

## WUMC Weekly Update: February 21, 2024

### 1. Worship

We had such an exciting and joyful day of worship on Sunday as we gave glory to God and experienced the beauty of baptizing Daniel Blaine Jones. Daniel is the son of Aaron and Amanda Jones. The grandson of Tom and Janey Jones, and Virginia Thomlinson.

We continued our series on Depths of Love as we looked at the Baptism, Temptation, and Witness of Jesus and saw how God comes near in all of those times. You can watch the service on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#), or read the attached sermon.

### 2. Bible Study 6 pm today

Tonight we will end our series on Christianity and World Religions with a study on Islam and learn more of what we hold in common with our Muslim neighbors, as well as where our faiths diverge.

There will be no bible study next week. We will return on March 6 at 6 pm with a four week series on Experiencing a Holy Lent as we explore the practices that can deepen our faith and prepare us for true Easter joy.

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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!

### 5. Pastor Karen Away

Pastor Karen will be on vacation beginning after church on February 25 and will return to work on Monday, March 4th. She will be out of the country and unable to respond to emails, calls, or texts. If you have a need, please contact the church office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or you can contact Jim Brooks at 336-984-0810 or [jimbrooks973@gmail.com](mailto:jimbrooks973@gmail.com) for any pastoral needs.

**6. Coffee with Karen** will still meet this week for a time of fellowship at Talia's at 10am on Tuesday for a cup of coffee and a chat.

**7. Easter Lily Orders: DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY; MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>** to Dottie. **Lilies are \$20 each** and may be purchased for yourself or in memory or honor of your loved one(s). Cash or checks gladly accepted. Please **make checks payable to WUMC** and be sure to tag the **memo line: Easter Lilies**. Order forms can be found in the next 2 Sunday bulletins or you may call the church office at (336) 818-0552 to place your order or email your order to me at [admin@wilkesboroumc.org](mailto:admin@wilkesboroumc.org).

### 8. Rise Against Hunger (RAH)– **Church wide packing event on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.**

*From RAH: "It's still early in the year, so we figured it is a great opportunity to reintroduce ourselves! Whether you're already familiar with Rise Against Hunger and looking to deepen your impact, or this is your first time hearing about us..."*

**RAH is a global movement working to end global hunger by the year 2030 by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.** "Over 800 million people worldwide go to sleep hungry each night, but there is enough food in the world to feed everyone." **Our mission supports United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2.** "Ever wondered why we're working to end hunger by 2030? It's a goal put forth by the United Nations! The 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals are "the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all" by addressing global challenges. And Goal 2 is Zero Hunger by 2030. Therefore, the United Nations acknowledges that ending world hunger by 2030 is vital for everyone's future, and we're proud to support that goal!"

*Be on the lookout for more info and updates to come...and let Dottie know why you love volunteering for RAH!?!*

**9. Friday Night Foodies** –meet each Friday night at 5pm at Cagney's. Everyone is invited!

*Here are TEN reasons why you should join the Friday Night Foodies Supper Club*

1. Make visible your commitment to Christ and his people
2. Fellowship with one another
3. Fellowship provides encouragement and support
4. Fellowship reminds us that we are not alone
5. Fellowship helps us grow
6. Great company
7. Fantastic opportunity to invite friends, family, loved ones and neighbors to church
8. Eat delicious food while supporting locally-owned restaurants
9. No prep or clean up
10. Pray for one another

**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!**

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Karen will be on vacation from end of service on Sunday; 2/28/24 – 3/3/24.

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

**TONIGHT – Bible Study at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. NO Bible Study next week on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Every Friday at 5pm** join the **Friday Night Foodies** at **Cagney's**.

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

**Sunday; March 3<sup>rd</sup> – CLC Meeting** at **12:30pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**

**Monday; March 4<sup>th</sup> – Last day to order Lilies** in memory or in honor of your loved ones for **Easter**.

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – Rise Against Hunger Church Wide Packing Event at 1:30pm** in the **fellowship hall**.

**11. We continue to pray for....**

**Ann Snyder is home recovering after having Bypass Heart Surgery on Heart Day (2/14).**  
**The Friends & Family of Kenneth Honeycutt (Pastor Karen's uncle)**

Susan Conway, Jim Day, **Charles Drum**, Kyson Farley, Billy & Kay Hayes, Francoise Hughes **Kent & Brenda Lunsford**, John Mabry, Sherry Mabry, **Ann Snyder**, **Debbie Summers**, Mary Summerford, Herb Taylor, Sarah Webster, **T.A. Welborn**, Tempa Welborn, Ricky Wiles, Seth Wilson, Darlene Winslow, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza and Middle East , and for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders.

**NURSING FACILITIES:** Betty Beshears (Rose Glen Manor), Mary Lou Brooks (Pruitt Healthcare), Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), 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 Shephard (Rose Glen Manor)

Blessings,  
Dottie