

WUMC Weekly Update: January 24, 2024

1. Worship

Despite the cold snap on Sunday, we all felt the warmth of God's love as gathered for worship and explored God's mercy and invitation to respond to God's call to become all God would have us become. You can read the attached sermon or watch the entire service and enjoy the beautiful music by clicking [here to watch on YouTube](#) or [here to watch on Facebook](#).

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

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

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

Schedule:

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. Psst...it's Cookie Time! Girl Scout Cookie Time That Is!

We are blessed to share our space with two local Girl Scout Troops that meet right here at the church. They are selling Girl Scout cookies. If you would like to order some Girl Scout cookies, you may call or email me your order and pay by cash or you may scan this QR Code and order online. You still need to let me know that you ordered cookies online so that I can tell the leader to flag your order so she will know to deliver the cookies to the church. Cookies will be left with me in my office. Orders may be picked up from me Monday – Friday from 9am – 1pm. They accept cash or credit/debit cards if you order online using the provided QR code (we want to make sure to use the provided QR code if ordering online so the troop housed here gets the credit for the sale). They cannot accept checks.



6. Thank You

Tom Kinlaw delivered all the items donated in December for the Catherine H Barber Memorial Homeless Shelter on January 13th. There was a huge variety of items, enough to fill a full sized SUV. They were very appreciative of the donations and asked that we let you all know how thankful they were for your gifts. Tom said, "It was very windy and cold when I delivered our donations which made me realize, even more how valuable and needed the service is that they provide." Please continue to remember the unhoused; especially as they navigate the frigid temperatures we've all been experiencing as of late.

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.

NOTE: February 14th – Bible Study at 5:30pm with the Ash Wednesday Service to follow at 6:45

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....

T.A. Welborn – broke his hip on Monday and was scheduled for surgery today.

The Family and Friends of 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, **Lori Walker**, **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), Jenny Miller (Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehab Facility), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson), Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

Blessings,
Dottie