

# *The Methodist Messenger*

FEBRUARY 2021

Whiteville United Methodist Church

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Holy Communion Service/Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

## Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ's name.



As we begin 2021, we carry with us the hope we found at the manger, the message of God's love for all, and the call to help all of God's children who are in need. The lessons of Christmas will stay with us as the days grow longer and we, as individuals and as the faith community of Whiteville UMC, continue spreading the Good News that Jesus brought to us.

One of the ways this is done is through service to the church. Although Whiteville UMC has staff who help keep up with the day-to-day activities, it is the lay leadership who determines the direction and means of fulfilling our mission - With God's grace, we care for the soul for a lifetime and beyond.

Last month marked the change of leadership to those newly elected at October's Charge Conference. We thank all those who have served on Ministry teams and in leadership roles during the past year for their leadership and we look forward to the leadership of those elected. They are the foundation upon which all work here at Whiteville is accomplished. The leadership will need the active engagement of all Church members as they continue the process of leading this congregation in ministry. Much was accomplished in 2020, but there is still plenty to do in 2021 as we continue to work toward growing Whiteville UMC into the church where you do not want to miss a thing and invite others to hear the Good News and grow in Christ.

Together we can spread God's Words of Hope in 2021 as we love each other and learn to live as Jesus calls us to live, even as we continue to endure the challenges of this COVID-19 pandemic.

The beginning of our faith year at Christmas and the beginning of the calendar year brings us new opportunities to be in relationship with one another, with God and with the larger community. You will find many opportunities in this newsletter. Come; let us grow together in 2021!

*~ Pastor Terry*

Let's **GROW** Together



WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Whiteville, NC

2021 Church Council and Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL

Alternate Lay Members of Annual Conference - Marty/Lynn Sellers  
Church Council Chair - Carlton Williamson  
Church Council Secretary - Betty Gray  
Church Council Vice Chair - Dixie Batten  
Church Treasurer - Tammie Anderson  
Finance Committee Chair - Tom Leggett  
Health and Wellness Committee Chair - Pat Ray  
Lay Leader - Brien Inman  
Lay Member of Annual Conference - Carolyn Hankins  
Membership Secretary - Hope High  
Nurture Committee Chairperson - Debbie Conway  
Outreach Committee Chairperson - Carolyn Hankins  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
Preschool Committee Chair - Becky High  
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair - Rob Conway  
Stewardship Chair - Kevin Bullard  
Trustees Chair - Jerry Hall  
UMM President - Biff Simmons  
UMW President - Debbie Sellars  
Youth Ministries Representative - Elizabeth High or Emily McLam  
Witness Committee Chair - Sylvia Walters  
Worship Committee Chair - Betty Gray

Members at Large of the Church Council

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Dixie Batten	Dial Gray	Sabra Allen
Betty Hamilton	Bob Hankins	Lindbergh Holden
Shirley Kennedy	Phyllis Merritt	Cynthia Page
Florence Marlowe	Olive Shuping	Phil Stoll

COMMITTEES

Carolyn T. High Preaching Mission Committee

Chair - Florence Marlowe  
Choir Director - Gus Cothorn  
Church Council Chair - Carlton Williamson  
Church Council Vice Chair - Dixie Batten  
Communications - Les High and Stuart Rogers  
Lay Leader - Brien Inman  
Nurture Committee Chair - Debbie Conway  
Organist - Nan Leggett  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
Witness Committee Chair - Sylvia Walters  
Worship Committee Chair - Betty Gray

Christian Action Fund Committee

Church Council Chair - Carlton Williamson  
Finance Chair - Tom Leggett  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
Trustee Chair - Jerry Hall

Finance Committee - Tom Leggett, Chair

Assistant Finance Committee Chair - Olive Shuping  
Church Council Chair - Carlton Williamson  
Church Treasurer - Tammie Anderson  
Financial Secretary - Kathy Graham (non-voting member)  
Lay Leader - Brien Inman  
Lay Member of Annual Conference - Carolyn Hankins (Secretary)  
Member at Large - Ann Pait  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
SPRC Chair - Rob Conway  
Stewardship Chair - Kevin Bullard  
Trustees Representative - Jerry Hall

Health and Wellness Committee - Pat Ray, Chair

JoAnne Biser, Betty Hamilton, Peggy Huffman, Beverly Justice, and  
Kathy Simmons.

Nominations Committee - Pastor Terry Hunt, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Florence Marlowe	John Barkley	Biff Simmons
Debbie Sellars	Suzanne Hall	JoAnne Biser
Kathy Simmons		Beth Bullard

Lay Leader - Brien Inman

Nurture Committee - Debbie Conway, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Louise Barkley	Alma Deans	Debbie Conway
Ann Williamson	Cynthia Page	Shirley Kennedy
	Ann Sauls	Linda Overcash
		Kayla Ward

Youth Ministries Representative - Elizabeth High or Emily McLam

Outreach Committee - Carolyn Hankins, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
JoAnne Biser	Bob Hankins	Les High
Sharon Sauls	Carolyn Hankins	Vickie Pait
Keith Sellars	Wendy Hood	Ann Sauls

Food Pantry Ministry Representatives - Beth Bullard and Kayla Ward

Preschool Committee

Chair - Becky High  
Finance Representative - Tom Leggett  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
Preschool Director (Ex-Officio) - Karen Dawsey  
Trustees Representative - Geneva Ashley

Members at Large

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Hope High	Olive Shuping	Sue Hawks

Radio Ministry Fund Committee

Beverly Justice, Wayne Overcash, and Pastor Terry Hunt

Sam T. and Thelma G. Gore Memorial Scholarship Committee

Church Council Chair - Carlton Williamson  
Church Treasurer (non-voting) - Tammie Anderson  
Finance Committee Chair - Tom Leggett  
Gore Family Member (non-voting) - Kathy Simmons  
Pastor - Terry Hunt  
Youth Ministries Representatives - Elizabeth High or Emily McLam

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Rob Conway, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Emily McLam	Florence Marlowe	Marty Sellers
Pat Ray	Ben Sauls	Anne Williamson
	Suzanne Hall	Rob Conway

Lay Leader - Brien Inman

Lay Member of Annual Conference - Carolyn Hankins

Pastor - Terry Hunt

Trustees

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
John Barkley	Bob Deans	Geneva Ashley
Jerry Hall	Celia Lynch	Ernie Ward
Alan Pait		Lewis Sauls
		Terry Simmons

Witness Committee - Sylvia Walters, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Kristie Georgis	Grant Merritt	Brenda Branson
Alan High	Sandra Sellers	Dixie Batten
Sylvia Walters		Karen Dawsey
Suzanne King		

Worship Committee - Betty Gray, Chair

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Betty Gray	Geneva Ashley	Peggy Huffman
Carol Worrell	Lynne Inman	Sharon Sauls
	Ann Simmons	Sandy Turner

Acolytes - Elizabeth High

Altar Care - Elizabeth Gibson, Celia Lynch, Margie Rabon,  
Kathy Simmons, Sandy Turner, and Gina Deans

Banners - Lynne and Brien Inman

Choir Director - Gus Cothorn

Communion Assistant - Suzanne Hall

Greeters - Carol Worrell

Organist - Nan Leggett

Pianist - Geneva Ashley

## PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends,

After several phone calls to Columbus County Health Department, I received an appointment for my first COVID 19 injection. I arrived several minutes early and entered the Health Department front door located on Jefferson Street. Face masks were required for entry, as we were told during the original phone call for an appointment.

On arrival for the appointment, I was greeted just inside the door by someone who checked my name with the appointment list, asked me two or three routine questions and checked and recorded my temperature. She invited me to take a seat socially distanced from other folks in the waiting room. I then was given a clipboard and a pen to use throughout my appointment and to take home with me afterwards. The simple questions were answered by checking yes or no. By the time I finished the questions, someone called my name and escorted me to an exam room for my shot.

The nurse who greeted me in the exam room briefly explained the injection procedure, Moderna vaccine and potential side effects. Together we decided which arm would be best for me. After I signed the permission sheet for the injection, the nurse prepared my arm and gave the shot, which proved totally painless for me during and afterwards! I was lucky! However, as we all know from previous experience with other injections, mild to moderate pain and /or swelling at the injection site, muscle aches, fever and general malaise can occur up to 2 or 3 days after the shot.

After leaving the exam room, I was escorted to the large conference room to wait 15 minutes before leaving the building. Persons on blood thinners or other indicators need to remain for 30 minutes after the injection. At the conference room, our last stop, we signed another sheet with our name and time we entered. We were also given a return appointment date and time on the card that we received earlier from the nurse. Information on the card also includes date and time of first shot. This card is important injection documentation to keep in a safe place.

Staff notified me when my 15 minutes of waiting were complete and I was free to go! Now I am anxious to get my second shot 4 weeks after my first one. Yippee!

Hopefully, your experience with getting the COVID 19 vaccine will be as positive as mine has been so far! The Health Department staff were all helpful and anxious to make the experience as stress free and comfortable as possible! Kudos to Health Director Kim Smith and all of

the staff dealing with numerous challenges, including overloaded telephone lines and acquiring adequate vaccine!

Remember that COVID 19 shots are free to everyone! Hopefully, pharmacies, Columbus Regional Healthcare and others will come on board very soon to add additional sites and vaccine for giving the much needed shots to the public. If anyone needing a shot has limited mobility, call the Health Department ahead of your appointment and ask about the possibility of having staff administer your vaccine at your vehicle.

Vaccine distribution to counties varies and is dependent on the amount allotted to states by the national distribution center and the subsequent amount the allotted by states to individual counties. So remember that citizens also have the option to contact neighboring Bladen County or any other county in North Carolina to obtain COVID 19 vaccinations, if local vaccine supplies are less than requests for the vaccine.

Please call me if you have questions about information in this letter! Good luck with scheduling your appointments! Stay safe and well!

Blessings and peace,  
Patricia Ray,  
MPH, BSN, RN, Parish Nurse, WUMC

P.S. The next American Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for our church on Thursday, February 11, 2 – 6:30 pm. For additional information, please call Blood Drive Chairperson Peggy Huffman at 910-356-0099 or me at 910-642-4813. Committee members will begin calling soon.

*Psalm 130:5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope.*

## FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has continued the drive-up service twice a month (first and third Wednesdays) during Covid-19. We had many donations from NHS and the Juniorette can-drive from Whiteville High School. The Ladies Bible Study made beautiful cross containers full of goodies at Christmas to pack in our bags. Your prayers & donations to this ministry are appreciated as we strive to serve in our community.

Beth Bullard

### NEWS FROM THE SELLERS

Dear Friends at Whiteville UMC,

Although Lynn and I have enjoyed our time with all of you at the Whiteville church, it is time for us to be moving on. I have been appointed to serve as the pastor at Evergreen UMC. It has been a long journey getting to this point, and the journey continues. But it would have not been possible without your support and prayers. We will miss seeing you all each Sunday and we hope to be able to see you as we move through life connected as we always are in the greater church in the world. Again, thank you all for your support, we will be seeing you.

Peace, Marty and Lynn Sellers

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

I certainly hope that all the women of the church have remained healthy and safe during this past month. We are planning to meet on Monday February 1, at 6:30 p.m. Julie Foster from Trillium will lead the program, "Walk a Mile in My Shoes." It will be conducted through Zoom. For the Zoom connection, please contact Carolyn Hankins by email at [carolynhankins@msn.com](mailto:carolynhankins@msn.com). Let Carolyn know if you do not use Zoom but would like to participate in the meeting.

Debbie Sellars, Chair

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Joshua Grant Leggett, born January 11th to Brad and Jennifer Leggett of Elizabethtown. Proud grandparents are Tom and Nan Leggett.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

**Adult Sunday School:** Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12):**

Upstairs classroom at 9:00 a.m.

**Christians Under Construction Sunday School:**

Via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. (Receive a link to join by emailing Carolyn Hankins at [carolynhankins@msn.com](mailto:carolynhankins@msn.com))

### NURTURE COMMITTEE

We have certainly missed our opportunities for fellowship with each other through meals and get-togethers but pray that things will change soon!

The Preschool has been doing wonderfully under the direction of Karen Dawsey.

The Sunday School has been functioning well during the pandemic. Bob Hankins has been continuing to conduct his classes via zoom, Florence Marlowe and some others are doing an adult class in the Fellowship Hall, and a Children's Sunday School class has been meeting in the room above the Preschool area. We applaud the efforts of all who have participated in keeping the programs going during this unusual time!

We would like to welcome our newest member to the Nurture Committee - Kayla Ward.

Debbie Conway, Chair

### THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your prayers and love shown to my son, Greg, during his illness and passing away. Thanks for contributing to the fund-raiser some time ago and when he passed away. I so much appreciate your beautiful cards and messages. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

In Christian love,  
Ann Worthington and family

### BIBLE STUDY/HOLY COMMUNION

The Wednesday evening Holy Communion Service/ Bible Study begins at 6:00. p.m. each week.

## FINANCE REPORT

Good news from the finance committee! After trailing last year's pace of giving by \$13,000, offerings are now \$4,054 ahead of last year. Thank you so much for your response during these difficult times. Our in person attendance has stabilized at 47. This is a few more than half our normal attendance. I hope many of you are taking advantage of the YouTube broadcast of our Sunday morning services. Several non-members have told me they are tuning in and are blessed by the service. Thanks to our soundboard team who are learning new video broadcast skills.

Our new online giving program is up and running with some initial activity. You can access the program several ways, including through our website [wumc@whitevillumc.org](mailto:wumc@whitevillumc.org). Pastor Terry is our 'go to guy' and can help with any questions you may have. Many thanks to him for introducing us to this program and managing the implementation.

The annual pledge campaign has evolved over the years from primarily a member to member canvas to increase pledges, to a system for encouraging and tracking pledges. The 2021 campaign resulted in 25 pledges totaling \$135,828. Both number and amount are 14% less than last year. Thanks to Kevin Bullard and Pastor Terry for their leadership of the campaign.

We likely will not raise our full budget this year, but the pandemic and other issues reduced our budgeted expenditures. Current offerings are covering our expenses. The 2021 budget has been approved and copies will be available soon. It is very similar to last year, but with a 3% reduction. It is a challenging budget in these uncertain times but we move forward in faith. Application has been made for forgiveness of the SBA Payroll Protection Program loan. If forgiven it will provide a cushion for the remainder of this year and into next.

Please stay safe and trust that with God's guidance we will soon be able to resume our full worship, fellowship, and ministries.

Tom Leggett, Finance Chair

### I Dream A World

I dream a world where man  
No other man will scorn,  
Where love will bless the earth  
And peace its paths adorn  
I dream a world where all  
Will know sweet freedom's way,  
Where greed no longer saps the soul  
Nor avarice blights our day.  
A world I dream where black or white,  
Whatever race you be,  
Will share the bounties of the earth  
And every man is free,  
Where wretchedness will hang its head  
And joy, like a pearl,  
Attends the needs of all mankind-  
Of such I dream, my world!

At the Church Council meeting on the evening of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Carlton Williamson shared this poem with the Council because this poem inspired Dr. King's iconic "I Have A Dream" speech. It was written by Langston Hughes, an African American poet, novelist & play write who was born in 1902 and died in 1967, 4 years after Dr King's speech.

## LENTEN SERVICES

The Lenten Season will begin with Ash Wednesday services at 6:00 p.m. on February 17 which will be video streamed on our website at [whitevilleumc.org](http://whitevilleumc.org).

The Wednesday Lenten services will be held each week from February 24 through March 31 at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. Masks will be encouraged and available in the Narthex. Due to the continued Covid virus in our area, lunch will NOT be served.

## FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  6:30 p.m. WUMW/Zoom  7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	2  7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	3 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Parlor  6:00 p.m. Holy Communion/ Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	8  7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	9  5:00 p.m. Worship/ Fellowship Hall  6:00 p.m. Witness/Parlor  7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	10 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Parlor  6:00 p.m. Holy Communion/ Bible Study	11  2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive/Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	15 President's Day Church Office Closed  7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	16  7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	17 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Parlor  6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service/Sanctuary/Video stream	18  6:30 p.m. SPRC/ Fellowship Hall	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	22  7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	23  7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts/ Fellowship Hall	24 9:30 a.m. Bible Study/Parlor  12 noon Lenten Service/Sanctuary  6:00 p.m. Holy Communion/ Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship						

Acolytes: 7<sup>th</sup> - Andrew Bullard; 14<sup>th</sup> - Peyton Hunt; 21<sup>st</sup> - Emily Sauls; 28<sup>th</sup> - Anna and Sophie Bivens.  
Soundboard: 7<sup>th</sup> - Lynne Inman; 14<sup>th</sup> - Suzanne Hall; 21<sup>st</sup> - Terry Simmons; 28<sup>th</sup> - Robert Page.

**UMW FROZEN SOUP SALE**

Soup delivered to your car on Feb. 19 or 20 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon

The congregation is invited to order from a variety of frozen soups. A donation is requested to support local mission work by Whiteville United Methodist Women. Your generosity helps many!

There is no set price for soup except to request a minimum donation of \$8.00 for Brunswick Stew. You can help our preparation by completing the form below. Please **return the form by February 14**. Soup may be picked up on Friday or Saturday, February 19 or 20, from 10:00 - 12:00 noon.

Sale of soup available to community. Share the order form! In addition to enjoying varieties yourself, soup makes a great gift and stores easily in a freezer.

Purchaser:

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Phone:

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Pick up requested if other than dates shown:

Soup choice (delivered frozen)	Pint	Quart
Creamy chicken noodle		
Chicken potato		
Taco with beef		
Vegetable		
Brunswick Stew (pre-order only)		

Place form in offering plate or return to Carolyn Hankins,  
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**2021 Church Budget**  
**Whiteville United Methodist Church**  
**Whiteville, NC**

**Nurture Committee**

1010	Church School Literature	1,400
1051	Children's Ministries	100
1080	Campus Ministries	150
1090	Adult Bible Studies	200
1091	Mother's/Father's Day Recognitions	300
1092	Hospitality	200
1093	Upper Room	750
1094	Kitchen Supplies	600
1096	Homecoming	200
1097	Children's Supplies & Toys	50
1098	Bereavement Meals	450
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,400</b>

**Witness Committee**

1330	Prison Ministry	100
1340	Promotional Materials & Fees	100
1360	Bulletin Board	100
1370	Advertising Contracts	300
1390	School Missions	600
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,200</b>

**Worship Committee**

1510	Altar Fund	1,100
1520	Choir Music & Supplies	900
1530	Guest Musicians	250
1570	Organ Music & Supplies	100
1590	Pulpit Honorariums	200
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,550</b>

**Outreach Committee**

2030	Families First	1,500
2120	Operation Christmas Child	200
2330	Parish Nurse	500
2335	Church and Mental Health	800
2340	Mission Projects	1,000
2500	Missionary Salary Support	3,600
2505	Medical Student Support	1,000
2510	Literacy Council	250
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,850</b>

**Conference Apportionments**

3010	World Service & Benevolence	32,005
3030	Episcopal Fund	1,564
3040	Black College Fund	564
3050	African University	127
3060	Interdenominational Cooperative	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>34,277</b>

**Trustees**

4010	Utilities	21,500
4020	Property Maintenance	8,700
4040	Insurance	16,000
4050	Van Maintenance & Insurance	2,000
4070	Custodial Services - Grounds	4,500
4085	Computer Hardware	100
4090	Whiteville Memorial Cemetery	200
<b>Total</b>		<b>53,000</b>

**Staff-Parish Relations**

5010	Pastor	52,064
5030	Administrative Assistant	28,886
5040	Substitute Administrative Assistant	1,500
5050	Director of Music	14,043
5060	Organist	7,790
5070	Treasurer	5,094
5130	Custodian	14,783
5310	Pastor's Health Insurance	16,774
5320	Pastor's Life Insurance	249
5350	Pastor's CRSP	7,470
5360	Pastor's CPP	1,346
5370	Pastor's Utilities	3,000
5380	Pastor's Housing Allowance	18,629
5410	Pastor's Travel	4,000
5450	Social Security	6,264
5080	Medicare	1,464
<b>Total</b>		<b>183,356</b>

**Finance**

5805	Misc. & Contingency	500
5810	Office Supplies & Paper	2,750
5812	Copier Contract & Expenses	5,000
5820	Postage	2,400
5840	Bank Service Charges	250
5850	Computer Software	1,400
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,300</b>

**Total Budget** **\$299,933.00**

**Weekly Collections Needed to Sustain Budget** **\$5,768**

Approved by the Church Council 11/16/2020.