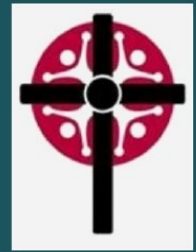


Connections

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
Ardmore United Methodist Church



August 2024

Reflections...by Pastor Kelly

Ardmore 100>>>

Jesus fed 5,000, then later he fed 4,000. Each time, he modeled abundance by taking bread, giving thanks, breaking and giving. Taking what is available, giving gratitude to God, dividing it up, sharing it. Each multitude feeding was a sign of God's abundance, more than enough for everyone. We have much to learn from Jesus' example, but all too often we slip back into a "scarcity mindset," thinking there is not enough.

As we approach our 100 year anniversary celebration, we will be telling the story of the people on whose shoulders we now stand. The story of Ardmore UMC is one to celebrate. From the vision of those who began forming a church in the neighborhood, to the hard work of raising money by the Ardmore Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society, to the construction of the Sanctuary and Education buildings and all of its additions, to the ways people have moved out in service to Winston Salem. The Ardmore UMC story is one of people moved by an abundance of love who made a lasting presence of faith in the city.

While we will reflect on our past and honor those who brought us this far on the way, we will also start brainstorming on how we will be in ministry for the next 100 years. In so many ways, we are in a different world. One that is less religious, more diverse, and moving at digital speed. What form will the people of Ardmore take in their ministry in this future?

As we move into this season of celebration, we want to give you a couple opportunities to practice abundance through your gifts and service. On Saturday, **September 27th** we are holding another **Ardmore Day of Giving**. Our goal will be to activate **100 people**, members and friends of Ardmore, into hands-on *service to the community*. We will move off campus, to give some time, attention, sweat and energy for others. We are in the process of setting up projects around Winston Salem, missions and non profits that need a small team of people to tackle projects that can make their regular services operate more smoothly. Many of these organizations receive financial support through our giving to local missions. Here is how the day will work: 1) gather for a quick breakfast at church, 2) travel in teams to various locations to work for others, 3) return to the church for a lunch and time of sharing, 4) send out more teams for the afternoon. This will be an opportunity for us to show the community that Ardmore is still producing servant leaders, ready to actively follow in the way of Jesus through giving of our time and energy.

A second opportunity to practice abundance is with a gift of gratitude to the **Adrmore100+>>>** campaign. Our goal for this anniversary campaign is to jumpstart our next 100 years with \$100,000+. We have already begun receiving some very generous gifts. The Church Council will meet at the end of October to discern the best use of these gifts to launch our next 100 years of ministry together. Without your financial support through regular tithes and offerings, we could not keep our ministries running. If you would like to contribute a gift, you can send us a check made out to the church with "**Ardmore100+**" in the memo. So, please consider a gift beyond your regular giving so we can jumpstart our next 100 years as we share abundantly into the future.

The Ladies of Ardmore M.E, South

Just as the work of the early church could not have been carried out without the many women who had become followers of Christ, so Ardmore M. E. South might not have survived without the countless ladies—wives, widows, singles, mothers, daughters, sisters—who worked to be sure the new church thrived and grew.

Three days after the first organizational meeting, 21 women met to form the Ardmore Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society, and elected these leaders: Mary Ward, President; Gladys Smithdeal, Vice President, and Eva Miller Jackson, Treasurer. Three days later, they threw a surprise pounding at the parsonage for the Hiatts. Their first meeting was held on November 5; they organized a rummage sale for November 8, which raised \$49.95 of the \$836 owed for parsonage furniture. Undaunted, they began sewing aprons to sell at the Basketeria on Trade Street on November 22, and followed that with a supper in the newly-constructed "hut" on November 25. A Silver Tea was given at the Country Club in February 1925, and monthly lawn parties were held at the church throughout the summer of 1925 to help raise funds for its work.

Nor was all the work done by the young wives. Rosella Smith Nunn, whose diaries have revealed so much about early life at Ardmore, proposed a "birthday jar" in which each member would give a penny for each year of their age as a gratitude offering; her friend Virginia Willson kept the jar (Mrs. Willson, who was the grandmother of Abner Alexander and Dora Hanks, collected Octagon soap wrappers to raise money for the ladies; she died of burns as a consequence of her work in May 1925, and a stained-glass window and Ladies' Sunday School class were named for her). Some church events were given by all of the ladies, including a going-away reception when the Hiatts were sent to Asheville in October 1925, an oyster supper for the newly-appointed Rev. L.B. Hayes when he arrived a week later, and a Father-Son Banquet on November 10, 1925. Others were carried out by a single member, such as the Thanksgiving Supper given by Ida Nunn and the bazaar hosted by Gladys Smithdeal in that same month.

By December 1925, the ladies of Ardmore had earned \$9206.70; paid for the parsonage furniture and paid \$1350 to complete payments for the unsubscribed stained-glass windows. They established a firm tradition of working hard to support Ardmore that has continued through the Women's Society of Christian Service, United Methodist Women, and the United Women of Faith.

NEXT: The building of the Sanctuary, 1925

Church Historian, Barbara Foster

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
ARDMORE 100 DAY OF GIVING

In honor of our 100th Anniversary of the church and its missions, we are offering
Ardmore 100 Day of Giving.

Our goal is to have 100 volunteers involved in this special day. The day begins at 8:15 am in Bob Martin Hall with a continental breakfast and a "sending forth" prayer for all volunteers. Teams of volunteers will then go to their non-profit organizations for their morning projects. All (except for those going to Threshold Farm) will then convene back at the church for lunch and fellowship at 12:15 pm.

Community Opportunities include the following:

- Sorting donations at the Family Services Domestic Violence Shelter*
- Planting trees at Threshold Farm in East Bend (boxed lunches will be sent) *
- Completing minor home repairs at Open Arms Ministry, 437 E. Sprague St
- Providing assistance at The Shalom Project at Green St UMC
- Packing Narcan kits at Twin City Harm Reduction at Green St UMC*

***Youth opportunities**

To join us in this special project, please sign up on
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAAD2EA5FBC43-50436650-project>
Or contact Daughn Eagan at deagan11@icloud.com or (336) 418-4452

Ardmore UMC's Amazing Effort for The Big Chill 2024

The Ardmore Lovin' Scoop-fuls did it again!!

From Carolyn Coram: "Team Ardmore UMC with its appreciated and applauded fund contributors, dazzling ice cream makers and on-the-scene volunteers... we achieved a historic effort for funding The Shalom Project. The combined efforts of friends and families of Ardmore UMC through their participation and contributions resulted in a generous \$14,500 toward The Shalom Project's \$60,000 goal."

August Food Pantry Needs:

Canned meats and vegetables

Eva Jane Felts is searching for groups to provide dinners to our Food Pantry Guests. If your group is willing to provide a meal, contact Eva Jane at

ejfelts@triad.rr.com

In June, we served 180 families.

August Clothing Closet Needs

We are searching for a committed individual to fill the coordinator position.

Rebuild Mission Opportunity in Waynesville, NC during the week of October 6th. Please contact Sandy Waldron at swaldron322@gmail.com for more information.

School Supply Drive

The Annual School Supply Drive ends on Sunday, August 4th. **Supplies needed are:** washable markers; colored pencils; dry erase markers; highlighters; standard pencils; manual pencil sharpeners; pens; glue sticks; Elmer's glue; 1½-inch binders; colored pocket folders; loose-leaf paper; graph paper; composition books; 3x5 index cards; book bags (no wheels); headphones (no wireless ear buds); tissues; hand sanitizer; post-it notes. Collection bins located near the preschool entrance, the entrance to the church near the elevator and in the back of the chapel.

Big Thank You to Our Ice Cream Makers Carolyn Coram, Jessica Dalton, Debbie and Keith Gough, Teri Liles, Frances and Dave McDonald, Valerie Martin and Sasha Quintana, Marilyn Parker, Carolyn Webster, Debbie and David Williams.



Get ready! A Creation Care Team is coming to Ardmore United Methodist Church. So, what does a Creation Care Team do? This team will help us reflect on the relationship between faith and the environment and advocate for the health of all God's children and His creation.

Team members use their voice, talents, time and resources to inspire and equip our church community and others to care for the environment, promote sustainability, advocate for climate justice, and offer opportunities for learning and growth.

That could mean: **Planting gardens and trees - Recycling - Changing light bulbs - Composting - Beekeeping - Putting solar panels on a roof - Reading books - Showing movies - EV chargers - Mission trips - Advocacy - Recycling Celebrating Earth Day - Trash makeovers Etc., etc.,**

Come learn more on Tuesday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 204. We'd love to hear your ideas.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Best, Dawn Lewis dwnlws@gmail.com; 512-636-4733.

Is life weighing you down?

Are you experiencing a loss or life-changing event?

Stephen Ministers are here to provide a compassionate, nonjudgmental, confidential partner to walk the journey with you. Ardmore has Stephen Ministers available to listen and provide weekly Christian-based care for you. Call the pastor's office to refer yourself or a friend.



God Bless



United
Women
in Faith

Greetings to and from Ardmore United Women in Faith!

On July 13, those of us fortunate enough to attend had a terrific time at the Yadkin Valley District Summer Gathering. Clergy and Laity were welcomed at Tanglewood Park (in the air conditioned barn) to share music, copious amounts of food, and fellowship. Many of us are hoping for a repeat of the Gathering in future summers. Yadkin Valley District members of United Women in Faith provided paper products and decorations. We also set up a table to display information about our organization. (Notice the picture below of a contingent of the Yadkin Valley UWFaith Board supervising the bouncy house.)

Mission U 2024 will take place during two days from August 2 through August 3. For the second year in a row we will meet at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory. The AUWF Executive Board will meet Tuesday, August 6, at 11:00

Our Ardmore Unit is scheduled to partner with the Shalom Project's Flourish Program on Tuesday, August 13, to serve the first of the four meals we will provide during 2024-25 at Green Street UMC. It will be our pleasure to serve the Latina group on the 13th. Servers will be much appreciated.

The Yadkin Valley District United Women in Faith will meet on Saturday, August 17, at Trinity UMC in King for our annual Celebration. Join us!

Looking ahead to September, we plan to have a general meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 11:00. Our speaker will be Dawn Lewis who will tell us all about Creation Care. As you know, at general meetings we welcome all circle members...from Miriam, Lydia, the Stitchers, and our At Large members. Of course this meeting will include brunch! (Look for a reminder in the next newsletter.)

Till September then...Blessings!

Nancy Norton, President Ardmore United Women in Faith



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE
PLAYGROUND
PARTY!
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

 **(10AM-11AM)** 

ARDMORE UMC PLAYGROUND

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!

**JOIN US FOR GAMES, MUSIC, PRIZES
CRAFTS & A BACK-TO-SCHOOL TREAT!**

August

Kids Worship & Events Schedule

JOIN US AT THE 'PRAY'GROUND THIS SUMMER!!!

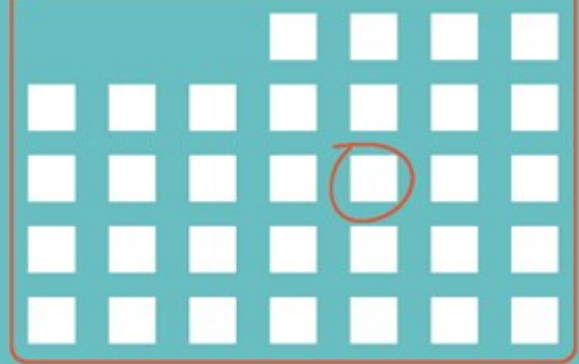
Sunday Mornings in June, July & August our Kids & Family Worship will move outdoors for the summer and EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Join us on the playground at 10am or 11:15am for a fun outdoor worship experience with games, crafts & snacks!
This is worship for kids (pre-k – 5th grade), families & parents!

DATE	THEME	ACTIVITY & CRAFT
08/04/2024 10AM & 11:15AM	THE 'PRAY'GROUND Spending Time with God is <u>How We Grow</u> (Parable of the Sower)	Game: Zoomed in with God Craft: 'Make Time' Watch
08/10/2024 10AM – 11AM	BACK TO SCHOOL BASH PLAYGROUND PARTY Games; Prizes, Music, Back-to-School Craft & a Sweet Treat!	BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
(8/11/2024) BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF & PARENTS		
08/11/2024 10AM & 11:15AM	THE 'PRAY'GROUND Using Your Gifts is <u>How We Serve</u> (Parable of the Bags of Gold)	Game: Magnifying the Gifts Craft: Make Your Own Magnifying Glass
08/18/2024 10AM & 11:15AM	THE 'PRAY'GROUND Spending Time with Others is <u>How We Care</u> (Parable of the Good Samaritan)	Game: Top Secret Popsicles Craft: Fingerprint Art
08/25/2024 10AM & 11:15AM	THE 'PRAY'GROUND Sharing Our Story is <u>How We Love</u> (Luke 19:1-10)	Game: Clue Chase Craft: Share Your Heart

UPCOMING EVENTS

at Ardmore UMC

August 2024



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



**August 1st
&
August 15th**



**AUGUST
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 8/6 - UWF Board (11am)
- 8/12 - Trustee (6pm)
- 8/13 - Creation Care (6:30pm)
Worship (6:30pm)
- 8/17 - Events Team (9:30am)

Thursday, August 8th

**GAME
NIGHT**

6:30pm - 8:30pm

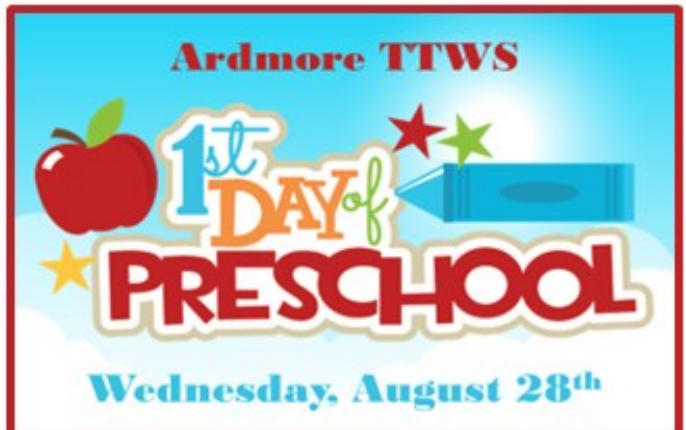


**PLAYGROUND
PARTY**

August 10th
10am - 11am



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH
10AM & 11:15AM**



Wednesday, August 28th

August 2024 SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS: 3:30PM – 5:30PM IN ROOM #217

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

SUNDAY SPLASH PARTY AT SHERWOOD POOL
BRING \$\$ FOR THE SNACK BAR (1199 Fenimore St.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: PLAYGROUND PARTY (10AM – 11AM)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH

NO YOUTH GROUP (GET READY FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW!)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL FIESTA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

ARDMORE SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: SERVE DINNER AT FOOD PANTRY (5PM – 7:30PM)

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN (6PM – UNTIL...)

“Senior Moments”

Summer is fading too fast. I must say that it's been good to spend time at home and to travel a bit. And the rain came after a long dry spell. God is good! Now that I'm settling down again, I'm finding lots to do at Ardmore UMC. Christmas in July was lots of fun and well attended. August will provide us with more activities for the children and adults. Have you been to a “Game Night” at Ardmore? It's fun and you might get to know some members that you haven't met before. Check the calendar and come out the second Thursday of the month to play some games...old games and new games.

I attended the Yadkin Valley District Laity event at Tanglewood last month and I really enjoyed it. It was good to see many Ardmore members there and to see friends from other United Methodist churches. The food was delicious and quite plentiful, and the music was fantastic. I even got a Young at Heart program lined up for September.

Speaking of Young at Heart, we will meet again in September and two ladies from Lewisville UMC will present our musical program. They are very good, and I think that they will be lots of fun too. Our October program will be “All About Ardmore,” as we celebrate our 100 years. As I promised last spring, we will take J.R. and Janice Snider up on their invitation to visit J.R.'s trains at their home in Kernersville. We set a date, Thursday, August 15. Our timeframe is 11:00 - 12:00ish and we hope for beautiful weather that isn't too hot and NO rain. Since it will be around lunchtime, we can eat lunch at the nearby Cracker Barrel afterwards...all who wish to. I will send an email to those who usually attend our Young at Heart events, but everyone is welcome to join us. I've heard that the trains are very interesting and a “must see” activity. Let me know if you would like to see the trains with us.

Our Stephen Ministers do a wonderful job of helping others. They also make Communion visits on the first Sunday of each month when we have Communion at Ardmore. Those who are served appreciate the opportunity to have Communion when they can't be at our worship services. If you would like to have a Communion visit, let me know and we will add you to the list. It doesn't matter if you are in your home or in a retirement or nursing facility; we will visit you with Communion. Some of our members from Trinity were Stephen Ministers there; they have joined our group and make Communion visits too. Just think, you may get to meet some of our newer members and make a new friend if they visit you.

We continue to make plans for our 100th anniversary. I hope that you can participate in some or all the activities. The theme is “A Century of Love, Moving Forward with Faith.” The word love reminds me of a plaque that I have that I believe is true...” Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much” (unknown). May we all live this way. Love and laughter help us to live well.

August Blessings to All,
Mary Jo
maryjo@ardmoreumc.org/336-403-1871

SPRC News

As SPRC Chair, I am saddened to say that we are losing our church Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Vaughan as she has secured a new place of employment with Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton law firm in Winston-Salem. We will celebrate with Cheryl as she advances in her career opportunity and wish her well in the new endeavor. Cheryl previously worked with another law firm before taking the position at Ardmore UMC as Administrative Assistant.

For the past two and a half years, Cheryl along with our other staff members has held us together as a church through some rough changes and challenges. Cheryl is a devoted member of Mt. Tabor UMC, and hopefully we will continue to see her around here from time to time as she lives in the Ardmore neighborhood.

We invite you to join us between the services on Sunday, August 4th as we thank Cheryl for her outstanding ministry with us. Please come by Bob Martin Fellowship Hall following the 10AM worship service to greet Cheryl.

Peace and Blessings,
Eddie Foster, SPRC Chair

Dear Ardmore family,

I clearly remember walking through the halls to meet the SPRC committee in September 2021. I left a law firm looking to take a break and find something that I could use my skills to make a difference. God certainly answered that with a door open to different! I was overwhelmed when I got the offer that evening and accepted the next day. Working behind the church desk has brought so many unexpected blessings and understanding of church life good, bad and sometimes a little messy. The staff has seen and experienced many of those chapters together in the past years. I am fortunate to have had them as teammates throughout it all. This work place became my second church family. What a blessing! Each event, encounter, experience has enriched my life. I hope that I was able to pass on the grace you showed me to those who came in weary, looking for guidance and tired from life situations. Even though you may see tears in my eyes as I say farewell, they are full of joy and I love you all BIG, with extra sparkles!

Faith first, Cheryl

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Game Night 8/8 from 6:30-8:30pm in Bob Martin Hall
- Event Team Meeting 8/17 at 9:30am Chapman house
- Ardmore Greeter Meetings 8/18 after both services
- The End of Summer Block Party 9/14.



August Birthday Bash.



Special Days in August



8/1
Lee Foster

8/3
Joe White

8/4
Karen Lawrence
Caroline Williams

8/6
Tom Houston
Ian O'Toole

8/7
Logan Collins
Precious Mudiwa

8/9
Alice Dalton
Pat Weaver

8/10
Josh Dalton
Mitzie Kepley

8/11
Margaret Foster

8/12
Dillon Myers

8/13
Susan Jones

8/14
J.R. Snider

8/17
Ben Ward

8/18
Dawn Lewis
Ken Blackburn
Cindy Kern

8/20
Mary Margaret Lucas

8/23
Heather Vye

8/24
Jere Carter
Peggy Haigler

8/25
Pat Stuart

8/26
Frances McDonald

8/27
Ann Combs
Douglas Dyer
Beaver Gary

8/28
Bradley Deaton

8/31
Jonathan Amos
Marilyn Parker
Nicole Stevens
Sue Wilkinson

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, Alex Kern, Sara Knott, Elizabeth Martin, Charli Neal, Ken Norton, Darlene Owens, Sylvia Powell, Marilyn Reins, Harry Steele, Ralph (Tom) White, Sue Wilkinson and Jane Wooten.

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

Need comfort: Ralph "Tom" White family, wife Sara passed away on July 10. McAfee family, loss of Patra on July 28.

Who serve our country.