

WUMC Weekly Update: September 18, 2024

1. Worship

This week we embraced the second theme in our Finding Peace in the Purple series: Breaking Down the Walls of Hostility (Ephesians 2:11-22). We learned of God's gift of diversity and how our differences should be celebrated, yet too often we let our differences create hostility instead. We again had some technical issues that resulted in us losing the announcement portion of the service but those announcements are repeated in this email. You can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), or read the attached sermon.

2. Finding Peace in the Purple Discussion Questions

Our Finding Peace in the Purple initiative invites us to have conversations with others who might believe differently than we do. Each week we have 3 questions to take home and use to open discussions with family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

This weeks questions are:

- In what ways have we turned our differences into hostilities unnecessarily?
- How have our hostilities kept us from truly getting to know each other and loving each other for who we are?
- Since Christ **is** our peace, how might we lean more into the love of Christ to help us tear down the hostilities that exists?

3. Conversations Across the Aisle: Wednesday @5:30 pm

As part of this series we are also engaging our community in conversations, looking for understanding and celebrating diversity as we talk to one another about how we are feeling, thinking, hoping, or worried about. Join us on Wednesday at 5:30 pm **at the Ag Center conference room (416 Executive Dr, Wilkesboro, NC 28697).**

4. Join us for a DAY of SERVICE!

All Wilkes County United Methodist Churches are invited to partner with Atrium Baptist Medical Center - Wilkes Region to offer some much needed resources to our community. On **Friday, October 4th** the hospital will host an **NC MedAssist Event at First UMC in North Wilkesboro. This event will provide services** such as **free groceries, flu shots, end of life directive planning, free over the counter medications,** and much more.

How can you help? 2 ways...

1a. Volunteer!

We need volunteers on Thursday, Oct 3 from 1-4 to help with bagging groceries and setting up for event.

We need volunteers for Friday, Oct 4, to help serve, guide, and support visitors throughout the day. You can serve all day or choose between the morning shift or afternoon shift.

Contact Jim Brooks (jimbrooks973@gmail.com) or Jean Stetler (jstetler52@gmail.com) for signups

2a. Bring non-perishable food items

We will collect food items to be given away at the event. All items must be at the church no later than 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 3rd. You can bring them each Sunday or drop them by the church office any weekday between 9 and

5. Clean up the Clutter Day - This Saturday - any time you can spare will be welcome but we will officially begin at 9 a.m. Our goal is to make progress in relocating some ministries & cleaning out the education wing.

6. Community Shred-It Event: Join us on Saturday; October 12th at WUMC at 9am to **SECURELY DESTROY** your **UNWANTED PERSONAL DOCUMENTS** in a **Shred-it® mobile shredding truck!** **A few volunteers are needed to help with this event.** You will need to arrive to the church no later than 8:30am. Please let Dottie know if you can help us out that day welcome the community at large at our Shred-it event. This is a great opportunity to bring visitors to our church and invite them to worship with us. We are scheduled to have the Shred-it truck here from 9am – 12 noon. We scheduled this service to help us safely destroy old documents that we are no longer required to keep but you are more than welcome, encouraged rather, to bring any old papers you would like to safely and securely destroy as well. Please help us get the word out. The truck will be here for three hours or until we reach 12,000 lbs; whichever comes first. At this time, there will not be a charge for this service but several church members have asked if they can make a donation to help cover the costs of this important service. Donations are not necessary but are welcomed.

7. Day One Lay Servant Class: This Saturday, September 21, 2024 9 AM - 4 PM (lunch provided) Broad Street UMC in Statesville.

8. Relay for Life Card Party Fundraiser Update – Thank You to everyone who volunteered, made a pot of soup, sandwiches or a dessert and thanks to all who played. We had a great time while raising money for a great cause. *Thanks to your continued fundraising efforts, we invest in cancer research, ensure greater access to quality care, influence public policy, and provide patient support.– American Cancer Society*

Here’s just one example of how Fundraising Makes a Difference

Transportation: In 2022, more than 34,000 individuals received more than 305,000 free rides through our transportation grants.

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

9. 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 Ag Center conference room at 416 Executive Dr, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 at 5:30pm.

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

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.

Saturday; October 12th, Shred-it will be on site for a 3 hour live, in person, Shred event from 9am-12pm.

Sunday; October 20th, Children’s Sabbath

Saturday; December 14th, Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed from 10-6pm at Walmart. See Dottie.

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

Family and friends of Carlee Vannoy Frazier (Terry Pierce’s mother)

Bob Barrett, Billy Brown, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Kyson Farley, Francois Hughes, Frank Jones, Kyania Priest, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, Robert Rizoti, Stan Rowland, 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 our Purple Church Initiative.

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