

WUMC Weekly Update: September 4, 2024

1. Worship

We had a lovely worship service Sunday, accompanied by special guest Barry Bauguess on Trumpet and Aaron Shire on Trombone. We explored what it means to be "Tuned for Praise," in all we do. You can watch the video on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) or read the attached sermon.

A Look Ahead: This Sunday we will begin a new sermon series Finding Peace in the Purple. In this series we will look at what scripture says about how we build relationships that are loving and lasting, despite having differences. How can we embrace diversity rather than fear it? How do we talk to family and friends in an election season when we each pull for different candidates? Join us each Sunday for the next six weeks as we discover that while we might vote red or vote blue, we are still called to live lovingly in the purple.

2. Bible Study

No Bible study today (Wednesday, Sept 4). Next week we will take conversations to the community as we practice Finding Peace in the Purple. We will invite those outside the church to be in conversation with us. We are still looking for a location to have these meetings and will send information as soon as we secure a location.

3. Hospital Closet manager needed!

Did you know we have a hospital closet? We have a wonderful collection of equipment like wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, toilet chairs, crutches, canes, etc. that folks no longer need and so they donated it to us. When someone else needs that item, they can simply check it out from us and return it when they no longer need it.

We are looking for someone who would manage this ministry. The job would include: keeping an inventory list, making sure equipment is clean and in excellent working order, scheduling check-outs and check-ins.

If you are interested in managing this ministry please email Pastor Karen at pastor@wilkesboroumc.org

4. Clean-Out-The-Clutter Day - Saturday, September 21st at 9 a.m.

Those at the Town Hall heard of our exciting opportunity to use our facility to help our community thrive by renovating the old Creation Express wing and leasing it to a daycare center. Naturally, that means we are going to be cleaning out some rooms and relocating some of our ongoing ministries.

Our first group clean out will be on Saturday, September 21st at 9 a.m.

If you would just like to take on a particular project and come in during the week to work on it, contact Pastor Karen or the church office.

5. 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 register](#)

6. Relay for Life Card Party Fundraiser at WUMC

Save the date! The WUMC Relay for Life Fall Card Party will be Tuesday, September 17 from 10:00 am until 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided. Menu TBA. To reserve your spot, contact Chris Gambill, Mary Jane Rich, Laura Davenport or any Relay Team Member.

7. Friday Night Foodies is changing their meeting spot.

Make plans now to join the Foodies this Friday, and every Friday, at 5pm. Starting this week, the Friday Night Foodies will be meeting at the Brushy Mountain Smokehouse & Creamery.

8. The Witness Newsletter

I included the revised September edition of The Witness. The link is below as well as on the church website.

9. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Tonight: No Bible Study

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

Tuesday; Join Pastor Karen for coffee at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

Tuesday; September 17th, Relay for Life Card Party 10am in the Fellowship Hall. \$15 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.

10. 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 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 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