

## WUMC Weekly Update: May 29, 2024

### 1. Worship

Sunday we had the joy of worship centered on Trinity Sunday, celebrating God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We also celebrated Graduation Sunday with a service planned by our graduate Kaleb Thornton. Kaleb graduated from Early College (Graduating with a High School Diploma and an Associate Degree from Wilkes Community College) and plans to attend Montreat College on a running scholarship. During the service he also received his Eagle Scout pin and preached an inspiring sermon on "Stepping into the Unknown."

We did have some technical issues with the sound but you can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), and we do apologize for the quality of the sound.

Be sure to join us this Sunday (June 2nd) for a special day as we celebrate Communion, a Baptism, and a Celebration Lunch honoring Jim Brooks!

### 2. June 2nd - Celebration Lunch for Jim Brooks

This Sunday you are invited to stay after church and join Jim Brooks in celebrating his 35 years of ministry at Wilkesboro UMC. For 35 years he has served as the Director of Music - leading children's choirs, handbells, and the Chancel Choir. This year he is expanding his role to include an appointment as Assistant Pastor of Worship and Art with a focus on leading us to a deeper relationship with God through creative worship and artistic expression.

If you have any pictures of Jim throughout his 35 years of ministry, please share those with Pastor Karen as soon as possible as she is trying to put a slide show together.

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

### 4. 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!](#)

### 5. We come together to grieve

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Many of you were unable to attend the Celebration of Life Service for John Henry Groce. You can [click here to view the service on our YouTube channel](#). It will also be available on our Facebook page soon.

### 6. 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.

**7. Bible Study This Week** We will resume Bible Study tonight at 5:30pm on Revelation in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

**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.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Communion, a Baptism and Celebration Lunch for Pastor Jim

June 4<sup>th</sup> UMM & UWFaith Dinner at 6pm with meetings to follow.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Hand in Hand will host End of Year Celebration for Moravian Falls Teachers & Staff

June 9<sup>th</sup> Lay Shepherd Training 3 - 5pm

June 12<sup>th</sup> UWFaith Dinner and Music. Entertainment provided by James Randolph. Donations will be accepted. All monies raised will go towards getting the stump removed so repairs can begin on the sidewalk damaged by the tornado a few weeks ago.

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

June 16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day

June 17<sup>th</sup> *American Red Cross Blood Drive*

June 26<sup>th</sup> M.O.M - MRC (Mission Response Center in Terrell, NC) from 9am – 1pm

June 30<sup>th</sup> CLC Mtg. at 12:30 pm

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

### **The Family and Friends of John Henry Groce**

Keith Summerford

Richard Ayers

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