been a joy as each of you has welcomed me with open arms. The Lord has truly blessed me with this opportunity to serve Him, and I am grateful each day that we get to sing His praises together! An especially big thank you to the worship teams, volunteers, and church staff who have all been so encouraging and helpful during this transition!

Also please remember that all are invited to participate in WIUMC's music ministry! We have opportunities for all ages and skill levels plus a variety of opportunities with different time commitments. If you are interested, feel free to reach out! Sharing your time and talents to bring praise to our Almighty God is a true blessing to the church, and I pray that anyone interested will find a home in the music ministry here!

Again, thank you for the overwhelming kindness and support each of you have shown me these past few weeks, and I look forward to all that God has in store for us at WIUMC through music!

FROM THE PULPIT

February 7, 2021 Isaiah's Message (40:21-31) "Have you not known, have you not heard?

February 14, 2021 Elijah's Message
Transfiguration Sunday (2 Kings 2:1-12) "Passing the Mantle"

"Blow the Trumpet" Joel 2: 1-2 Lenten Series

February 17, 2021 "Ashes Lead to Action"
Ash Wednesday Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17

February 21, 2021 "The Kingdom is at Hand"
Lent 1 Mark 1: 9-15

February 28, 2021 "What Kind of King?"
Lent 2 Mark 8: 31-38

Hello friends and Happy February!

The **Temple Committee** has been hard at work to clean our house and we are happy with the progress so far and excited for what is to come! Outside we have been working on the **landscaping and looking forward to the removal of dead trees and low limbs.** The Trustees will be calling for a men's fellowship day to work on **replacing the fencing around the AC units, cover for the well, repairs to the garbage storage, and the fence at the Parsonage**. Also an all church clean up day is coming soon! Inside groups have worked in the **sewing room, pantry, kitchen, choir room, and closet across from the choir room.** The fellowship hall is being cleaned up and for now the chairs and tables are stored behind the curtains and we need your help to return them there when not in use and to not stack them against the walls anymore. **We plan on painting and doing floors soon.** We ask all the **Sunday School** groups to please work on cleaning out your rooms and if you have anything stored in any closets, now is the time to remove those items or speak up if there is something sacred in there. Thank you so much!

For His glory,
The Temple Committee
Any questions or concerns, contact **Nancy at 912-713-3535**

WIUMC PRESCHOOL UPDATE by Wendy Amerson

The preschool is off to a great start for 2021 and we are having fun learning so many new things as well as learning how much God loves each and every one of us. The children love when Pastor Doug and Ms. Kellie visit the classrooms for Chapel each week. They both do a great job!

In December, we were able to donate **52** new duffel bags to CASA in Chatham County for children entering foster care. For our January monthly mission, we will be collecting new socks and underwear for children for Safe Shelter Savannah. Donations can be dropped off through the end of January.

Preschool and MMO registration for the **2021-2022** school year began on **January 8th for church members** and **January 15th for current students. Open registration** begins on **January 29th** for all new students. You can visit the preschool website at **www.islandmethodist.com/preschool** to download a 2021-2022 registration packet. **Summer MMO** will begin registration in **mid to late April**.

We would love to have you follow the preschool Instagram account so you can see all the exciting things we do each day at school. Just search for @wilmingtonislandmethodistprek on Instagram.

If you have any questions, please contact **Wendy Amerson, Preschool Director at preschool@islandmethodist.com or call 912-999-6470.**

Wendy Amerson
Director of Preschool Programs

Donating the duffel bags we collected for CASA

"Making disciples of Jesus Christ by inviting, incorporating, nurturing, and serving."

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The **Love Walk** for our local **Wesley Community Center** will be **Saturday, February 13**. It will be a virtual walk this year. Please consider making a contribution to aid the work of this vital ministry. Checks should be written to WIUMC and note that it is for the "Love Walk." Thank you.

The **Season of Lent** begins **February 17** with **Ash Wednesday.** We will have a worship service at **6:00p.m**. with the imposition of ashes.

We are looking for a few good **men or women** to be **roamers** in the **nursery/SS area** during **Sunday School and the 10:45 service**. By having a roamer going between the two or three rooms where there are children, we only need one adult in each room. This will allow us to meet the guidelines of **Safe Sanctuary** and **keep our children safe.** It would be great if we could get **8 or 10 volunteers** for this so no one would be on the schedule more than once a month. If you can serve in this way, please give your name to Pam Reynolds or Kellie Jernigan. Thank you.

We extend a warm welcome to two new members in our church family. **Ms. Caroline Hester joined on January 10** and **Dr. Scott Anderson** joined on **January 17.** Their pictures are posted on the **new member bulletin board**. We are so blessed to have them as part of our church family!