

WUMC Weekly Update: July 17, 2024

1. Worship

We kicked off a new sermon series this week exploring what it means to Worship with Rejoicing. It is comforting to come to church each week and find familiarity in place and in order but familiarity can also make us blind to the joy and purpose of the different elements of worship. This week we explore the power of "Gathering" and ask ourselves what it means to gather as a people of God. You can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#). You can also read the attached sermon.

This week we welcome Pastor Jim back from his travels and we turn to 2 Samuel 7:1-14a to explore why the Call to Worship should have a profound impact on our worship experience.

2. Welcome our newest member!

This past Sunday we continued our "new member" trend by welcoming another sibling into our faith family! Heather McEntire is no stranger to Wilkesboro UMC. She is the niece of Kay and Billy Hayes, and as part of the McEntire family grew up and was baptized here. Heather moved away for a time but has moved back to the area and returned to the congregation she loved as a child. We welcome her into membership by profession of faith.



3. Schedule Change

Reminder there is no Bible study this week. We will be back on schedule on July 31 at 5:30.

4. Viewing of *God and Country* on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 5:30

God and Country is a 2024 documentary discussing the rise in Christian nationalism and the dangers of the politicization of Christianity. The film lasts 1.5 hours and we will follow with a facilitated discussion afterward.

5. Coffee with Karen meets at Anchor Coffee on Tuesdays at 10 am

6. The CLC Meeting scheduled for this Sunday has been canceled. The next CLC meeting is scheduled for August 18th.

7. UWFAITH Fun Day at Paradise Family Farms – POSTPONED

Due to the extreme heat, it's been decided to postpone the upcoming Fun Day planned for July 23rd at Paradise Farms to later in the year. More info to come once a new date has been scheduled.

8. Don't Get Scammed Event – July 19th from 10 – 11am at Wilkes Senior Center.

Free and open to the public for anyone 55+.



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

10. Important Dates to Remember:

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

11. Prayer List - Please let us know if you have any changes, additions or updates for the Prayer List.

The Family and Friends of Richard Ayers

Susan Conway, Jim Day, Charles Drum, **Hal Emery**, Kyson Farley, **Michelle Gossett**, Billy & Kay Hayes, Francois Hughes, Greg Luck, Kent & Brenda Lunsford, Sherry Mabry, **Lisa Miller**, Glenda Pierce, **Annette Pope**, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Herb Taylor, **Dylan Walker**, **T.A. Welborn**, Seth Wilson, Gary York, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza and Middle East, for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders.

NURSING FACILITIES: Betty Beshears (Pruitt Health – Hospice Care), Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Bobbi Blake (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Health & Rehab), Jenny Miller (Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehab Facility), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson), Rosie Shephard (Rose Glen Manor).

Blessings,
Dottie