

Brookstown United Methodist Church
Reverend James T. Webb, Jr.



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Laity Sunday ~ October 18, 2026
6274 Yadkinville Road
Pfafftown, NC 27040

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

Nursery (3 & under), Children (4-11), and Youth (12-17) Sunday
School/Worship Classes meet in the upstairs classrooms at 11am.
PARENTS, please accompany your child(ren) to their class & sign them in.

Preparation for Worship

**Fill our minds with holy thoughts, O Lord, so that we think as
You would have us think, and worship You with purity of heart. Amen.**

Order of Worship

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting & Announcements

***Hymn No. 732**

"Come, We That Love the Lord"

Thanksgivings & Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Anthem

Sermon

***Hymn No. 103**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***Benediction**

***Closing Music**

***Postlude**

****Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able.***

Enter to Worship ~ Depart to Serve

Welcome to Worship

As we gather for worship today, may we bring our prayers before the Lord and draw closer to Him and to one another.

Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 33:12-23 ~ Psalm 99 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ~ Matthew 22:15-22

Laity Sunday

Today is UMC Laity Sunday, during which we recognize a special lay person in our congregation. It is an honor to present John Stepto with the Brookstown Certificate as our 2026 Lay Person of the Year. John will also be recognized along with other local church recipients across the district at The Yadkin Valley District Laity Service Awards Ceremony at 2:00 this afternoon at St. Paul's UMC in Winston-Salem.

Recipients of the Laity Service Award exemplify commitment to the Christian way of life. The recipients' contributions to the life of the church and community reflect devotion to the service of the church and to others. Thank you, John!

Announcements

Flowers have been placed in our services today to the glory of God by Tim & Roberta Lasley. They are in honor of Jonna Lasley, for her birthday.

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING: Today, October 18 at 5pm, in the Ola Apperson Room.

2027 BUDGET: Administrative committees, please assess your 2027 budget needs and give them to Jimmy Holder by **Today, October 18**. Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 22 at 12:15pm at Brookstown, followed by potluck lunch.

UWF MONTHLY MEETING: This Wednesday, October 21 at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite dish for a potluck lunch. Jean Wall from the District Executive Committee will conduct the program. If you're not a member of our group, we invite you to attend, without bringing a potluck dish, and learn more about what we do.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: This Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a Fish Fry! We're asking for dessert donations, if you would like to help out.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT, CHICKEN STEW & HOTDOGS: Saturday, October 31 at 5:30pm. Mark your calendar now for this fun event for all ages! Donations of candy for treat bags and prizes are requested; place them on the table around the corner from Lavonda's office.

Methodist Home for Children

Annual Giving Day ~ Tuesday, October 20

Pay Forward the blessings in your life with the gift of security for children. Do it in honor of the ones who loved you. Do it in honor of the ones you love.

Every dollar you give will be matched!

Visit: PayItForward.mhfc.org ~ Or call: 919-949-0925

A Prayer for Laity Sunday

Gracious and Almighty God, thank You for calling us together as Your people. On this Laity Sunday, we celebrate the hands, feet, and voices You have shaped to serve in our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and in this church.

For the unseen labor, the quiet acts of kindness, the bold stands for justice, and the everyday faithfulness of Your people, we give You praise.

Open our hearts to the power of Your Spirit and empower us to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ in a world that desperately needs Your love, mercy, and healing. Guide our worship, bless our fellowship, and send us out to be Your light. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Crisis Control Gifts of the Month

Canned Meats (Salmon, Ham, Chili, Corned Beef, SPAM, etc.)

For Kids: Candy & Cookies

There are containers at the church entrances for donations.

Thank you for helping fill them for those who are in need.

Stewardship October 18

Church Attendance

Worship Services: 8:30: 14 ~ 10:00: 18 ~ 11:00: 29

Adult Sunday School: 10 ~ Children & Youth Sunday School: 5

Views on Facebook: 8:30: 148 ~ 11:00: 88

Financial will be reported later.

Today's Counters: IS & RC

Church Staff

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