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MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16

## PASTOR’S PEN by Rev. Doug Walker

### How to Strengthen Our Church!

1. **Be at Peace with each other** (Ephesians 4:3). How would our church change if bickering, complaining and cliques ended?
2. **Love one another** (John 13:34). This kind of love is unselfish and sacrificial. What would the relationships in our church look like if people truly practice this kind of love?
3. **Honor one another** (Roman 12:10). Christ honored even the most lowly of people. How would our church be strengthened if people treated one another that way?
4. **Accept one another** (Romans 15:7). It is not the job of Christians to change other people; transforming them is God’s responsibility. How would relationships in our congregation change if people accept others as they are?
5. **Carry each other’s burdens** (Galatians 6:2)! This means willingly and humbly walking beside others when they are hurting or struggling. Would community be strengthened within our congregation if people demonstrated sincere care for others who are suffering?
6. **Be patient with one another** (Ephesians 4:2)! Patience is about not giving up on others. What kinds of relationships would exist in your church if people were this gracious to each other?
7. **Forgive each other** (Colossians 3:13) Harboring a grudge creates stressed and unbalanced relationships. Could members of our congregation really let go of ego and pride to forgive each other for the sake of strengthening our church family?
8. **Teach and admonish one another** (Colossians 3:16) If people in our church are filled with worldly ideas about relationships, that is the kind of community you are going to have. But what would our church look like if our people were filled with what God’s Word says about relationships?
9. **Encourage each other** (1 Thessalonians 5:11) This is one reason why relationships exist. Can the people of your church put words behind how they sincerely feel for each other – expressing love, care and appreciation for each other?

**As we move into the season of Lent, let these questions challenge us to GROW!**

**Pastor Doug Walker**





## MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT by Caitlin Long

Welcome back to all WIUMC music ensembles! It is such a blessing to be back performing together again after taking a two-month rehearsal hiatus due to COVID-19. I would like to give a special round-of-applause to all of those who performed in small ensembles in January/February to make sure we still had special musical offerings for our Sunday services during this time. Thank you!!

During the season of Lent, the music ministry will be focusing our attention on selections that allow us to reflect and prepare for the upcoming Easter season! You will be hearing the praise band performing David Crowder's "Forgiven" during this time, a song that is an incredible reminder that you are loved right here, right now. God doesn't love your future self more than your present self, and even as you sit here reading this, you are forgiven. How amazing is that?

Lastly, please know that this is a fantastic time to join any of our music ensembles as we get started back again and prepare for the glorious Easter season. We have opportunities for all ages and skill levels to get involved with the WIUMC music ministry, and if you are interested, please find me on Sunday or email me at [music@islandmethodist.com](mailto:music@islandmethodist.com).



Andy and Beverly Fulp would like to thank their WIUMC family for all the kind words, thoughts, prayers, gifts, and expressions of sympathy for the death of Andy's mother.

We would like to thank the congregation of Wilmington Island United Methodist Church for the many prayers, cards and good wishes. We have had an abundance of blessings in the midst of a very difficult time, and we know that is due in large part to your prayers. Thank you so much. Bruce and Diane Benson



Heartfelt thanks to all who helped with Family Promise this past week. Our church congregation provided meals to **three** families along with a **generous love offering (over \$900)** to help Family Promise with expenses. Donna and Jane made lunches every day. A special thanks to them. We had church members drive to the Oasis Center to deliver the meals and lunches. Our congregation also provided snacks and breakfast items. I am pleased to serve with all of you in this mission effort.

In His Service.  
Marshall



### ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH

Women's Circle Groups meet monthly where they have a program, mission focus and time of fellowship. During the COVID they meet in locations where they can spread out and keep their socially safe distance. Below are the different opportunities and contact people:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time/Date</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Outreach Circle	4th Thursday at 7:00pm	Kellie Jernigan 898-1233
Thelma Welch Circle	4th Wednesday at 10:00am	Sarah Tripp 349-3974
Agape Circle	3rd Thursday at 6:30pm	Melinda Burns 897-3913
Open Door Circle	3rd Tuesday at 11:30am	Donna Knight 898-0165



**Children's Choir** is meeting on Sunday afternoons at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Mrs. Lynn Walker (director) and Miss Caitlin Long (assistant) are encouraging 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate. If you have any questions, contact Lynn at 912-294-0596.





## FROM THE PULPIT

### “Blow the Trumpet”

Joel 2: 1-2

### LENTEN SERIES

**March 7, 2021**

Lent 3

“The House of God is...”

John 2: 13-22

**March 14, 2021**

Lent 4

“If Jesus be Lifted Up...”

John 3: 14-21

**March 21, 2021**

Lent 5

“The Hour Has Come...”

John 12: 22-30

**March 28, 2021**

Lent 6 (Palm/Passion)

“He Rides in on a Colt...”

Mark 11: 1-11

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Matthew 19:14

But Jesus said, “Let the little I children come to me and do not

hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

We need more **VOLUNTEERS**. Can you spare **one hour a Sunday once a month or once a quarter** to support our children's ministry? Time would be for **8:30, 9:45 or 10:45**.

Hold or play with a baby

Assist a teacher

Walk between the classroom and Nursery

Each of these jobs consist of little effort, but the reward is big. These children need us to show them Christ 's love. If you receive a call from Kellie Jernigan, please consider how you can help.

### Upcoming events:

**April 3rd 10:00- 12:00** Easter Celebration/Egg hunt

### Children and Youth Sunday Schedule:

**9:45** Sunday School for all Children and Youth

**10:45** Worship -Children's Moment

**11:00** Children Church (3 yrs- 2nd grade)

**4:00-4:55** Children (4 yrs -5th grade)

**5:05-5:45** Children's Choir

**5:00 – 6:00** Youth

Kellie Jernigan

Director of Children and Youth Ministry



## WIUM PRESCHOOL UPDATE

The preschool had a great month learning about kindness and how to love others. Our Awana lessons in February focused on God is Love and God Loves Us. The children had a wonderful time celebrating Valentine's Day and exchanging specials cards with their friends. During this past month, the preschool collected toothpaste and toothbrushes for the Wesley Community Center as the monthly mission and will collect clean blankets for the Chatham County Humane Society in March.

Registration for next school year is open to all and spots are filling quickly. You can visit the preschool website at [www.islandmethodist.com/preschool](http://www.islandmethodist.com/preschool) to download a 2021-2022 registration packet. Summer MMO registration will begin 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](mailto:preschool@islandmethodist.com) or call 912-999-6470.

Wendy Amerson

Director of Preschool Programs

## LAY LEADER MESSAGE

Mark 7: 31- 8:13

This scripture is the beautiful familiar story of the miracle of Jesus feeding the multitude by multiplying what the disciples collected and brought to him.

We, the church, the body of believers, disciples are given the opportunity as well to bring what we have for Jesus to multiply.

Jesus didn't just perform a miracle, He enlists the help of the disciples. Jesus loves to involve YOU in his plans and work.

I see an opportunity to assist our pastor in the worship service.

What an honor and humbling experience to read Gods word to a waiting, listening congregation. Be praying and carefully considering if this might be one of your gifts that God promises to multiply.

Prayer: *Lord, thank you that you are able to do a lot with a little and whatever we give to you, you multiply. Lord, today I give you my life, my time and all I have.*

Diane Reeder

Lay Leader



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

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The **Missions Committee Yard Sale** is on **Saturday, April 10, at 8:00am**. A storage container will be placed in the parking lot in **mid-March**. We **do not** accept clothes or electronics (No T.V.'s, computers, CD players). Any other items donated must be in working condition. Thank you for your support.



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**Mr. Harold Attaway**, father of Terry Barker, united in fellowship with our church family on **February 21**. He transferred his membership from the **Connexion UMC**. We extend a warm Christian welcome to him.



**New Sunday School Class "New Beginnings"** will be led by Pastor Doug and wife Lynn Walker. It will start on **March 7 at 9:45 a.m.** in the education wing of church (3 doors up end. Look for **"New Beginnings"** name) and they will start with a series by Rick Warren called **"You Make Me Crazy."**

### HOLY WEEK



Maundy Thursday

**Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)** is on **April 1**. We will have a **service at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend as we remember the **Last Supper with Jesus and His disciples**.



GOOD FRIDAY

**Good Friday** is on **April 2**. We will have a **combined** service with the pastor and congregation of the **Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church** across the street. The **11:00am service** is at **WIPC** and the **7:00pm service** is at **our church**. Please plan to attend one or both services as we remember the **Crucifixion of Jesus**.