

## WUMC Weekly Update: May 8, 2024

### 1. Worship

We celebrated another lovely communion service on Sunday as we continued our series, "How Shall We Love" by exploring Jesus' commandment that we love one another. We explored how the decisions of General Conference and our desire to see the fruitfulness of love come from those decisions. You can click [here to watch on YouTube](#) or [here for Facebook](#). You can also read the attached sermon.

### 2. A Letter from Bishop Carter

I read Bishop Carter's letter during my sermon Sunday, but his letter included many links that you might find helpful. [You can read the full letter and access the links by clicking here.](#)

### 3. Bible Study: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

We will continue with our study of the book of Revelation. It is never too late to join us!

### 4. Pastor Jim is now official

As of May 1, 2024 Jim Brooks transitioned to Assistant Pastor of Worship and the Arts. If you aren't sure what that means you can read the attached letter.

We will celebrate Jim's appointment and his 35 years of service to Wilkesboro UMC with a lunch on June 2, 2024 following worship. More details to come.

### 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. Mother's Day is this Sunday; May 12<sup>th</sup>. Let's celebrate ALL Moms



In special recognition of ALL Moms: those that gave us life, those that raised us, those that nurtured, cared and provided for us, those that want to be a mom, those who grieve and those that are no longer with us and all those that have loved us for who we are.

7. Coffee with Karen will meet each Tuesday at 10 at Talia's

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

9. Office Volunteers Needed May 16th & 17th and May 20th & 21st

I will be out of the office on the above mentioned dates with a couple more (Dates TBD) later in the summer. We are seeking church members that can volunteer to come sit in the church office from 9am - 1pm each of those days. As of right now, the 21st is covered and as well as two more of the dates but those volunteers have flexibility. I need one more volunteer to cover just one day. Please let me know if you are available and which day works best for you. I'd like to let the other two volunteers know which date they will be volunteering as soon as I can. Thanks!

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.

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

The Family and Friends of Jerry Walsh

Richard Ayers	Wilkes Health & Rehab Rm. 118
Mary Lou Brooks	Wilkes Health & Rehab Rm. 303
Laura Davenport	Wilkes Health & Rehab Rm. 223
Cynthia Sturdivant	Wilkes Health & Rehab Rm. 229
Francois Hughes	Pruitt Healthcare Rm. 205

Gretchen Barelski, **Mary Lou Brooks**, Chuck Byers, **Diana Cecil**, Susan Conway, Brayden Crawford, and his mom, Kyaira Priest (Jan Taylor's great grandson and granddaughter), 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