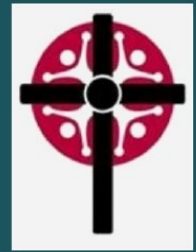


Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
Ardmore United Methodist Church



APRIL 2024

Sharing the many memories and blessings of

March 2024



J.A. Ward and 820 Miller Street

Today, the beautiful house at 820 Miller Street is the private home of our current pastor, and is famous as the longtime home of W.G. White, but a century ago, it belonged to Mr and Mrs. John A. Ward. J.A. Ward, a native of Stokes County, was the president of Tucker-Ward Hardware on Trade Street. He and his wife, Mary Etta Sanders, lived next door to A.C. and Sallie Stuart. The Winston-Salem Journal of October 3, 1925 and numerous other sources attribute the beginnings of Ardmore to a conversation held between J.A. Ward and A.C. Stuart in the late summer of 1924, in which John noted the presence of many Methodists in the new Ardmore neighborhood. A.C. cautioned him to be careful, or “they will be wanting to organize a church first thing you know”, but offered his support if Ward wanted to “start the ball rolling.” Ward promptly pointed out a possible site on Hawthorne Road. The Wards took an active role in organizing Ardmore M.E. South. He became a member of the Official Board for the next decade, and the first official church worship service (with Reverend J. S. Hiatt as newly appointed pastor) after the October 26 organizational meeting was held in their living room on November 2, 1924. Mary Ward was elected as the first President of the Women’s Home Missionary Society, and hosted meetings at her house as well. Unfortunately, Tucker-Ward Hardware was dealt a blow when a fire at the adjacent Gilmer’s Department Store on Trade Street occurred, and extensive water damage destroyed much of the hardware stock stored in the basement of the store, which was underinsured. The stock market crash of 1929 and Great Depression which followed resulted in Tucker-Ward Hardware’s board members wresting control of the company from J.A. Ward in 1930, and it failed under the new management within a few months. J.A. Ward took a series of positions as a hardware salesman, and their home had to be sold. Mary Ward was hired by Ardmore M.E. in 1934 as Assistant to the Pastor (the newly-appointed A.C. Tippet) and the Board of Stewards She served well as the first church secretary, but resigned in October 1935. The Board thanked her and expressed their distress at her departure. The Wards moved to Washington, D.C. to run a boarding house, where they lived the remainder of their lives. The role of the Wards and of 820 Miller Street as perhaps the most influential home not located on church property was forgotten for many years. (NEXT: The Realtor)

Your church historian, Barbara Foster

As always, your support of Ardmore UMC is greatly appreciated. It is an exciting time to be part of the Ardmore community. As with many other areas of the church, we are in a very healthy position financially. Giving statements for the first quarter of 2024 will be mailed by the end of the month. If you do not receive yours by mid-April or if you have questions regarding the report, please email businessmgt@ardmoreumc.org. You will receive a response as soon as possible.

Food Pantry Needs

Canned Meat
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Baby Diapers (Any size)
Adult Diapers (Any size)
April Food Pantry Dates:
April 4th and 18th

Clothing Closet Needs

Spring/Summer
Clothing
and Shoes for
Men, Women and Children

Blood Drive

Saturday, April 13th
9:30 am – 2:00 pm
Bob Martin Hall
Schedule an appointment at
1-800-733-2767
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and
enter: Ardmore UMC



Ardmore
United Methodist Church

Join in fellowship
and give back to
our community!



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Scan the QR code to see details and sign up.



Call the church office with questions
336-723-3695

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A COMMUNITY

PLAYGROUND PARTY!

SPRING Fling

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH (10AM-11AM)

ARDMORE UMC PLAYGROUND

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!!!

JOIN US FOR A SPRING CRAFT, A SWEET TREAT & LOTS OF FUN!

Volunteers **NEEDED**



Have you ever considered volunteering in our Youth Ministry? We have an amazing group of young people that are actively involved and we are currently looking for adults within the church who would like to be a special part of a student's life and faith journey.

Interested or Want More Information?

Contact Jessica Dalton at jessicad@ardmoreumc.org

“Senior Moments”

Spring is here!!! It's nice to have nice spring weather these days...along with some rainy and sometimes chilly days. This is such a beautiful time of year. Easter was early but the flowers and trees were ready for it. I hope that your Easter was happy and that you were able to celebrate this Holy time with your family and with our church family.

Our Young at Heart programs have been very entertaining...lots of music. We enjoyed a barber shop quartet, “Sound Counsel,” in February and Kevin Mundy’s “Big Band, Broadway and Ballads” selections in March. We couldn't help but reminisce as we listened to (and sang along with) Kevin as he played and sang songs from the 1930's - the 1960's. This month's Young at Heart gathering will be Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the Bob Martin Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be “Miz Eudora Rumph” from Smackass Gap, NC...she's also known as Catherine Ritch, a published composer, author and accomplished organist/pianist. We will have a buffet lunch at the cost of \$12/person. Everyone is invited to join the fun and fellowship April 23, and any Young at Heart event... you don't have to be a senior adult to attend. I will send emails and make phone calls so that you can make your reservation later this month, but you can also email/call me to make your reservation...maryjo@ardmoreumc.org/336-723-5566 or 336-403-1871.

Are you getting ready to celebrate Ardmores's 100th anniversary? I have enjoyed talking with people who were members of Ardmores when they were young in the 1930's and 1940's. They shared wonderful stories about growing up in the church. It's interesting to hear how so many church members lived in the Ardmores neighborhood and chose Ardmores Methodist because it was within walking distance of their homes. The children in these families grew up together in the church and in the neighborhood and many are still church members and live in Ardmores. Please share your memories with our 100 th Anniversary committee and others so that we can learn more about our Ardmores UMC history.

As I mentioned our entertaining Young at Heart programs, I thought it fitting to share this quote from Barbara Johnson, “Take time to laugh__it is the music of the soul.” We are enjoying music and laughter each month as we enjoy good fellowship. It is wonderful that many of our new members are getting to know us better by attending Young at Heart events; we are getting to know them better also. Look for new members on Sundays and get to know them. Find time to visit with old friends and new... and remember our senior friends. Have a good conversation and a few good laughs. It lightens our loads and reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously. Enjoy life...and friends!!!

Live Well...Laugh Often...Love Much!!!

Mary Jo



stephen
MINISTRY

**Are You Going through
a Difficult Time?**

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. The care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful.

To learn how you—or a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—can receive care, talk to a pastor or Stephen Leader.

**God's Love in
ACTION**

Call 336.723.3695
or e-mail
admin@ardmoreumc.org
and ask for the pastor.

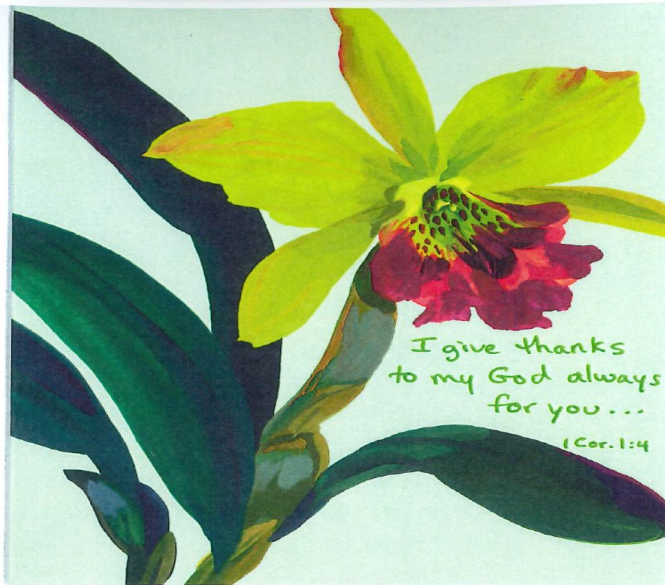
Ardmore

We have 3 Stephen Leaders:

Steve and Eva Jane Felts
Carolyn Roe

along with 6 Stephen Ministers:

Mary Culler
Eddie Foster
Ryan Price
Joy Troyer
Debbie Williams
Earl Williams



Dear Ardmore UMC,
I am writing to thank you for your support. I received your gift recently and was brought to tears by your thoughtfulness. I hope you will forgive the delayed response. I wanted to wait until I had some good news to share: I have been recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry to be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection at the NC Annual Conference this June!

I wholeheartedly believe that our time together in ministry helped mold me and prepare me for this moment—and that God brought us together for a reason, though only for a season. Thank you. I am forever grateful for your prayers, speaking truth to me in love, encouragement, and for our partnership in seeking God's kingdom. I remember you all in my prayers. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide everything you do, and may God bless the ministries of Ardmore UMC, ^{With} ^{Love,} as you celebrate 100 years! *Felts*



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to and from Ardmore United Women in Faith!

We have now entered a glorious Easter season (which lasts until Pentecost.) I believe we have all received a mighty spiritual boost, and the Ardmore United Women in Faith are no exception.

Just prior to Easter Sunday, On Tuesday, March 26, we joined volunteers from Highland Presbyterian Church in serving the meal at a joint meeting of the Shalom Project's two Flourish groups. (Check the happy workers in the photo.) Thank you to Marilyn Parker, Cathy Amos, and Julian Hopf for assisting in set-up, serving, and cleanup. Thank you, too, to all who donated the meal: Margaret Browning, Liz Lamphear, Bonnie Atwell, Mary Jo Brewer, Leslie Mullinix, Shelby Sitison, and Carolyn Webster. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone, and thanks to you, too!

The next big District (Yadkin Valley District) event will be on Saturday, April 13 at Fairgrove Church in Thomasville, from 9:00 to 11:30. This is the annual district Prayer Breakfast, at which, among other things, we remember the sisters who have passed since last year's breakfast. There is no charge, and anyone interested in going may carpool from our church. We do ask that you check in with Mary Jo Brewer by Saturday, April 6, if you plan to attend; that way the ladies at Fairgrove church will know how much "light breakfast" to prepare! Reservations are encouraged, but NOT required, by the way. This event has an interesting "Hands On" donation project: crock pots.

We have been asked to provide crock pots to support the Yadkin Valley District Faith and Food Initiative for the summer youth camp. I would love to see our Ardmore unit contribute a crock pot. I am confident we are up to the challenge!

Finally, thanks to all who ordered chocolates during our See's fundraiser. Every bit helps. Watch for the return of See's chocolates in the fall. And, of course, remember Rada!

Remember, AUW Faith welcomes sisters with open arms! Till May then... Blessings!

Nancy Norton, President
Ardmore United Women
in Faith





SUNDAY MORNINGS: KIDS & FAMILY WORSHIP IN ROOM #215

DATE	THEME	ACTIVITIES
04/07/24 10AM & 11:15AM	WORSHIP: JESUS IS ALIVE! Luke 24	Game: Guessing Game Science: What's for Breakfast?
04/13/24 10AM – 11AM	 PLAYGROUND PARTY 	A morning filled with games, prizes, music, crafts a sweet treat and lots of FUN!!!
04/14/24 10AM & 11:15AM	WORSHIP: THOMAS HAS QUESTIONS John 20	Game: Trust Walk Craft: People Banner
04/21/24 10AM & 11:15AM	WORSHIP: PETER IS FORGIVEN John 21	Game: Motions of Three Craft: Friendly Fish Notes
04/28/24 10AM & 11:15AM	WORSHIP: GOD WANTS US TO KNOW HIM Matthew 28	Game: Roll the Stone Relay Craft: Sunrise Crosses



Nursery (Birth – 18 Months) → Room #121

Preschool (18 Months – 4 Years) → Room #122



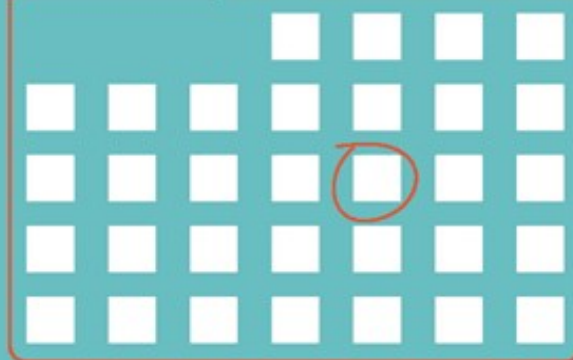
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: YOUTH GROUP IN ROOM #217
STUDENTS 6TH – 12TH GRADE ARE WELCOME!

DATE	BIBLE STUDY/ACTIVITY	GAME
04/07/24 3:30PM – 5:30PM	WIRED BIBLE STUDY WEEK #1: JESUS ON THE BRAIN	LAWN GAMES
04/14/24 3:30PM – 5:30PM	SUNDAY FUNDAY @ ADVENTURE LANDING \$10 FOR PUTT-PUTT, ARCADE GAMES & SNACK	
04/21/24 3:30PM – 5:30PM	WIRED BIBLE STUDY WEEK #2: LIVING AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY LIFE	EARTH DAY ADVENTURES
04/28/24 3:30PM – 5:30PM	WIRED BIBLE STUDY WEEK #3: A HEALTHY GUIDE TO LONELINESS	THE ORANGE BATTLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

at Ardmore UMC

April 2024



**Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
@ 5:30PM**



**April 4th
&
April 18th**



**APRIL
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**4/8 – Trustees (6PM)
4/20 – Events Team (9:30AM)**

**Meet &
Eat**

Scan here to sign up for Meet & Eats



ardmoreumc.org/meeteat

**Saturday, April 6th @ 10am
or
Sunday, April 21st @ 6pm**

Thursday, April 11th

**GAME
NIGHT**

6pm – 8pm

**YOUNG
AT HEART**
Older Adult Ministry

Tuesday, April 23rd

11:45AM in Bob Martin Hall

Lunch is \$12 Per Person

RSVP to Mary Jo Brewer at mbrewer1227@gmail.com

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4/3
Greta Longbotham
Jerry Pate

4/4
Kristen Gartner
Della Scott
Jaden Trego

4/6
Craig Murray

4/8
Scott Andre Bowen
Leroy Foster
Mary Ben Stroupe

4/12
Allison Amos
Tim Barfield
Savannah Ivey

4/13
Becca Olsen
Evelyn Price

4/15
Grace Hawkins
Anna McAlister

4/16
Betty McBride

4/17
Edith Jordan
Joseph Reynolds

4/20
Tricia Barfield
Michelle Harrison
Parker Jones

4/21
Jim Amos
Phillip Lamphear
Judith Lundgren
Garrison Schmidt

4/22
Steve Felts
Jimmy Wall
Grace Wijeratne

4/25
Claire Davis
Loren Lundgren

4/26
William Longbotham

4/28
Nick Nicholson

4/30
Annabelle Amos
Stephanie Tudor

Congregational Concerns

We pray for those who:

Need healing: Sylvia Caldwell, Jan Carter, Jane Click, Alice Dalton, Patrick Edenfield, Betty Frazier, Margaret Foster, Peggy Hall, Joanne Hamlet, Page Hartsell, Mavis Hedrick, Ruby Houlden, Cynthia Hulet, Sara Knott, Elizabeth Martin, Charli Neal, Ken Norton, Roy Nifong, Darlene Owens, Sylvia Powell, Marilyn Reins, Harry Steele, Ralph (Tom) White, Sue Wilkinson and Jane Wooten.

Those grieving: Kennedy family, loss of Connor's wife Anne.

Who come to Our Father's Table Food Pantry/Clothing Closet.

Who serve our country.