

WUMC Weekly Update: March 13, 2024

1. Worship

Our Depths of Love series continued this past week as we explored John 3:14-21 and how God's love frees us from guilt and shame to answer the invitation to be transformed. You can read the attached sermon or watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

2. Bible Study

We start back with Bible Study tonight at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For the next four weeks we will be looking at the Spiritual Exercises that draw us closer to God in this season of Lent. Join us for laughter, learning, and leaning deeper into our faith.

3. Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Please make plans to invite family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to our Holy Week/Easter worship opportunities.

Sunday, March 24 @ 10 a.m. - Palm/Passion Sunday

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6 p.m. - Holy Week Bible Study

Thursday, March 28 @ 7 p.m. - Tenebrae/Maundy Thursday service

Sunday, March 31 @ 7 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service (Wilkesboro Town Commons)

@ 8 a.m. - Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

@ 10 a.m. - Easter Worship/Cantata

4. **Coffee with Karen** meets at Talia's at 10am on Tuesdays for a cup of coffee and a chat.



5. **AGAINST HUNGER** Congratulations, Church! YOU did it again! You packed **TWENTY THOUSAND** meals for Rise Against Hunger! **THANKS to EVERYBODY** who volunteered or donated to this cause! Your impact goes far beyond a meal.

Special thanks goes to...the **UMM** for donating drinks. I'm sure working that hard made everyone really thirsty, but thanks to the drink donation, everyone stayed refreshed and hydrated. We'd also like to thank the **UWFaith** for donating cookies. Everyone worked up an appetite. Those cookies hit the spot!

We were **blessed to have two local Scout Troops** ask to volunteer; **Girl Scout Troop 40921** sponsored by WUMC and **Boy Scout Troop 399** from Millers Creek United Methodist. They did a lot of the running back and forth and heavy lifting. Wasn't it a blessing to see all of those young people be the hands and feet of Jesus? This is one volunteer experience I'm sure they won't soon forget.

Kay Hayes, coordinator of this long time, annual event said, "It was an amazing day. You could just feel God's presence all over it! And, that's why we do it; to feed the hungry and to glorify Him!" Look for a complete RAH update with lots of pictures in the April edition of **The Witness**. Also, don't forget to let Dottie know who wore their hair net the best! There might be a little prize.

2022 Impact: 44.5m+Meals Packaged

4.4m+Lives Impacted

67.6m+Meals Distributed

6. Relay for Life Card and Game Party Fundraiser Update: Here's just a quick update...look for a full write up in next month's newsletter.

80 people including volunteers and players came out yesterday to support our local Relay for Life Efforts. Everyone seemed to have a great time and really enjoy themselves. All of the money raised for Relay for Life stays right here in NC! Look for the full update in our next newsletter

Door prize winners: Jean Phillips, Bernice Eller and Kathie Smith each won a Cookbook and Kim Newman won the 31 Tote Bag raffle.

We have a couple more opportunities to help in the fight against Cancer.

Relay for Life BINGO Fundraiser – Friday; April 12th at 5pm WUMC Fellowship Hall. (Suggested donation to play is \$20; extra cards will be \$10 each and \$5 Hotdog plates will also be available for purchase). Invite your friends and family out for a fun night out while supporting our local Relay for Life efforts. Prizes and door prizes are still needed.

Jersey Mikes – Day of Giving – March 27th. 100% of profits that day will be donated to our local Relay for Life. Jersey Mikes also invites you eat at their restaurant any time in March for their Month of Giving. Just let them know you want to “Round Up” your total. Everything that gets rounded up will also be donated to the Wilkes county Relay efforts.

7. Friday Night Foodies – YOU are invited to join the Foodies group this **Friday at 5pm at Cagney's!**

8. Some important dates:

Join us Sunday for worship at 10am & Sunday school in the Ecclesia Room at 11am.

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

TONIGHT – Bible Study this week. Bible Study at 6pm.

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

EASTER Schedule of Events: Please **see item # 3** for a complete list of dates & times.

11. Prayer List (names in **BOLD** are our most recent prayer requests)

Ann Snyder – is home from the hospital. She had some fluid buildup after surgery but they said that's to be expected after having heart surgery. They drained the fluid off and kept her for a few days to monitor her but she's back at home now and doing a lot better.

Joy Miller (Margaret Cooper's niece) is having BP and heart issues.

Trent Tilley (Mike Cooper's 2nd cousin)

The Family & Friends of Rebecca Mastin, Debbie Summers and Vernadeen Stokes

Chuck Byers, Susan Conway, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Kyson Farley, Billy & Kay Hayes, Francoise Hughes Kent & Brenda Lunsford, John Mabry, Sherry Mabry, Ann Snyder, 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