

WUMC Weekly Update: November 13, 2024

1. Worship

This week we started a new series called Truth Telling in which we will look at scriptures where Jesus might offer some hard truths that we need to hear. Sunday we turned to Mark's gospel and heard a familiar story with a new perspective on faith, trust, and accountability. You can read the attached sermon but you will miss the lovely music and the return of handbells to worship, so I'd check out the video instead, on [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).

2. Bible Study Returns this week

Wednesday night Bible studies return this week. We are studying Magrey DeVega's book "The Christmas Letters: Celebrating Advent with Those Who Told the Story First" The books are \$15 for those who wish to purchase, or free for those who wish to return them to the church resource room. We will meet in the Ecclesia Room at 5:30 each Wednesday (except for Nov 20 - which is the Helping Hand Soup Supper).

3. Charge Conference is November 17, 2024 at 12:30 pm

Every year the business of the church is finalized and the leadership prepares for a new year by setting budgets and choosing new leaders. All are welcome to come.

4. Community Conversation moved to Tuesday, Nov 19 at 5:30 pm at the Wilkes Community College. Our frame for discussion is: "What should we be talking about right now?"

5. 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.**

They only have a limited supply left including just two bags of the Extra Large Pecan Pieces left. I made sure to reserve mine. If you need pecans for all of your yummy holiday baking and delicious dishes, make sure you reserve yours before they're all gone!

Prices are:

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

6. Hand in Hand Soups, Salads and Sweets Fundraiser

Mark your calendars. It's almost that time again when we get to fellowship together and enjoy delicious homemade soups and yummy desserts at Hand in Hand's Fall fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards purchasing Walmart gift cards for our friends at Moravian Falls Elementary School. These gift cards will ensure that Santa will find his way to each student's home. I know they will all have a wonderful Christmas because of you. Make plans to join us next Wednesday, November 20th at 6pm in the fellowship hall for Soups, Salads and Sweets. Suggested donation: \$7.50.

7. Christmas Cards

Again, this year, we look forward to having tables set up in the Heritage Room for anyone wishing to give Christmas Cards to your church family. Last year, there were quite a few cards left for people who no longer attend in person that we ended up having to mail.

For your convenience, an updated member list will be emailed next Wednesday. I hope to have hard copies in the church office and will leave copies in the Heritage Room on Friday for Sunday's service. Please make note of anyone with an asterisk by their name.

If the member has an asterisk by their name, we kindly request that you mail that card to that person(s). More than likely, they no longer attend in person & won't be here to check the tables for cards.

Christmas Cards bring so much joy to people. I know whomever you decide to gift a card to will be so blessed and they may have even more significant meaning to those that aren't able to worship in person. I know they will be blessed to be remembered. The cost of a stamp seems like a lot but it's a small price to pay to remind someone that they are not only thought of this holiday season but loved and missed. I know not everyone is physically able to attend worship in person but maybe you could include a special hand-written note letting them know that you miss them, and if they are able, you would love see them soon.

8. Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can cover a two hour volunteer shift at Walmart (Grocery Side). We need several more volunteers. I need to confirm with the Salvation Army if we will be able to staff that bell ringing shift as soon as possible.

When you give \$1 to The Salvation Army, it helps to meet needs in the community in which you donate—a practice that started with the very first kettle in 1891.

"The Red Kettle campaign is one of the most important efforts we work on during the year with the aim of bringing joy to many children and helping many low-income families in our community to have a better Christmas," said Bellflower (California) Corps Officer Envoy Manuel Martinez. "The Christmas spirit makes hearts more sensitive to the needs of the less fortunate, and that allows Salvationists to be willing to develop our mission to meet human needs without any discrimination."

9. Important Dates to Remember:

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

November 17th Charge Conference

November 19th Coffee w/Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

November 20th Hand in Hand's Soup, Salads and Sweets Fundraiser

December 14th Salvation Army Bell Ringers needed from 10-6pm at Walmart.

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

Family & friends of Billy Brown and Sherry Sachritz

Mike Cooper Sr.

Edith Ann Absher, Vincent Adams, Mike Cooper Sr., Jim Day, Charles Drum, **Mark Eskew,** Kyson Farley, **Ted & Ann Hayes, Francois Hughes,** Harland & Terri Ingram, Frank Jones, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Mike Reid, Robert Rizoti,** 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!

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