

WUMC Weekly Update: January 3, 2024

1. Worship

Our Christmas celebration continued this past Sunday with a reminder that Christmas should not be boxed up and returned to a dusty attic - but instead - it should move us to keep listening to God and proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is born. You can watch the entire service via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) or read the attached sermon

Be sure to join us this week for Epiphany Sunday, complete with a special musical guest and a celebration of the Light which we all follow. See you at 10 a.m.

2. New Bible Study Alert!

Do you ever wonder what makes us different from other religions? Or are you curious to explore what we hold in common with other religions? Join Pastor Karen for a new bible study on **Christianity and World Religions** in which we will explore our own faith as it stands alongside Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, and Islam.

We begin Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. - books will be available in the next week.

3. We celebrate!

While the year-end numbers have not officially been submitted, we praise God and offer prayers of gratitude that it appears we were able to close the gap and meet our expenses for the 2023 calendar year. We will publish the final numbers soon but we are so grateful that you have helped us to meet this goal and we pray that 2024 will be a year of growth and faithful stewardship for all of us. Thank you again for supporting the mission and ministry of Wilkesboro UMC.

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

5. UWFaith Meeting Date Change

The UMM & the UWFaith decided to postpone their first meeting of the year by a week. They will meet next Tuesday; January 9th, at 6pm for dinner with meetings to follow.

6. Reminder: Many people still have Christmas Cards to pick up in the Heritage Room.

7. An Apple a Day – Gary York, owner of WIFM Radio, and Robert Rizoti dropped off some delicious Pink Lady apples yesterday. We have two big boxes to share until they're all gone. Please come by and help yourself. I will leave them in the kitchen for you.

8. 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.

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

9. 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).**

Ann Snyder – is recovering after having Hip Replacement last week and is being discharged today.

Van Souther – recovering from eye surgery

Cindy Winslow – Has Bronchitis

Francoise Hughes – continue prayers for Francou as she continues to struggle with recovery.

The Families of Michael Morrison and Dan Biesak

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, Tom Sargent, The Shepard Family, **Debbie Summers**, Debbie Summers, Ken & Ann Stallings, Mary Summerford, Bob Taylor, Herb Taylor, Donnie Thornton, **Sarah Webster**, Tempa Welborn, **Ricky Wiles**, Seth Wilson, Darlene Winslow, Sheila Yale, **Michael Zackery, 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