

## WUMC Weekly Update: February 28, 2024

### 1. Worship

Our second Sunday in Lent was spent exploring what it means to take up the cross and follow Jesus. You might be surprised by the answers. You can view the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), as well as read the attached sermon.

Next Sunday, Jim Brooks will be preaching and will be joined by our District Superintendent, Lory Beth Huffman, who will preside over Communion.

### 2. Bible Study

No Bible study this week. We will start back next week with a four week series on Spiritual Disciplines that draw us closer to God.

March 6th we will explore the life of Ignatius and various methods of prayer that will bring creativity and imagination into your prayer life.

### 3. 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!

### 4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. 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).

**7. 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!?!*

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

**9. 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!**

**THIS WEEK:** Pastor Karen is on vacation and will return on Monday; March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**TONIGHT – NO Bible Study this week. Bible Study will resume on March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**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.**

**10. We continue to pray for....**

Susan Conway, Jim Day, **Charles Drum**, Kyson Farley, Billy & Kay Hayes, Françoise 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 (Villages of Wilkes), 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