Prayer

**MONDAY • WEDNESDAY • FRIDAY**
**AT 9AM ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

Join Pastors Toni Ruth & Wes for a short time of prayer at 9am on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday on Facebook Live.

FACEBOOK.COM/WILLCHAPUMC

Communion

On the first Sunday of each month, Communion is served at Williamson’s Chapel. We gather together around the Lord’s Table to receive nourishment, and remember Jesus’ sacrifice for us and the new covenant of life.

In the UMC, we believe in an open table, where all who seek the Lord are welcome to come. It is not our table, but the Lord’s. We receive by intinction, meaning you receive a bit of bread and dip in a common cup. For those who prefer, we always have prefilled sealed elements available as well as a gluten-free option.

Church Membership

**PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS**
**Sunday, October 2 • 12 noon**

Join Pastors Toni Ruth and Wes for pizza and conversation about church membership. Attending doesn’t obligate you in any way, but it will help you to find out what you need to know about Williamson’s Chapel to determine the next step for you and your family. Childcare available upon request. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Susan Taylor at susantaylor@willchapumc.org.

Baptism | Infant or Adult

Celebrating the sacrament of baptism is always a special day in the life of the church. If you are seeking information on baptism for yourself or for your child, we celebrate that decision with you and are happy to share information so that you can better understand this holy sacrament and how we administer baptism at Williamson’s Chapel. If you are interested or want more info, contact Susan Taylor at susantaylor@willchapumc.org.
What an amazing time to be part of what God is doing at Williamson’s Chapel! We are so excited to be here at WCUMC, and we are deeply grateful for the way you all have welcomed us into your church and community. We praise God for a blessed beginning and look forward to getting to know all of you better as we serve Jesus together!

The book you hold in your hands is an excellent overview of how you can participate in what God is doing in and through our church. As you’ll see in the pages ahead, we have a wide range of opportunities to worship, serve, learn, contribute, and connect with God and one another here at Williamson’s Chapel.

We are committed to changing lives and changing the world through Jesus Christ, and that is something that all are invited to discover with us here. Whatever your life stage, there is a way you can experience and grow with Jesus. Join a class. Invest in youth and children by giving your time. Connect with others during HalfTime on Sunday! Find a place to use your gifts and talents to serve Christ! Invite a friend looking for that connection or longing for a change in their life to join you in worship or prayer. In every faithful step of devoting yourself to the apostles’ teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers (Acts 2:42-47), you will see the difference it makes in you and the world around you. If our staff can help you in any way, we are here to do that. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Toni Ruth
& Pastor Wes
On Sunday, September 11th, you have an opportunity to take the challenge to "RENEW your commitment to the church."

This challenge invites you to lean into the five commitments made when you join WCUMC: to support the church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Our Sunday morning services will reflect these five commitments, and we have a great giveaway item for you to help you find vital ways to keep these commitments to the church.

We look forward to uniting together as we renew our commitment to Christ's church!
Pastors Toni Ruth and Wes will be offering a 4-week class specifically for new members, visitors, or those new to the Methodist Church. There will be a small amount of weekly prep for the meetings that will be provided upon registration. Childcare provided upon request.

**FOUNDATION: LIVING THE GOSPEL**
The UMC is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.

**DISCIPLE MAKING**
First and foremost, we are dedicated to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in the tradition of John Wesley.

We are disciple-making, faithful, deeply rooted, grounded in Scripture, Christ-centered people of God.

**BELONGING & INCLUSION**
All belong and will be loved in The UMC. All will be heard, respected and engaged. All will be free to develop their personal relationship with God and to serve fully in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

We are diverse, justice-seeking, resilient, welcoming people of God.

**INFLUENCE, CONNECTION & IMPACT**
With more than 12 million members across the globe, we are a powerful connection, living and sharing the grace of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are committed to work for global health, education, creation care, child welfare, disaster recovery and countless other efforts.

We are missional, connected, world-changing, generous people of God.

**EXPERIENCE OF GOD THROUGH THE UMC**
We embrace a Church where we experience our triune God in personal and community relationships, transforming our own lives, the lives around us, and the entire world.

We are committed, Jesus-seeking, Spirit-filled, grace-filled, praying people of God.

LEARN MORE | SIGN UP
willchapumc.org/adultstudies
Sunday Worship Opportunities

**Modern Worship**
**9:30AM**
**Sanctuary**
The modern worship service is led by a praise band and praise team with music you might hear on the radio.

**WillChap HalfTime**
**10:15-11:15AM**
**Fellowship Hall**
Join us for HalfTime between the worship services for food, beverages, and a great opportunity to connect with others.

**Traditional Worship**
**11:00AM**
**Sanctuary**
The traditional service is filled with your favorite hymns and led by a choir, organist, and pianist.

**Live Worship**
**9:30AM | 11:00AM**
Join us for full-length live worship services each Sunday at 9:30AM and 11:00AM.
willchapumc.org/liveworship

**Sermon Series Archive**
**9:30AM | 11:00AM**
willchapumc.org/sermons

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**SEPTEMBER**

Join us for worship!

**Renew your Commitment to the Church**

**prayers • presence • gifts • service • witness**

**OCTOBER**

**Kids today...**

**Seeing the next generation in Gospel Light**

**NOVEMBER**

**thankful**

**Cultivating Gratitude in Our Stewardship of God’s Kingdom Gifts**

**ADVENT SERIES**

**O Come Let Us Adore Him**
SUNDAY | YOUTH & CHILDREN  GROW MINISTRY

HOLLY RYAN, Children’s Ministries Coordinator | hollyryan@willchapumc.org

CHILDREN: SUNDAY Morning  |  9:30 AM & 11 AM • Children’s Wing (A BLDG)
On Sunday mornings we provide programming for children preschool to 5th grade. We also provide a nursery for infants and toddlers during worship services. For specific details for children’s ministries, please contact Holly Ryan at hollyryan@willchapumc.org.
Check out the Children’s Ministry page (p24) for more program information!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY PROGRAMMING
All of our Sunday morning children’s programming is located in the Children’s wing (1st floor of the A building outside the Fellowship Hall)

NURSERY
Infants & Toddlers

FIRST LOOK
Preschool & Kindergarten

252 Kids
1st through 5th grade

252 Kids

YOUTH: SUNDAY Morning  |  11 AM • Youth House
Join us in the Youth House (God Cave) for hot cocoa, coffee, and fellowship. This will be a safe place to connect with others and to talk about our faith, scripture, and life. Contact Kevin Ward at kevinward@willchapumc.org for details on youth activities and events.
Check out the Youth Ministry page (p22) for more program information!

Sunday Evening

CHILDREN’S MUSIC
see p12 for more program information

YOUTH BAND
see p22 for more program information

DAWN TATUM, Traditional Worship Associate
dawntatum@willchapumc.org

Cherubs (ages 4 - K)
4:30-5:15PM | RM A104

Praise Kids (1st - 5th grade)
4:30-5:30PM | Music Suite

KEVIN WARD, DIRECTOR OF Youth
kevinward@willchapumc.org

Youth Band / Music
4:30—5:30PM
Youth House (God Cave)
(starts September 18th)

BETWEEN preteen Ministry

All 4th & 5th graders welcome!
5:30 - 7PM | Old Fellowship Hall
see p24 for more information

All middle & high school students welcome!
5:30 - 7PM | Youth House / Pavilion
see p22 for more information
**9:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS**  
Older Couples, Singles  
led by Tony Leonard | Ongoing Group  
Rm B201 | 9:30AM  
Bible

The Fellowship Class uses the Bible as their resource. In-depth study of each book in the Bible leads to plenty of discussion. The entire class decides together what book of the Bible will be studied next. Older couples and singles are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**ADULT SONSHINE CLASS**  
Men, Women, mid-60+  
led by Jody Hartsell | Ongoing Group  
Rm B204 | 9:30AM

The Adult Sonshine Class is made up of men and women in their mid-60’s and older. They use the United Methodist curriculum as their resource. In each weekly lesson, there is Scripture and a life application study, followed by a devotion. There is wonderful fellowship, singing, and plenty of discussion.

**10:45 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**MERE CHRISTIANITY**  
led by John Dyer | Starts September 11th  
Rm B204 | 10:45AM  
Book: $10

C. S. Lewis argues for the logical validity of Christianity, defends the religion from its critics, and looks in detail at what the life of a Christian is like. He begins with arguing against atheism by pointing out what he calls the Law of Human Nature, or a universal, absolute truth. C.S. Lewis aims to prove to the sensible skeptic that God does exist, and that He sent His son Jesus Christ to redeem the world. People at all stages of belief will find that *Mere Christianity* provides an approachable path to discover a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. **12 sessions**

**AGENTS OF THE APOCALYPSE**  
led by Sharon Furr | Starts September 11th  
Rm B203 | 10:45AM  
Book: $10

Dr. David Jeremiah explores the book of Revelation through the lens of its major players—the exiled, the martyrs, the elders, the victor, the king, the judge, the 144,000, the witnesses, the false prophet, and the beast. One by one, he delves into their individual personalities and motives, and the role that each plays in biblical prophecy. Then he provides readers with the critical clues and information needed to recognize their presence and power in the world today. The stage is set, and the curtain is about to rise on Earth’s final act. Will you be ready? **10 sessions**

**YOU MAKE ME CRAZY: SURVIVING RELATIONSHIPS GOD’S WAY**  
led by Rich Oppmann & Randy Phillips | Starts September 25th  
Rm A204 | 10:45AM  
Book: $7

We all have relationships that drive us crazy. Whether it’s a boyfriend or girlfriend, spouse, sibling, parent, co-worker, or crazy relative you see once a year at Thanksgiving, a crazy-maker can really make life difficult. In this study, Pastor Rick Warren will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just coexist. **6 sessions**

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**Denise Addington, Adult Ministries Coordinator | deniseaddington@willchapumc.org**

**EVERYONE WELCOME! NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY FOR ANY OF OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**

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register for classes online | willchapumc.org/register
**LEARN AS WE GROW PARENTING GROUP**  
*led by Eric & Lexi Mannarino*  
*Starts September 11th*

All parents of children 5th grade and younger are encouraged to attend. Each week we gather around the table and hope you’ll consider joining us on the fun & fellowship with other parents in a similar stage of life. Our time each week ranges from parenting to relationship and marriage topics that may come up as we navigate life with our children. We also host awesome opportunities where our entire families can be together. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings!

**YOUR TEENAGER IS NOT CRAZY**  
*led by Whitney Cassell*  
*Starts September 11th*

This study will help parents develop compassion for their teens and discernment in parenting them as their brains are progressively remodeled. Rather than seeing the teen years as a time to simply hold on for dear life, Dr. Jeramy and Jerusha Clark show that those years can be an amazing season of cultivating creativity, self-awareness, and passion for the things that really matter. **8 sessions**

**Sunday Evening Bible Studies**

**#BeUMC (SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS)**  
*led by Pastors Wes & Toni Ruth*  
*Starts October 16th*

Pastors Toni Ruth and Wes will be offering a 4-week class specifically for new members, visitors, or those new to the United Methodist Church. There will be a small amount of weekly prep for the meetings that will be provided upon registration. Childcare provided as needed. **4 sessions**

**FOUNDRY BIBLE STUDY**  
*led by Maggie & Matt Keeler*  
*Ongoing*

Our Foundry group (20s & 30s, pre-kids) meets on Sunday evenings for Bible study via Zoom. This is a beginner-friendly study, in which we go through a book of the Bible, discussing it a chapter at a time. You can join any time, and no experience is necessary. Learn more on page 14.
**WORSHIP**

### Music Rehearsals

#### Children

**Cherubs | ages 4 - K**  
Sundays • 4:30 - 5:15PM  
RM A104

**Praise Kids | 1st - 5th grade**  
Sundays • 4:30 - 5:30PM  
RM B114 (Music Suite)

dawntatum@willchapumc.org  
willchapumc.org/praisekids

#### Youth

**Youth Band / Music**  
Sundays • 4:30 - 5:30PM  
Youth House (God Cave) *(starts September 18th)*

kevinward@willchapumc.org

#### Adults

**Modern Worship Band & Praise Choir**  
9:30AM service  
Tuesdays at 7PM  
worship@willchapumc.org

**Chancel Choir**  
11AM worship service  
Wednesdays at 7PM  
dawntatum@willchapumc.org

**Chancel Ringers**  
periodic Sunday worship & special services  
Wednesdays at 5:45PM  
dawntatum@willchapumc.org

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### Save the Date for these upcoming events!

**Monday, September 26** • 7PM | Chapel  
**A Service of Prayer & Healing**  
A service of worship with hymns, Scripture focus and meditation.

**Sunday, October 16** • 8:30AM | Chapel  
**Communion in the Chapel**  
All are welcome to a brief service of song, prayer, and communion.

**Sunday, October 23** • 3PM | Youth House Lawn  
**Blessings of the Animals**  
All animals invited (leashed, caged, or crated, please) and their humans too 🐶

**Sunday, October 30** • 10:30AM | Sanctuary  
**Fifth Sunday Fellowship & Third Grade Bible Presentation**  
Little & big kids are invited to wear Halloween costumes! Decorate your cars for “Trunk or Treat”! Kids will be able to Trunk or Treat during lunch after church.

**Sunday, November 6** • 9:30AM & 11AM | Sanctuary  
All Saints Sunday  
Remembering and lifting up those who have entered the Church Triumphant this year.

**Sunday, November 20** • 8:30AM | Chapel  
**Communion in the Chapel**  
All are welcome to a brief service of song, prayer, and communion.

**Sunday, December 4** • 5PM | Sanctuary  
**A Christmas Yarn**  
Children’s Christmas musical presented by Cherub & Praise Kids Choirs.

**December (TBD) • 7PM | Sanctuary**  
**Rockin’ Noel Christmas Concert**  
A rockin’ Christmas celebration.

**Sunday, December 18** • 5PM | Sanctuary  
**Christmas Concert**  
Music Performance presented by the Chancel Choir & Chancel Ringers.

**Tuesday, December 20** • 7PM | Chapel  
**Blue Christmas & Finding Light in the Darkness**  
A worship service of comfort & hope

**Sunday, December 24** • 5PM & 7PM & 11PM | Sanctuary  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**  
Communion will be offered at all Christmas Eve services

**Sunday, December 25** • 10:30AM | Sanctuary  
**Christmas Day Worship**  
One combined worship service
A Williamson’s Chapel Christmas

December 4        A Christmas Yarn ★ 5pm  
                    (children’s musical followed by family fun)

December TBD      Rockin’ Noel Christmas Concert ★ 7pm  
                    (a rockin’ Christmas celebration)

December 18       Christmas Concert ★ 5pm  
                    (Christmas music presented by the Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers)

December 20       Blue Christmas ★ 7pm  
                    (a worship service of comfort & hope)

December 24       Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  
                    (An open Communion table will be offered at all Christmas Eve services)
                    5pm & 7pm | contemporary       11pm | traditional

December 25       Christmas Day Service ★ 10:30am  
                    (a single combined worship service)

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**A Christmas Yarn**

At Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns (U.G.L.Y.), ugly is beautiful! At the factory of the world’s leading supplier of ugly Christmas sweaters, founder Sam Ebenezer pulls all the strings to make sure no stitch is dropped. With a huge order looming to get out the day before Christmas, the team of Bob Cratchit (“that’s pronounced Crochet”), Tiny Tom and others weave together a plan of attack, while Sam encounters three mysterious visitors who not only help overcome some ugly obstacles, but bring the beautiful good news of Christmas!

*With apologies to a well-loved Christmas Carol, don your ugliest Christmas sweater, and have a dickens of a good time with A Christmas Yarn!*

Be a part in the fun! There are opportunities for ALL AGES – from kids to adults! Join us as we begin rehearsals for our Christmas presentation! All children are welcome! Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 11th.

**CHERUBS REHEARSALS ages 4 - K**  
Sundays | 4:30 - 5:15PM | A104

**PRAISE KIDS REHEARSALS 1st - 5th grade**  
Sundays | 4:30 - 5:30PM | Music Suite

**Singers**  | Kids from grades 1-5 (Praise Kids) will be rehearsing each week to learn all the amazing music for “A Christmas Yarn.” Preschoolers ages 4-K (Cherubs) are participating too! Songs have fun staging and cool choreography to make this a very memorable musical event.

**Actors**  | In addition to child actors, we can use one adult and a few teenagers to help make this musical a smash! Auditions will be held for all speaking parts.

**Drama Coaches/Directors**  | Can you help our actors/actresses learn their parts in special weekly practices? Do you have stage experience? If so, we need YOU!

**Choreography**  | Do you have the gift of dance? Use your talents to help the Praise Kids learn movements and choreography for feature songs.

**Costuming**  | Choose, create, and secure cute costuming for our choir and actors. A team of volunteers will put together festive attire for the group.

**Set & Staging**  | Design and create our stage set for the musical. We need builders and heavy lifters, as well as set designers who can create the U.G.L.Y. Sweater Company workshop and office. Stagehands will be needed to facilitate the action and set changes.

**Props**  | There is a multitude of “stuff” the characters will need to hold, carry, pull or push around, etc. that makes the action come alive. Do you pay attention to the details? Maybe this job is for YOU!

**AV Team**  | If Audio-Visual technology is your gift, we need YOU! We need a team of people to be in charge of all things having to do with audio, microphones, cameras, screens, and more.

Questions? Need more information? Contact Dawn Tatum (dawntatum@willchapumc.org)

Sign up online at willchapumc.org/praisekids
Children's Christmas Musical presented by the Cherub & Praise Kids Choirs

Sunday, December 4
5pm • Sanctuary

Christmas Yarn

After the performance, join us for Cookies & Cocoa in the Fellowship Hall!
The purpose of the Young Adult Foundry group is to help those in their 20s and 30s shape their lives spiritually after the example of Jesus. Foundry meets for Bible study on Sundays at 8PM via ZOOM and gets together for fun and fellowship as well as service projects throughout the year. The best place to keep up with us is in our Facebook group. If you are single or married, in your 20s or 30s, and looking for a community of friends seeking to grow in Christ and serve those in need, then you’ve found the right place in Foundry. For questions, please contact Kevin Ward at kevinward@willchapumc.org

Married couples are invited to join us for a wonderful night out that includes socializing, programming, and a delicious catered meal. Bring the kids! We will feed them and have fun with them while you enjoy a relaxing evening with your mate! These dinners fill up fast so be looking for the registration to come available on September 19. Pre-registration and payment are required. Enriching marriages is important to us at Williamson’s Chapel. We hope you will join us for this fun night out!

Saturday,
October 22
5:15 pm | Fellowship Hall
$25 / couple

Registration opens
Sept. 19
Child care provided

willchapumc.org/marriage

REGISTER (starting Sept. 19) | willchapumc.org/marriage
GriefShare (Ongoing)
led by Trish Carpenter, Judy Shultz, & Candy Clancy
2 PM | Rm B203
WILLCHAPUMC.ORG/REGISTER

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for those who are grieving the loss of someone close. This group is led by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time.

DivorceCare
led by Joann Simon | Starts Sept. 19
6:30 PM | Rm B203
WILLCHAPUMC.ORG/REGISTER

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar for those who have experienced separation and divorce led by people who understand. This group offers a place to learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life.

Tuesday Men’s Bible Study
led by Stephen Kuffler & Gene Engle | Starts Sept. 6th
1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month
9:00 AM | Rm A201

All men are welcome to join us for Bible study, coffee, and fellowship. Please invite your neighbor, co-worker, or relative to join us. We look forward to a year ahead of growing spiritually and forming life long friendships. Our current study is Fruit of the Spirit by Hazel Offner.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
led by Nan Robinson & Judy Waterman
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
6:30 - 7:30 PM | Rm B201

Combining knitting/crocheting with prayers as lap and shoulder shawls are stitched with care and love for those in need. Prayers shawls can be made with very simple directions and are given to those experiencing serious illness, cancer, grief, loss, emotional & spiritual needs, and those needing more care as they enter nursing homes. They are also given at times of great joy, when a baby is baptized into the church. New people & beginners are always welcome!

Spirituality and Anxiety

So many times in our lives, we find ourselves in situations that make our heart race, our breath short, our ability to think clearly compromised by fear and anxiety. To varying degrees we all have these emotions and they can overwhelm us. God has designed us with the capacity to find a quiet center in the midst of anxious times. In this time together, we will learn a bit about how God created our bodies and receive some practical spiritual tools to help us cultivate a quiet center in anxious moments. Each class led by Pastor Toni Ruth Smith.

3 separate offerings (each capped at 12 in attendance)

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register for classes online | willchapumc.org/register
Williamson’s Wednesdays for Women

Join us at 9:30 for morning coffee & food in the Fellowship Hall. Classes begin at 10am.

◊ WWW CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 14!
(Books available on the first day of class.)

Choose one of the classes below & register online at WILLCHAPUMC.ORG/REGISTER

For more information, contact Denise Addington at adultministries@willchapumc.org

Wrestling Hurricanes  led by Tiffany Haines & Sally Meredith
Local Christian Author, Tiffany Haines shares her own personal account in her book, Wrestling Hurricanes. It speaks to the highs and lows of a chaotic life. This study is an authentic first-hand example of how Christ followers can choose to react to life’s biggest storms. For every person who has asked why, it provides a clear, compelling, and biblical answer. In the end, Wrestling Hurricanes is not only a foundational, modern true story of resilience by which the gospel is not only learned, but also the sharing of God’s ultimate plan for now and eternity. Join Tiffany and her mom as they lead us in Navigating Life’s Relentless Storms for God’s Glory.

John 1-12  led by Katy Law & Jen Riser
We all long for a full, rich, satisfying life, but many don’t know how to fill up the empty places in our souls. How can we quench our thirst for something deeper, more lasting, more meaningful? Please join us as we take a fresh look at who Jesus is in the first half of the Gospel of John. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to establish or renew your faith in the One who offers true meaning, true belonging and true life.

Agents of Babylon  led by Sue Bassinger & Pam Koschnitzke
In this study, you will become acquainted with the most prominent players in the book of Daniel—those who play a role in Daniel’s life and in the prophetic end-time plan of God. These agents were kings and rulers, royal counselors, animals, angels both good and evil, and inanimate objects like trees and statues. All play a part in the unfolding story of Daniel in Babylon. You will also develop confidence as the future days on earth are understood from a biblical perspective. You will become equipped to discuss the hope that we have as believers in Christ, and you will acquire new understanding about the events in the world today.

Jesus In Me  led by Nancy Lee, Matilda Eddy & Sue Cheek
Anne Graham Lotz draws on her rich biblical knowledge as well as her personal story—including her recent cancer diagnosis—to help us understand that the Holy Spirit is not a magic genie, a flame of fire, a force, or a vague feeling. He is a Person who prays for us, guides us in our relationships and decisions, comforts us in pain, and stays by our side at all times. He is not an optional extra in the Christian life; He is a divine necessity. In this simple yet profound teaching, Anne explores seven key aspects of the Holy Spirit that will revolutionize how you understand and relate to this vital member of the Trinity.
Williamson's Wednesdays
for Women

Christmas Brunch

DECEMBER 14th
9:30 AM

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN IN MID-OCTOBER
Dinner’s ready!

Everyone is welcomed & encouraged to join us for a delicious dinner on Wednesday nights 5:30 - 6:30PM.

Our home-cooked meals are cooked by talented cook teams and served by WCUMC mission and ministry teams. All proceeds from these dinners benefit a good cause and the cost is only a suggested $5/person donation (*kids under 5 eat free*). It’s so economical!

Wednesday night dinners will begin on September 14, and run for 8-weeks ending on November 2.

Pre-registration and payment are required to ensure that we are purchasing the correct amount of food, which helps us be good stewards of our resources. Therefore, you will need to register and pay for each meal separately. This type of registration allows you to donate additional funds to whatever mission is serving that night - and your donation will be considered a charitable donation for tax purposes.

Registration links will be available beginning Wednesday, August 24. Register online at [willchapumc.org/register](http://willchapumc.org/register)
**Wednesday Night Dinner**

5:30 - 6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Suggested love offering $5/person

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Proceeds from each meal support local & global missions.

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The Habits of Happiness singles bible study  
*led by Pastor Mark Pitts*  
*Starts Sept. 21st*  
Rm B204 | 6:00 PM | Book: $5  
[Willchapumc.org/register](http://Willchapumc.org/register)

Now—more than ever—people are yearning for true happiness. In this study, Pastor Rick Warren will teach you exercises for a happy heart, and offer biblically-based ways to develop a perspective of contentment. Through this study, you will learn how to cultivate the transformational habits of gratitude, forgiveness, humility, and contentment. You will learn how to relieve stress and conflict by staying focused on your God-given purpose. Pastor Rick Warren will teach you habits to stop comparing yourself to others, to release the pain of your past hurts, and to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus. 6 sessions

Disciple I bible study (fast track)  
*led by Stephen Kuffler*  
*Starts Sept. 14th*  
B203 | 6:30 PM | Book: $16  
[Willchapumc.org/register](http://Willchapumc.org/register)

This life-transforming intro study to the Bible utilizes daily reading, offering an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary. We’ll have a great time and you will understand the flow of the Bible and how it all fits together. Please join us as we discuss our reading and gain understanding of what we read. Disciple I (fast track) is for everyone; please don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually in the WORD. 10 sessions

The book of Job  
*led by Larry McGinnis*  
*Starts Sept. 14th*  
Rm B201 | 6:30 PM | Bible  
[Willchapumc.org/register](http://Willchapumc.org/register)

One of the most basic questions any person of faith must wrestle with is why bad things happen to good people. The book of Job gives an account of a righteous man who faithfully responded to difficult trials. Job’s experience invites us to ponder difficult questions about the causes of suffering, the frailty of human existence, and the reasons to trust in God, even when life seems unfair. Throughout all of his trials, Job retained his integrity and his trust in God even when another suggested that he “curse God, and die”. Most likely, all of us may feel like Job at one time or another. This book offers a poignant analysis of some of life’s most difficult questions. 8 sessions

Daring Faith  
*led by Rich Oppmann & Randy Phillips*  
*Starts Sept. 21st*  
Rm A204 | 6:30 PM | Book: $5  
[Willchapumc.org/register](http://Willchapumc.org/register)

Now is the time to choose faith over fear and live with more freedom, joy, and impact. In this Rick Warren study, you will discover how you can have daring faith in these uncertain times and make a difference for Christ. Expect the best from God each day, build a bold and unshakable life of faith, stretch your imagination further, take initiative, face your fears, and believe while you’re waiting. Break free from fear and discover what it means to grow a bolder, more confident faith that gives you the resilience to keep going regardless of the circumstances. Let the world see your daring faith today! 6 sessions

Isaiah: the story of Israel’s prophet  
*led by Julie Baur*  
*ONLINE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY*  
*Starts Sept. 14th*  
ZOOM | 6:30 PM | Book: $10  
[Willchapumc.org/register](http://Willchapumc.org/register)

Often named the fifth Gospel, the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel’s coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book. Brilliant, courageous, and uncompromising, this prophet declared that the year of the LORD had come and God’s people needed to either step up or stand down. Indeed, when Isaiah spoke, kings trembled. But too often, when Isaiah speaks today, God’s people have trouble hearing. Why? We often miss the larger context. In this study, Dr. Sandra Richter takes participants back to the eighth century BC and explains Israel’s religion and economy, explores the definition and role of the prophets, and helps us to apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today. 10 sessions
**THURSDAY**

**The Book of Job**
*Online Women's Bible Study*

*led by Susie Patillo*  |  *Starts Sept. 8th*

[Image of Job]

Why do faithful people suffer? Job wanted to know, so he demanded an answer from God. His friends thought he was crazy, but Job persisted. Finally, God answered. This study is for anyone who has struggled with these perennial questions and wants to ask God, "Why?" We will be using this study guide written by Paul Stevens. He shares his knowledge about Job in these twelve studies that include topics such as: The Problem of Pain, God in the Storm, The Joy of Repentance, Dealing With the Devil and Is Faith Always Worthwhile?

**Philippians Bible Study**

*led by Pastor Wes Smith*  |  *Starts September 15th*

[Image of Philippians]

Everyone is welcome to join Pastor Wes for this study of Philippians and find out why this letter (that Paul wrote while imprisoned) is considered to be his "joyful" letter. There is so much to learn from this short letter that will challenge, encourage, and inspire us as we "press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus"!

**Sewing Ministry**

*led by Dottie Franks & Judy Waterman*

*2nd & 4th Thursday of each month*

2 PM - 4 PM  |  *Rm A204*

We enjoy a special time of fellowship as we meet to prepare items to bless the 7 charities we are currently sewing and quilting for. Incomplete projects are often taken home by members and worked on. Most of the fabrics we work with have been donated by members of WCUMC and the community. No sewing machine is required to join this group and new people are always welcome!

**FRIDAY**

**Men’s Friday Morning Bible Study**

*led by Scott Addington*  |  *Ongoing*

[Famous Toastery]

Please join us for wonderful discussion, delicious food, mission opportunities, and strong fellowship. Ages vary from young adults to retirees. All men are welcome. Please contact Scott Addington for more details at scottanddenise@gmail.com.

**Current Study ... Growing Older & Wiser**

You can't change the fact that you are getting older. And, indeed, you may not want to! Age brings many gifts and opportunities for continued growth. This study will help you discover the Bible's perspective on aging. You'll discover how God can effectively and powerfully use those who have grown wiser with the passing years.

**Next Study ... Heaven**  *Starts October 7th*  |  *Book $8.00*

Heaven is hard for us to picture. We think of floating on clouds and playing harps or walking on streets of gold. While we know we want to go there, we are a little nervous about what it will be like. This study provides us with a biblical perspective on heaven-something richer and more exciting than we could even imagine.
A note from Kevin Ward ...

I am so excited to be returning to Williamson's Chapel as the Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Mission! I just wanted to take a moment to reintroduce myself to some of you and introduce myself to those I have yet to meet.

First off, to know me is to know my family! I am married to Amy, who is a teacher at Mooresville High School (just started her 16th year there), and I am the dad of Anna (8) and James (4). Both Anna and James are in school with the Mooresville Graded School district at South ES and Rocky River ES. I was previously at WCUMC from November 2006 through May 2011, and have been in full-time ministry since the fall of 2002. I have been at St. Andrew's UMC, in Charlotte, for the last 11 years as the Family Ministries Director. I love all things sports and especially love the Panthers, Tar Heels, and Carolina Hurricanes! I love to both listen to and play music as well! Give me some classic rock or blues on vinyl and I am a happy guy!

As far as ministry goes, I believe the root of all healthy ministry is healthy relationships. Programs and events are tools to build relationships with each other and tools to deepen our faith in God. I am passionate about getting all of the church involved in mission and service to our community in healthy and meaningful ways (to both those serving and those being served). I believe we all grow best in our faith when we have a safe place to talk out our faith, and not just classes to gain head knowledge about faith.

I am so excited to begin ministry with the Grow team here at WCUMC and to also work with the rest of the staff and volunteers here at the church!

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<td>Join us in the Youth House for hot cocoa, coffee, &amp; fellowship. This will be a safe place to connect with others and to talk about our faith, scripture, and life.</td>
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<td>Bring your instruments and bring your voices as we learn songs for Sunday night youth gatherings! All skill levels are welcome to come and be a part of this new adventure! <strong>(starts Sept. 18)</strong></td>
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<td>Join us on Sunday nights to learn, play games, eat, worship, pray, &amp; discuss our faith in small groups. Keep an eye out for a more detailed schedule later!</td>
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**11 am Sunday Morning | A Bible Study for Youth Parents**

**Your Teenager is Not Crazy**  
led by Whitney Cassell

*See page 8 for a complete class description.*

Book: $10  
**Starts September 11th**
2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes are open to all students in 7th & 8th grade.

Confirmation is an important time in the life of our young people. It is the time they “make firm” what God has already been doing in their life. It is a time they learn the history of their Christian story from creation to now, understand and embrace the essential practices of the United Methodist Church, and embark on a daily walk of faith. We seek to accomplish this through learning from our own congregation. Each week pastors, staff, and members of our church will share about areas of history, belief, and action. We also include several projects and trips to increase our learning. If you have questions, feel free to give Kevin Ward a call (704-664-3680). Online registration will be available later this fall for the 2023 Confirmation Class.

willchapumc.org/youth
The heart of WC Kids ministry is for every child to discover the love God has for them and to know they can trust Him no matter what. Our kid’s ministry includes Sunday morning programs, Sunday nights for preteens, and special events throughout the year such as VBS and holiday celebrations!

willchapumc.org/kids

INTRODUCING THE WC KIDS WING!
(1ST FLOOR OF THE A BUILDING)

Starting September 11 all Sunday morning kids' rooms will be in the new WC Kids Wing, located on the lower floor of the A building. We have been working hard on improvements to the classrooms and hallways to be welcoming & inviting to our children. We would love for you to stop by and check out the kid’s area!

• SPECIAL OPEN HOUSE •
SEPTEMBER 11
(Stop by during HALFTIME!)

upcoming events

Sunday October 30

Third Grade Bibles

One of the great joys of our Christian faith is reading the Bible. It is the tradition at Williamson’s Chapel to present a Bible to our Third Graders. Please register your Third Grader to participate and receive a personalized Bible.

HOLLY RYAN, Children’s Ministries Coordinator | hollyryan@willchapumc.org
BE tween

A PRE-TEEN MINISTRY FOR 4th & 5th GRADERS

Sundays | 5:30-7PM
SEPT. 11 — NOV. 13

Join us for fellowship, games & our amazing Bible curriculum written just for preteens.

Open to all! Invite your friends!

Holly Ryan, Children’s Ministries Coordinator | hollyryan@willchapumc.org

willchapumc.org/between
Come Serve!

Don’t know how to get started? First, learn what Spiritual Gifts you have.

WHAT ARE YOUR Spiritual Gifts? TAKE OUR ONLINE TEST
UMC.ORG/WHAT-WE-BELIEVE/SPRITUAL-GIFTS-ONLINE-ASSESSMENT

Read more about your gifts and how to use them effectively at Williamson’s Chapel.

Second, complete the GPS Survey and share your Gifts Passions Skills
willchapumc.org/GPS

Can’t wait to get started? Connect with Susan, our Volunteer Coordinator!
volunteer@willchapumc.org
Come Serve!

Audio-Visual Support
Instrumentalists and Singers (Modern Service)
Ushers
Communion Servers
Creative Worship Planning Team
Special Services support team (Healing, Communion, Seasonal, etc.)
Children’s Music & Handbells, Adult Choirs & Handbells (Traditional Service)

WC Kids
- Sunday morning children’s volunteers
- Nursery workers

Youth
- Sunday Morning Assistants (11:00AM-Noon)
- Fall Retreat Volunteers (October 14-16)
- Sunday Evening Youth Band / Music Volunteers (4:30-5:30PM)
- Sunday Evening Assistants (5:30-7:00PM)

Adult Ministries
- Small Group Bible Study Leader
- Church Bookstore Steward-Sunday mornings

- First Food Sundays – Bring canned goods to be distributed
- Serve with local partners in the community
- Sewing Ministry-Sew items for those in need in our community
- Connection Team – Welcome visitors and members at Sunday services
- Volunteer at Park View Elementary School in Mooresville
- Worship Welcome Team/Greeters
- Half-Time Connection Team
- Hosts for Special Events

- Prayer Shawl Team (knit shawls; knitting lessons available)
- Church Hosts (welcome those at church functions and events)
- Prayer Chain Ministry
- Send encouraging notes to those in nursing homes
- Visit members in hospitals, nursing homes, and the homebound

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

Interested in serving in one (or more) of these areas?
Connect with Susan Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator, (volunteer@willchapumc.org) for more info.
Williamson’s Chapel is excited to offer an opportunity to partner with a local school to make a meaningful impact on our community. Our children are our future and even an hour of your time once a week can make a difference! We hope you will consider investing in this partnership and our future!

Ways we can help!

- **Recess** *(taking a class out for recess)*
- **Cafeteria** *(assisting in the cafeteria by making sure that the students have everything they need)*
- **Help individuals** *(one-on-one with a student or small groups of students)*
- **Donate classroom materials & supplies**
- **Read with small groups of students**
- **Breakfast, lunch, or snack for staff throughout the year**
- **Teacher prep** *(helping teachers with various tasks)*
- **Much more....**

Please go onto the Mooresville Graded School District website and fill out the Secure Volunteer form.

[www.mgsd.k12.nc.us/](http://www.mgsd.k12.nc.us/) *(under the Parents & Students tab)*

If you have any questions contact Ivory Vanderburg at ivanderburg@mgsd.k12.nc.us.
Williamson’s Chapel
MISSION TRIP TO
PLYMOUTH NC
SEPTEMBER
25 - 30

Returning to Plymouth NC and working through Carolina Rebuilding Ministry making homes safer for our brothers & sisters in Christ.

Cost: $100/person

Sign up online at willchapumc.org/serve
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First Food Sunday is an easy way for adults and children to help those in need in our community. Needed items will be posted on the church website, Facebook, and e-alerts the last week of each month. All donated items go to Christian Mission, Feed NC, Bright Blessings, and the Mooresville Kindness Closet.
Volunteer Opportunities
Decorators, Inventory, Store set-up, Gift Wrap, Personal Shoppers, Greeters, Prayer Team, Parking/Security, Volunteer Check-in, Stockers, Translators & Clean-up. Spots go fast so be sure to sign up early!

Important Dates

November 13 & 20
Tags available after each service.

December 4 & 5
Gift Drop-off | Chapel

December 10
Share Christmas!
9:30am Volunteer Check-in
10:00 - 12:30 Event

willchapumc.org/sharechristmas
Wellness Opportunity

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org

Outdoor Ministry News

Tentative plans are being made for an Outdoor Ministry event on Saturday, September 17.

We are also looking at possible events in October and November.

Check the website for coming info!

[willchapumc.org/outdoorwc](http://willchapumc.org/outdoorwc)
When you think of “Community,” think of “Connection” and “Caring.”

WCUMC’s Community Ministry is all about helping you "Renew" in your walk and relationship with God as a part of the community of faith. You can do so by connecting to a community group or support group. We also invite you to get involved in one of our many care teams in which you will be blessed and be a blessing! Pray and ask God where He wants you to connect and care in the mission and ministry of the WillChap Community of Faith!

Rev. Mark Pitts
markpitts@willchapumc.org

Community Groups

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<td>A diverse group of singles of all ages with one goal: to seek the will of God in our lives. We provide opportunities such as Bible study, support groups, mission projects, fellowship and social events. Contact Rev. Mark Pitts for more info.  Please see p20 for Bible study info.</td>
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| EVERREADYS |
| Senior Adult Ministry |
| All adults age 55+ are invited to join this very active group for monthly lunch and fellowship, trips and travel experiences, and lots of fun! The EverReadys meet the first Tuesday of the month for lunch and fun at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Rev. Mark Pitts for more info. |

| UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWF) |
| The United Methodist Women are now the United Women in Faith. At Williamson’s Chapel, we have three active circles… Circle 3, Hope Circle, and Grace Circle. We welcome all ladies who have a heart for service and mission work. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sharon Furr sharonm.furr@gmail.com for more information. |

| UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) |
| The purpose of the UMM is to help men grow in Christ so others may know Christ. The UMM meet for breakfast and fellowship on the first Sunday of every month in the fellowship hall at 8 AM. Men of all ages are invited to attend. For more info contact Mike Brotherton, UMM President, at mikebrot@roadrunner.com. |

Care Ministries

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Rev. Mark Pitts to join this group.

As prayer requests are shared, emails are sent to the prayer chain. It's a “one & done” prayer ministry, meaning as the requests are sent, take a moment to lift a prayer, then you are done until the next request is sent.

PRAYER SHawl  led by Nan Robinson & Judy Waterman

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month
6:30 - 7:30 PM | rm B201

Combines knitting/crocheting and prayers as they are stitched with care and love for those in need. Prayers Shawls can be made with very simple directions and are given to those experiencing serious illness, cancer, grief, loss, emotional and spiritual needs, and those needing more care as they enter nursing homes. They are also given at times of great joy, when a baby is baptized into the church. New people and beginners are always welcome!

SEWING MINISTRY  led by Dottie Franks & Judy Waterman

2nd & 4th Thursday of each month
10:15 AM - 2:15 PM | rm A204

We enjoy a special time of fellowship as we meet to prepare items to bless the 7 charities we are currently sewing and quilting for. Incomplete projects are often taken home and worked on by members. Most of the fabrics we work with have been donated by members of WCUMC and the community. No sewing machine is required to join this group and new people are always welcome!

willchapumc.org/community/care
9th Annual Williamson’s Chapel United Methodist Men Golf Tournament

Friday, September 23
MALLARD HEAD COUNTRY CLUB
Check-in begins at 10:00 AM  🍕  Shotgun start at 12PM

Randy Marion Dealership
CAR
Hole in One Prize

Sawyer Insurance
$25,000
Hole in One Prize

Registration now open for individual players through 4 person teams.

$75 registration fee per player

SIGN UP DETAILS AT
WILLCHAPUMC.ORG/UMM

A portion of the proceeds will go to support Williamson’s Chapel UMM missions.
Rain Date: September 30
**Stephen Ministry**

Stephen Ministry of Williamson’s Chapel provides confidential one-to-one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister is a trained caregiver who listens, cares, prays, encourages, and offers the love of Christ during a time of need. Some situations that might result in a confidential, caring Stephen Ministry relationship are divorce, illness and/or hospitalization, unemployment, life transitions, being home-bound or in a nursing home, loneliness, birth/adoption, miscarriage, infertility, spiritual crisis, death of a loved one, or any life challenge.

*For more information about Stephen Ministry or to request a Stephen Minister, please contact ...*

Mark Pitts, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care
markpitts@willchapumc.org | 704-664-3680.

If you would prefer to speak with a female, contact Sandy Tabor-Gray at 704-763-9478.

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**Act of Love**

*End of Life Planning Resource Guide*

This booklet was put together for WCUMC and our community with the belief that death and dying are part of living and that preparation represents Christian stewardship. It is intended to be a guide and should be personalized for your own situation. Fill in the information while you are well and sound of mind. Update the information as needed and keep it timely. Let your family know the location of this booklet and keep it accessible. We hope that you find it helpful, and please know that we are available to work with you throughout this process.

**Celebration of Life Planning Meetings**

- **Wednesday, September 7th** at 10AM | RM B201
- **Monday, October 3rd** at 1PM | RM B201
- **Thursday, November 10th** at 10AM | RM B201

**Support Groups**

**DivorceCare**

*Mondays*

starts Sept. 19

*6:30 PM | RM B203*

*led by Joann Simon*

DivorceCare is a weekly support group and seminar for those who have experienced separation & divorce and is led by people who understand. This group offers a place to learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life.

**GriefShare**

*Mondays (ongoing)*

*2 PM | RM B203*

*led by Judy Shultz, Trish Carpenter, & Candy Clancy*

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for those who are grieving the loss of someone close. This group is led by people who understand what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time.

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willchapumc.org/community/support
Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

For more information about Stephen Ministry or to request a Stephen Minister, please contact ...
Mark Pitts, Associate Pastor of Congregational Care markpitts@willchapumc.org | 704-664-3680.
willchapumc.org/stephenministry
Giving is foundational to everything we do as a church – COMMUNITY, WORSHIP, SERVE, and GROW. Each and every gift given to God’s kingdom through Williamson’s Chapel makes a difference. Thank you for your tithes, special gifts, honorariums, and memorials.

and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. Luke 6:38

**PRIMARY FUNDS TO SUPPORT MINISTRIES, MISSIONS, OPERATIONS, & FACILITIES OF WCUMC**

### General Fund

Support for the General Fund should be your first gift to the church, as this fund enables Williamson’s Chapel to exist. This pays for all staff, basic bills, all programming dollars, and giving to the larger United Methodist Church.

### Missions Funds

Your gifts for the Missions Grant Fund, as well as some other Special Ministries Funds, support ministries beyond our walls, including local community organizations, national disaster assistance, and international mission work.

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Special Ministries Funds**

If you want to do more, to go beyond the support provided to the primary funds, you can provide support to specific areas of need through a special gift to one of our Special Ministries Funds.

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<td>Gifts support pastors in responding at their discretion to individual financial needs in the community, world, &amp; church.</td>
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<td>Gifts supplement the endowment fund earnings used to provide college tuition scholarships to graduating high school students and those enrolled in seminary who are members of, or regularly attend, WCUMC.</td>
<td>Gifts create a legacy to preserve the existence, and the mission of Williamson’s Chapel UMC for generations to come.</td>
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scheduled recurring gifts

For those who choose to give a set amount periodically, but prefer not to write checks or carry cash, you can schedule a recurring weekly, monthly, or quarterly gift in the following ways:

- You can schedule contributions through your online financial institution’s Bill Pay option, and your check will be mailed directly to us based on the schedule you establish, or
- You can set up recurring donations through our CCB system, using your CCB Login, by authorizing a scheduled auto-draft from your bank account or credit card. If you wish to set up a login account in CCB, you can follow the CCB link on the website to request a login, or you can contact the Finance office for assistance. Alternatively, the Finance office can assist in setting up a scheduled auto-draft. Please contact Linda Thyne or Cheryl Brunetti for assistance.

qualified charitable distributions from an IRA

If you are 70½ and older, and you are required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA, you may want to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution. The current tax laws allow individuals to make IRA distributions payable directly to a qualified charity, such as Williamson’s Chapel, without treating the distribution as taxable income to the individual.

If you must take a Required Minimum Distribution, but don’t need the entire amount, please consider gifting it to the Church as part of your annual support. This would potentially save you in taxes and would certainly benefit the church. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions, please see our website at willchapumc.org/give/how-to-give. If you have questions about how to execute this gift transaction, please contact Susan Cothern at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina at (888) 450-1956 ext. 1507 or email her at scothern@umfwnc.org and/or contact your personal income tax or financial advisor to help you through the process.

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When you shop Amazon, you can go through Smile.Amazon.com to make your purchases. All normal advantages of Amazon still apply. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of all qualifying purchases to support our ministries.

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If you do a lot of shopping online, join umcmarket.org and choose “North Carolina / Mooresville / Williamson's Chapel" and register to join iGive. Then, shop one of the hundreds of stores through this gateway website to have a percentage of your purchases at participating stores automatically donated to our church. It is easy, free, and is a great way to donate to the church through online shopping.

other ways to give

For information on other ways to give including Charitable Giving Programs, Donation of Securities, and Future Gifts through wills, estates, and trusts please contact our Finance office or see our website at willchapumc.org/give/how-to-give
WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT ...

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~ **PASTORAL CARE, SUPPORT GROUPS, STEPHEN MINISTRY, CHURCH COMMUNITY GROUPS: UMM, UWF, SINGLES, SENIOR ADULTS**
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~ **GROW, FAMILY, OR MARRIAGE MINISTRIES, WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, RENEW INITIATIVE**
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~ **VOLUNTEERING, SERVE OPPORTUNITIES, THE GPS**
~ **CCB QUESTIONS, RESERVING ROOMS, ADDING CALENDAR EVENTS**
~ **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP, WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, OR SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT WITH PASTORS TONI RUTH OR WES**
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~ **QUESTIONS/CONCERNS ABOUT THE CAMPUS, CEMETERY/COLUMBARIUM, REPORTING REPAIR NEEDS**
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**Wednesday Night Dinner**

**5:30 - 6:30PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Suggested love offering $5/person

**SEPT. 14**  **MEAT LASAGNE & VEGETABLE LASAGNE**
Salad, Garlic Bread, Plain Bread

**SEPT. 21**  **CHICKEN BURRITOS**
Rice, Beans

**SEPT. 28**  **CHICKEN TETRAZZINI**
Salad, Bread

**OCT. 5**  **BAKED SPAGHETTI**
Salad, Bread

**OCT. 12**  **WHITE CHICKEN CHILI AND TRADITIONAL TOMATO/MEAT CHILI**

**OCT. 19**  **MEAT LOAF**
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

**OCT. 26**  **CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS**
Rice, Slaw

**NOV. 2**  **CHICKEN CASSEROLE**
Rice, Salad, Bread

Proceeds from each meal support local & global missions.

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