



One Building, Two Churches – One Heart for Wilmore

October was a special month in the life of our church. On October 2nd, our church signed a lease with Great Commission Fellowship (GCF) enabling their church to meet for worship in our large sanctuary on Saturday nights. In addition to the sanctuary, GCF also has dedicated space for children's ministry in the basement (separate from our children's spaces), use of the fellowship hall at prescribed times, and office space within the church. The Wilmore UMC Board of Trustees and the Elder Council of GCF worked diligently and respectfully with one another to reach this arrangement. GCF now has a more suitable worship and ministry space and our church receives rent which we can use to help maintain our facilities. It's a win-win!

As is the case in a small town, there is talk in Wilmore about this agreement. Some view our church as being "taken over" by GCF. Some say this is tied to the denominational divide within the United Methodist Church. Some think this is our church "giving up" – acknowledging that we will never again be able to fill the large sanctuary like the old days.

While we cannot control what people say or think, I hope you will see this agreement for what it is: Two local churches serving alongside one another for the sake of Wilmore.

We are blessed to have a building that is centrally located in Wilmore. We are ideally situated to love and serve our neighbors during the Fourth of July Parade, Treats on Main, and Old Fashioned Christmas. The Thrift Store of the Community Service *(continued...)*



Upcoming Events

This Month

United Methodist Men
Saturday, November 7th at
8:30am (Online)

District Conference
Sunday, November 15th at
4pm (Online)

All Church Town Hall
Sunday, November 22nd at
4pm via Zoom

Women's Book Club Zoom
Thursday, Dec. 3, 7pm
Contact Ann Sutlive for more
info: asutlive4@gmail.com.

Annual Conference
December 6-8 (Online)

Weekly:

Online Worship
Sundays at 11am

Prayer Zoom
Wednesdays at 12:15pm

Center moved to our basement several years ago and their ministry has expanded exponentially. While we may not be the most attended church in town, we are certainly one of the most servant hearted churches.

The size of our congregation, however, has limited the use of the main sanctuary. What you do not use, you do not tend so the sanctuary suffers from deferred maintenance. We believe sharing our space with a sister church is a way we can honor Christ because not to use our building to its fullest potential is poor stewardship. By giving GCF a worship space to call home, we are honoring the original intention of that space as a place where people come to know and follow Jesus.

Most of all, in a time when it is easier to be divided than united, we (Wilmore UMC and GCF) are hoping to show Wilmore and the surrounding community that it is possible for two different churches to not only coexist in one building, but lovingly partner for the sake of those Christ came to save. **Our agreement is far more than a business arrangement - it is an expression of holy love.** God has so filled us with love that we can share space and partner together without insecurity or the fear of competition. We believe partnering in love will not create more division, but bring more people to see God's love at work in Wilmore and the world.

- Pastor D. Merricks

Getting to Know You

Victoria McClary,
Youth Ministry Leader

Where are you from?
Scottsville, KY

What is your favorite food?
I love a good burrito bowl.

What do you do when you are procrastinating?

Hanging out with my boyfriend, Matt or friends and going to local coffee shops. I also enjoy photography and listening to music.

If you could live in any time period, what would it be?
I really love the 1960's- that way I could be a contemporary of Thomas Merton. Not to mention the fashion and the music were great.



Thankful? Pass it on!

It's time again for our Women's Ministry Food Drive to benefit the Community Service Center. Let's help our Community Pantry restock its shelves and feed our community over the holiday season!

Please visit
wilmoreumc.com/food-drive-2
for more information.

When: October 28 - November 18

Where: Collection bins are located at WUMC in the Grout Gathering area as well as several church member homes. Visit our website for location details.

What: Canned items, dry goods, or any other items that might make holiday tables special. You can also purchase a Thanksgiving turkey at Fitch's with a barcoded post card at the register. Monetary donations are also accepted. For more details on what and how to give please visit our website.

November Birthdays

John Popp- November 9

Carolyn Vaughan- November 9

John Jording- November 17

Sarah McGinnis- November 19

Bobby Baldrige- November 20

and Anniversaries

John and Sherry Popp- November 29

Mike and Stephanie Zebosky- November 29

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