



# WESTOVER UMC

February 2020



## From the Pastor

Dear Westover UMC Family and Friends,

If you have not visited the church website recently, you should. It's changed quite a bit, and hopefully by the time you read this, most of the updates that we want to accomplish will be in place. Bruce Smith is donating time to help rebuild our church website to help more people find our church online. We are so grateful to him for giving his time to do this.

Social media and online presence is a reality of church communication and outreach. The internet has both positive and negative aspects, not because the internet is bad or good in itself, but because people can use it positively or negatively. In that way it's like money. Paul does not say money is the root of all kinds of evil, but the love of money is. So as a church, we want to help new people to find our church and be a part of our community. This is also why we have an active Facebook presence and livestream our worship services. However, we know that there will be people who use their power for evil and so we are trying to follow some good practices for our online presence for safety. No photos of children will be posted without permission from parents, and we will never identify them by name unless permission is given. This is part of our Safe Sanctuary policy. We also ask you to be careful of sharing too much personal information online so that scammers will not prey on what you shared publicly.

Since we are on the topic of social media, I do have social media accounts. I will not friend anyone on Facebook. If you choose to friend me, I will accept your friend request. It is just not my policy to send out friend requests. So if you see a friend request from me, you know it's a scammer. Additionally, I will never email you to ask you to buy anything for anyone. If you ever receive a strange email from me like that, please call me. Certain pastors have run into email scammers as well. I am still waiting for the Prince of Nigeria to send me the \$5 million dollars he said he was going to donate (yes, this is the kind of scam emails I receive, and you might too). Jesus tells us to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. It would behoove us all to be prudent in these days even as we try to reach more people for Jesus Christ.

Pastor Sung 1-845-206-3914

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



## Volunteers Needed: - Outreach Coordinator -

We're looking for someone who will coordinate our supply drives for AB Combs Elementary School and organize other mission and outreach projects throughout the year. If interested, please contact Pastor Sung.

## Special Offering: Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for the Methodist Home for Children

### LIVE STREAMING:

We are **live streaming** the Westover UMC 11am church worship service through Facebook Live on the Westover UMC Facebook page. Join us at 11am or watch the video of the service during the week at your convenience.

Westover UMC is now using **GoogleGroups** to send out email announcements about the church. If you wish to be on the distribution list, please email Becky at the church office at [WestoverUMC@gmail.com](mailto:WestoverUMC@gmail.com) to get added.



### February Meeting Schedule:

Feb. 3	Trustees Mtg. (Wesley Hall)	6:00pm
Feb. 8	UMM (Wesley Hall)	8:30am
Feb. 20	(Combined Meeting)	
	Admin Cl (Wesley Hall)	6:30pm
	Finance Com. Mtg. (Wesley Hall)	6:30pm
	Nurture Team (Wesley Hall)	6:30pm
	Outreach Team (Wesley Hall)	6:30pm
	Worship Com. (Wesley Hall)	6:30pm

## Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the Prayers, Blessings, and cards. Moving day was hard, but we got moved and are still working at getting settled. I will miss everyone at Westover but I will pop in sometime. Again thanks to everyone who sent prayers our way.

Blessings,

**Margie Liggins**

[mesha314@msn.com](mailto:mesha314@msn.com)

## Looking for Pictures

Do you have any recent pictures of a church event, activity or worship? Please send them to Bruce Smith at [smithjazz@nc.rr.com](mailto:smithjazz@nc.rr.com).

We are also looking for people to take pictures of future events, worship, etc. to update our website and Facebook page.

Pictures of children will not be posted without a signed release form.



## Administrative Council

The Council had its first meeting of 2020 on January 9; approving the budget for the year was our main focus. Our **February meeting** will be held on the **20<sup>th</sup>** in **Wesley Hall at 6:30pm**.

Our website is being updated by Bruce Smith who leads our music ministry. If you have ideas or information which should be included, please let Bruce know. Westover's website should be a valuable source of information for anyone looking for a church home.

There are many opportunities to serve the Lord at Westover: new voices are welcome in the choir; Children's Church needs volunteers; counters are needed for the Sunday offering; Outreach/Missions needs a chairperson; bag lunch volunteers are welcome. There's a place for you!

Safe Sanctuary training will be held in February. Bag lunch is held on the last Saturday of the month.

By the time you read this newsletter, the first meeting of the Vision Team will have been held. It will be exciting to see what ideas for Westover come out of this meeting.

Happy February to all. May the love of Christ and the love of your church family surround you always.

**Clara Worsley**

[claraworsl@aol.com](mailto:claraworsl@aol.com)

**Administrative Council Chair**

The church is looking for **volunteers** to count the offering after the 11am Service on Sundays. If you are able to count, keep information confidential, and are available, please speak to Ted Cashion or Jona Medlin.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- 1 BEV CAPPADONIA
- 2 ARYA DANICA PHILLIPS
- 3 DIS KSOR  
AUSTIN GRANT VOJTKO  
NOAH BATTS
- 7 TED WEYBREW
- 10 BILL PITZER
- 11 BRANDON SARGENT  
VICTOR MOY
- 13 PEGGY BROWN
- 15 THERESA WEYBREW
- 16 EDMOND PROFFITT  
NANCY CASHION
- 21 JUDY TUDOR  
TIFFANY KEELE MARSHBURN
- 27 FRANK CALDWELL
- 28 JENNIFER PROFFITT  
DORIS PRICE  
SHERRIE WATKINS



## Trustees

The Trustees are looking forward to another productive year !!

Right now we are preparing the original parsonage for a new tenant as regretfully, we lost our long time tenants, Margie Liggins and Kim Claar! We are certainly sorry to see them leave our church family. We will be welcoming long time church member Susan Denny and we are doing final work as she prepares to move in late January. We are grateful to be able to keep the parsonage home in the hands of our church members.

Our focus on our church property as the new year begins will be to move forward on renovating the Fellowship Hall ! We will be working with Bruce, our Music Director to enhance the space with updated Audio and Video equipment as part of the renovation. The installation of A/V equipment is under consideration for the main Sanctuary as well. You will be learning more about this exciting project in the near future as we want to make certain that the new system meets the needs and expectations of all our members!

The Trustees will meet next on **Feb. 3 at 6PM**.

**Phil Epley, Trustee Chairman**

Please make sure that the church office has your most current phone number, address and email. Please call or email Becky at 919-851-4431 or [WestoverUMC@gmail.com](mailto:WestoverUMC@gmail.com).



### **Calling All Singers!!**

You are all needed to help build and grow our wonderful Choir and Praise Team! We need female singers mostly, but all who can sing, even a little bit - you will be a blessing to our congregation and to the Lord! We're a fun group, and we love what we do - you will too!

Here's an offer for you... dip your toes in the musical waters this season through Christmas, and see how much you'll enjoy it. The choir meets every Wednesday night at 7PM in the choir room upstairs, and the Praise Team has a more flexible rehearsal schedule. Please help us build a bold and beautiful Choir and Praise Team at Westover. Don't you want to be a part of that?

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Smith, our Director of Music Ministries at (919) 244-0459 or email him at [smithjazz@nc.rr.com](mailto:smithjazz@nc.rr.com).

### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **Acute Care Needs:**

**Peggy Brown, Nellie Heath, Bill Jones, Bonnie Highsmith, Doug Nowell, Nettie Shafer, Carl Ray,** Greg & Kim Miller & Family

#### **Long-term Concerns:**

**Mag Highsmith, Doris Ray, Dot Avery, Mary Alice Black,** Dawn Miller, Wayne Allen, Edward Thompson, Hanna Markham, Marie Powell, Helen Wyble

#### **Homebound/Assisted Living/Nursing Care**

**Viola Ward, Jean Massengill, Nancy Tew, Helen Sloan, Everett Jones, Bob Gue, Faye Batts,** Bob & Polly Hendrix

#### **Death:**

**Walter Highsmith** (12-26-2019)



### **Childcare for Sundays:**

Our church has a **Safe Sanctuary policy** that requires 2 non-related adults to be present in a room when children are present. If you can help with the early service as a **volunteer**, please speak to Pastor Sung. Kelly will be providing nursery care from the early service to Sunday School and through the end of the 11am service.

We need **volunteers** in the 11am Service to lead Children's Church. If you can play CD's, read Children's Bible Stories and help children to color, we would love for you to please sign up. Please speak to Phyllis Danskin ([phyllisdanskin@gmail.com](mailto:phyllisdanskin@gmail.com)).

**Nursery care** is provided for infants and toddlers from the 8:45am Service to the end of the 11am Service.

### **Methodist Men**

The Methodist Men will meet on **Saturday, February 8th at 8:30am** in the **Wesley Room**. All men are welcome. Please join us for a light breakfast and some great Christian Fellowship. Hope to see you there.

**Tommy Highsmith**

**President UMM**

### **Volunteers Needed:**

#### **Children's Ministry Coordinator**

One of the areas that was identified as a priority in the Vision Retreat was children. Pastor Sung would like to have a volunteer or two to coordinate children's programs and work with families to find the best ways to disciple and nurture children and youth at Westover.

### **Bag Lunch Mission**

Some information about Oak City Cares: the new space, with this new name, opened the end of April, 2019. In the first five months over 31,000 meals were provided, 3,200 loads of laundry were completed, and over 5,200 showers were taken. For many of the guests, Oak City Cares may be the only place that they feel welcome, the only friendly voices they hear, and the only smiles they see. With this wonderful facility, towels, wash cloths, bar soap and laundry detergent pods are always needed.

Oak City had very few volunteers and/or food providers on December 28th. People were very happy to see us. On the 29th we had the Continental Breakfast and Worship Service at Westover. Lou and I took most of the food that was left to Oak City Cares. They were delighted to have this and said that it would be used immediately.

Our sandwich-making group will miss Margie who has moved. We've always been blessed to have enough people show up on a Saturday to make 120 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in about 30 minutes. It takes longer to get the peanut butter and jelly out of the jars than it does to make the sandwiches.

Thank you for your generous support for over 10 years.

Blessings,

**Janet Giannattasio**

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Bruce Smith, Director of Music  
Becky Rogers, Office Secretary  
Robert Simmons, Custodian

**SENT WITH A PRAYER FOR:**



Westover United Methodist Church  
Sunday Service times:

8:45am in the Fellowship Hall

9:45am Sunday School in the  
Education Building

11:00am in the Sanctuary

**YOU ARE INVITED!**







## **First Fruits of Worship!**

**by Bruce Smith**

*Director of Music Ministries*

### **Cultivating A Lifestyle of Worship**

I once had a very difficult encounter with a ministry colleague many years ago in South Carolina that ended in this person yelling and saying some terribly hurtful things to me. I was so astounded at this person's response to me that I literally could not speak. I left their home with a toxic mixture of hurt, anger, confusion, and a lot of other emotions I'd rather not admit to! With all of that bubbling up in me, I quickly said to myself – "what am I going to do with all of this 'stuff' right now?" I believe God prompted my thoughts at that moment, and I immediately drove to the church, pulled out a worship CD, played it at full volume and I spent the next 30-45 minutes singing to God with a full voice. It was exhausting, but at the conclusion of that 30 minutes, all of that toxic mess inside of me was gone! I had peace, serenity, and most importantly, I could think clearly on what I should do from that point on.

I tell you this story because it revealed to me something I hope you can testify to, and that is that worship should not be a "Sunday thing", but an "always" thing. The fact is, we need to worship God a whole lot more than God needs us to worship Him. When we worship Him by praying, singing, mediating on His word, sitting quietly with our hands raised to Him, or listening to a devotion, our perspective about our life changes. Mountains become mole hills, and impossible situations can find a peaceful solution. God gave us worship so we could plug into the "God socket" – the power outlet for our lives. When we see His great power and authority over all the earth, we can't help but allow Him to help us. The words of Psalm 95 paint this vivid picture of worship for us:

***"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.***

***For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care."*** Psalm 95:1-7

When you think about how the God who created the heavens and the earth, does it cross your mind that He can't handle your problems? This is why it is not only imperative for us, but more importantly, God's specific plan for us to have a lifestyle of worship. So, how do we begin?

Begin at the beginning of your day. Recognize that God created that new day, so give Him credit for it by thanking Him for it as you make your coffee or eat your breakfast. Not because He needs to hear you give Him credit for the day, but WE need to recognize who the author of the day is. Say this Psalm as you begin the new day:

***"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."*** Psalm 100:1-3

As you head off to work or chores and errands, instead of listening to the depressing news on the car radio, put in a CD with worship music and sing yourself to work or through your work. You'll be amazed at how God will transform a 20 minute car ride that could be frustrating with traffic, crazy drivers, and bad weather into a time of solitude with your loving God. You'll arrive to work with a song in your heart – because you've just been singing!

As troubles come (and they most certainly will!), take some time to worship for the purpose of turning that problem over to God. Close the door to the office, take a moment to get away for even 10 minutes to pray and ask God for His help. But do so proclaiming His power and magnificence, not because He needs to hear it, but WE need to be reminded of it.

**“With my mouth I will greatly extol the LORD; in the great throng of worshipers I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save their lives from those who would condemn them.” Psalm 109:30-31**

And finally, as you conclude your day, in quietness of your final waking moments, give God thanks and praise for the unique and remarkable day He created for you. As you lie in the quietness of your bed before falling asleep, recognize His love and care for you throughout this day. We do this because we were designed to praise Him – our bodies and our mind. Romans 12 says it best

**“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2**

Cultivating a lifestyle of worship will serve to transform our circumstances, invigorate our lives, and put us on the path to doing His perfect will. Doesn’t that sound good?

## Church Leaders In Ministry for the Year 2020

### Modified Single Board

Position	Name
Chair	<u>CLARA WORSLEY</u>
Treasurer	Verna Wentz
Financial Secretary	Alice Batts/Jona Medlin
Finance Rep	<u>ASHLEY FISHER</u>
Lay Leader	Scott Gordon
Chair, Staff Parish Relations	Jennifer Proffitt
Chair, Trustees	Phil Epley
Worship Rep	<u>JANET GIANNATTASIO</u>
Nurture and Education Rep	Jennifer Profitt
Missions/Outreach Rep	TBD
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Jane Brown
President, UMM	Tommy Highsmith
President, UMW	TBD
Secretary	John Mitchell
Members at Large	Lou Giannattasio, Ted Cashion

### Volunteers in non-elected positions

Altar Guild: Janet Giannattasio,  
Lou Giannattasio  
Memorial Gift Coordinator: Joy  
Driver  
Children’s Church volunteer  
coordinator: Phyllis Danskin

### Paid Staff

Pastor: Reverend Sung Moy  
Director of Music Ministries: Bruce Smith  
Church Secretary: Becky Rogers  
Childcare: Kelly Broadhurst

### Trustees:

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Adam Holt	Kent Gibson	<u>PHIL EPLEY</u>
Les Watkins	Wayne Miller	<u>JESSE GILSTRAP</u>
Sue Nowell	Lou Giannattasio	<u>JENNIFER PROFITT</u>

### Staff Parish Relations:

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Doug Nowell	Jennifer Profitt	<u>CLARA WORSLEY</u>
Rick Gradle	Sharron Gibson	<u>RUTH MILLER</u>
Susan Denny	Wayne Dillard	<u>LES WATKINS</u>

Ex-Oficio: Pastor, Lay leader, Lay Member to Conference