

WUMC Weekly Update: August 7, 2024

1. Worship

Our Worship with Rejoicing series continued as we considered what it means to live under the Weight of the Word - and how the act of preaching connects us to God's story in transformative ways. You can watch the full service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), or you can read the attached sermon.

2. Bible Study Schedule

Bible Study is every Wednesday at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. Upcoming topics:

August 7 (tonight) - Follow-up Discussion from last week's viewing of God and Country documentary. Where do we go from here?

August 14, 21, 29 - Prayer - Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, giving us a model in the Lord's Prayer. These 3 weeks we will look at what it means to pray, how we should pray, and why prayer matters.

September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9 - Conversations Across the Aisle (Finding Peace as a Purple Church). We are already seeing how divisive and nasty an election cycle can be. What happens when the church pews are filled with red/republicans and blue/democrats? You have a purple church! Using the framework of The Purple Church Initiative (developed by the Peacemaking Ministry of the Western North Carolina Conference of The UMC) we will study and discuss ways that the Church can model peace through loving and curious conversations across the aisle.

3. Church Leadership Council (CLC) - Town Hall Info Sessions

The CLC invites you to join them on Sunday, August 25th, in the fellowship hall, immediately following worship (approximately 11 a.m.). CLC members will provide an update on their work and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and seek clarity on our plans moving forward. We hope to hold these sessions once a quarter. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

4. August M.O.M - Paper Drive 2024

Thank you for the many contributions received. As of Monday, we are halfway to the goal of \$2500. Congratulations on a great start to the August mission project! With the deep discount offered by Staples, MFES will receive 67 cases (10 reams or 5000 sheets per case) of white copy paper. As you remember, this plain white paper is truly "gold" in the hands of the dedicated teachers and staff.

Thank you for your continued support of this useful and very much appreciated project. Consider donating \$37 for a case of paper, or \$74 for 2 cases. Make your check payable to WUMC with PAPER DRIVE on the memo line. Look for the August newsletter to see if you recognize any of the Paper Drive Cheerleaders!

5. Hand in Hand is looking for 45 small, one-gallon berry baskets that have a wire handle. Baskets are needed by Aug. 13th for their MFES Back to School Breakfast for teacher gifts. Any berry/produce basket would be greatly appreciated. They are also collecting composition notebooks. All sizes and colors. Thanks!

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

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

8. Important Dates to Remember:

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

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

Robert Rizoti – Recovering from surgery

T.A. Welborn – Recovering from surgery

Edgar Wilcox – Recovering from surgery

Susan Conway, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Kyson Farley, Francois Hughes, **Frank Jones**, Greg Luck, Kent & Brenda Lunsford, Sherry Mabry, Lisa Miller, Glenda Pierce, **Robert Rizoti**, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Herb Taylor, T.A. Welborn, Dylan Walker, **T.A. Welborn**, **Edgar Wilcox**, **Derrick Wilson**, Seth Wilson, **Diane Winslow**, 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) and Rosie Shephard (Rose Glen Manor)