

WUMC Weekly Update: November 27, 2024

Happy Thanksgiving, Friends. May your blessings be evident and your gratitude mighty.

1. Worship

Our final worship service in our Truth-Telling series fell on Christ the King Sunday and explored what it means to testify to the truth of the Christ who reigns over us. What is truth? Jesus came to show us. You can read the attached sermon, or watch the service on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

2. O Come, Let Us Adore Him! Advent Series begins Sunday

The church is decorated (thanks to all who came to help), the candles are ready, and a new liturgical year kicks off as we begin our Advent celebrations and explore what it means to adore Jesus as we wait for his arrival. Join us each Sunday at 10 a.m. - and invite a friend! People are more apt to visit church at Christmas so now is a good time to ask!

3. Bible Study: Christmas Letters

Bible Study returns NEXT Wednesday at 5:30 pm. in the Ecclesia Room of the Education Building. We will cover chapter 2. A few books are left in the church office. It is never too late to join.

4. Christmas Events:

December 22, Sunday at 10 a.m. - Pastor Jim and the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Dr. Dennis Mayer and a string ensemble from The NC School of the Arts will perform The Christmas Light: a Cantata for Advent and Christmas.

December 24, Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. - Candlelight and Communion Service. Bring the entire family and come as you are for this beautiful and meaningful time of worship.

5. UMM Breakfast for Christmas Dinner – The UMM are not meeting this Tuesday but they are hosting a FREE Breakfast for Christmas dinner this Tuesday at 6pm in the fellowship hall. They hope to see you all there!

The men are excited for their Annual Samaritan Kitchen Food Drive from now until Christmas Day. Let's see how many boxed and canned goods we can collect. The need is urgent. Thank you for always being so generous!

6. UWFaith are also not meeting in December but we hope you will still join the UMM on Tuesday for Breakfast for Christmas dinner at 6pm. It's FREE. Invite a friend!

However, the UWFaith are planning to go out to lunch and play 'Dirty Santa' with Christmas ornaments. Date, Time and Location TBD. More info coming soon.

7. Lay People of the Year and United Women in Faith Special Mission Recognition Congratulations to Gilbert Cox and John Mabry for being selected as this year's Lay People of the Year for their tireless dedication to WUMC. Much of their work goes unseen. Hard earned & much deserved! Congratulations also goes out to Janey Jones. The UWFaith locally give this award once a year to someone who goes above and beyond supporting mission (especially mission work with women, children & youth). Janey was recognized for her support of our church missions (i.e., Armenia Project Agape shoeboxes at the Mission Response Center) and her dedicated support to American Red Cross disaster relief.

8. Christmas Cards bring so much joy to people. Tables are set up Heritage Room for anyone wishing to give Christmas Cards to your church family. For your convenience, an updated member list was attached to last week's Weekly Update. I also have hard copies in the church office and in the Heritage Room. 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 home. More than likely, they no longer attend in person & won't be here to check the tables for cards.*** 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. Also, don't forget to save all the stamps you receive on cards for the Stamp Ministry. ☺

9. The church office will be closed Thursday; November 28 and Friday; November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am thankful for all of you!

10. Friday Night Foodies WILL meet this Friday (the day after Thanksgiving). If you find yourself tired of leftovers or just want to be in amazing company, join the Foodies Friday at 5pm at Brushy Mtn. Smokehouse.

11. The Witness Newsletter – The December newsletter is live. You can either click the attachment included or visit our website at Wilkesboroumc.org. Please make sure to take lots of photos at your upcoming events and email those to Dottie. Submissions for the January newsletter are due no later than December 15th. Thanks!

12. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Tonight – No Bible Study. Enjoy time with your family over the holiday.

Tuesday, December 2nd Coffee w/Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

Tuesday, December 2nd The United Methodist Men would like to invite you all to come have a FREE Christmas Breakfast for dinner tonight in the fellowship hall at 6pm. Make sure to bring a boxed or canned good(s) for the UMM's Food Drive for Samaritan Kitchen.

Wednesday, December 3rd Bible Study returns tonight.

Friday; December 5th, Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at Brushy Mountain Smokehouse

Saturday; December 21st, 2-4pm, you're cordially invited to Larry and Van's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration hosted by their children & grandchildren. They kindly request no presents. Your presence is all the gift they could ever want or need.

Sunday; December 22nd our Christmas Cantata, The Christmas Light, will be performed at 10am

Tuesday; December 24th Candlelight and Communion Service at 7pm

Wednesday; December 25th the church office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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

Family & friends of Steve Greene & Cecil Baity

Steve's family will receive friends at a Celebration of Life on December 1, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at The 1915, located at 201 W Main St, Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Edith Ann Absher, Ken Austin, Phyllis Austin, 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, Jacquie Wells, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Gary York, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza, Middle East for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders, recent storm victims, our president and country's leadership.

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)

Happy Thanksgiving!
Dottie