

## WUMC Weekly Update: December 18, 2024

### 1. Worship

Our Third Sunday of Advent celebrated the joy receiving God's invitation to participate in saving the world. We explored the gift of saying YES when God invites us into the light of God's work. You can read the attached sermon or watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

2. Our final **Bible Study** of the year happens tonight at 5:30 as we study the final chapter of The Christmas Letters.

### 3. 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.

4. **Coffee with Karen** will be on break until January 7th.

5. **Christmas Cards** May be left on the tables in the Heritage room. Cards are in alphabetical order by last 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. 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.

Herb Taylor  
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(410) 491-6272

7. **The Witness Newsletter** – Submissions for the January newsletter are due now. The post office has asked us to submit a thinner newsletter. The paper we have to use is a little bit thicker. The thicker ones are harder for the post office equipment to process. With that in mind, it works best to print the newsletter in 4 page increments so starting in January, our newsletter will on be 8 pages instead of 12. Please keep that in mind as you submit information to be published. Space is going to be limited. Pictures speak volumes. So, more pictures, please & thank you!

What is the Picture Superiority Effect?

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"Images are far more memorable than spoken word or written text – thanks to the Picture Superiority Effect. We are very familiar with the saying that "a picture speaks a thousand words". But this turns out to not be just an old cliché after all! Psychologists confirm that pictures are more immediately recognized, and more quickly recalled, than either the spoken or written word.

This is known as the [Picture Superiority Effect](#). When we read a text, or listen to an audio version of it, we are likely to remember only 10 percent of the information 3 days later. However, we are more likely to remember information for a longer period of time if the text (or audio version of it) is presented with suitable images. In fact, if information is

presented to us as text combined with relevant images, we are likely to remember 65 percent of the information 3 days later! – Simple Show <https://simpleshows.com/blog/picture-superiority-effect/>

**8. Larry and Van's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration This Saturday!** You are cordially invited to a floating reception December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 pm in the fellowship hall 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. 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.**

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

**Saturday – Larry & Van's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception from 2-4pm**

**Sunday; December 22nd – *The Christmas Light*** Cantata will be performed at 10am lead by Pastor Jim Brooks and accompanied by Dr. Dennis Meyer with Sunday School to follow.

**Tuesday; December 24<sup>th</sup>** - No Coffee with Karen today or next week. Coffee with Karen will return on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the day with your family.

**Tuesday; December 24<sup>th</sup>** Candlelight and Communion Service at 7pm.

**Wednesday; December 25<sup>th</sup>** the church office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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

**The Family & Friends of Bobbie Burke** (Midge Adam's sister), **Bill Austin** (Ken's brother) and **Toni Jones** (Angela Summers' friend)

**Billie Culler Watson** (daughter of Clegg and Dessie Culler) recently suffered a serious fall and is recovering at home. Her husband Larry says cards of encouragement and well-wishes are appreciated. 212 Spring Rain Ct Oak Hill, VA 20171

**Keith Summerford** is battling an infection.

**Ken Austin, Phyllis Austin, Pastor Jim Brooks, Margaret Cooper**, Mike Cooper Sr., Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, **Francois Hughes, Tom Kinlaw**, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Mike Reid, Debbie Reeves**, Robert Rizoti, Mary Summerford, **Keith Summerford, David Taylor III**, Herb Taylor, **Lee Tedder, Jacquie 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:** Bobbi Blake (Rose Glen Village), Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), 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)

Merry Christmas!  
Dottie

*We Still  
Do*

LARRY & VAN  
SOUTHER

*Celebrating 50 years of marriage!*

Your presence is requested at a  
50th Anniversary Celebration  
hosted by their children  
& grandchildren

Saturday, December 21  
2 o'clock - 4 o'clock  
Floating  
Wilkesboro UMC  
Fellowship Hall

We kindly request no gifts, please.  
The gift of your presence is the best gift of all!