

WUMC Weekly Update: September 11, 2024

1. Worship

What a joyful Sunday we had worshipping God and welcoming two new members into the household of faith! We kicked off our new worship series: Finding Peace in the Purple: Conversations Across the Aisle in which we are exploring what the bible has to say about our calling to be transformed by the peace of Christ rather than conform to the division present in our world today. You can read the sermon but I hope you will take the time to watch the full service instead. [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Each week we will offer a Discussion Card that offers a summary of the theme, a prayer, and three discussion questions to help you talk to your neighbors/friends/family/coworkers. You will find a copy of that attached.

2. Community Conversations start tonight!

Each Wednesday evening during this series we are taking our conversations out into the community. Tonight (Sept 11, 2024) we will meet in the main classroom at the Wilkes Library on the lower level from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This week our conversation topic is: "How have we been more conformed/molded by the divisive voices around us instead of being shaped/formed by voices of unity and peace?"

3. Clean-up/Clean-out - Saturday, September 21 9:00 a.m. until...

We will have a clean-up/clean-out day on the 21st with a focus to begin relocating the classrooms located in the education wing. Thank you to those who have taken on projects and have gotten the ball rolling. If you can't be with us on the 21st but want to help, see Pastor Karen for a project assignment.

4. Lay Servant Class

If you are interested in learning more about serving in The United Methodist Church why not become a Lay Servant! (Cost is \$35, scholarships provided) If you are a certified Lay Servant you can register to take an Advanced course at the same link. (Hint Hint: Pastor Jim is teaching the advanced class on Worship).

The schedule for classes: **(To be held at Broad Street UMC in Statesville)**

Day 1: Saturday, September 21, 2024 9 AM - 4 PM (lunch provided)

Day 2: Saturday, September 28, 2024 (Bring bagged lunch) 9 AM - 3 PM

If you are interested you can contact Pastor Karen or [click here to registe](#)

5. CLC Update

CLC Minutes for June (CLC DID NOT meet in July), Minutes from the called August meeting and an update from the Western NC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska are now available. You may pick up your copy in the narthex or at the mailbox outside the church office.

6. Relay for Life Card Party Fundraiser at WUMC

Things are shaping up nicely for our **Sharing the Flame Fall Card Party** this coming Tuesday, Sept.17 from 10:00 am until 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and Ecclesia Classroom!

The suggested donation to play is just \$10 per person.

Lunch is provided. Delicious Homemade Soups and Grilled Cheese sandwiches will be served along with yummy desserts.

To reserve your spot, contact Chris Gambill, Mary Jane Rich, Laura Davenport or any Relay Team Member

Relay Bingo is coming back in October! Details TBA soon!

7. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Tonight: Bible Study – A Community Conversation at the Wilkes Co. Library at 5:30pm.

Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at Brushy Mountain Smokehouse & Creamery.

Tuesday; Coffee with Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

Tuesday; Relay for Life Card Party 10am in the Fellowship Hall. \$10 pp.

Saturday; September 21st, Day 1 of the Lay Servant Class at Broad Street UMC in Statesville.

Saturday; September 21st, Clean-Out-The-Clutter Day at church at 9am

Saturday; September 28th, Day 2 of the Lay Servant Class at Broad Street UMC in Statesville.

8. Prayer List - Please let us know if you have a specific prayer request or any changes.

Family and friends of Linda Abrams

Billy Brown, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Kyson Farley, **Francois Hughes**, Frank Jones, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Robert Rizoti**, **Sherry Sachritz**, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Herb Taylor, **Cecil Walters**, **T.A. Welborn**, **Edgar Wilcox**, **Derrick Wilson**, Seth Wilson, **Darlene Winslow**, Gary York, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza, Middle East for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders and all those affected by the Georgia school shooting last week.

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 Assisted Living), Jenny Miller (Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehab Facility), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson) and Rosie Shephard (Rose Glen Manor)

Have a blessed week,
Dottie