

WUMC Weekly Update: January 10, 2024

1. Worship

We had another wonderful, spirit-filled worship service as we celebrated Epiphany on Sunday with special musical guest James Randolph (grandson of Laura and James Davenport and Caroline Randolph). You can read the attached sermon but do your spirit a favor and watch the service instead so you can enjoy the wonderful music of Dennis, James, and the choir. You can click here to watch on [Facebook](#) or here to watch on [YouTube](#).

2. Star Words are back!

For the last few years we have used Epiphany as a chance to set a goal for following the light of Jesus more intentionally in the new year. Each person is invited to choose a "star word" that will guide them in this journey. For example, this year I chose the word "Rejoice" and I will spend the year trying to be more focused on celebrating joy each day.

You can choose your own word or we can provide you with a word drawn from our list. If you want a star word and won't be by the church to pick one up, just let us know and we will mail one to you!

3. Bible Study Returns Next Week - Jan 17

Next Wednesday at 6 we will begin discussing Adam Hamilton's book - Christianity and World Religions. We will explore what other religions believe, how are we different, how are we similar, what should our Christian response be when encountering other faiths?

Books are now available in the church office for \$11

Schedule: Jan 17 - Introduction and Ch 1 - The Wise Men

Jan 24 - Ch 2 - Hinduism

Jan 31 - Ch 3 - Buddhism

Feb 7 - Ch 4 Judaism

Feb 14 - (TIME CHANGE - 5:30 pm) Ch 6 Christianity

We will dismiss at 6:45 for Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 21 - Ch 5 Islam (We are swapping Ch 5 and 6 so we have more time for discussion)

4. Coffee with Karen Talia's at 10am on Tuesday for a cup of coffee and a chat.

5. Copier Log and Credit Card Log

We have new 2024 logs to track all copies made and a new credit card log that you need to sign when you borrow the office credit card and sign again when you return the card. Also, please bring your receipt when you return the card and include the receipt with a Request of Payment form. Fill out the form and paperclip the receipt to the form and put both items in the Treasurer's mailbox outside the church office. Please make sure you are logging all copies you print. This will help us track expenses related to copying by keeping a more accurate account of everything we print/copy.

6. Calendar

Dates are already filling up fast for 2024. If you need to reserve the kitchen and/or fellowship hall or another meeting room, please let Dottie know as soon as possible by submitting your date via email and requesting a Facility Use Agreement form.

7. Poinsettias – Weren't the poinsettias so pretty this year!?! Thanks to everyone who purchased one in honor or in memory of a loved one. The flowers were such a lovely addition to the sanctuary during the season of Advent. If you haven't picked your poinsettia up yet, you still have time to do that. All of the poinsettias have been moved to the Education building. They're lining the hall by the office. Please let me know by Thursday, 1/11/24 if you plan on picking yours up. Any poinsettias still here by Friday, and not claimed, may be adopted! They're still just as gorgeous as they were the day they were delivered & I'm sure will bring you joy.

8. UMM & UW Faith Meeting

The meeting originally rescheduled from the first week of the year to this week was rescheduled again because of all the inclement weather yesterday until next Tuesday; January 17th. Dinner will be at 6pm with meetings to follow. The suggested donation for dinner is \$5. The UW Faith will have an Executive Committee prior to dinner.

9. Sound the Alarm Campaign

The American Red Cross Sound the Alarm Campaign is offering Free Smoke Alarms and installation installed by Red Cross volunteers. If interested, please call Dottie at the church office for more info.

Become a Red Cross Volunteer and Help Others

The American Red Cross is looking for new volunteers now for the following teams: Disaster Action Team; Blood Services; Blood Donor Ambassadors; & Transportation Specialists.

Support your community in 2024 – Resolve to volunteer. Give the gift of time.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with the American Red Cross, our very own Janey Jones would be happy to talk to you and answer any questions you might have.

10. Martin Luther King Day

The church office will be closed on Monday; January 15th, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

11. Some important dates:

Join us Sunday for worship at 10am & Sunday school in the Ecclesia Room at 11am. Please join us! We'd love to have you!

Monday – The church office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Tuesdays at 10am, make plans to join us for Coffee with Karen at Talia's.

Tuesday at 6pm – UMM Dinner and Meeting. Suggested donation for dinner is \$5.

Wednesday; January 17th, Bible Study at 6pm in the fellowship hall.

12. Prayer

If you have an update for the prayer list or would like to request prayer, please call or email the church office. As always we pray for one another, our church, our nation & our world. This week we especially pray for... **(Bold indicates this week's specific prayer requests).**

We continue to pray for....

Jeff Atwell, Bill Austin, Ashley Bebbler, Clara Brown, Susan Conway, Teri Crane, **Shirley Crouse & family**, Pat Day, Jim Day, Melissa Ellis, Kyson Farley, Bradley Farmer, Craig Freas, Judy Gorich, Linda Greer, Billy & Kay Hayes, **Francoise Hughes**, Leigh Jones, Becky Lakey, Greg Luck, **Kent & Brenda** Lunsford, John Mabry and John's nephew, Jesse, Mike Mabry, Sherry Mabry, Pastor Ryan Marlow, Bernard Miller, Stephen Nobles, Sue Padgett, Pat Parks, Lou Presutti, Allison Reid, David Rogers, **Carol Sargent's dad**, Tom Sargent, The Shepard Family, **Ann Snyder, Debbie Summers**, Ken & Ann Stallings, Mary Summerford, Bob Taylor, Herb Taylor, Donnie Thornton, **Sarah Webster**, Tempa Welborn, Ricky Wiles, Seth Wilson, **Cindy Winslow, Darlene Winslow**, Sheila Yale, **Michael Zackery, Middle East, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel and Gaza, hostages are freed and God brings peace to all the world leaders.**

NURSING FACILITIES: Betty Beshears (Rose Glen Manor), **Mary Lou Brooks** (Villages of Wilkes), Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehabilitation), Bobbi Blake (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), **Barbara Groce** (Villages of Wilkes), **Francoise Hughes** (Wilkes Regional Rehab), Jenny Miller (Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehab Facility), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson), Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

Happy New Year!
Dottie