

## **WUMC Weekly Update: January 17, 2024**

### **1. Worship**

We continued our sermon series: Becoming the People of God by exploring "call stories" and discovering that when we expect to hear from God, we can learn some amazing things. You can click on these links to watch the service [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#), or read the attached sermon.

### **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 today - Jan 17**

At 6 p.m. 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. Poinsettias** – We have a few poinsettias left if you would like to come get one (or more). They are in the Education building lining the hall by the office.

### **6. 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.

## 7. 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!**

Tuesdays at 10am, make plans to join us for Coffee with Karen at Talia's.  
Tonight Bible Study at 6pm in the fellowship hall.

## 8. 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....

Margaret Cooper - AFIB

The Family and Friends of Cathy Sebastian and Kent Lunsford

Jeff Atwell, Bill Austin, Ashley Bebbler, Clara Brown, Susan Conway, Teri Crane, **Shirley Crouse & family**, Pat Day, Jim Day, **Beth Edwards**, 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)

Blessings,  
Dottie