

## WUMC Weekly Update: May 14, 2024

### 1. Worship

We enjoyed a beautiful service giving witness to God's love and taking a moment to celebrate the mother's in our midst. Read the attached sermon or watch on either [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday - Wear **Red** as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit!.

### 2. Cancellations this week:

There will be no Coffee with Karen today (Tuesday) and no Bible Study on Wednesday of this week. We will resume our schedule next week.

### 3. We come together, acknowledging our grief...

These are the opening words of welcome of our funeral litany in the United Methodist Church. They remind us that grief shouldn't happen in a vacuum...we grieve together so we can comfort and share peace with one another.

Please remember the following families in your prayers this week. We have linked to their obituaries so you can find service information...

[Mary Brooks](#) (Mother of Pastor Jim Brooks)

Her service will be Wednesday (May 15) at 2:00 p.m. with visitation held one hour prior to the service which will be at Old Fields Baptist Church - 1964 Conley Cheek Road, Fleetwood NC 28626 - If you wish to attend and want to carpool for others, meet at the church at be prepared to leave at 12:45.

\*Dottie will have directions ready for you in the church office if you would like them.

[Cynthia Sturdivant](#) (our oldest member and mother of Jane Joines and Jim Sturdivant)

Her Celebration of Life will be on Saturday (May 18) at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall.

**4. Church Leadership Council (CLC)** meeting has been moved from Sunday, May 19 to Tuesday, May 21st at 5:30 pm. due to scheduling conflicts.

### 5. Community Connections are Vital - We need you!

Currently we have many people in our faith community who are having health struggles and are unable to attend many church functions, We realize that this can lead to them feeling left out or isolated at a time when they need their church the most. While Pastor Karen and the Visitation Team visit folks, we have a need for forming better connections with more people.

On Sunday, June 9 from 3-5 p.m. Pastor Karen will lead a Lay Shepherd Training session. A Lay Shepherd is a person trained to walk alongside someone who is, for various reasons, at risk for feeling disconnected or isolated. Once trained, you would be matched with one or two people and tasked with reaching out to them weekly. It may be simply to mail them a bulletin with a note attached, a phone call, a personal visit, etc.

Registration will open soon

### 6. No Bible Study This Week

We will resume Bible Study next week at 5:30pm on Revelation in the Fellowship Hall

7. Coffee with Karen is canceled today but will meet next Tuesday at 10am at Talia's

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

9. Dottie will be out of the office Thursday; May 16 – Tuesday; 21<sup>st</sup> and part of May 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers have graciously agreed to staff the church office in my absence. If you need anything, I will be happy to take of it when I return next week.

10. Summer Literacy Volunteers are needed to read with children, help with snacks, pick up & return library books, chaperone walking field trips, assist during breakfast and lunch, serve meal to families on Monday nights, hang out with children on Monday nights during Family Enrichment.

11. Important Dates To Remember:

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

**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.

**The Church Office will be closed for Memorial Day on May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**The Family and Friends of Jerry Walsh; Mary Lou Brooks, Cynthia Sturdivant and Reece Cleary**

Richard Ayers	Wilkes Health & Rehab	Rm. 118
Francois Hughes	Pruitt Healthcare	Rm. 205

Praise !	Laura Davenport	PTL! Laura is home now!
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Gretchen Barelski, Chuck Byers, **Diana Cecil**, Susan Conway, Brayden Crawford, and his mom, Jim Day, **Charles Drum**, Kyson Farley, Billy & Kay Hayes, **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, **Gary York**, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza and Middle East, for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders, everyone impacted by last week's tornado and the **UMC Conference**.

**NURSING FACILITIES:** Betty Beshears (Rose Glen Manor), 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