

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – January 29, 2025

1. Worship

We continued our series on Embracing the Familiar by taking a first look at Luke 4:14-21, where Jesus returns to his hometown to announce his ministry was beginning. Where does he make the announcement? In the synagogue, of course, where it was his custom to go and worship each week. Read the attached sermon or, better yet, watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) to learn more.

2. Gratitude and Update on Pastor Jim

We thank Larry Souther for filling in to direct the choir and Kaleb Thornton for filling in as Liturgist on Sunday as Pastor Jim recovers from his bypass surgery.

Pastor Jim continues to do well and hopes to be released from the hospital today (Wednesday, January 29th). He greatly appreciates the prayers and well wishes for a speedy recovery.

3. More Gratitude - More Opportunity to help reach our goal

What a blessing we are witnessing! A few weeks ago, Pastor Karen posted a video produced by The Ormond Center in which she and Gilbert Cox explained the [Day Care Center Renovation Project](#). That Sunday, she updated the congregation that we had raised \$525,000 from amazing community partners and foundations and we had a mere \$75,000 to go to reach our renovation goal.

As usual, people started stepping up...a \$5000 gift had already been pledged prior to the announcement...by the end of the day two more gifts had been pledged, each for \$10,000. Today, we learned of another \$2000 gift from the community! Our goal is now down to \$48,000!!! What a blessing!

4. Friday Night Foodies –Join the Friday Night Foodies each Friday at 5pm at Cagney's for amazing food and great fellowship! Invite someone to join you. They always have a seat just for you!

5. Coffee with Karen Coffee with Karen Tuesday; February 4th, at 10:00am at Anchor Coffee.

6. UMM and UWFaith Meetings Tuesday; February 4th at 6pm.

Special guests: Girl Scouts. They will also be hosting a Cookie Booth at dinner so this would be a great time to stock up on all of your favorite cookies. You may also use the QR code or link above to place your order. Cookies ordered online will be delivered to the church.

7. Bible Study will resume March 12, 2025

8. Girl Scout Cookies



The UMM have invited GS Troop 10059 to join you all at the Feb. 4th UMM & UWFaith meetings. Only one troop is available that night so please, if you can, support them and their efforts at the Feb. 4th meeting. We also have another Girl Scout troop that meets here. They had a prior commitment but was happy to provide a link as well as a QR code if you would like to order cookies from them online. You have the option to pay to have them

shipped to you. However, for your convenience, we can arrange to have your order dropped off here and you can pick them up whenever it is convenient for you.

Girl Scout Cookies - Four ways to order: Use the QR Code or the link below. You may also order by adding your order to the order form hanging on the bulletin board. And, you may also purchase your cookies at the Cookie Booth during the UMM & UWFaith meetings.

Acceptable Forms of Payment Tuesday Night at the Cookie Booth – Cash and checks. Their leader is checking to see if they can also take credit/debit cards. I will let you know what I find out.



Just click this link or use the QR Code provided.

<https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop40921c368?fpkp=1>

9. Important Dates to Remember:

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

Tonight – **Bible Study will resume on March 12th.**

Friday – Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at **Cagney's.** (Note change of venue.)

Tuesday – Coffee with Karen at 10am

Tuesday – UMM & UWFaith Meetings. Dinner is at 6pm. Suggested donation: \$5.

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

Pastor Jim Brooks, Recovering from Bypass surgery

Francois Hughes, Wilkes Regional

Chuck Byers, recovering at home

Sid Hollowell, recovering from surgery

Angie Allen and family (Pastor Karen's step-sister/Hospice care)

The Family and Friends of Jackie McEntire

Angie Allen, Pastor Jim Brooks, Chuck Byers, Margaret Cooper, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, Sid Hollowell, Francois Hughes, June Jordan, Tom Kinlaw, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, Robert Rizoti, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Bob Taylor, David Taylor III, Jeramie & Crystal Taylor, Herb Taylor, Lee Tedder, Billie Culler Watson, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, D. Young, 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