

WINDSOR HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAY & JUNE 2022



WINDOW ON WINDSOR HILLS



special SERVICES

Coming Soon...

May 8 - Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

May 15 - Scout Sunday; plus WHAT! Event Potato Bar (see back page)

June 5 - Graduate Sunday

June 12—Pastor Doug's last Sunday at 10:30 am,
one service followed by a meal

June 19 - Dave Benson will share his testimony for the morning message
(it is a powerful testimony of God's grace)

July 3—the Sanctuary Choir presents "Immortal, Invisible"
a medley of music celebrating America at 10:30 am

July 10—Pastor Jennifer's first Sunday, normal schedule at 9 and 11 am

All services in May—"Remarkable Faith: A Wesleyan Way of Discipleship"



The Pastor Writes...

Dear Friends,

When I came here seven years ago, you may recall we started off with a bang. On the day that we were moving into the parsonage, one of my sons, Matt, brought a load of books to the church for me. He reported that there was a very strong burning plastic-y smell. What we discovered was that the church had been struck by lightning, frying some computers, the AC, the elevator and who knows what else. What a grand entrance! I hope that my leave-taking is much smoother.

Speaking of which, my last Sunday preaching will be June 12, which will be a combined service at 10:30 am, followed by a meal. I hope that you can make a special effort to be present that day to celebrate our ministry together...and to celebrate my retirement with us, too.

The retirement ceremony at Annual Conference is on Friday, June 17 at 2 pm and I believe it will be livestreamed at www.vaumc.org. Each pastor's recognition lasts about one minute or less. I would be thrilled to hear that you watched on that day to celebrate with me.

There will be a gap of three Sundays between my last Sunday and your new pastor's first Sunday, but there are some wonderful services planned for the interim, which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter. I will be gone for a family vacation celebration for one week of that time, but otherwise I will be taking care of moving out of my office and last minute things for the transition. Pastor Don will be available, of course, for pastoral situations during that interim time.

Your new pastor is, as you know by now, the Rev. Jennifer Fletcher. Her first Sunday will be July 10 on the normal schedule of 9 am and 11 am services in person and 11 am online. I have known Jennifer for several years now and have worked with her on the District Committee on Ministry, a very intense district work which she now leads. You will come to know her, as I have, as a passionate, faithful believer in Christ, a very compassionate, kind and thoughtful person, and as a strong leader. She is very well-thought of in our district and in our conference. If you have not written her a welcome letter, please do!

The wonderful thing about our "sent ministry" is that the new pastor is sent as the former pastor departs. You don't have to wait for months (or even years) for a search committee to work to find a new pastor. Once I have departed, I will no longer be your pastor and you should look to your new pastor as you have me for these seven years.

Gail and I have been truly blessed to share in ministry with you and have found Christian community in so many different ways. I have great appreciation for the profound Christian faith of so many folks here at Windsor Hills, for their service, their commitment and their kindness. We have always felt loved here from the beginning and we have loved you. I will not, however, still be your pastor, though we are not moving from our home and will probably be seen out and about from time to time. We are grateful for our time together.

Love in Christ,

Doug

Church Strategic Planning Session to Begin

It has been 6 years since we worked on our most recent Strategic Plan for the future of our church. A lot has changed over those 6 years. New challenges and opportunities have surfaced. Coming out of COVID, new livestream access to church services, and demographic changes in the congregation, are just some of the issues we need to face. The Administrative Board has assembled a team to begin the planning process in concert with an outside coach, The Rev. Paul Nickerson who specializes in “moving congregations forward.” Some of you may remember Paul from his work with our conference in “Reaching New People.” We are excited to begin this process. We envision a 6-9 month process, creating our vision and establishing strategies to implement that vision over 2-3 years.

Planning will not be done in a vacuum. There will be opportunities at times throughout the process where the congregation will have input. We invite input from anyone who is interested. Current team members include Keith Young, Tracey Bennett, HelenRuth Burch, Ken Briggs, program Lay Leader Charlotte Kagey, Karen Jones Harwood, Administrative Lay Leader Greg Lyons and Pastors Doug Paysour and Jennifer Fletcher. If you wish to participate or just add your two cents to the process, contact any of the team members or chair, Don Witt at drwitt@cox.net.

First and foremost, we need prayer warriors to pray for the process as well as prayers from the entire congregation. Pray that God will guide this process for it is He who will determine the final outcome!

Don Witt, Chairperson Administrative Board

Staff-Parish Relations Committee News: Welcome, Pastor Jennifer!

We are thrilled to announce publicly that our New Lead Pastor is the Rev. Jennifer Fletcher, who most recently served as Associate Pastor at Blacksburg UMC (Church Street Campus). One of the things that Pastor Doug appreciated as he was coming to Windsor Hills in 2015 were a number of sweet welcoming letters. You may send her a note at:

Jennifer Fletcher
346 Old Cedarfield Drive
Blacksburg, VA 24060



Her first day in the Church Office will be July 5 and her first Sunday will be July 10. Pastor Doug's last Sunday will be June 12.

A Word (or 434) about Finances at Windsor Hills

During the pandemic, we have largely held our own financially in our General Fund giving, which primarily comes from our weekly giving by the people of Windsor Hills. This giving supports our Annual Budget. Thus far this year, we have done moderately well, with one exceptionally good month and three okay ones. If you have fallen behind in what you planned to give, or if you have not planned your giving for the current year, now would be a great time to do so. Our regular planned giving is also a spiritual discipline and is a by-product of producing the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore, we ask that each one of us examine our plan for giving for the life and ministry of our church...and follow through on that plan.

During 2016, we developed a five year Strategic Plan, focusing on several areas, including young people's ministry, music and public outreach, and technology.

These were funded by the legacy giving of several faithful members and friends of Windsor Hills, which are invested to produce income and growth. We have been blessed by these persons who had the foresight to name Windsor Hills UMC as part of their estate planning. That is how we used those funds through these past five years.

This bounty has also funded regular ministry when the regular giving was at a deficit. To this point, that has not been a major issue, because, as you know, the market did extraordinarily well through that time period. That will not always be the case, so that relying on the investments of legacy funds may put us at peril in the future.

As the Strategic Plan was complete as of the end of 2021, we are moving to a Unified Budget, where all funds are a part of a single budget. The investments will produce income on a monthly basis to supplement our regular giving, but will be limited to 5% of its year-end value for the coming year. Thus, we will enhance our current ministry, while preserving those funds for future years and generations of mission and ministry. We are now beginning the process of a new Strategic Plan, as we move forward.

This is a lot of information, but there are two vital take-aways for your role in the ministry of generosity in our church: first, be plan-full and prayerful about your regular, disciplined giving. Secondly, be plan-full and prayerful about your own legacy giving which will greatly positively impact the life and ministry of Windsor Hills. For your generosity, we are truly grateful...please know that it makes a difference.

The Finance Committee
John Watkins, Chair



Camp Alta Mons

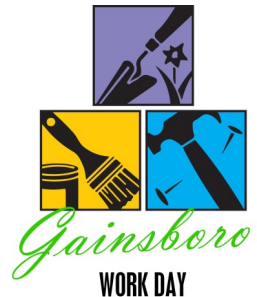
Camp Alta Mons, our Roanoke District Church Camp in nearby Shawsville, is open for summer campers in June and July. There are camp options ranging from a day camp for as young as rising kindergarteners, to week-long resident camps for youth up to rising 12th grade. Schedules and more info can be found at altamons.org. Camperships are available.



As you know, we have job openings for three part-time positions: Youth Director, Children's Director, and Nursery Director. Tom and Brenda Simpson are serving on an interim basis as Youth Coordinators through the end of the year, if necessary. They are making some exciting plans with our youth, including Movie Night on May 13; Potato Bars on May 15 and June 26; a Tie-Dye Project and Supper May 22, and a trip to Lake Junaluska this summer on July 12-15. Lois Singleton is coordinating our children's Sunday School on an interim basis (for teacher's schedules and curriculum). We are thoroughly grateful for each of these folks for stepping up to serve in vital ministry roles.

REACH Gainsboro Project Work Starts Soon

We have a number of folks who are ready to participate in our work on rehabbing a home in the Historic Gainsboro Neighborhood. This is a project through a number of United Methodist Churches in Roanoke. Brad Stephens, the director of REACH reports that as the weather warms and the permits have been secured, that we are ready to get to work. If you would like to add your name to the group of volunteers from Windsor Hills, email Pastor Doug at DougPaysour@vaumc.org. Watch for general and email announcements about how we may proceed.



What is Happening with General Conference?

The General Conference of 2020 has been postponed again, this time to 2024. It is not determined as of yet whether it will be a new General Conference, with the 2020 conference simply being cancelled. That, I believe, will be a Judicial Council decision, which will primarily impact whether the 2020 delegates will serve or a new slate will need to be elected. That probably means little to you.

What is of greater interest is what happens with the Plan of Separation that was negotiated way back in 2019 between members of all parties involved in the UM Church. That would allow traditionalist churches to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church to join a new Wesleyan denomination called the Global Methodist Church (GMC), along with others who may wish to go their own way. With the additional postponement, the GMC went ahead and launched on May 1, 2022, a few days ago. Some churches throughout the connection have begun the process of disaffiliation. Although most are staunchly Traditionalist relating to the ordination and weddings of same-sex persons, some are disaffiliating who are not. The only church on our district which is disaffiliating is a little country church which is going independent. A Special Annual Conference has been set up for October to vote on those churches which wish to disaffiliate.

The Windsor Hills Administrative Board has wrestled with this question for ourselves and have determined that no action is advisable at this time, since we do not know what will happen at the 2024 General Conference. A different proposal may be passed or none at all. Our discernment is that a vote at this time is premature and will cause greater division within the congregation, perhaps unnecessarily. You may become more informed by joining Laity Net at www.vaumc.org or the United Methodist News Service, which include news of this and a wide variety of interests.



CWU and Windsor Hills Join Together for a
Drive Thru/Drop Off Coffee Drive
for Rescue Mission

Saturday, May 14

10 am–12 noon



Please drive by the lower level educational wing on May 14 to donate bags or cans of coffee. Every day the Rescue Mission feeds several hundred people, and many stay the night. The guests at the mission will be grateful for the coffee that you donate.



2022 Lenten Mission Offering

"Making God's Love Visible"

AFTERCARE	\$1000
SALVATION ARMY DAY CENTER	\$1000
GRACE INSIDE	\$1000
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD	\$1000
RISE AGAINST HUNGER	\$1000
FOOD PANTRY SUPPORT	\$2000
HOPE INITIATIVE	\$1000
BETHANY HALL	\$500
KIDS SOAR	\$2000
RED BIRD MISSION SCHOOL	\$1000
HENRY FORK SERVICE CENTER	\$1000
TOTAL	\$12,500

Missions Update: Thank You!

Thank you very much for your generous support of our 2022 Lenten Mission Offering. We were able to meet our goal of \$12,500.



How You Can Help the People of Ukraine

You may give funds for assisting Ukraine in its humanitarian crisis through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made by writing a check to Windsor Hills UMC with the notation "Ukraine", by toll free telephone: 888-252-6174; or you may give online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the Church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine. 100% of all contributions go to the designated cause. **As of May 6, we have received \$2,940 to go towards Ukraine relief.**

Thank you!



Prayers for Others

Please let the Church Office know when situations are resolved, so that we can be accurate in the sharing of current prayer concerns.



Prayer Concerns: Joan Bunt; Pat Hensley; Dick Miller; Betty David; Emma Ruth Kreienbaum; Annie Bell Meador; Bill Jones; Joyce & Dave Benson; Barbara Gleixner; Tracey & Darryl Bennett; Kyler Jones & family; Leona Willett; Phyllis Prado; Ernie Waldeck.

Friends and Family: Christine and Will Jones (Amy Cosner's cousins); Pierson Daly (Kris Stutsman's grandOniece); Greg Mays (Jean Mays' son); Amie Sheaff and Kathy Gossage (AfterCare members); Gwen Vieth (Gail Stickley's friend); Julie Atkins (Kris Stutsman's friend); Mindy (Terry Delaney's daughter); Linda Harris (John Watkins' sister); Beth and Carol (Nan Johnson's nieces); Garry Chittum (Lisa Gleixner's brother); Duncan Mackenzie (Marianne Bird's brother); Carol Davidson (Polly McFarlane's daughter); Brett Pelletier (Jane Baldwin's son); David Hart (Terry Delaney's friend); Ashley Kaye Mayhew, Rhonda Parsons, Bill & Betty Adkins (Birds' friends); Carol (Nan Johnson's niece); Mac (Nan Johnson's nephew); Barbara Hill (daughter of George and Rita Weikel); Stewart Benson (grandson of Dave & Joyce Benson); Jennifer & Gene (friends of Tracey Bennett); Vonda and Taylor (Sandra Eaton's niece and niece's daughter); Shirley Kyle (widow of former minister Bill Kyle); Al (Bob Beightol's brother).

Continued Prayers: Martin Tanis; Joan Wheeler; Richard Lawson; Bob Bohon; Phyllis Trent; Jeannine Burks; Shirley Brown; Becky Day; Jean Pearson; Rita Weikel; Shirley Simmons; Rosemary Ellis; Elyse Thaler; Polly McFarlane; Mac Brackenrich (Rene Wolfe's nephew); Gigi Erickson; Ruth Hartsel, and Carolyn Fisher.

Thank You...

"...but the greatest of these is Love..."

On behalf of the family of Henry "Hank" Gleixner, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all who offered us support following his passing.

Thank you for your many prayers, cards, and kind words. Your loving gestures helped us navigate through a difficult time.

The memorial service was meaningful and spiritually uplifting. Our gratitude goes out to Doug and Don who performed the service, along with Karen for her lovely organ music. Thank you also to Tracey and all those who helped her prepare and serve the delicious food for the reception.

Your compassion and care will always be treasured by our family.

Sincerely,

Glenn & Lisa Gleixner



Our Love and Sympathy, along with the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, is extended to the family of Charles (Chuck) Neighbor, who died April 23, 2022.



Special Faith Moments

On November 12, 2016, we buried Mom's Ashes next to Dad's Ashes in the Decatur Cemetery in Decatur, GA. That date was the 33rd anniversary of Dad's death. After the service, our family had a BBQ Picnic (Dad loved BBQ and Mom loved Picnics) to honor Mom and Dad. At that gathering, the torch was passed to my siblings and me to become the senior members of our family.

As a senior adult, a senior member of my family, and now as a retired clergy member of my Annual Conference, I have taken some time to reflect on my life and my ministry. I will continue to do so in the years ahead. Through it all, I have seen the hand of God guide me through the ups and downs of my life and Faith journey.

Through it all, I have also noticed that God gives each of us a gift. That gift is wisdom from what we have learned in life. Our parents and others shared that wisdom with us throughout life.

We need to listen and learn from our Seniors. Now as a Senior Adult Minister, I am listening to their wisdom from life and gaining an even deeper appreciation of their lives and Faith journeys.

As I was driving home from the service and the picnic that day, I thought about the next generation. They are the future of our country and our world. They are the future of our church. They are the future leaders of our church. They may have new ideas and feel led by God to do ministries that we are not sure about. Their theologies may be somewhat different. Yet, we need to listen to and respect our next generation. As the torch gets passed from one generation to the next, God wants to be there for one another.

Whatever age we are, God wants our lights to shine.

God's Blessings,

Don

Rev. Don Thrasher

Assistant Pastor/Deacon for Senior Adult Ministries

WINDSOR HILLS TOURS 2022

1. **May 19** The Barter Theater "Kentucky Spring" **\$120**
Lunch at the Martha Washington
2. **July 16** The Wohlfahrt Haus "Sound of Music" **\$90**
3. **August 3-5** Amishlands, PA **\$495, single \$584**
4. **September 29** The Wohlfahrt Haus "Grease" **\$90**
5. **October 20-23** Nashville, TN **\$825, single \$1,044**

*Please pick up a WH Tours schedule from the church for more details on these trips.



Windsor Hills Tours Reservation

Trip Number _____

One form per person per trip. Couples can use one form. Assemble forms in numerical order.

Name of Trip as Underlined _____

Print your Name _____

Or use sticker

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Cell _____

Roommate(s) for Overnight _____

The undersigned releases and holds harmless the following from any and all liability, claims, causes of actions and/or rights of action, arising from and/or directly or indirectly related to injuries, damages, accidents, illness or loss of life, delays, inconveniences, losses and/or additional costs associated with and/or incurred by the undersigned in connection with any 2022 WH Tours Trip: *Kim Cash, Windsor Hills Tours; and Windsor Hills United Methodist Church* (including the respective employees, officers, directors, trustees, staff, representatives, agents, heirs, successors and/or assigns of each).

Signed _____

Make Checks Payable: **WINDSOR HILLS TOURS**

Please Record Amount Paid _____ Balance Due _____

*Write the trip number (s) on check at the bottom left, like this: 1,2,4,5

Let's Go to a Picnic!

Wednesday, May 18 — 12 Noon to 1:30 pm

Annual Picnic for Senior Adults

Covered Picnic Shelter, American Legion Post 3

Apperson Drive, Salem, VA



Delicious Lunch at \$5 each will be served by Kay Jacobs and her wonderful Kitchen Crew.

Reservations are now being taken by calling 774-4730 or emailing the Church Office.

Please pass the word!

Bring a friend!

May 11 Mike and Dana Gregory
 May 12 Doug and Gail Paysour
 May 17 Darryl and Tracey Bennett
 May 19 Colin and Krista Davidson
 May 21 Michael and Donna Copeland
 May 22 Cory and Rene Wolfe
 May 24 Tom and Brenda Simpson

June 10 Jerry and Ann Wilson
 June 16 Jim and Mary Wagner
 June 17 Jennings and Marianne Bird
 June 29 Fred and Sandra Eaton



† SCHOLARSHIPS † BIRTHDAYS †

Scholarship Applications

The Scholarship Committee is requesting and accepting Applications for scholarships awarded by Windsor Hills United Methodist Church. Eligible students are those graduating from high school and those continuing their undergraduate or comparable post-high school studies. Also eligible are students pursuing graduate studies related to ministry. Applications are available in the church office and the narthex. Applications are to be returned to the church office by May 31.



May 3 Jake Bowery
 May 4 Janice Young
 May 4 Samantha Alexander
 May 4 Heidi Swaney
 May 7 Melissa Simpson
 May 8 Zuri Forrest
 May 9 Peggy Jessee
 May 9 Linda Aker
 May 9 Nixie Rodman
 May 9 Dave Armstrong
 May 10 Nan Johnson
 May 10 Steve Bowery
 May 10 Mary Crowgey
 May 11 Jonathan Seidel
 May 12 Marty Robison
 May 12 Tom Simpson
 May 13 Betty David
 May 14 Bob Beightol
 May 14 Tom Campbell
 May 14 Renee Simmons Kidd
 May 14 Katie Slusher
 May 14 Sally Rodgers
 May 15 Travis Johns
 May 16 Kelly Hoffman
 May 16 Drew Singleton
 May 17 Diana Collyer
 May 19 Anina Veldsman
 May 20 Darryl Bennett
 May 21 McKinley Forrest
 May 22 Ruth Bunt
 May 23 Shirley Simmons
 May 23 Eli Bowery

May 24 John Black
 May 24 Kim Cash
 May 27 Joan Bunt
 May 29 Barbara Wiseley
 May 30 Carolyn Fisher
 May 31 Joyce Benson

 June 1 Chris Lawson
 June 2 Tracey Bennett
 June 3 Gail Johnson
 June 4 John Stokes
 June 4 Marcy Watkins
 June 5 Claudia Liechty
 June 5 Chip Richardson, II
 June 5 Susan Cole
 June 8 Alexander Seidel
 June 8 Martin Veldsman
 June 9 Dick Bartlett
 June 9 Theodore Whitt
 June 10 Judy Beightol
 June 10 Ellie Newman
 June 10 Amber Porter
 June 10 Susan Kidd
 June 11 Susan Russell
 June 11 Cheryl McCormick
 June 15 Pat Bussey
 June 16 Karen Saunders
 June 16 Ann Wilson
 June 18 Phyllis Trent
 June 18 Christina Gleixner
 June 18 Mike Flanary
 June 18 John Lagueux
 June 21 Gigi Erickson
 June 21 Mary Lindholm
 June 22 Tyler Seymour
 June 25 Isaiah Burrell
 June 26 Joleigh Medley
 June 28 Jasmine Eaton
 June 28 Andrew Crook
 June 29 Rita Weikel

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May & June 2022



***Join us on May 15 as the WHAT!
(Windsor Hills All Together)
Event returns!***

**The Youth will be hosting a
Delicious Potato Bar after the
11:00 service. Windsor Hall—
Plan now to attend!**

