

# 2022

Handbook and Program Calendar



# Union Chapel

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*United Methodist Church*

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## Our Pastors Message

Dear Union Chapel Family,

What a privilege and honor to serve beside you at Union Chapel United Methodist Church. This has been a challenging year thanks to the global pandemic. We had hoped 2021 would see everything return to the way it was before COVID. Yet that has not been the case. Even so, we have found ways to continue serving in mission and ministry. For this, we give all praise and glory to God.

With each new year comes a fresh opportunity to choose our course for the future. May we always remember the words of Christ to his disciples, shortly before he gave his life for our sins. Jesus said, “Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things** than these because I am going to Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**” (John 14:12-14, NIV). (Emphasis added.)

What great things will Union Chapel do in this new year to bring glory to God? Throughout this new year, let us pray boldly in the name of Jesus Christ! Let us pray that God would open our hearts and minds to whatever new thing God wants us to do, so that all might know God’s love, mercy, and grace.

One of the things 2021 will be remembered for is that we raised more than \$17,000 through our Annual Turkey Shoot, more money than ever before. I rejoice at the way Christ works in and through this ministry. We help so many families with these funds. Praise be to God! But could God do even greater things through this ministry? I believe He can.

While many of those who attend the “World’s Largest Turkey Shoot” are already connected to a local church, there are many more who are not. So, what if we collect not only names, but phone numbers and emails of all those who attend. Then we could stay in touch and work toward developing deeper relationships with our neighbors. Through these ongoing relationships, we will have more opportunities to share the love of Jesus. Let us pray boldly for the opportunity to help all those who attend the Turkey Shoot to move toward a deeper relationship with Jesus.

What will you pray for in the coming year? May we all unite in praying that every single one of our members grows closer to Christ through daily prayer and Bible study. May we all unite in praying that our lives would be a positive witness for the good news of the gospel of Jesus the Messiah! And may we all unite in praying that God would continue using us to invite our friends and family and neighbors to church, to help strengthen our relationship with God and with each other.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord show you favor and give you peace! (Adapted from Numbers 6:25-26).

Blessings,

Pastor Ann

## **Program Summary**

This promises to be another great year at Union Chapel United Methodist Church. Please check our newsletter each week for the very latest updates to our calendar. The newsletter is available by email and on our website. If you do not receive the newsletter, and would like to, please email [unionchapel@windstream.net](mailto:unionchapel@windstream.net).

Included in the back of the handbook is a program calendar. Keep in mind that sometimes plans change, so please listen for announcements from the pulpit, voice calls from One Call Now, watch the bulleting, and text messages and/or e-mails for updates.

If you have an announcement that you would like to include in the newsletter, please email that to the church office by 9:00 AM on Tuesday morning. If you have an announcement for the video screens during worship, please have that to the church office by 9:00 AM Wednesday morning. And if you would like to promote a church event on the church sign outside the Hubert Hawk building, please write out what you would like to say and email that to the church office.

**Early Worship Service** is offered every Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Chapel. Communion is observed each Sunday. Music is Contemporary. Dress is casual and the same message is preached for both this service and the Traditional Worship service.

**Traditional Worship Service** is held at 11:00 AM. Music and liturgy are more traditional. Communion is usually served the first Sunday of each month. Dress is anything from casual to your "Sunday best."

**Easter Sunday** We begin with 7:00 AM Sunrise Service outside the Fellowship Hall. This is followed by a free breakfast. Some Sunday School classes may meet on Easter Sunday. We also offer Contemporary worship at 10:00 AM in the Chapel, and Traditional worship at 11:00 AM in the main Sanctuary.

**Homecoming** is held the 3rd Sunday in September with a combined 11:00 AM worship service with a covered dish lunch following. (No Sunday school, Breakfast, or Early Service)**Men's**

**Sunday Breakfast** is provided every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall free of charge beginning at 9:15 AM (unless a change is announced.) Donations to offset the cost are always appreciated.

**Sunday School** is held weekly at 10:00 AM for all ages, except on Easter and Homecoming. Classes are held in the classrooms located in the Main Sanctuary building.

**Men's Bible Study** meets at 7:00 AM every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall for prayer and Bible Study. Men you are welcome to join in any time your schedule allows.

**Young Adult Bible Study** meets the first and third Tuesday night of the month at 6:30 PM at the home of Frank and Cindy Elsmore.

**Youth Bible Study** is Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM at the home of Kenneth and Cindy Little..

**Adult Bible Study** is available for select terms throughout the year. Watch the newsletter for the latest offering.

**Choir** practices each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM (sometimes a schedule change is necessary). Becky Pentecost is the Choir Leader. You don't have to be able to read music, just have a joy in your heart for singing for the Lord. In December the Choir performs the Annual Christmas Cantata.

**United Methodist Men** meet at 7:00PM the 1st Thursday after the 1st Sunday each month for fellowship and a meal. They do not meet in July. In November the UMM host the Annual Turkey Shoot. The December meeting includes a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant and the date is subject to change.

**United Methodist Women** usually meet at 6:00 PM the 2nd Monday each month. Although holidays sometimes mean the date will change. Please check the program calendar for meeting dates. The UMW does not meet in May, June, and July. In October, the UMW host a special Service in Pink during the 11:00 AM worship hour to honor and remember the women who have battled breast cancer. December's meeting includes a Christmas dinner and a gift exchange.

The **Children and Youth** are actively involved in the church. They have activities planned each month. In a typical year, there are opportunities to participate and/or help at Winter Mission Retreat, Summer Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School, Tuesday night Bible Study, Wee and Junior Worship.

Special activities for our children and youth are provided throughout the year. Please check the Program Calendar for a complete listing. Keep in mind, sometimes the dates may change, so check the newsletter and bulletin for the latest updates.

**Administrative Council** meets once a quarter in the Chapel to conduct the business of the church. Please check the program calendar for dates and times. All are welcome to attend. Please see the 2022 Lay Leadership Report for a listing of all committees and members. Should you desire to serve on any of these committees, please let Pastor Ann know.

**One Call Now** is the way that we reach our members when we need to spread the word of a committee meeting or arrangements for a person that has passed. We also put information out by Facebook. Our website is also updated with the latest information. All of this handled by the Church Administrative Assistant.

A church-wide **Prayer Chain** is also available. If prayer requests come in that need immediate attention, you can call Pastor Ann, James Johnson or Administrative Assistant Susan Smith to have request sent out through One Call Now. If you are not currently on the Prayer Chain and would like to be you may also contact the church office or any of the above listed to be added.

**Union Chapel United Methodist Church  
2022 Lay Leadership  
(Beginning January 2022)**

Pastor	Ann Mann
Lay Leader	James Johnson (Member of all committees by virtue of office)
Assistant Lay Leader	Cindy Elsmore
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Don Oakley
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference	Harry McGaughey
Certified Lay Speaker	Cindy Elsmore
Certified Lay Speaker	Don Jones
Local Lay Servant	Anita Jones
Local Lay Servant	Trey Jones
Local Lay Servant	Braxton Jones
Local Lay Servant	Hannah Jones
Sunday School Administrator	Greg Adcock
Membership Secretary	Carol Johnson
Associate Membership Secretary	Jane Peters
Administrative Council Chairperson	Glenn Barton
Administrative Council Recording Secretary	Patty Wright
Church Historian	Rita Peters
Co-Church Historian	Janet McGaughey
Church Treasurer	Clay Harris
Communion Stewards	10:00 am Service – Cindy Harris 11:00 am Service – Worship Committee & Martha Jordan

***Lay Leadership Development (Chaired by pastor)***

<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Bruce Wright	Rita Peters	Patsy Wright
David Malcom	Nancy Snell	Sandra Callaway
	Kenneth Little	

***Staff Parish Relations (Chair, Vickie Sargent)***

<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Vickie Sargent	Cindy Harris	Nancy Snell
James Childs	Carol Ashford	Hannah Jones
Bruce Ford		

***Board of Trustees (Chair, Harry McGaughey)***

**2022**

Frank Elsmore  
Cindy Elsmore  
Jeff Peters

**2023**

Steve Sargent  
Ricky Towler  
Trey Jones

**2024**

Don Oakley  
Penny George  
Jake Camp  
**Alec Hamby**

***Committee on Finance (Chair, Kevin Little)***

**2022**

Beth Raby  
Clay Harris

**2023**

Kevin Little  
Deloris Barton

**2024**

Patsy Wright  
Don Jones

***Church Grounds***

**2021**

Greg Adcock

**2022**

Kenneth Peters

**2023**

David Malcom

***Long Range Planning (Chair, Cindy Elsmore)***

**2022**

Cindy Elsmore  
Adrienne Butcher

**2023**

Bruce Ford  
Hannah Jones

**2024**

Carol Ashford  
Destiny Wright

***Worship (Chair, Don Oakley)***

**2022**

Rita Peters  
Nancy Snell  
Don Oakley

**2023**

Patsy Wright  
Linda Rowe  
David Malcom

**2024**

Deloris Barton  
Sandra Stargel  
Becky Pentecost

***Sunday School (Consists of Sunday School Teachers)***

Cindy Little  
Kenneth Little  
Greg Adcock-Administrator

Don Oakley  
Emily Keesee  
Carol Ashford

Penny George  
Sara Peppers  
Cindy Elsmore

***Children's Ministry & Youth Ministry***

Periodic planning meetings are held & all interested persons should attend.

## Composite Reports

### **Lay Leader Report** – Union Chapel, December 2021

*respectfully compiled by James Johnson*

Union Chapel continues to have active ministry on many fronts along with our Sunday services and these already include ongoing prayer ministry. These are listed and all relates to our Mission Statement (bottom of page)

A focus on Christ and Prayer –

#### **Existing Ministries that include Prayer:**

- Men's and Women's Clubs
- Children and Youth Activities
- Men's Wednesday morning bible study
- Sunday Morning Services
- Prayer Chain (for special prayer needs)
- Praying for the “non-churched” - pastor cards offered for specific individuals known that may have a need for connection with Christ (and church); includes ongoing connection with each person and encouragement to allow for a place in their lives for Christ and Faith
- Ask **ALL Union Chapel supporters to pray for our church** and our ongoing spiritual mission within our community

The year 2020 continued to be a year we dealt with COVID and all the impacts with many facets of our lives. As the vaccine became readily available to anyone, some level of “normalcy” returned, but we may have to accept that some things have changed and may not return to pre-COVID status. Our church’s live attendance continues to be low and I do pray for those that used to attend regularly. I am grateful for our core members that have not wavered and those that stay connected through our on-line worship. As with all things, it is in God’s hands and we should pray that he will be at the front of our church and lead us in the direction pleasing to him.

***To share the good news of Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth & the life***

## Trustee

The nine members of the Board of Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and up keep of UCUMC facilities. Some of the improvements and repairs this past year included:

- January 19th, we purchased a new refrigerator for the Parsonage.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, painted inside of the Chapel.
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, cleaned all carpets and pews in the Chapel.
- March 13<sup>th</sup>, repaired ice machine in Fellowship Hall.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Central Fire P flushed and replaced sprinkler heads where necessary on our main Sanctuary sprinkler system.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, new signage put on playground for information purposes.
- May 24<sup>th</sup>, water leaks repaired on the chapel roof.
- May 28<sup>th</sup>, annual inspection on all fire extinguishers.
- August 30<sup>th</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, Berry Coatings Inc. ground off and prepared old existing concrete in basement floor. Work incomplete as of December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, Jake Raby and his associates along with Immec company installed 3 new 85 inch TV screens in the main Sanctuary.
- October 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Serviced septic system and did necessary yard maintenance at the Parsonage.

We continue to have two BBQ and Brunswick stew fundraisers a year with the proceeds going to offset the cost of maintaining and upgrading the facilities. We are very thankful to all the members of the committee and church members for their hard work during 2021. We look forward to a new and productive year in 2022.

Submitted by: Harry McGaughey