

## **WUMC Weekly Update: April 17, 2024**

### **1. Worship**

Sunday was a day of pure rejoicing and celebration as we explored God's miracle of love and how that miracle came to life in the response to the tornado that struck our community on Thursday. Please take the time to read the sermon or watch the service and celebrate with us. You can watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

### **2. Upcoming Worship - April 28 - Bishop Carter to speak - Dr. Jim Brooks to be appointed.**

I do realize that Merlefest is often an excuse to skip church and go hear some wonderful music, this year, however, we are asking you to please join us for worship before you head to Merlefest for the day. Bishop Ken Carter will be our guest preacher for the day and we would love for there to be a full house to welcome him and hear his message.

We will host a Meet and Greet with the Bishop in the Heritage Room at 9 a.m. with light refreshments and coffee/juice. Worship will begin at 10 a.m.

Also, we will celebrate the call of Dr. Jim Brooks to Certified Lay Ministry with a litany of blessing in preparation of his transition from Music Director to being appointed as Assistant Pastor of Worship and the Arts. We hope you will come and celebrate Jim's commitment to God and to his calling.

### **3. Kitchen Clean-up**

It is time for a deep clean on our kitchen! Markus Giles is heading up the effort with two cleaning days: Saturday April 20 and April 27

### **4. General Conference Updates**

There will be a lot of information coming about General Conference so Pastor Karen has decided to send a separate email with news there so that we don't overshadow the announcements.

### **5. Merlefest Hospitality Tent**

Come visit the Appalachian District Hospitality Tent at Merlefest this year. Last year we were able to meet people from all over the world and welcome them to our town.

### **6. Coming Soon to a classroom near you...**

April 24 at 5:30 - Wednesday Night Bible Study - The Book of Revelation

Lay Shepherd Training - Creating a loving community through intentional connections. We will train willing participants to connect with our homebound folks. TBA

Mission Amplify Training - For those who want to learn how to better advocate for Public Education in North Carolina - TBA

**7. Bible Study** - No Bible Study tonight. Instead, we are preparing and taking dinner to the residents at the Catherine H. Barber Memorial Homeless Shelter. We would love for you to go with us; especially if you have a heart for missions. We will meet at the church parking lot to car pool since parking is extremely limited. We will leave the church at 6pm so if you are planning on going, please be here a few minutes before 6.

**8. Coffee with Karen will meets each Tuesday at 10 at Talia's**

**9. Make plans now to join the Friday Night Foodies this Friday at 5pm at Cagney's.**

**10. Bingo Update:** Despite having to change the day from Friday to Saturday, we still had about 25 in attendance and made \$924 that night and have an ongoing raffle.

**11. Newsletter** - The newsletter is posted on the church website each month. You can find the newsletter by going to **wilkesboroumc.org**. To save printing and postage costs, we only mail it to members who do not have internet/email. All submissions are due the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. That's today! ☺ Please turn in your May newsletter articles and photos as soon as possible. There you will also be able to find several other helpful items including the **Weekly Update and Sermons**. In addition, you can find each week's **Worship Bulletin** on the front page of our website.

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## **12. Important Dates To Remember:**

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

**TONIGHT – No Bible Study:** Instead, the Missions Team would like to invite you to go with them to take supper to the Catherine H. Barber Memorial Homeless Shelter. Meet at church to carpool. Leaving church at 6.

**UMM Annual Golf Tournament; Thursday; June 13<sup>th</sup> at Oakwoods Country Club.**

*(For more info or to sign up to play and/or to be a sponsor; please see Robert Rizoti or another member of the UMM)*

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be in the fellowship hall on Monday; **June 17<sup>th</sup>**. For more info or to register, please see Margaret Cooper.

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

**Brayden Crawford & Kyaira Priest** (Brayden is Jan Taylor's great grandson. Her granddaughter, Kyaria, is Brayden's mom). Brayden & Kyaira were flown to Children's Hospital in Washington DC last night because their local hospital could not get his fever to come down and his breathing has been very labored.

**Megan Fiedler** – dealing with an infection in her lymph glands (Mike and Margaret Cooper's daughter)

### **Praise Reports:**

**Bob Taylor** (Jan Taylor's Brother in law) finished his Chemo treatments for Pancreatic Cancer. He had new scans last week. His doctors have told him the good news: He is now Cancer Free! PTL!

**Gretchen Barelski** – Had heart ablation last week. Gretchen says she is doing well and the procedure was successful.

**The Family and Friends of David Smithey** (Gretchen Barelski's neighbor) & **Tom Walters** (Margaret Cooper's brother)

**Richard Ayers, Gretchen Barelski, Chuck Byers, Dean Carroll, Susan Conway, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Kyson Farley, Billy & Kay Hayes, Francoise Hughes, Greg Luck, Kent & Brenda Lunsford, John Mabry, Sherry Mabry, Joy Miller, Stephen Nobles, Glenda Pierce, Ann Snyder, Mary Summerford, Bob Taylor, 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, for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders and for everyone that was impacted by last week's tornado.**

**NURSING FACILITIES:** Betty Beshears (Rose Glen Manor), Mary Lou Brooks (Pruitt Health), 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