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West Nash Weekly eNews

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The tragic shooting at First Baptist Church in Sutherland, TX, has left us all grieving once more, and asking hard questions about how to respond faithfully as we seek to protect ourselves in our sacred places of worship. Several of you have asked me about this, and while I may have been quick to answer, please know that I have been struggling myself.

I am immensely grateful for our bishop, Hope Morgan Ward, who sent a letter out this week to clergy and church leaders (see letter below), helping us remember who we are and who we follow. The message of Christ is always one of non-violence. As Christ did not go into the world armed with weapons, neither shall we. Is this easy? Of course not. The way of non-violence, the way of the cross, is never easy. It is, however, our calling. It is the commitment we make as followers of Jesus Christ - who did not respond with violence to the evil in the world, but responded with love, and even forgiveness.

May God lead us forth in peace, granting us courage, strength, and assurance "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." --- Romans 8:38-39

With love and gratitude for you all,

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From Bishop Hope Morgan Ward: Take Courage

Dear United Methodist friends,

Grieved afresh by the horrific violence Sunday morning in First Baptist Church, I asked colleague bishops in our Council of Bishops covenant group this morning for wisdom and help. How do we respond faithfully to encourage and protect those who gather for worship, prayer, learning, and service?



An African colleague bishop offered this perspective: "In our country, it always takes courage to go to church for worship. All Christians are targets of violence."

In the United States, we have assumed safety and comfort as Christians. We are stunned by the idea of a dangerous world. It is painful to see terrorism, most recently in Las Vegas, New York, and Texas.

Do we demand security, perhaps even armed guards in our churches?

Our church suggests not. United Methodist churches are declared gun-free zones in our Social Principles.

This conviction is rooted not in naïveté. It is rooted in the deep conviction that God calls us to create better ways forward. Together, let us explore these better ways. The links below will be helpful to you as you lead in your church and community.

With gratitude to God for the life we share in Christ who said: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Hope Morgan Ward

Resources from UMC.org & UM Communications

- [Embracing Love: Responding to Violence](#) (UMCOM)
- [Ten suggestions for preaching after a catastrophe](#) (UMCOM)
- [Keeping Churches Safe and Welcoming](#) (UMC)
- [Ways United Methodists can take a stand against gun violence](#) (UMC)
- [A United Methodist Prayer: Turning to God in Days of Trouble](#) (UMC)
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External Articles

- [After Texas church shooting, here's the question we should ask](#) (azcentral)
- [Why church shootings don't intimidate the Church](#) (The Washington Post)

SUNDAY, November 12th
10:00 a.m.



Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon: "The Gift of Giving"

Hymns:

Now Thank We All Our God #102
Come Now Is The Time To Worship
Freely, Freely #389

Choir Anthem: Bow The Knee - Machen/Harland

Our Faithful-Living Forum speaker this week is **Paula Benson, Executive Director of Wilson 20/20**. Paula will share with us the work of Wilson 20/20 as well as some of our most significant challenges/opportunities in Wilson.

NO YOUTH THIS SUNDAY EVENING

THANK YOU!

A Special Thank-You to:

Will Pierce and the Choir for providing the powerfully beautiful music for Doug Snyder's Celebration of Life.

Cynthia Finklea and the Bereavement Team for the meal and desserts you provided for the Snyder family.

Rusty Jones, for repairing the roof of our van.

Laura Whitehead, Susan Baker and Carolin Luckett for assisting Teresa Jones in the toddler preschool class during Lori's absence.

Teresa Jones, Jocelyn Hardee and Keri Graven for making sure all Sunday School, nursery, children's church, and youth activities have continued without interruption during Lori's absence.

Chris Hardee for stepping in as the Sunday School Superintendent.

And to all the West Nash family in the expressions of love you have poured out on Lori and her family. You are truly a blessing.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Pilgrimage 2017
Nov. 10-12 | Crown Center in
Fayetteville, NC

Please be in prayer for the 11 youth and adults
who will be traveling to Fayetteville this weekend
for Pilgrimage!



Children's Sabbath
and
Confirmation Sunday

Rescheduled for

Sunday, November 19th

In celebration of our our confirmands, we will treat them to lunch after worship.
And in the spirit of youthfulness and trying something new, lunch will be offered by the food truck "Y'all Eat Yet".

***The menu will have a variety of offerings @ various prices.
See below for more information.***

If weather permits, we will set tables up outside for an informal time of fun and fellowship. Invite friends! If weather is rainy and/or cold, we'll eat in the fellowship hall.

**Celebration lunch will immediately follow Worship -
There will be NO Faithful-Living Forum on the 19th**

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE



Y'ALL EAT YET?

The menu might include smoked baby back ribs, a couple of specialty sandwiches (like our hot ham & hoop cheese on a pretzel bun, or our NC crab cake sandwich), a fresh salad with the option to add grilled chicken breast, or our famous BBQ-loaded fries. Our menu items are priced between \$7-\$10 typically, and we always offer canned soda & bottled water for \$1. You can check out our

Facebook or Instagram pictures for menus showing what we've done in the past.

GENERAL CHURCH HAPPENINGS and INFO



Many of you have asked about a love offering for Lori Snyder in the wake of Doug's death. If you would like to contribute to a love offering, please make checks out to West NashUMC, designate on the memo line "Snyder Love Offering" and mail to the church office at 2200 Nast St. N, Wilson NC 27896. Donations can also be brought by the church office (9:00-3:00) or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.



Meals on Wheels
Saturday, November 11th
Begin cooking at 10:30
Fellowship Hall

If you can help, please contact Steve Withey or call the church office.

WEST NASH UMC OFFERS FREE Mental Health Assessments and Substance Abuse Assessments and Counseling

Rev. Tom Webster, Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist

Rev. Webster provides free assessments of mental health disorders (including depression, grief and anxiety), substance misuse disorders, and free substance misuse counseling.

Hours of services: 12 pm to 5 pm Monday to Friday and Tuesday to Thursday evenings

You can contact Rev. Webster at 252-363-7042 for a free assessment appointment.

Any further sessions with him will also be free.

All appointments and sessions are confidential.

Click here for more information:

[Mental Health Assessments and Drug/Alcohol Misuse Counseling](#)



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
"Ms Kay's Kids"
Ages 4-12
9:45-Noon Every Sunday
Room #6**

SPREAD THE WORD - ALL ARE WELCOME

[West Nash Special Needs Class](#)

Placing flowers in the church for worship is a lovely way to honor or remember a loved one or a special occasion.

[Click here for Flower Sign-ups](#)



CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mark Your Calendar! We're Going to Be in the Christmas Parade!

West Nash UMC is entering a float in this year's Christmas parade. The parade is December 2nd at 11:00 AM. Jerry and Gay Manning have graciously agreed to allow us to use their pontoon boat as the base for our float. This year's parade theme is *Candy Land*. The theme for our float is *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*. The youth will be working on the float design while they are at Pilgrimage this weekend. The purpose for entering the parade is to try to make the church visible in the community and hopefully to attract people looking for a church home to West Nash. We want this to be a church wide project so we will be looking for people the week of the parade to help with the float construction. We will need people to walk along with the float to pass out flyers about West Nash with candy attached. On Sunday November 26th we will work on attaching candy to the flyers at 11:15 AM. This will take the place of the forum on that Sunday. We are also looking into getting sweatshirts to wear with the West Nash logo. Additional information will be in the next edition of the e-news. If you have questions or would like to learn more about this project, please contact Laura Whitehead @ 252-205-7720 or whiteheads4@yahoo.com.

WILSON CHRISTMAS PARADE
December 2, 2017 11:00 am - 1:00 pm



AND COVERED DISH LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR "WE SING CHRISTMAS" WORSHIP SERVICE.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We need some help!



Our Office Manager, Jim Agar, needs to focus on end of year financial reports during the next two weeks, and we need some extra office help from Noon-3:00 during this time.

If you can help out with answering the phone, taking messages, etc., please let us know ASAP.

Click here to volunteer: [Office Volunteer Sign-up](#)

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Nov 13th 7:00 pm UMW General Meeting

Nov 14th 7:00 pm SPRC

Nov 15th 11:00 am Ruth Circle, Meet and lunch at Something Different Cafe

Nov 19th Children's Sabbath and Confirmation Sunday, Food Truck and Celebration following worship

Nov 20th 7:00-8:30 pm Listening Session at Gary and Wayburn Mills (4802 Pebble Beach Circle Wilson)

Nov 21st Sassy Seniors Lunch (Place and Time TBD)

Nov 23rd-24th Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 3rd 10:00 am "We Sing Christmas", Covered Dish Lunch following Worship

Dec 10th 4:00 pm Caroling followed by Hot Chocolate and Cookies

Bible Studies:

Second and Fourth Mondays, 2:30 @ the Church:

"When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton (Pastor Tuck teaching)

Second and Fourth Thursdays, 7:00 @ Proseus home.

If you are interested in joining, please call Linda Proseus at 252-291-8598.

EVERY WEEK @ WEST NASH

Handbell Practice, Sundays, 2:00-3:00

Youth Group, Sundays 6:30-8:00

Fellowship Dinner, Bible Study, Children's Programming, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00

Youth Game Night, Wednesdays 6:30-8:00

Free Guitar Lessons, Wednesday, 6:00-6:45

Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15

[Click here for complete West Nash Calendar](#)

SUNDAYS AT WEST NASH UMC!

10:00 - 11:00: Worship

11:00 - 11:15: Fellowship Time and Coffee

11:15 - Noon: Faithful-Living Forums for Adults

Faithful-Living for Youth (grades 6th-12th)

JAM (Jesus and Me) Children

Nursery Provided 9:45 a.m. - Noon

UPCOMING FAITHFUL-LIVING FORUMS:

Nov 5: From Tragedy to Healing (Rev. Chris Jenkins)

Nov 12: Wilson 20/20 (Ms. Paula Benson)

Nov 19: No Forum: Food Truck and Celebration of our Confirmands

Nov 26: No Forum: Christmas Preparation - we will assemble candy packets to be distributed at the Wilson Christmas Parade alongside our float.

Immediate Church Family:

David Johnson
Dewayne Poythress
Terry Woods
Frances Vick
Jesse Bunch
Harold and Ann Cooper
Lori Snyder and family

Family Friends and Others in Need of Prayer

Alyson Baldree – Friend of Gay Manning
Jim Bennett – Friend of Jenny Lou Dees
Judy Benson – Cousin of Hughes Dillard
Ethan Copus – Friend of Gay Manning
Peg Driscoll – Sister of Gay Manning
Beth Ellison - Friend of Jenny Lou Dees
Sue & Phil Erickson – Cousins of Norm & Gerri King
Larry Gaisert – Friend of Jenny Lou Dees
Edna Galloway – Friend of Jenny Lou Dees
Ann Gerrard - Friend of Jenny Lou Dees
Betsy Green – Paula Furiness' Mother
Erick Griffin – son of Jenny Lou Dees
Family of Lee Newcomb at her death – Anne Mercer's Sister-in-Law
Cathy & Vernon Olive – Friends of Jenny Lou Dees
Harriet Page – Friend of Edna Earle Raper
Allison Parker – Daughter-in-law of Robby and Wendy Parker
Family of Gwen Parrish at the death of Robert – Friends of Norm & Gerri King
Family of Deborah Peacock – Friends of Jenny Lou Dees
Marc & Emmalyn Preston – Friends of Jim and Fay Agar
Family of Dot Snyder at her death – Friend of Ruth Price
Chris Streeter – Bill McGowan's son-in-law
Tyke Sweeney – Cousin of Margaret Greenleaf

Shut-Ins:

John Anderson
Mavis Brinson
Ruth Chevere, Rose's mother-moved to Virginia
Lois Cooper
Ruth Davis, Pam Bennett's mother - Wilmed Nursing Home
Helen Finklea, Golden Living, Tarboro
Diane Flowers, Avante
Joe Harper, Spring Arbor
JoAnn Hawley, Spring Arbor
Emma Patterson, Parkwood Village
Christine Pierce, Spring Arbor
Ollie Proseus, Brookdale, Greenville
Ray Stone, Kitty Askins Center, Goldsboro
Iris Turlington, Parkwood Village

Other Prayer Concerns:

WNUMC Pastor, Officers & Leaders, Sunday School classes & leaders, Preschool & Choirs
President Trump and other governmental leaders - federal, state and local
All servicemen and women around the world & their families
All impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

Please help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. If you know of someone who needs to be added, or if someone on the list is better and can be removed, shoot us an email or call the church office.

Thank you!

Send email: wnumc@westnash.org



Contact the church office to let us know of celebrations, prayer requests, upcoming events or ministry opportunities you would like printed in the West Nash Weekly e-News

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