WHEELER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PLANTING SEEDS, GROWING DISCIPLES

November Newsletter

Lord, sow your will into our hearts;
Help Wheeler plant seeds and make disciples.

MISSIONS EMPHASIS FOR 2026

Monetary Emphasis: Christmas Blessings

Hands-On Emphasis: Wheeler Child Center -- size 3-4 diapers and size 3-4 and 4-5 pullups, Kleenex

PRAYER EMPHASIS FOR NOVEMBER 2026

Pray for the new Recovery Ministry starting in this month and the Dinner Church that will begin in January 2027.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Recieved September 2026: $24,441.00
Expenses September 2026: $29,732.39
Received YTD: $241,462.69
Expenses YTD: $239,385.33

Something New is Cooking!

Last winter, our Prayer Team introduced a Breakthrough Prayer that incorporated our vision statement. You can read the Breakthrough Prayer at the top of the page. As we have been praying that prayer in meetings, small groups, and worship, we have been asking God to reveal to us how he is calling us -- WHEELER -- to plant seeds and make disciples. When we have asked for God's will to be sown into our hearts, that means we have no conditions on what we will do because once we start setting conditions, it ceases to be God's will.

Recently, God presented an opportunity to us to join Him in being miracle workers for those who need a miracle. In September the Leadership Council welcomed Eric Barker and Brandon Richards from Ballad Health's PEERhelp Program, who came and shared a vision Brandon had of partnering with a Blountville church to offer a faith-based Recovery Ministry. With that we would also offer a Dinner Church, which is worship around the dinner table, as a new worship service to reach the unchurched in our community. After hearing the vision of what this could look like, the Leadership Council unanimously approved partnering with God and with Brandon and the PEERhelp Program for this new and much needed ministry. Partial funding will come from a portion of the Browder-Cross Fund set aside for new ministries. We have also applied for a Seeds of Hope Grant through the Appalachian District, which is a large grant that will help significanly in this first year.



The Living Free Recovery Ministry will start in mid-November, before the holiday season, which is an especially difficult time for those in recovery, and Brandon Richards will facilitate that group using the resource pictured here. The Dinner Church will not start until the first Wednesday of January, and though it will be offered in conjunction with the Recovery Ministry, it will be for anyone unlikely to attend a Sunday worship service but may be drawn to an informal worship-around-the-table atmosphere.

You will hear more about the Dinner Church in the near future, but we ask you to pray about how you can be a part of planting seeds and making disciples in this joint ministry of worship and recovery. If you want to see a miracle, be a miracle for those who need a miracle in their lives today.

Christmas BLESSINGS

We are looking forward to this year's Christmas Blessings **December 5, 6PM.** As we prepare, here are some important dates for all who are sponsoring a family:

November 8: Sponsors meet right after worship in the front of the sanctuary.

November 22: Sponsors and shoppers meet at 1PM at the Colonial Heights Walmart.

November 29: We will wrap all gifts in the FLC following worship, with lunch provided. Boxes needed!



United Women in Faith

The November meeting of the United Women in Faith will be held at the home of Brenda Johnson on Thursday, November 19, 2PM.

Join us as we spend the afternoon praising God with some of our favorite hymns.

We will welcome Rev. Nathan Dugger, of Camp Bays Mountain to our next United Methodist Men's breakfast on Sunday, November 29, 8AM. We look forward to learning how we can support our Camp.

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Family Christmas Camp 2026 @ Camp Bays Mountain

Overnight December 11-12
Day Camp December 12

This will be a fun event for the whole family, so register soon before it fills up!
Scholarships are available!

https://www.campbaysmountain.com/christmas-camp-2026



Wheeler Kids

Friendsgiving Lunch

Wheeler Kids will be having a Friendsgiving Lunch after worship on 11/15/26.

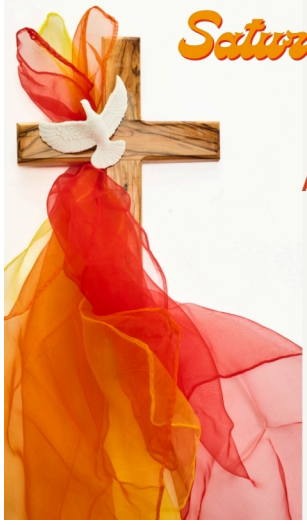


PEN-PALS

Wheeler Kids and Youth will be partnering with Greystone Care Center to have pen-pal companions!

Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, November 21
10AM-4PM



A one-day Confirmation Retreat will be held at the church for some of our youth that have not yet had the opportunity to go through Confirmation. We will then receive those who are ready to make a profession of faith into membership at worship on November 22.

Please be in prayer for those who will be attending the retreat.

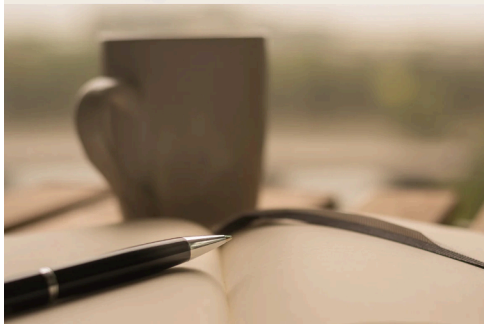
MIDDAY MONDAY MAH-JONGG 12:30 EVERY MONDAY

COME AND LEARN HOW TO PLAY AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.



Soul Scribblers: Writing as a Spiritual Practice

Tuesday, November 10, 7pm on Zoom



CHAIR yoga

THURSDAYS, 12:30 PM



Deck the Halls for Advent

Friday, November 27, 9am

Come help trim the Chrismon tree and adorn the windows in our sanctuary as we prepare for Advent & Christmas. Bring something light to add to table for lunch as we enjoy our time together.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NATURAL TUNNEL STATE PARK

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING OF THE TUNNEL



$5 ROUNDTRIP CHAIRLIFT TICKET

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:00
WE WILL LEAVE AT 5:15



Celebration of the Saints, Nov. 1, 10am

SO THEN, WITH ENDURANCE, LET'S ALSO RUN THE RACE THAT IS LAID OUT IN FRONT OF US, SINCE WE WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES SURROUNDING US.

HEBREWS 12:1



NOVEMBER 1 & 8

A 2-PART SERIES ON WHAT WE GLEAN FROM SCRIPTURE ABOUT HEAVEN AND HELL.



Advent officially begins November 29, but we are going to begin this first season of the Christian year a week earlier. This year, we will have a guide for our advent journey, as we embark on *ADVENTures with Buddy the Elf*. You may be raising your eyebrows after reading that, but believe it or not, there are actually scenes in the movie *Elf* that speak to what was happening in the life of the Jewish people when Jesus came.

Approaching Advent from the vantage point of the movie will give us a fresh perspective on the stories we hear regularly, maybe bringing something to mind we have not considered before. It will also remind us to listen for God to speak to us in arenas where we least expect to hear God's voice and maybe find lessons and truths in other films or books or songs that are not necessarily faith-based.

