



Gibsonville United Methodist Church

501 Church Street
Post Office Box 82
Gibsonville, North Carolina 27249

Non Profit Organization
US POSTAGE PAID
Permit No. 1
Gibsonville, NC 27249



The Newsletter Of Gibsonville United Methodist Church

501 Church Street, PO Box 82, Gibsonville, NC 27249
(336) 449-4810

Email: info@gibsonvilleumc.org - www.gibsonvilleumc.org
Rev. Carol Carkin - carol.carkin@gibsonvilleumc.org

*Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **Equip** us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and **Send** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.*

February 2024

Inside this issue...

- Upcoming Events and Information
- Anniversaries
- Birthdays
- Children's Ministry
- Memorials & Special Gifts
- Stewardship Update
- Youth Ministry



We live-stream our worship service at 9am and 11am on Sundays. For live-streaming go to www.gibsonvilleumc.org. On that page, click on your choice:

Watch Worship **Live** @ 9AM
Watch Worship **Live** @ 11AM
Watch Worship @ Other Times
Watch on Facebook
We worship in person at 9am & 11am.

Our worship team loves to hear your feedback, so please feel free to let us know you are watching and any other comments at ccarkin@wnccumc.net
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:6)

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

“If ever there were a true "just as I am" church, if ever there were a community where everybody could bring all their baggage and brokenness with them without neat and tidy happy endings quite yet, if ever there was a group where everyone was loved and no one pretended - we could not make enough room inside the building.” John Ortberg

“Lent begins on Valentine’s Day this year and it is a season that invites us to face our brokenness courageously because the love of God is sufficient for our sin. An honest look at ourselves raises our awareness of our need for a Savior and prepares us to hear the Good News of Holy Week and Easter with fresh ears. Christ welcomes us just as we are, though his transforming love will not leave us there. Far too often our culture worships neat and tidy happy endings and the room to come before God and to church just as we are like the old hymn speaks about can seem too messy. Life is messy though and God meets us where we are so we should strive to welcome each other with that same spirit. I think John Ortberg is right. If we continue to strive to be church where everyone is loved and we don’t pretend about what we go through, then the sanctuary would

be packed like it was for Donnie Summers’ funeral.

Just as Jesus wandered in the wilderness for forty days, so too can we feel like we are wandering in the wilderness, as we face hardships, grief, temptations, and injustices. This Lent, we will discover what it means to wander these parts of life in honesty with God through the practice of lament. We will learn how crying out to God in our need can help us to fully embrace what it means to be human beings held and loved by a God we can trust. We will learn that even through the darkest valleys, Jesus both goes ahead of us and walks with us.


Through the Valley: A Lenten Series on Lament begins with our Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary on Valentine’s Day at 7pm. May it expand our capacity to receive and extend the radical welcome of Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God.



We welcome Helen and Barry Eckman. The Eckmans live in the Twin Lakes Community. They moved here from Chocowinity, NC 5 years ago. Prior to moving from Eastern NC, they worked and retired from the National Security Agency, Ft Meade, MD.

Together, they have children in Richmond and Alexandria, Va and Severna Park, MD. They each have three grandchildren. Helen’s roots are in up-state NY and Barry’s are in Baltimore, MD. Helen is degreed from Elmira University. Barry holds BS and MPS degrees from the University of Baltimore.

Helen’s interests are genealogy, cheering for U. of Alabama, and local politics where she is the Republican precinct captain in Twin Lakes. Barry is an avid golfer and has ownerships in thoroughbred racehorses. Together, they have already felt the warmth extended to them by the members of GUMC.

Missions & Outreach	Upcoming Activities & Information																				
<p>Fruit and Protein Collection First Sunday of Every Month Gibsonville First Baptist Church operates a food pantry that serves our community. Each week 25 to 30 families/individuals receive food. Our church supports this mission by collecting food and delivering it to the food pantry. Hunger continues to be a problem in our area so this is an important way we can support those in need. Please remember to bring non perishable food to church on Sunday, February 4 and place it in the bins in the welcome center or in the closet off the narthex. Suggested food items include the following: peanut butter, canned meat, canned meat stews, beans, brown rice, quinoa, and canned fruit. Please check expiration dates on all donated food.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels Meals On Wheels Delivery will be Monday, February 19 and Wednesday through Friday, February 21-23.</p> <p>Community Dinner</p> <p>The Community dinner for Thursday, February 15, will be tacos. I would like to invite folks to bring hard and soft taco shells, cooked ground beef, shredded chicken, shredded lettuce, salsa, shredded cheese, olives and cookies. Bring it by Wednesday evening or Thursday and put in one of the refrigerators. We will also need people to help serve. Contact Lynn Woodruff for questions or more information.</p>	<p>Care & Share Care & Share will meet Thursday, February 8 at 10:30 AM. Anyone who wishes to join us please contact Lois Fuller at (336) 446-1117.</p> <p>UM Men’s Meals Together The United Methodist Men will have their breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 3 at 9AM in the Fellowship Hall. They will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00PM at Southbound Sandwich Shop. All men are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Little (336-447-4002) or Ben McMillan (336-269-7724).</p> <p>United Methodist Women in Faith United Methodist Women in Faith will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:30 AM in the church parlor. All women are invited to attend.</p>																				
	<p>By our Gifts (as of 12/31/23)</p> <table><tr><td>Annual Budget</td><td>306,663</td></tr><tr><td>Operating Fund Received in December</td><td>52,057</td></tr><tr><td>Operating Fund Received Year to Date</td><td>278,093</td></tr><tr><td>Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date</td><td>306,663</td></tr><tr><td>Above/(Below) Budget to Date</td><td>(28,570)</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund received in December</td><td>21,313</td></tr><tr><td>Building Fund received Year to Date</td><td>79,175</td></tr><tr><td>Mortgage Payments Year to Date</td><td>85,440</td></tr><tr><td>Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD</td><td>(6,265)</td></tr><tr><td>Mortgage Principal Balance</td><td>480,748</td></tr></table> <p>A complete copy of the current financial statement is available in the Welcome Center.</p>	Annual Budget	306,663	Operating Fund Received in December	52,057	Operating Fund Received Year to Date	278,093	Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	306,663	Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(28,570)	Building Fund received in December	21,313	Building Fund received Year to Date	79,175	Mortgage Payments Year to Date	85,440	Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	(6,265)	Mortgage Principal Balance	480,748
Annual Budget	306,663																				
Operating Fund Received in December	52,057																				
Operating Fund Received Year to Date	278,093																				
Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	306,663																				
Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(28,570)																				
Building Fund received in December	21,313																				
Building Fund received Year to Date	79,175																				
Mortgage Payments Year to Date	85,440																				
Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	(6,265)																				
Mortgage Principal Balance	480,748																				
<p>Gibsonville UMC</p> <p></p> <p>There are, from time to time, items that the church would really like to have if anyone feels led to provide them. At this time items on the church’s wish list include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website assistance• Liturgists for the 11AM service• Legos-standard size (used are fine)• Sunday afternoon bus drivers <p>To volunteer contact the church office (336) 449-4810.</p>																					

<p>Offering Counters for February (White Team) Henry Buckner, Susan McNeill</p> <p>Liturgist 9 AM 2/4 Tracey Woodruff 2/11 Lynn Woodruff 2/18 Susan McNeill 2/25 Amy Bingham</p> <p>Liturgist 11 AM 2/4 Joe Cline 2/11 Matt Morrow 2.18 Michelle Rash 2.25 Terry McNeill</p> <p>Proclaim Designer 2/4 Jane Deaton/Melissa Troutman 2/11 Susan Ezekiel 2/18 Jane Deaton/Melissa Troutman 2/25 Carol Dees</p> <p>Slides - 9 & 11 AM 2/4 Carol Dees 2/11 Ainsley Rash 2/18 Sue Hudson 2/25 Jane Deaton</p> <p>Camera - 9 & 11 AM2/4 2/4 George Dees 2/11 Brantley O’Day 2/18 Carol Kirkman 2/25 Barry Deaton</p> <p>Sound Operator - 9 & 11 AM 2/4 Terry McNeill 2/11 Tim Wood 2/18 Chris Kirkman 2/25 Brent Shepherd</p> <p>Ushers 9AM Service 2/4 Sam Law 2/11 Brent Shepherd 2/18 Claude Little 2/25 Chris Kirkman</p> <p>Head Usher 11AM Service Mark Shepherd</p>

Memorials & Specials Gifts to Honor Friends & Loved Ones	
IN MEMORY OF	
<p>Ronald S. Barringer Flonnie Moize, Ann Moore, Tim & Pam Young & Family</p> <p>Jack Burke, Jr. Jean Butcher</p> <p>Frances Childs Patricia Annand, GUMC Women, Max & Pam Litten</p> <p>Phyllis Davenport Jean Butcher</p> <p>Jim Ezekiel Leonard Mangum</p> <p>Clarence Owen Ginger Jarrett</p> <p>Millie Schumpert Patricia Annand, Glenda Blalock, GUMC Women, Ginger Jarrett, Max & Pam Litten, Denise Little, Flonnie Moize, Wharton Classroom, Carol Younger</p>	<p>Donnie Summers E. Keith & Robin Adams, Glenda Blalock, Brick Church Helping Hands Womens’ Group, Jean Butcher, Faye Cheek, Brian Cheek, Jerry Clark, Joey Crotts, Susan Ezekiel,, Nell Gerringe, Donna Hughes, Clarence & Elizabeth Ingle, Ginger Jarrett, Paula Lewis, Pam & Max Litten, Denise & Claude Little, Ruth Ann Martin, Joan May, Flonnie Moize, Tommy & Sharon Norwood, Ty & Morgan Norwood, Osburne Matthew Randolph, Jr., Brent & Judy Shepherd, Julia & Matthew Sowinski, Teri Suits, Joyce & Tommy Summers, Eleanor Summers, Joe Thompson, Nancy & Steve Younger, Jeff & Edith Younger</p> <p>Stella Townsend Patricia Annand, GUMC Women</p> <p>Frank Whitesell Glenda Blalock</p> <p>Leslie Williams Pat Annand, Shirley Beyers, Judy Flora, Linda Greeson, GUMC Women, Jenna Johnson, Max & Pam Litten, Denise Little, Flonnie Moize, Susan Skene.</p>
<p>WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER</p> <p>“I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”</p>	

FEBRUARY 2024						
Sunday					Friday	Saturday
				1 4PM Kids Hour	2	3 9AM UM Men Breakfast WINTERFEST 1-4
4 5th Sunday after Epiphany Communion/Fruit & Protein 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30PM Youth (Michelle-Bus in PM)	5 7-8:30 PM Trauma Informed Training-Wharton Classroom 7 PM Boy Scouts	6 6 PM Praise Team 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	7 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	8 10:30 Care & Share 4 PM Kids Hour	9	10 Scouts using sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
11 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship	12 7 PM Boy Scouts	13 6 PM Praise Team 6PM UMM Dinner 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	14 Ash Wednesday 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time	15 4:00 PM Kids Hour 5:30 Community Dinner	16	17
18 1st Sunday in Lent-Purple 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship 4-5:15PM Tweens 5-6:30 PM Youth	19 7 PM Boy Scouts MOW	20 10:30 UWF 6 PM Music Rehearsal 6PM UMM Dinner 7 PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	21 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30PM Youth Free Time MOW	22 Kids Hour MOW	23 MOW	24 Youth Activity
25 42nd Sunday of Lent-Purple 8:15AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 & 10AM Sunday School 11AM Traditional Worship Tweens 4-5:15PM Youth 5-6:30 PM (Bus for youth in the PM)	26 7PM Boy Scouts	27 6PM Praise Team 7PM Alive in Christ 7PM Cub Scouts	28 6PM Handbells 7PM Chancel Choir 7-8:30 Youth Free Time	29 Youth-Fellowship Hall 3-9 PM		

Children & Youth Activities for February

It's Time For Winterfest!

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. for Winter Fest! Invite your friends to join us for an indoor snowball fight, crafts, games and more snow-themed fun – we can't wait to see everyone there!

Youth Mission Fundraiser-February 29

Celebrate "Leap Day" by helping our youth take a leap into growing their faith on our summer mission trip! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 5:30 to 7 as we will be serving breakfast for dinner. All proceeds will go to help pay for the cost of the youth mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center. Pajamas are not just welcome but encouraged!

Children's Programs

Kids Hour (K through 4th grade)
Kids Hour is held Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the orange room on the second floor of the church. All children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for February:

Feb 1: Jesus' BFFs: Always Faithful
Feb 8: Lie Detector: You Are Number One
Feb 15: Lie Detector: There's No Such Thing as Right and Wrong
Feb 22: Lie Detector: The Bible is a Myth
Feb 29: Lie Detector: There's More than One Way to Heaven

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Kids Hour most weeks (children will still participate in the Community Dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month) starting in January. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Tween Programs

Tween Youth Group (5th through 8th grade)
The GUMC Tween Youth Group meets Sundays from 4 to 5:15 p.m. in the green room on the second floor of the church. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for February:

Feb 4: Be Bold: Do Pets go to Heaven?
Feb 11: Service Sunday: Valentine Bags
Feb 18: Laser tag

Feb 25: Be Bold: Does the Bible Say Some Sins Are Worse Than Others?

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Kids Hour most weeks (children will still participate in the Community Dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month) starting in January. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Teen Programs

Teen Youth Group (9th through 12th grade)
The GUMC Youth meet Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the lower level of the church unless otherwise noted. Youth is open to students in 9th through 12th grade. Please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424 to arrange to be picked up by the church bus.

Here is the schedule for February:

Feb 4: Service Sunday
Feb 11: Lesson on how God uses teenagers
Feb 18: Game night
Feb 25: Mural workday

Thanks to a recent grant received by the church, a snack supper will be provided at the end of Kids Hour most weeks (children will still participate in the Community Dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month) starting in January. We are excited to have this opportunity to share a meal with our children each week.

Youth Midweek Break

During the month of February, the two youth rooms will be open most Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. for any high school youth that want to come hang out. Snacks are provided. **We will not have Midweek Break on Feb. 14 due to the Ash Wednesday service; all youth are encouraged to attend the special**

worship service.

2024 Youth Mission Trip

We will be headed to Hinton Rural Life Center in the North Carolina mountains the week of July 28-Aug. 1. **This trip is open to youth who are 12 at the time of the trip through current high school seniors.** We have reserved our spot for this week. However, as long as the week has not reached capacity, we are still able to add to our group. If you have not registered but would like to go, please let Michelle Rash know ASAP. There is a \$150 deposit to save your place on the mission trip. Scholarships are available if needed.

Children and Youth Sunday School


Sunday School is available for children kindergarten through 6th grade in the orange room on the second floor of the church each Sunday morning from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided.


On the second and fourth Sundays of the month (the weeks we run the bus), a separate tween Sunday School class meets in the pink room on the second floor of the church from 10 to 10:45. Snacks are provided. The remaining weeks, our tweens will meet with the elementary class for a combined-age class.

The youth have Sunday School in the youth rooms on the lower level of the church. Snacks are provided.

The bus will be available to bring children and youth to 9:00 service and Sunday School on Feb. 11 and Feb. 25. If your child needs transportation, please call or text Director of Children and Youth Michelle Rash at 336-212-3424.

See page 5 for information about Vacation Bible School!

Thank You Notes	Thank You Notes
<p>We on the church staff would like to express our sincere gratitude to this congregation for their overwhelming love offering that was given to us.</p> <p>This is such a sweet and caring congregation and those of us who work to support you are very appreciative of this congregational family. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your community and for your very generous gift to each of us.</p> <p>In Christ,</p> <p>Pastor Carol, Kibble, Michelle,</p> <p>Greyson and Karen</p>	<p>Dear GUMC Family,</p> <p>Thank you so much for showing me the hands and feet of Jesus during the last three months. Your witness has been such a gift to me and a testimony of how God uses his people to bring comfort to others. I can't imagine getting through this without you.</p> <p>Love,</p> <p>Susan Ezekiel</p>
<p>Dear UMW Members,</p> <p>Thank you so much for the cards, gifts and Thanksgiving basket for my sister, Linda Waynick. She loves to go through the basket and look at everything.</p> <p>Thanks also to Sue Hudson for always sending her cards and Flonnie Moize visiting her ever week if possible.</p> <p>God bless each of you-</p> <p>Faye Cheek</p>	<p>To Gibsonville UMC,</p> <p>Thank you for your on-going support of the "Food Pantry" Ministry here at First Baptist Church Gibsonville, This ministry is open to anyone in our area who may have a need. We are open on Wednesdays from 9am to 10:45 am at HOPE CORNER located at 103 Burlington Avenue, Gibsonville. God has blessed this ministry through donations that provide families within our community and surrounding areas with food and other necessities. We were able to serve 212 different families in 2023!</p> <p>Your support of this ministry is very much appreciated. The need is great in our area for this type of outreach and what a wonderful way to show the love of Christ to others by ministering to their physical needs.</p> <p>In His Service,</p> <p>Food Pantry Ministry</p> <p>First Baptist Church</p> <p>Gibsonville</p>
Story Scholarship Applications	

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries
<p>1 William Zimmerman</p> <p>8 Nell Gerringer</p> <p>9 Allyson Satterfield</p> <p>11 Holt Cheek</p> <p>12 Beth Whitfield</p> <p>16 Dixie Guffey</p> <p>16 Pam Litten</p> <p>18 Max Litten</p> <p>19 Olivia McIntyre</p> <p>19 John Henry Morrow</p> <p>19 Haley Walker</p> <p>21 James Jarrett</p> <p>21 Jesse Summers</p> <p>22 Susan Ezekiel</p> <p>22 Jame Levi Riley</p> <p>24 Carolyn Hundley</p> <p>24 Nancy Shepherd</p> <p>24 David Uberig</p> <p>25 Tracey Woodruff</p> <p>28 Joey Riley</p>	<p>2 Len & Judy Hutchison</p> <p>5 Larry & Betty Clapp</p> <p>14 Howard & Jan Hendricks</p>
	
	<p>Trauma-Informed Children's Ministry Training</p> <p>We will offer the second of our four modules on trauma-informed children's ministry on Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. This module is titled Discipline: Obstacle or Opportunity and will focus on how to use discipline problems as an opportunity to create a more supportive ministry environment, strengthen relationships and minister to hurting kids who express their pain through their behavior. Please let Michelle Rash know if you plan to attend.</p>
	<p>Vacation Bible School — June 17-21</p> <p>Mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School! Our theme for 2024 is "Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God." VBS will be held June 17-21 from 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. and is open to children from age 3 through rising 6th graders. (Older youth are encouraged to volunteer.) There is no cost to attend. We are limiting registration to 80 children this year, so please register early to save your spot.</p> <p>For more information, to register or to volunteer visit https://vbspro.events/p/be1ae7.</p>
<p>If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office so that we may correct our files.</p> 