... and you will be my witnesses in Mooresville, Charlotte, and to the ends of the earth....

paraphrased based on Acts 1:8
Join Pastors Toni Ruth & Wes for a short time of prayer at 9am on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday on Facebook Live.

**FACEBOOK.COM/WILLCHAPUMC**

**Prayer**

**Monday • Wednesday • Friday**

**At 9am on Facebook Live**

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, January 22 • 12 noon**

**Sunday, April 23 • 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.

**WILLCHAPUMC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP**

**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.

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**Campus Bookstore & Library**

*located in the hallway adjacent to the Fellowship Hall*

**Sundays** 10:30-11am
**Wednesday**s 9:30am - 10am

We carry books for all our classes, a variety of Bibles along with classic Christian literature, and the latest Christian fiction. You will find lots of amazing gifts that support our WCUMC Mission efforts in Jamaica, Uganda, and Mooresville. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards. Please also visit our prayer wall made by a WCUMC member. Place a prayer request there and pray for those in need. The WCUMC Library is located inside the bookstore with a variety of literature, both fiction and non-fiction. There is no cost to check out books.
A New Year

A new year and the birth of Spring gets everyone thinking about new starts and the changes we hope to make in our lives. If you have picked up this book, it’s likely you are also thinking about your walk of discipleship and the commitments you want to make to a more faithful walk with God in 2023.

The Book of Acts tells us that the church began with a very small group of disciples who chose to follow Jesus. They resolved to change their lives and the Holy Spirit empowered them to be witnesses “in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) Their resolutions led to world-wide revolution for Christ that reaches all the way to us today. Our resolutions begin at home, right here in Mooresville, and like we see in the first believers, the resolution isn’t meant to stay just at home. God calls us into the Mooresville community, into Charlotte, and to the ends of the earth.

In this book you will find ways to ignite a revolution in your relationship with God at home, at church, in your community, and into all the world. The greatest revolutions in our world begin with simple resolutions in individuals as we set our mind and hearts on the next faithful step that God calls to take. Maybe that will mean signing up for a small group. Perhaps it will mean volunteering with a local mission agency. It may be giving of your time in new ways to invest in the work of ministry at WCUMC. Whatever new thing God calls you into, we know you will find the tools for it in this book and most importantly, partners in the journey.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Toni Ruth & Pastor Wes

“... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8
We hope you will take our final Renew challenge on January 8th

Renew Beyond the Walls:
Reignite our Community Relationships

Our two-year initiatives always conclude with a final challenge that takes us beyond the walls of our church and into our community. Our prayer is that this challenge will lead us to those who need our love, support, and care right here in the Mooresville community.

We will provide specific ways to engage with our community partners and there will be ways to do this in person and remotely so everyone can participate. Be sure to take the challenge on January 8! If you're ready to take the challenge now, scan the QR code and sign up!
Pastors Toni Ruth and Wes will be offering a 4-week class open to anyone who would like to learn more about the United Methodist Church.

April 30 — May 21
5:30 PM | RM B203

LEARN MORE | SIGN UP
willchapumc.org/adultstudies
Save the Date for these upcoming events!

ReNew Sermon Series

New Year's represents opportunities for a fresh start. The best New Year's resolutions are the ones that lead to a true revolution in our lives that changes not only us but the world around us. Join us this January as we look at 4 people from the Bible whose personal resolution to follow God lead to a revolution that impacted their community and indeed the world. How might the world change in 2023 if we followed their lead?

| JAN. 29 | SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 • 10:30AM | SANCTUARY
|         | Fifth Sunday Fellowship
|         | Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a meal packing event opportunity (see p. 31).

| FEB. 5 | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 • 9:30AM & 11AM | SANCTUARY
|        | Scout Sunday

| FEB. 22 | WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 • 7PM | SANCTUARY
|         | Ash Wednesday Service
|         | Check out all the Ash Wednesday events on page 12.

Lent Sermon Series

Join us as we prepare our hearts through fasting and prayer to journey with Jesus to the cross. Learn more about the season of Lent on page 13.

| APR. 2 | SUNDAY, APRIL 2 • 9:30AM & 11AM | SANCTUARY
|        | Palm Sunday
|        | The 2023 Confirmation class will also be recognized on Palm Sunday.

| APR. 6 | THURSDAY, APRIL 6 • 7PM | SANCTUARY
|        | Holy Thursday Service
|        | An open communion table will be offered

| APR. 7 | FRIDAY, APRIL 7 • 7PM | SANCTUARY
|        | Good Friday Tenebrae Service

| APR. 9 | SUNDAY, APRIL 9 • 7AM SUNRISE | SANCTUARY
|        | Easter Sunday

Easter Sermon Series

Celebrate the best news the world has ever know: Christ is Alive!

| APR. 30 | SUNDAY, APRIL 30 • 10:30AM | SANCTUARY
|         | Fifth Sunday Fellowship
**SUNDAY | YOUTH & CHILDREN**

**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!

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**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)*

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**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!*

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**Sunday Evening**

### **CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

*see p12 for more program information*

- **Cherubs (ages 4 - K)**
  - 4:30-5:30PM | RM A101

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

### **YOUTH BAND**

*see p22 for more program information*

- **Youth Band / Music**
  - 4:30—5:30PM
  - Youth House (God Cave)
  - (starts January 22)

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### **Between preteen Ministry**

*All 4th & 5th graders welcome!*

- 5:30 - 7PM | Old Fellowship Hall
  - See p24 for more information.

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### **Youth Ministry**

*All middle & high school students welcome!*

- 5:30 - 7PM | Youth House / Pavilion
  - See p24 for more information.
9:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study

**FELLOWSHIP CLASS**  
*Older Couples, Singles*  
*led by Tony Leonard | Ongoing Group*

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*

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 & 10:50 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study

**LUKE: JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS**  
*led by John Dyer | Starts January 8*

In this study, Pastor Adam Hamilton explores the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke’s stories, we find Jesus’ care and compassion for all as He welcomes sinners and outcasts. Jesus brought the good news of God’s kingdom to those who most needed to hear it. Many of them were struggling and didn’t have their acts together. That includes you and me. As we study Luke and see Jesus’ concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.  

**ANGELS**  
*led by Sharon Furr | Starts January 15*

People have long been fascinated by stories of angel sightings, yet many contemporary beliefs about angels are based on misconception and myth rather than solid, biblical truth. Dr. David Jeremiah uses Scripture to unveil the remarkable truth about these agents of heaven and their role in our world and our lives. In this study, David Jeremiah simply separates fact from fiction as it relates to angels. His enlightening findings are supported with illustrations from prominent teachers such as Billy Graham, Corrie ten Boom and C.S. Lewis.  

**CHRISTIANS IN THE WORKPLACE**  
*led by Randy Phillips | Starts January 8*

Did you know that our work can be worship to God, as well as service to God and others? Work is something we all do, either full-time or during various phases of our adult lives. Pastor Rick Warren equips you to live out your faith at work. This study has been carefully designed to energize and show you how to follow Christ as you fulfill your job description. Each lesson offers you the opportunity to transform the way you perform your work every day.  

Register for classes online | willchapumc.org/register
**9:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study**

**CLOSER CONNECTION: THE 4 WAYS WE COMMUNICATE**

*led by Rev. Monica Humpal | Starts January 15*

Communication is one of those things that can either push a marriage apart or bring spouses closer together. Nearly everything we do communicates a message, so what happens if the two of you seem to be speaking different languages? In this small group study, you'll have the opportunity to discover why communication might be an issue for you, and how it can get easier. Are you ready to get closer with better communication? **6 sessions** **Please note:** **This class will be offered at both 9:30 & 11am but if either hour has less than 5 couples registered it will merge to one class at 11AM.**

**LEARN AS WE GROW PARENTING GROUP**

*led by Eric & Lexi Mannarino | Starts January 15*

All parents of children 5th grade and younger are encouraged to join us for our upcoming study called, *Parenting: Loving Our Children With God's Love*. Parenting is hard work, full of tough choices and new situations. Many voices compete with ours for our children's attention. In a rapidly changing world, how can we parent in a way that will cause our children to love Christ deeply and live for Him? This study addresses nine parenting challenges, pointing us directly to time-tested truth from Scripture that helps us raise our children with wisdom and joy. Please consider joining us for fun & fellowship with other parents in a similar stage of life. We also host awesome opportunities where our entire families can be together. We look forward to seeing you. **9 sessions**

**YOUR TEENAGER IS NOT CRAZY**

*led by Whitney Cassell | Starts January 15*

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**

**GENERATION CHANGE**

*led by Matt & Leigh Prince | Starts January 22*

*Generation Change* is a parent-led study for teens on what God says about money. In this study, Dave Ramsey gives you the tools and topics to discuss with your teen the most important issues on personal finance. **8 sessions**

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**Sunday Evening Bible Studies**

**#BeUMC (see page 5 for more details)**

*led by Pastors Wes & Toni Ruth | April 30—May 21 B203 | 5:30PM*

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**

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register for classes online | willchapumc.org/register
WCUMC friends...It’s been such a blessing getting to know many of you and begin my time in ministry with you over the last few weeks. God has been doing incredible things at Williamson’s Chapel, and it’s so exciting to even get a glimpse of what is to come. As we begin together, it might help for you to know more about me!

I first fell in love with music at 8 years old. My mom always wanted to learn to play the piano. The teacher she found offered a 2 for 1 deal if I came along too. This surely was the work of God. I fell in love with making music at the piano and never stopped! I joined the band in 7th grade and played clarinet (as well as many other instruments) all through high school. BUT I never sang! Like many, I felt like I couldn’t or wasn’t good enough. It wasn’t until college when I had to figure out how to pass Aural Skill (ear training) class that I joined the church choir. Cullowhee United Methodist Church Choir taught me a true passion for leading worship, how to play a hymn with energy and feeling, and what it means to live in community with one another. For that knowledge and friendships that stand the test of time, I am forever grateful.

Although I was certain I was called to teach high school band, God had other plans. I finally relented to God’s consistent, persistent calling, leaving Cullowhee for grad school/seminary at Perkins School of Theology. There I studied theology and choral conducting while learning married life with my college sweetheart, Clay. Following that, we returned to the Carolinas and have been doing our best to live our faith in the places God calls us to serve: 5 years at Tyro UMC in Lexington, 5 years at St. Johns UMC in Fort Mill, and 9+ years at Hawthorne Lane UMC in uptown Charlotte. Each has taught me so much, and I am so very grateful for the experiences.

Along the way, we added to our family. First, fur babies like many new couples do. Then, after struggling with infertility (happy to talk personally with any of you who are in this same life place anytime!), the adoption of our first beautiful, God-given child, Eleana (15). We continued to add to our family as God gifted us - Kaden (14), Zane (11), Nina (7). Last year God continued to work in our hearts to help children who just need a stable loving place to be, calling us to foster care. We are licensed in Mecklenburg county, welcoming in one child at a time.

That’s a tiny bit about my journey - I hope I’ll get to hear many of your stories as well and the ways God has been working in your lives!
As I begin my work at WCUMC, my first job is to join the already incredible musicians and artists and help build strong, spirit-filled worship services. The Modern Worship Team, the Tech Team, the Chancel Choir, and the Handbell Ringers (led by Dawn Tatum) are hard at work each week to create spaces that allow all of us to experience a bit of the holy each time we come into worship. We focus our time at every rehearsal perfecting what we do but also praying, listening to the Spirit, and organizing the ways we lead so that the whole church can come into the presence of the Spirit through song, word, art, design, and so much more.

Dreaming for the future I imagine so many ways we can do more in worship arts. I wonder if we can create an orchestra - we have so many folks at WCUMC with gifts in instrumental music - youth and adults! I wonder if we can work on some summer programming for kids - a whole week camp where kids put on a musical or a place for kids to come learn many ways of making sounds and art in worship using boomwhackers, ukuleles, guitars, drums, dance, visual art. I wonder if we can be creative in how we present the theme each season with a group of arts, painters, poets, and visual designers. I imagine our tech team can gather the skills of others in the congregation to work on our livestream service. What if our livestream service developed into its own worshipping group - folks who share a common service just as our 9:30am or 11am service, who also share prayer requests, thoughts on the sermon and theme, and who develop relationships with one another. What if our young folks learning instruments would play a prelude or offertory in worship once in a while? So many possibilities! What do you dream of? Do you have talents in the arts that you could share? Would you like to join a team, help me create something new, help build a worship experience that connects all of us to the heart of God? I would LOVE to hear your ideas and how you’d like to participate. Message me anytime and let’s get coffee! The possibilities are infinite when we consider all God can do!

Ps: Turn the page and take a look at existing ways to get involved in worship and music!

Pastor Carrie

The Wrights!
MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN | DAWN TATUM  dawntatum@willchapumc.org

CHERUB CHOIR | 4 yrs – Kindergarten  Sundays • 4:30 - 5:30PM • RM A101  (Jan. 22 thru April 2)
Cherub Choir will sing in at least one worship service. Using age appropriate curriculum, children will enjoy singing, playing instruments, moving, and creating, while growing in their love for God. Online registration opens January 1, 2023.

PRAISE KIDS CHOIR | 1st – 5th grade  Sundays • 4:30 - 5:30PM • RM B114 (Music Suite)  (Jan. 22 thru April 2)
Praise Kids will sing periodically in worship services. They will be playing ukuleles and other instruments, singing, and creating lots of music together! 5th graders will receive their own United Methodist Hymnal, engraved with their name, in honor of their commitment to Praise Kids choir. Online registration opens January 1, 2023.

YOUTH & ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

YOUTH BAND / MUSIC  Sundays • 4:30 - 5:30PM • YOUTH HOUSE (GOD CAVE)
Contact Kevin Ward to learn more  kevinward@willchapumc.org

MODERN WORSHIP BAND & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL (9:30AM SERVICE)  Tuesdays • 7PM • RM B114 (Music Suite)
Contact Carrie Wright to learn more  carriewright@willchapumc.org

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL (11AM SERVICE)  Wednesdays • 6:45PM • SANCTUARY
Contact Carrie Wright to learn more  carriewright@willchapumc.org

HAND BELL RINGERS REHEARSAL
Contact Dawn Tatum to learn more  dawntatum@willchapumc.org

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ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22

Drive-Thru Ashes
7-8AM and 12-1PM
(upper Sanctuary circle drive)

Pancake Dinner
5:30PM | Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service
7PM | Sanctuary
Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word, *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin His ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Today, Christians focus on relationship with God, growing as disciples, and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter." This is why you will see the designation "Sunday in Lent" rather than "Sunday of Lent" in the naming of these Sundays. On each Lord's Day in Lent, while Lenten fasts continue, the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

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**LENT • HOLY WEEK • EASTER**

**Lent**

40 days of preparation
February 22—April 6

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday: April 2
9:30 AM & 11 AM

Holy Thursday: April 6
7 PM open communion table offered

Good Friday: April 7
7 PM

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9

7 am sunrise service
9:30 AM & 11 AM service
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 Thursdays 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, contact Kevin Ward at kevinward@willchapumc.org or Maggie Keeler at siebert.marguerite@gmail.com

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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 February 1st. 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!

**Marriage Ministry Night Out**

**Saturday, February 25**

5:15 PM ❤ Fellowship Hall

$30 / couple *

Couples invited to wear their favorite “March Madness” basketball team colors!

*Kids activities & meal provided free of charge for couples attending.

REGISTER (starting Feb. 1st) | willchapumc.org/marriage
**Recovering the Practice of Lament**

-To lament is to cry out/to grieve/to mourn. We see in the Psalms that the Israelites understood the power of lament to draw us closer to the heart of God as we learn to voice our raw and real sorrows. As Christians, lament continues to hold power to invite us into a deep experience of God’s compassion that can sustain us in life’s most painful and challenging seasons. In this study, we will look at the pattern of laments in the Scripture, the music of lament, the power of corporate lament, and what it means to worship a God who mourns.

_In my distress I called out to the Lord and He answered me._ Psalm 120:1

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**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.

* 2 separate offerings (each capped at 12 in attendance)
* **Monday, February 6**
  - 7:30 pm | Zoom
* **Tuesday, February 7**
  - 10:10 am | B203

- registration required

***A testimonial from a previous class participant ...***

_I’m so grateful! Pastor Toni Ruth’s class on Spirituality and Anxiety has given me helpful tools to use on a daily basis, as well as, share with others who face various levels of anxiety. She graciously shared with us, on such a personal level, insightful and spiritual ways for us to embrace our anxiety and how to manage it. Please, as a gift to yourself, join the next class and breathe in all that God has in store for you._

—Keela Dyer

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**Recovering the Practice of Lament**

A 6-week study led by Rev. Toni Ruth Smith

**Tuesdays | 10am | B203**

Starting February 21
### Monday

**GriefShare**  
led by Trish Carpenter & Judy Shultz | Ongoing

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 Stacee Guin-Barbery | Starts late January

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

**Tuesday Men’s Bible Study**  
led by Stephen Kuffler & Gene Engle | Ongoing

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 *One At A Time* by Kyle Idleman.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
led by Nan Robinson & Judy Waterman

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**  
led by Pastor Toni Ruth Smith | 2 separate classes offered as noted.

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. *(see page 15 for more details)*

**Recovering the Practice of Lament**  
led by Pastor Toni Ruth Smith | Starts February 21

To lament is to cry out/to grieve/to mourn. We see in the Psalms that the Israelites understood the power of lament to draw us closer to the heart of God as we learn to voice our raw and real sorrows. As Christians, lament continues to hold power to invite us into a deep experience of God’s compassion that can sustain us in life’s most painful and challenging seasons. In this study we will look at the pattern of laments in the scripture, the music of lament, the power of corporate lament, and what it means to worship a God who mourns. *6 sessions*
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**Join us at 9:30 for morning coffee & food in the Fellowship Hall. Classes begin at 10am.**

**WWW CLASSES START JANUARY 11!**
*(Books available on the first day of class.)*

Choose one of the classes below & register online at W www.willchapumc.org/register

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

*www.willchapumc.org/register*

Williamson’s Chapel UMC 575 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville NC • 704-664-3680 | www.willchapumc.org
Dinner’s ready!

We’ve got you covered on Wednesday Nights!

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

$5/person suggested donation

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 January 11 and run for 9-weeks ending on March 1. 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.

THANK YOU for supporting our Wednesday night dinners.

In the fall of 2022, the missions, ministries, and local agencies that served our meals collected $3,521.68!

THANK YOU also to our amazing cook teams for providing our delicious meals!

REGISTER ONLINE AT

willchapumc.org/register

willchapumc.org/grow/Wednesday-nights
Wednesday Night Dinner
5:30 - 6:30pm | Fellowship Hall
Suggested love offering $5/person
Proceeds from each meal support local & global missions.

**Jan. 11**
BBQ & Baked Beans  
mission: Christmas Jar

**Jan. 18**
Cavatini, Salad, & Bread  
mission: Youth Missions

**Jan. 25**
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce  
mission: Acres of Hope

**Feb. 1**
Chicken Casserole, Green Beans, & Bread  
mission: First Food Sunday

**Feb. 8**
Chili & Baked Potato Bar  
mission: The Christian Mission

**Feb. 15**
Chicken Burrito, Rice, & Beans  
mission: The Christian Mission Building Fund

**Feb. 22**
Pancakes, Sausage, & Homemade Toppings  
mission: Sponsored Child in Uganda

**Mar. 1**
Chicken & Noodle Dish  
mission: Prison Match

**Mar. 8**
Crock Pot Beef Stroganoff  
mission: UMM Missions

Learn more | sign up  
willchapumc.org/wednesdaynights

Williamson’s Chapel  
united methodist church

Register for meals online | willchapumc.org/register
**HOW TO GET WHAT YOU REALLY WANT**  
*SINGLES BIBLE STUDY* led by Pastor Mark Pitts  
| Starts January 18 |

Rm B204 | 6:00 PM  
Book: $5

Most of us don’t know what we really want because we’re so distracted by our desires and appetites, what we can have now. What do you want? Seriously, what do you want? Did you know you’ll never get what you really want until you discover what you really value? In this study, Pastor Andy Stanley reveals how to get what you really want. Sessions include: *Careful What You Want For, Don’t Be Deceived, Last Things First, and Thinkin’ It Through*. 6 sessions

**DISCIPLE I BIBLE STUDY (FAST TRACK)**  
led by Stephen Kuffler  
| Starts January 11 |

A204 | 6:30 PM  
Book: $16

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. 12 sessions

**THE MINOR PROPHETS**  
led by Larry McGinnis  
| Starts January 11 |

Rm B201 | 6:30 PM  
Bring your Bible

Many are familiar with the Bible books of the major prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel. But have you ever wondered about the prophets that are referred to as the Minor prophets? Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi are the famous 12 minor prophets. They are referred to as minor because they are less extensive than the major prophets, not less important. Join us for this study designed to familiarize us with these little study books from the Old Testament. 8 sessions

**GOD'S ANSWERS TO LIFE'S DIFFICULT QUESTIONS**  
led by Rich Oppmann  
| Starts January 11 |

Rm A201 | 6:30 PM  
Book: $8

In this study, Pastor Rick Warren equips you with practical steps and specific actions you can take, based on God's Word, that will help you cope with 12 of the most difficult, perplexing challenges, struggles, and fears we all face: How can I cope with stress? How can I rebound from failure? How can I overcome depression? How can I live to my full potential? How can I have peace of mind? How can I handle discouragement? How can I tackle my problems? How can I be confident in a crisis? How can I ever change? How did I get myself into this mess? How can I conquer loneliness and why is this happening to me? God's answers to life's difficult questions are to live a life where God reigns supreme and that He will step into your life (provided that you know you need Him). With this as your faith, God will lead and guide you through the difficult situations into the most correct path. 6 sessions

**HELP IS HERE ONLINE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
led by Julie Baur  
| Starts January 11 |

ZOOM | 6:30 PM  
Book: $14

Bills pile up. Savings go down. Marriages go south. Work goes off the rails. Stress goes off the charts. It’s all too much to take on by yourself. Fortunately, you don’t have to take it all on yourself. In fact, God never intended for you to do so. He has provided heaven-sent help to walk with you, guide you, and shoulder the load. Someone who never gets tired. Someone who is strong and powerful. Someone who is unhindered by what hinders us. Someone who is always nearby. Interested? If so, join please join us as Max Lucado invites us to learn more about this “helper” whom we know as the Holy Spirit. 5 sessions

**register for classes online | willchapumc.org/register**
**Thursday**

**THE BOOK OF ROMANS**  **ONLINE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**  
*led by Susie Patillo | Starts January 5*

Sometimes our worship loses its passion. Our prayer life becomes stagnant. We forget why we are serving God. And slowly, subtly, the world's ways become our ways. This study on the book of Romans addresses these problems, showing us how we can break out of old patterns and become new in Christ. We will see in Romans how all people everywhere have free access to the riches of God’s grace in Christ as they respond in faith to the gospel. In His own Son, God has made a way for all lost people to be restored to Him.  **12 sessions**

**BOOK OF JUDGES BIBLE STUDY**  
*led by Pastor Wes Smith | Starts January 12*

Mayhem! Violence! Conspiracies! Political Intrigue! Romance Gone Wrong! That might sound like a new hit show on Netflix or Amazon, but that’s actually what we find in an important and often overlooked book in our Bible! Join Pastor Wes for a 6-week study of Judges starting on Thursday, January 12th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, as we learn what this book might teach us about living as faithful Christians in 21st century America. **6 sessions**

**SEWING MINISTRY**  
*led by Dottie Franks & Judy Waterman*

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!

**FOUNDRY YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
*led by Maggie & Matt Keeler | Ongoing*

Our Foundry group (20s & 30s, pre-kids) meets on Thursday 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.

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**Friday**

**MEN’S FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
*led by Scott Addington | Ongoing*

You pray for your own needs and for the needs of others. You pray in the face of conflict, and you pray for forgiveness. You pray to pour out your heart to God and to gain a glimpse of God's heart for you. As we study the prayers of men and women in the Bible (Mary, Abraham, Moses, Daniel, and more), you will gain new insights into why, what, and how to pray. You will experience more fully the adventure that prayer can be. 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.
### Sunday | Youth Opportunities

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| **Sunday Morning 11 AM** | YOUTH HOUSE (GOD CAVE)  
Join us in the Youth House for hot cocoa, coffee, & fellowship. This will be a safe place to connect with others and to talk about our faith, scripture, and life. |
| **Youth Band / Music Sunday 4:30 PM** | GOD CAVE  
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! *(starts Jan. 22)* |
| **Sunday Evening 5:30 PM** | YOUTH HOUSE/PAVILION  
Join us on Sunday nights to learn, play games, eat, worship, pray, & discuss our faith in small groups. Keep an eye out for a more detailed schedule later! |

### 11 am Sunday Morning | A Bible Study for Youth Parents

**YOUR TEENAGER IS NOT CRAZY**  
*led by Whitney Cassell*  
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*

**GENERATION CHANGE**  
*led by Matt & Leigh Prince*  
Generation Change is a Parent-led study for teens on what God says about money. In this study, Dave Ramsey gives you the tools and topics to discuss with your teen the most important issues on personal finance. *6 sessions*

### Summer 2023 | Save the Dates

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| **ASP**  
June 18-24  
Cost: TBD | **Thirst**  
July 9-14  
Cost: TBD |
Souper Bowl Sunday
Sunday, February 12th
Fellowship Hall
12:15pm

The youth will be selling homemade soup for a donation to raise money for retreats & mission trips.

CARRYOUT AVAILABLE AFTER 10:30AM
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

**CHILDREN & SUNDAYS**

**INFANT-TODDLER**

From the beginning, your youngest ones experience God’s love in tangible ways as they are nurtured by our caring, professionally staffed nursery.

**Preschool - Kindergarten**

First Look gives children a first impression of their heavenly Father and the wonder of His love for each of them. They discover who God is through three basic truths: God made me. God loves me. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

**1st Grade - 5th Grade**

At 252, kids will learn about God’s Big Ideas, that we call Life Apps and focus on three basic truths: Trust God no matter what. Treat others the way I want to be treated. Make the wise choice.

**4th & 5th Grade**

Join us for fellowship, games and our amazing Bible curriculum written just for preteens. Open to all! Invite your friends!

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023**

**KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE**

JUNE 12-15
5:30-8 pm

**SAVE THE DATE**

VBS 2023
EVENING with the Easter Bunny

Friday, March 31st
5PM–7PM
Drop In

EASTER ACTIVITIES
FREE DINNER
PHOTO OP WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!
Don’t know how to get started?
First, learn what Spiritual Gifts you have.

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

Can’t wait to get started? Connect with Susan, our Volunteer Coordinator!

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. - Colossians 3:23 (GNT)
Worship & Arts
- Ushers for both Sunday Morning Services (9:30 AM, 11:00 AM)
- Children’s Choir Group Leaders and Assistants
- Audio & Tech Assistants for Sunday Services
- Camera Operator (Training Included)
- Instrumentalists (i.e., keyboard, handbells) and Vocalists for Sunday services

WC Kids
- Sunday Morning Check-In Greeters
- Sunday Morning Hall Monitors
- Sunday Morning Small Group Leaders
- Sunday Evening Preteen Volunteer
- Theme Decorator

Youth Ministries
- Sunday Morning Youth Sunday School Volunteer
- Sunday Night Youth Volunteer
- Sunday Night Youth & BeTween Meal Volunteer
- Mission Trip Volunteer (one week commitment)
- Write notes to college students

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

Serve/Mission Ministries
- First Food Sundays — Bring canned goods to be distributed
- Sewing Ministry — Sew items for those in need in our community
- Serve with local partners in the community (Community Partners booklet available)
- Connection Team — Welcome visitors and members at Sunday services
- Volunteer at Park View Elementary School in Mooresville
- Share Easter Volunteer

Community Ministries
- 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 our shut-ins
Williamson’s Chapel Preschool
2023-2024 Registration Information
(rising one year olds through rising five year olds)

Jan. 5 ... Preschool registration opens online
Jan. 24 ... Preschool registration closes
Jan. 25 ... Class placements will be made
Jan. 30 ... Families notified of class placements
Feb. 17 ... Remaining registration fee for new families due

Preschool tours for the 2023-2024 Year begin January 5 and are available Monday-Friday 9:30 - 11:30am.
To schedule a tour, contact the preschool office at 704.660.8268 / preschool@willchapumc.org

willchapumc.org/preschool
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!

SERVE | PARK VIEW ELEMENTARY (2022-2023 PARTNERSHIP)

KEVIN WARD, Director of Youth/Young Adult Ministry & Missions | kevinward@willchapumc.org

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/> (under the Parents & Students tab)

If you have any questions contact Ivory Vanderburg at ivanderburg@mgsd.k12.nc.us.

willchapumc.org/serve
Williamson’s Chapel
MISSION TRIP TO
PLYMOUTH NC
JANUARY 22 - 27

Returning to Plymouth NC to work on the new “Home Base” for Carolina Rebuilding Ministry (CRM). Our work will set up CRM to house work teams for years to come!
Cost is $100 per person.

Sign up online at willchapumc.org/serve
Rise Against Hunger

A Williamson’s Chapel meal packing event

Sunday

January 29

Fellowship Hall

Volunteers needed to pack food!

• 3 time slots available •

Learn more | Sign up

willchapumc.org/serve
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Williamson’s Chapel and Christian Mission are partnering to provide Easter to local families in need. We will provide Easter baskets, stuffed plastic Easter eggs, Holy Week family boxes, and holiday meal bags. Sign ups will be available starting in February!

COMMUNITY | WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES
REV. MARK PITTS, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care | markpitts@willchapumc.org

**Life Line Screening …** **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH | 9AM - 4PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Life Line Screening, the nation’s leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings. A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease, and other chronic conditions will be offered: Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque); Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA); Atrial Fibrillation. These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441; text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607; or sign up online at https://llsa.social/HC.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Dates …** **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 | THURSDAY, MARCH 16**
schedule an appointment at REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG

**Outdoor Ministry | willchapumc.org/outdoorwc**

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

Singles Ministry
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, and fellowship and social events. Contact Rev. Mark Pitts for more info. Please see p20 for Bible study info.

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 Matt Prince, UMM President, at matt_prince@outlook.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. Prayer 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!
Grace Circle’s upcoming plans include supporting Felicity Manor & collecting items for their Valentine's Day delivery to widows and widowers (January/February). Partnering with Davidson UMC Circles to volunteer at Bright Blessings (March). Supporting Hope of Mooresville with Easter Baskets and Gifts for Mother’s Day (April).

Hope Circle plans to continue to provide for essential needs at My Sister’s House, volunteering at Mooresville Christian Mission, and is actively looking for other areas of mission to support.

Circle 3 supports a different mission each month, including FeedNC, the men’s homeless shelter, and HealthReach Medical Clinic, among others. They currently meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3PM in room B201 (no January meetings).

If you would like more information or are interested in joining one of the Williamson’s Chapel Circles please contact Sharon Furr at sharonm.furr@gmail.com

Festival of Tables

April 27th 6 PM Fellowship Hall
Special Guest Speaker Silent Auction Salad Buffet Door Prizes

If you would like to decorate a table or donate an item please contact Sharon Furr | sharonm.furr@gmail.com
Life Change Support

**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 homebound 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.

**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**

- Tuesday, January 10 at 10AM | RM B201
- Wednesday, February 15 at 1PM | RM B201
- Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30PM | RM B201

**Support Groups**

**DivorceCare**

- **Mondays** (starts late Jan.)
- **6:30 PM | RM B203**
- *led by Stacee Guin-Barbery*

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*

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.

willchapumc.org/community/support
Great Food! Take out available!

$12/plate
$5/sandwich only

SATURDAY
February 18, 2023
BBQ
FOR MISSIONS

Williamson’s Chapel
United Methodist Church

11AM - 2PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

All proceeds will benefit various missions & local charities

Sponsored by Williamson’s Chapel

Music provided by Veterans from Richard’s Coffee Shop
**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>
<td>Gifts support the care and improvement of cemetery grounds, including the columbarium.</td>
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<td>Gifts support the expansion of, and access to, the Youth and Children’s ministries, beyond the general budget.</td>
<td>Gifts support choir, band, drama, special worship supplies, special programs or instruments, beyond the general budget.</td>
<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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[willchapumc.org/give/where-to-to-give](willchapumc.org/give/where-to-to-give)
here are some other creative ways to give!

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.

amazon smile

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.

umc market

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
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