

WUMC Weekly Update: December 11, 2024

1. Worship

Our Second Sunday of Advent was a beautiful celebration of our passion for preparing the way for Jesus to come and dwell among us. It was a celebration to have Pastor Jim back as our worship leader, and we were blessed with a solo by Kaleb Thornton. You can enjoy the service by watching on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). The sermon of the day is attached,

2. Bible Study - tonight we explore Chapter 3 of The Christmas Letters - the Letter to the Philippians. Join us at 5:30 in the Ecclesia Room.

3. West Wilkes High School Choral Concert will be held in the sanctuary on Thursday, December 12 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

4. Christmas Events:

December 22, Sunday at 10 a.m. - 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. 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. ☺

6. Herb Taylor called to say hi and asked me to tell you that he Wishes you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! He also asked me tell you that he loves and misses you all and would love to hear from you. He asked that I share his address and phone number with you.

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7. 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!

8. Larry and Van's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration You are cordially invited to a floating reception December 21st from 2 – 4 pm hosted by their children & grandchildren to celebrate Larry & Van's Golden Anniversary. They kindly request no presents. Your presence is all the gift they could ever want or need.

9. Thank You!!! The Christian Friends Sunday School class would like to thank everyone who purchased pecans. Thanks to you, it was a fantastic fundraiser. They sold out! Hope you enjoy them in your holiday dishes and baked goods.

10. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Tonight – Bible Study tonight at 5:30pm in the Ecclesia Rm.

Thursday - West Wilkes High School Choral Concert at 7pm in the sanctuary.

Friday - Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at Brushy Mountain Smokehouse.

Sunday; December 15th – CLC Meeting 12:30pm.

Monday; December 16th – Blind and Visually Impaired meeting 10:30am – 12:00 noon.

Tuesday, December 17th Coffee w/Karen at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

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.

11. Prayer List - Let us know if you have a specific prayer request or any changes to the prayer list.

Ken Austin, Phyllis Austin, Pastor Jim Brooks, Margaret Cooper, Mike Cooper Sr., Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, **Francois Hughes,** Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Mike Reid, Debbie Reeves,** Robert Rizoti, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, **David Taylor III,** Herb Taylor, **Lee Tedder, Cecil Walters,** T.A. Welborn, **Jacque Wells, Edgar Wilcox,** Derrick Wilson, **Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Gavin Young,** 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 and our mountain counties, our president and our 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)

Blessings,
Dottie