

## WUMC Weekly Update: December 4, 2024

### 1. A word of gratitude and a time for prayer

Last Sunday, Pastor Jim helped lead a beautiful worship service and then led an hour long choir rehearsal. As that rehearsal ended, he suddenly began experiencing discomfort in his chest and difficulty breathing. He was rushed to the ER and rapidly determined to be having a serious heart attack and immediately sent to the Cath Lab at Baptist hospital. After a successful cath to stop the heart attack comes the reality that he has an additional 4 arteries with 90-95% blockages. Surgeons will wait for 30 days until his heart heals before performing by-pass surgery. We are so grateful for his survival and he treasures your prayers for his recovery as well as your patience as he takes care of himself and heals. He is grateful for all who have reached out in prayer and in offers to help. He is home, resting comfortably.

### 2. Worship

Our First Sunday of Advent was all about Preparations - paying attention to details and remaining focused on our need to welcome Jesus to come again and live among us. You can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [Youtube](#), or read the attached sermon.

### 3. Bible Study Returns Tonight at 5:30

The Christmas Letters study brings us to explore the Letter of 1 John tonight and to look at how Jesus is love incarnate - how God enters our human story. I hope to see you there.

### 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. The Witness Newsletter** – The December newsletter is live. You can either click the attachment included or visit our website at [Wilkesboroumc.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**7. Larry and Van's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration** You are cordially invited to a floating reception December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

*Please see the invitation attached.*

**8. 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**

**Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Coffee w/Karen** at Anchor Coffee at 10am.

**Saturday; December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm, you're cordially invited to Larry and Van's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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**Sunday; December 22<sup>nd</sup>** our Christmas Cantata, The Christmas Light, will be performed at 10am

**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.

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

**Family & friends of Steve Greene**

**Ken Austin, Phyllis Austin, Pastor Jim Brooks, Mike Cooper Sr.,** Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, **Francois Hughes,** 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 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