

## **WUMC Weekly Update: February 14, 2024**

### **1. Worship**

We had a lovely Sunday of worship celebrating Transfiguration Sunday and unveiling our new family worship area in the sanctuary. We love supporting multi-generational worship and creating safe, comfortable places for young children to be a vital part of our community.

If you were unable to attend worship you can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) or read the attached sermon.

### **2. Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm**

February 14 is the beginning of our season of Lent. Lent is 40 days spent preparing our hearts for the joyous life of Easter's resurrection. It is a time marked by re-orienting ourselves to God. We look deeply at our lives and see how far off the mark we are in terms of where God calls us to be. We begin Wednesday night in the ashes of repentance and a reminder of our mortality. We hope you will join us for this beautiful service and the special music our choir has planned.

### **3. Bible Study is at 5:30 this week**

We didn't want to cancel our study but needed to move it forward a bit so we can get to the 7 pm Ash Wednesday service. So, join us at 5:30 for a discussion on Chapter 6 - Christianity - as we continue our study of World Religions. We will complete this study next week at our regular time of 6 p.m. and cover Chapter 5 - Islam.

### **4. Called Charge Conference - Sunday, February 25, 2024**

The Church Leadership Council will have a Called Charge Conference on Sunday, February 25, 2023 at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary for the purpose of approving Dr. Jim Brooks as an official candidate to become a Certified Lay Minister. All are welcome to attend.

### **5. Change for Change - A Lenten Journey**

"Change my heart, O God," is the scripture at the heart of our Lenten journey. We want to change our ways to more closely resemble the heart of Jesus. When we do that, we realize that changing our own heart can lead to changing life for others through our work of missions and ministry. Crisis Ministries, through St. Paul's Episcopal Church, works to change lives by providing immediate assistance for those who have fallen on hard times and need a little assistance to get back on their feet. We believe in their work and each month we send \$325 from our church to aid in this ministry. That is \$3900 per year to help change lives in our community.

This Lent we are asking you to collect your loose change and on Easter Sunday we will collect all the loose change to symbolize the change Christ enacts in each of us as we draw closer to him. Wouldn't it be great to collect enough change to fund our commitment to Crisis Ministry for the entire year? Let's try!

**6. Easter Lily Orders:** City Florist said that they should have more information about ordering Easter Lilies after Valentine's Day. I will get that info out to you as soon as I get it.

**7. Rise Against Hunger** – Church wide packing event on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

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

**9. Friday Night Foodies** – have decided to try something new! They will meet each Friday night at 5pm at Cagney's. Everyone is invited! So make plans now to join them This Friday! And, please feel free to invite whomever you like; friends, family, neighbors, loved ones.

And, if you don't get off work until 5pm, that's fine. Just come on over when you get off work. The Foodies group would love to welcome you whenever you can get there and usually don't start ordering until around 5:30pm.

If you would like to join The Friday Night Foodies but need a ride for whatever reason, please call the church office and we will do our best to make sure you can get there.

## **10. 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 5:30pm in the fellowship hall with the Ash Wednesday Service to follow at 7pm in the sanctuary**

Fridays at 5pm join the Friday Night Foodies at Cagney's

February 25th - Called Charge Conference at 9:40am in the sanctuary

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Rise Against Hunger at 1:30pm in the fellowship hall

## **11. 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....**

**Ann Snyder is having a heart procedure today at Baptist.**

Jeff Atwell, **Charles Drum**, Bill Melissa Ellis, Kyson Farley, Bradley Farmer, Craig Freas, Judy Gorich, Linda Greer, Billy & Kay Hayes, Francoise Hughes, Leigh Jones, **Karl & Donna Kroger**, 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, **Cecil Walters**, Sarah Webster, Tempa Welborn, Ricky Wiles, Seth Wilson, 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), **T.A. Welborn** (Wilkes Rehab)

Blessings,  
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