

WUMC Weekly Update: May 22, 2024

1. Worship

Sunday was a day to rejoice in the movement of the Holy Spirit! Our Pentecost Sunday was filled with music and the blessing of having 3 new members officially join the church! The sermon is attached, but you will find far more meaning to watch the entire service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

2. New Members

Join me in welcoming our newest members to Wilkesboro UMC

Tom and Carol Sargent join us through a letter of transfer from Red Bridge UMC in Kansas City. They have been active in our congregation for some time and we are pleased to have their commitment to the church official.

Lorie Kaylor joins us through a letter of transfer from Main Street UMC in Kernersville. She is the first of our mainly "livestream" congregation to join the church. She lives full time in Lake Junaluska but has a vacation home nearby and attends our church when she is in the area. She sings in the choir when she is here and has become active in helping the Sewing Bee deliver sleeping mats to the Asheville area.



3. Celebration Lunch for Pastor Jim

We will have a catered lunch on **Sunday, June 2nd**, following the worship service in order to honor Dr. Jim Brooks for his 35 years as the Music Director here at Wilkesboro UMC and to celebrate his new appointment to us as the Assistant Pastor of Worship and the Arts. Please make plans to stay that day and show your appreciation for the years of dedication Pastor Jim has shown to God and to the church.

4. We come together, acknowledging our grief...

Please continue to hold the family of [John Henry Groce](#) in your prayers after his sudden and unexpected passing. We will gather to honor his life on Tuesday, May 28th at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. The family will receive friends in the Heritage room one hour prior to the service.

Many of you have expressed regret at not being able to attend the Celebration of Life Service for **Cynthia Sturdivant**. We were able to record the service and you can [watch it now on our YouTube channel](#).

5. A Touch of Beauty

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 10059, and their leader Jessica Laster, for celebrating Earth Day by planting lovely flowers at each of our church directional signs. Great job ladies!

6. Church Leadership Council (CLC) meeting has been moved from Sunday, June 16 to Sunday, June 30th at 12:30 pm. due to scheduling conflicts.

7. 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.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

8. UWFaith

The United Women of Faith will be hosting a meal followed by musical entertainment on Wednesday June 12th, beginning at 6PM. James Randolph, the grandson of Jim and Laura Davenport, will sing, play the guitar and piano following our meal. You may remember hearing James sing a solo and perform with our church choir. Please make plans to attend and feel free to invite your friends and neighbors! Donations will be accepted.

9. Bible Study This Week

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

10. Coffee with Karen meets each Tuesday at 10am at Talia's

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

12. 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.

13. A huge thanks to everyone who covered the church office in my absence.

14. Important Dates To Remember:

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

Memorial Day is Monday; May 27th. The church office will be closed.

UMM Annual Golf Tournament; Thursday; June 13th 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 17th**. For more info or to register, please see Margaret Cooper.

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

The Family and Friends of John Henry Groce; Mary Lou Brooks & Cynthia Sturdivant

Richard Ayers **Supposed to be going home tomorrow; May 23rd**

Francois Hughes **Pruitt Healthcare Rm. 205**

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