

# LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH

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## From the Pastor's Desk

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds...I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 selections)

As you already know, I will be resigning from serving as a pastor the end of June in order to accept a conference position that will allow me to work from home and spend the rest of my life with my husband. For years, Aaron and I have had to sacrifice our time together for the sake of the church, living in different houses and in different townships across the state. It is now time for us to be together. God has opened the door for me to be able to continue to serve the church; yet be with Aaron. I pray that you will rejoice with

## Worship Committee News

We are well into the season of Lent and that means that Holy Week is upon us!

- **Palm Sunday** will be observed on **April 2** so plan to begin your week with the remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday is April 6th at 6 pm**—Let us continue our worship as we make final preparation for the days ahead. We are busy people but this brief service will be meaningful.
- Children will enjoy an Easter party and egg hunt on **Friday, April 7, at 5pm.**
- **April 9th—Glorious Easter morning** will begin with our annual Sunrise Service at Lake Waccamaw Sailing Club at 6:15 and will be immediately followed with a simple breakfast in the fellowship hall.
- **Easter Worship: Sunday school** will follow breakfast then we will have a combined worship service at **11am.**

It's the most important time of our Christian calendar. We hope each opportunity to participate in Holy Week will be special to everyone.

## **Scripture Readers:**

*March: Billy Hobbs*

*April: Nancy Sigmon*

*May: Ethan Simpson*

## **Flowers for March:**

5th: Anna-Marie Inman

12th: Kimberly Glover

19th: Tabitha Kern

26th: Ann King

## **Flowers for April**

2nd: Cheryl Long

9th: Easter Lilies

16th: Ruth Long

23rd: Martha Lowe

30th: Anna Mabe

## **Youth Updates:**

Thank you to all who came out to the Agape Dinner and supported our youth. We enjoyed our time serving our church family.

As spring begins, our youth will be looking for service opportunities. Please reach out if you and someone you know needs help.

All youth 6th grade to 12th grade are invited to come to our weekly youth gatherings at 5pm in the youth room.

## **Our Nursery needs you!**

\*Please consider signing up for 9 am nursery-our church is growing and the babies are too! See Patty Hobbs if you can serve in this way.

## LAKE WACCAMAW METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ARE NEEDED BY MARCH 20TH. SEND TO LAKEWACCAMAWMETHODIST@GMAIL.COM

### 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: April 6th @ 6:30.** We laugh, we have devotion, we laugh, we pray, we laugh. As you can see the women group has fun and we do a lot of laughing. **Come join in the fellowship and learning.**

#### 1. LWM Women's Bake Sale

Date: **April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Time: 8:00 am -12:00pm

Location: Hills Shopping Center

We are asking for cake donations. If you would like to donate a cake, please see Judy Carroll or Julie Monroe. Please come by and make a donation or buy a delicious cake!

#### 2. Ladies Lunch out: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month :

**March 8th & April 12th**

Time: 11.00 am

Location: Dales Seafood- Lake Waccamaw

Please mark your calendar for **Homecoming 2023** as it will be the **SECOND** Sunday, October 8, rather than the first Sunday of the month as approved by our administrative council. This change will help with planning for the day. **Please help us to spread the word!**



### Calling All Graduates!

### KFCs Are Spreading God's Love!

Our KFCs worked hard on Valentine's Cards for Premier Living Retirement Home to help sprinkle Jesus's love to all the residents!



We are making our final requests for photographs and information for our Graduate Recognition Sunday. We would like to include all graduates in our church family during this service so please email 15 – 20 photos of your high school graduate to [hopekhigh@gmail.com](mailto:hopekhigh@gmail.com). Please include a formal graduation picture along with favorite photos from the life of the graduate. Spontaneous pictures can be the best! She also needs to know which high school and the graduate's fall plans: military, work or post-secondary education.

For our college graduates, please share one photo of the graduate in cap and gown, if possible, the *exact* degree earned, the college name and if possible, plans for the immediate future: military, work or graduate school.

Please limit group pictures as this special day is about the graduate! Thank you!

.Oh, praise be to the Lord,  
For He has blessed us with a church,  
A holy sanctuary of peace and love,  
The Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church.

With grateful hearts we gather here,  
In fellowship and song,  
To lift our voices high in praise,  
And worship all day long.

The walls of this church may be of brick,  
But it's the spirit inside that's strong,  
A beacon of hope, a guiding light,  
That keeps us from going wrong.

We come to hear the Word of God,  
And learn of His great love,  
To be renewed and refreshed anew,  
And inspired from above.

The Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church,  
Is a home away from home,  
A place to find community,  
And never feel alone.

Oh, let us lift our voices high,  
And sing with all our might,  
For the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church,  
Is a precious gift of light.

With grateful hearts we celebrate,  
This sacred place of grace,  
And pledge to love and serve the Lord,  
Each and every day we face.

So let the music fill the air,  
And the joy of the Lord abound,  
For the Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church,  
Is a treasure truly found.

Jeff Clarke via Chat GPT (He's not that creative!)

### **Lake Waccamaw Missions Task Force**

I am glad to be the leader of the missions task force once again. I have always had a desire and a love for going out and helping others. We are going to be having organizational and planning meetings in the near future. There are a number of things we do locally, such as helping with the food ministry and backpack buddies along with identifying needs at our local schools. We will also be planning service activities outside of this area.

I believe that these types of activities are important for both us and our children to see that how we live here is not the norm for so many people. It is a spiritual experience to be around so many people of faith working towards making others lives warmer. safer, and dryer.

If anyone is interested in participating with any of our outreach ministries, feel free to contact me. I have been asked to and started going out and speaking about mission work to churches both inside and outside our denomination. We hope to build an army that will go out and do for others.  
-- Jeff Clarke



Jeff Clarke at White Marsh Baptist Church

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.



## Global Methodist Church: Let's Embrace a new Methodist Movement!

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, proclaimed, "The world is my parish." Ever since, the people called Methodist have committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.

**In that spirit, faithful Methodists have been praying and working to discern God's will for a new church rooted in Scripture and the historic and life giving teachings of the Christian faith.** Given that those called to this new denomination are from many countries, speak many languages, and yet share one faith, the name "the Global Methodist Church" seemed fully appropriate.

**Methodists in Africa, Europe, Eurasia, the Philippines, and the United States have warmly embraced the name.** It simultaneously states who we are and who we aspire to be: faithful Christians in the Methodist tradition dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with people all around the world.



The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who alone we worship. **The circles intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ, the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe.** As a whole, the logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world. The sky blue color reminds us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, they are all united together in God's great creation.

<https://globalmethodist.org/about/#about-mission-section>

## Coram Deo-To live your entire life in the presence of God

By R.C. Sproul (<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/redeeming-your-time>)

Time is the great leveler. It is the one resource that is allocated in absolute egalitarian terms. Every living person has the same number of hours to use in every day. Busy people are not given a special bonus added on to the hours of the day. The clock plays no favorites.

We all have an equal measure of time in every day. Where we differ from one another is in how we redeem the time allotted. When something is redeemed, it is rescued or purchased from some negative condition. The basic negative condition we are concerned with is the condition of waste. To waste time is to spend it on that which has little or no value.

The late Vince Lombardi introduced the adage, "I never lost a game; I just ran out of time." This explanation points me to one of the most dramatic elements of sports—the race against the clock. The team that is most productive in the allotted time is the team that wins the game. Of course, in sports, unlike life, there are provisions for calling timeout. The clock in a sports contest can be temporarily halted. But in real life, there are not timeouts.

Ask God to reveal ways you can redeem time that is being wasted on things of little or no value.

### Memory Verse of the Month

Ephesians 5: 15-16: Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people, but as wise—make the most of the time, because the days are evil.

### January Memorials and Honors

In memory of Roni March: Nancy Sigmon, Lake Waccamaw Methodist Women, Lake Cove Sunday School class, Debra Noel, Tom & Julie Monroe, Parks & Kathy Thomas, Catherine Ferrone, David Medlin family, John Wayne.

In memory of Grant Egley: Martha Lowe, Tom & Julie Monroe, Yates & Mary K Burney, Lake Cove SS class, \*-///-David Medlin family.

In Memory of Dennis Bryant: David Medlin Family

In honor of Mary Frances Alsup: Donna Egley

In honor of Verna Williamson: Dan and Jeana McDuffie