

# LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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## From the Pastor's Desk-Rev. Dalma Cribb

As is recorded in Isaiah 43:19, God said, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." In this passage, God was leading the Israelites in a new direction with a different perception of who He was/is. In this new perception, the people could develop a deeper understanding of God and a relationship with God.

We too are experiencing a "new thing" with God as we are now an affiliate of the Global Methodist Church. We are "re-discovering" our "roots in methodism" and the importance of scripture. In this new denomination, which was birthed out of a desire to return to the traditional roots of the church, each of us should evaluate where we are in our faith and strive to grow.

The Global Methodist Church has a moto that speaks to our future: Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. These are areas where we are already strong, but we can all grow and become even more of a disciple who reflects this moto.

Not only is God doing new things with this new denomination, but the way we do things is new. Instead of a District Superintendent who governs over 100 churches, we have district presiding elders who are available for questions and advice for only 6 or 7 churches and their pastors. I am one of these elders who will advise some of our area churches and pastors: Thomas Melton - Shiloh, Jerry Dalton - Peace and Lebanon, Marty Sellers - Evergreen and Mishop Springs and of course I am assigned to Lake Waccamaw as my appointment.

As a conference responsibility I am serving on the Board of Ministry, which is responsible for the documentation of each clergy's educational accomplishments and their readiness to be ordained a deacon or an elder or licensed as a supply pastor or a transitional local pastor.

In the old system, we were told how much we would pay for the conference apportionments. In the GMC, we calculate and determine how much we pay to the conference, which is now referred to as "connectional funding." The policy is as follows: 1% of the church's operating expenses goes to the general conference and 3% goes to the North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference. This is about half of what we were paying. (On a side note, if we keep the church's operating expenses down, the connectional funding will also reduce.) This is one reason why we should be good stewards of God's money.

As we move forward, may we be aware of the newness that God is bringing to our lives and to the life of our church. May we make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. May we be this same kind of disciple.

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*The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with Advent and Christmas! From reading to decorating to lighting candles to taking decorations down to storing them... your service was a blessing to all. There are large Christmas tree stands available to be returned to who may have donated them and/or given to someone who would use them. Please see Charlotte, Elizabeth or Hope. —Hope High*

THANK YOU!

### Scripture Readers:

*January: Fred Mills-Winkler*

*February: Mary Barrett*

*March: Billy Hobbs*

### Flowers for January:

*15 Barbara Elliot*

*16 22 Beth Floyd*

*29 Mallory Furlow*

### Flowers for February

*5 Wendy Harness*

*12 Elizabeth Hester*

*19 Hope High*

## LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### Ash Wednesday is February 22nd

We have a new opportunity to show our faith! Drop by the church on your way to work to receive the ash marking of the cross on your forehead (Jim High, attendant) **OR** come to the Ash Wednesday service at 10am (led by Pastor Dalma) **OR** come by after school is over (Jim High, attendant) **OR** come by at any other time during the day for self-administering the marking of the cross with ashes. Show your faith on February 22!

### Ladies' Fellowship

Come eat lunch and fellowship with the ladies of LWMC. We meet at Dales Seafood 11:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Next Ladies Day out-  
February 8, 2023  
@11:30**

### Attention All Church Family Graduates

We will recognize these individuals on **Sunday, May 21**. However, pictures for the PowerPoint presentation of our graduates are due by the end of March due to Hope's travel plans. Please share 12 – 20 photos of your high school graduate (no group shots, please) and one photo of your college graduate. These should be emailed to hopekhigh@gmail.com. Hint: Everyone loves those cute, spontaneous pictures in addition to formal portraits.



### **Calling all LWMC Women!**

Lake Waccamaw Methodist Women meet the first Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm. We invite all you to come and enjoy fellowship and be part of the work the Methodist Women are doing. **Next meeting February 2, 2023 @ 6:30**

### **The Agape Dinner Youth Fundraiser is Back!!**



The date is Saturday, February 11, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The Youth Group will prepare and serve the meal and members of Group 1 will provide the dessert. Desserts should be at the church no later than 2:00 PM on February 11.

The dinner is open to everyone. Please be sure to sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office by February 5.

***Group 1 will be providing the dessert. Make any dessert you would like!***

### **Missions Updates**

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Prison Angel Tree Christmas ministry! These children received God's love through you when their parent could not be with them. We hope you prayerfully consider helping again next year.

The **Kentucky Red Bird Mission trip is March 19-24th**. We will focus on community projects, outreach, and sharing Jesus as His hands and feet. Prayerfully consider joining the team as a member or a supporter through prayer. See Jeff Clarke for more information.

