

WUMC Weekly Update: October 23, 2024

Welcome a familiar face!

We are excited to announce that John Mabry has joined the Wilkesboro UMC team as our new custodian. John has faithfully served our church as a volunteer for many years, cooking for the United Methodist Men, serving breakfast every day for Summer Literacy Camp, providing snacks and setup for Wednesday night Bible study, and so much more. We know the love he has for the church will translate into caring for our facility.

1. Worship

What a wonderful job our United Women of Faith did in bringing awareness to issues impacting children and families. Van Souther delivered a beautiful sermon challenging us to ask, "How are the Children?" You can view the service on [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).

2. Bible Study returns November 13!

Have you ever received a Christmas Letter? Maybe you've even sent a few. A Christmas Letter typically shares your joys and sorrows with family and friends so they understand what has happened in the past year of your life.

Starting November 13th we are going to be reading some Christmas Letters as we turn to the Epistles and see what those letters have to say about the coming of Jesus.

This Advent we will study "The Christmas Letters" by Magray DeVega - If you wish to purchase the book it will be \$15.00. Please call or email the church office if you wish to purchase the Advent study book.

3. THANK YOU to all who helped us clean out the Education Wing

On Sunday our Church Leadership Council gave the go ahead to begin the process of renovating our education wing for daycare space. We could not have moved this quickly without all the people who have showed up over the last few weeks to help us relocate and clean out those rooms. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

4. Charge Conference - November 17th at 12:30 pm

Charge Conference is our yearly meeting in which we formalize our approval for salaries, budget, leadership, and reporting for Trustees and Finance. All are welcome to attend.

5. Hurricane Relief Shift...

We are beginning to shift our response to Hurricane Relief needs. We are no longer accepting donations as most distribution sites are overwhelmed with items. As new needs arise we will let you know.

What do we need?

A. Financial Gifts

We have many churches and communities that need rebuilding and that will take money. You can write a check directly to our conference or you can write a check to the church and put WNCC Hurricane in memo line and we will send it in for you.

B. Drivers with Trailers

We are still occasionally sending needed items to distribution sites and the District office is looking for a few more folks that have trucks/trailers and are willing to take deliveries.

C. Workers

We have 5 churches and 1 parsonage with significant damages that need to be repaired. We are looking for teams to work alongside contractors and help with these repairs. Let Pastor Karen know if you want to form a team or join a team.

D. Food Providers

Several churches in affected areas are trying to serve fresh, hot meals to all those who still have no power or water. Many have been serving non-stop for the past 3 weeks and they are weary. If you have a group that can provide a hot meal and help to serve it, please let Pastor Karen know.

6. TODAY is the last day to purchase Mrs. Pumpkins Chicken Pies, Baked Spaghetti and Cream Cheese Brownies. Orders will be ready for “drive-thru” pickup in the parking lot on October 30th from 3-5:30pm.

7. Christian Fellowship Sunday School Pecan Sale To order, contact Jan Taylor, Jean Stetler, Gretchen Barelski, Margaret Cooper, or let any Sunday school class member know. Profit goes into our Sunday school treasury to support church projects and missions. Delivery Date TBA but we hope to have them back for Thanksgiving. **You may order now. They will continue to take orders while supplies last.**

Prices are:

- 16 oz Extra Large Pecan Halves - \$12.00
- 12oz Chocolate Covered Pecans - \$10.00
- 16oz Extra Large Pecan Pieces - \$12.00
- 8oz Pecan Caramel Clusters - \$10.00

8. Poinsettia Orders are due to Dottie no later than October 28th. They are \$25 each. If you would like to order poinsettias, in honor or in memory of loved ones or friends, please fill out the attached Poinsettia order form. For your convenience, order forms will also be available for you to pick up in the sanctuary and in the church office.

9. Red Cross Blood Drive – November 4th, Sponsored by Downtown Churches Wilkesboro Baptist Church 300 W. Main St.; Wilkesboro, NC 28697 2:00pm – 7:00pm. To schedule a donation time please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: downtown churches.

10. Relay for Life Bingo: NOVEMBER 8th in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. A \$20 donation is suggested. Additional cards will be available for \$10. A hotdog supper with all the trimmings, chips, dessert and drink will be available for a \$5 donation. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

11. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Today	Mrs. Pumpkins Pies orders due. Please turn all of your orders in to UWFaith member today.
Monday	Poinsettia Orders Due
Tuesday	Coffee w/Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.
November 4th	Red Cross Blood Drive
November 5th	Election Day. Don't forget to go vote.
November 8th	Relay for Life Bingo
November 9th	Bazaar Crawl from 10am – 4pm. See Ed. Bldg. Bulletin Board for more info
November 20th	Hand in Hand's Soup, Salads and Sweets Fundraiser
December 14th	Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed from 10-6pm at Walmart.

12. Prayer List - Please let us know if you have a specific prayer request or any changes to the prayer list.

Family & friends of Donna Osborne

Edith Ann Absher, Phyllis Austin, Billy Brown, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, Ted & Ann Hayes, Francois Hughes, Frank Jones, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, Mike Reid, 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, The Purple Church Initiative and for all the persons doing shootings all over the US; especially in the schools, Hurricane Helene storm victims and everyone in Hurricane Milton's path.

NURSING FACILITIES: 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

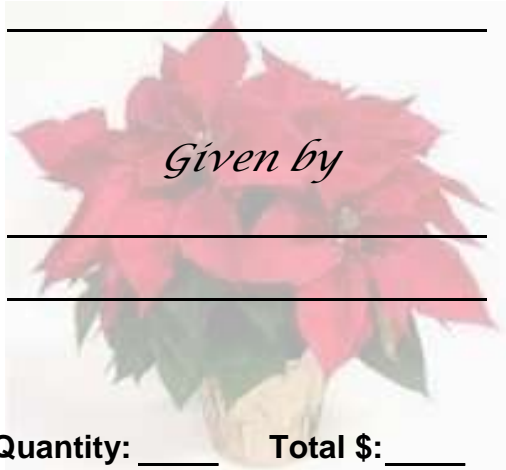
POINSETTIA ORDER INFO

Honor or remember a loved one by adding a Christmas Poinsettia to the sanctuary decor. Complete your order below with payment and place in the offering plate today or give to the church office by Oct. 28th.

Cost = \$25 ea.

In Memory of

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Quantity: _____ Total \$: _____

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