



October Newsletter

Lord, sow Your will into our hearts.
Help Wheeler plant seeds and grow disciples.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS OCTOBER 2026

Monetary Emphasis:

Christmas Blessings

Hands-on Emphasis:

Blessing Box Protein Items

PRAYER EMPHASIS OCTOBER 2026

Please pray for people going through a season of change and for all who struggle with mental health concerns

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2026:

August 2026 Received: \$21,029.75

August 2026 Expenses: \$29,361.78

YTD Received: \$180,509.69

YTD Expenses: \$209,660.73

WHEELER CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS:

McKenzie has planned some exciting field trips for Wheeler Kids and Wheeler Youth this month! The youth will be visiting Strickley Farm on October 11 after worship, and the kids will go on October 18.

Additionally, the kids will be singing our anthem on October 18, and practices will take place during Sunday School in the weeks leading up.

McKenzie asks that you please keep an eye on the Wheeler Kids Facebook Group, as she has begun to post a weekly challenge for families to help develop our faith and create more opportunities to discuss it with our children.

Lastly, we are always in need of more volunteers for Grace Space and Wheeler Youth. You can sign up in the connect Card on Sundays or by reaching out to McKenzie Wyatt-Hartgrove at wumc.childrenandyouth@gmail.com.

WHEELER KIDS GO TO THE

PUMPKIN PATCH

OCTOBER 18 AT 11AM

LUNCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP
TAKE THE CHURCH BUS TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH
RETURN TO CHURCH AND CARVE OUR PUMPKINS

WHEELER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FALL FESTIVAL

a community tradition

OCTOBER 24 7AM-4PM

BREAKFAST 7-10 | LUNCH 11-2
VENDORS 10-4

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 10-4
CRAFTS | INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING & MORE!



ALL-CALL FOR CRAFTERS!

This year, Wheeler is going to host our own booth at the Fall Festival to sell crafts as a fundraiser. We will be accepting donations of crafted items to stock this booth throughout October, and the proceeds will help support our ongoing ministries. If you knit, crochet, embroider, make jewelry, carve wood, paint, or any other fun craft, this is a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and support the work that we do here at Wheeler. Please contact Amanda White if you are interested in donating items to Wheeler's booth!

We are in need of volunteers for the Fall Festival to help with various tasks such as preparing meals, monitoring the inflatables, helping at the kids craft table, passing out flyers, and greeting/interacting with visitors to make sure they feel welcome at Wheeler. Sign up in the Connect Card in the Bulletin.

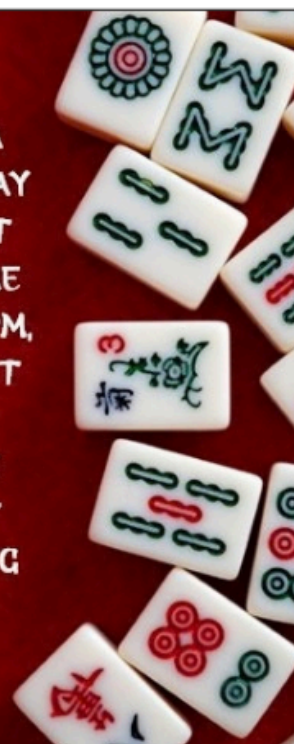
YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

OCTOBER 24

Young Adults will be meeting at the Younger house after the Fall Fest at around 4pm on October 24 for dinner, a campfire, and a football game! This event is for adults only.

MAH-JONGG ANYONE?

HAVE YOU BEEN LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO PLAY OR LEARN TO PLAY MAH-JONGG OR A PLACE TO JUST ENJOY TIME WITH OTHERS? COME TO THE GYM ON MONDAYS, 12:30 PM, BEGINNING OCTOBER 12 AS WE GET A MONDAY MAH-JONGG GROUP STARTED. OTHER GAMES ARE WELCOME IF MAH-JONGG IS NOT YOUR THING. FEEL FREE TO BRING A LUNCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE, AND PLEASE INVITE A FRIEND TO COME ALONG!





We are now accepting candy for Trunk or Treat, you can place it in the designated bin in the Narthex. This ensures we have enough for all the families that come through to join us. We are also hoping to have as many volunteers as possible to greet people, pass out candy, and share flyers and information about Wheeler.

YARD SALE FOLLOW UP:

Thank you to all who helped with our Fall Yard Sale last month. It was the perfect way to kick off the busy time of year, and the United Women in Faith raised over \$8,000 to support our ministries here at Wheeler and the good works of our partner organizations such as Second Harvest, Jubilee, and Loving Acts of Kindness.

CHAIR yoga

Chair yoga has become a popular form of exercise for adults wanting to improve or maintain balance as we age. Come join instructor Allison Ramsey as we take care of ourselves mentally, physically, and spiritually. Be sure to invite your friends!

THURSDAYS, 12:30 PM
STARTING OCTOBER 15
IN THE GYM



OUTDOOR GROUP

OCTOBER 17

A new Outdoor Group, led by Sarah Arnold, will have its first outing on Saturday, October 17. Meet at the church at 9 AM. We will take the buss to Bays Mountain Park and will start with a devotion there at the lake before hiking the Lakeside Trail. It's about a 2.5 hour hike. You are welcome to attend even if you do not want to hike, as there is so much to be enjoyed at the park. Let us know you plan to attend by signing up in the Connect Card in your Bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Arnold at (423) 367-6141.

ANNUAL REALM UPDATE TIME

We need updates such as:

- Contact Info (phones, email, address)
- Birthdays with year included
- Children & youth birthday, grade, school

Fill out form in bulletin or use pew registration pad or send to Susan Smith:

blueberryhill58@gmail.com;
423-341-6404



CAMP BAYS MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS CAMP FOR THE FAMILY

Overnight December 11 to 12 6:30 PM to 6:30 PM

or Daycamp December 12 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Get ready for one of the most joy-filled weekends of the year — Christmas Camp! This two-day family camp is the perfect introduction to camping ministry during the holiday season, as look forward to the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From joyful worship and beloved Christmas carols to engaging Bible lessons, you'll be filled with the true meaning of the season. Add in games and activities, great food and fellowship, and plenty of crafts to get you in the holiday spirit, and you've got a weekend the whole family won't want to miss. Whether you're a first-time camper or a longtime friend of camp, Christmas Camp welcomes individuals and families of all ages to celebrate together. Come make memories, deepen your faith, and kick off the Christmas season the way it was always meant to be spent — in community, worship, and wonder! Fees and registration link can be found at <https://www.campbaysmountain.com/christmas-camp-2026>.



Celebration of the Saints

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 10 a.m.

So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us.

Hebrews 12:1

HEAVEN & HELL

JUST WHAT CAN WE KNOW
ABOUT THE LIFE TO COME?

NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15

Like our series on faith and science, our next sermon series will be in response to questions asked by our youth and children. In this short 3-week series, we'll take a look at what scripture tells us about heaven and hell and how biblical scholars and theologians interpret these passages.

We'll consider some of the questions many of us have:

Will we know our loved ones? Will our pets be there?
What does heaven look like? What will we do in heaven?
Will we be angels in heaven? Is hell for real, and is it really a lake of fire?



THANK YOU FOR THE COURTYARD AND PRAYER GARDEN!

The Prayer Team envisioned a Prayer Garden for Wheeler to use as a quiet place to observe God's wonders, pray, meditate, read, drink some hot coffee or just relax. Children, youth & adults are invited to take advantage of this special space. It couldn't have happened without many people helping to plan the design, replace old plants with new; make the water fountain functional, add meaningful statues, crosses, a butterfly house, wind chimes and more. And there will be others helping with the ongoing upkeep of the area. THANK YOU to all who have helped bring this space back to life.

Alice Johnson, Sandie Leonard, Freda Darnell, Donna Carter, Mary Younger, Eloise Brooks, Adam Strouth, Doris Van Huss, Boyce Baker, Jeff Baker, Vance Baker, Roger Hayes, Shawn Leonard, Fulton Leonard

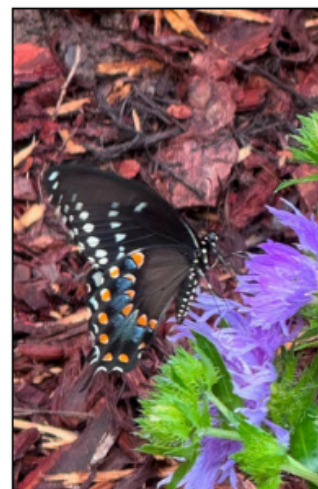
Pergola, bench, and planter in Prayer Garden gifted by Sandra Crow and Sandie Leonard

Garden shed gifted by Alice Johnson

Windchimes gifted by Ginger Isom

Butterfly house and flowers gifted by Sue Greenwell

Smaller butterfly bush gifted by George and Michelle Turner in memory of Hannah



Got LEGO blocks you would be willing to part with?
We would love to have them for a LEGO ministry we
want to start for children. Email
wumc.childrenandyouth@gmail.com to make
arrangements for dropping them off or ship to
McKenzie Wyatt-Hartgrove

Wheeler UMC

211 N. Sanders Street
Blountville, TN 37617.



WHEELER *Outing* YOUTH

Lunch and
Strickley Farms

October 11, 11:30am

Please bring money for lunch and ticket.



Wheeler Kids are invited to come celebrate with our preschool friends at their annual Halloween celebration. Additionally, we would love to have a couple of adults to judge the costume contest that evening. Contact Allison Ramsey to sign up.