

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – January 8, 2025

Friends, it is with a sad heart that we begin this week's announcements with the news that Mike Reid has passed. Arrangements for his celebration of life service are pending. Please hold Antha, Keith, Allison, and Roxanne in your prayers, as well as all who loved Mike and those who were blessed by his friendship, generosity, and compassion.

1. Worship

We enjoyed a beautiful Epiphany Service on Sunday with special music by a brass ensemble, led by John Patton. We explored the story of the Magi and our need to "Look Up" and see what God is doing in the world around us. You can read the attached sermon, or better yet, watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) so you can enjoy the lovely music as well.

2. Bible Study Returns Next Wednesday (Jan 15) with a viewing of the movie Bonhoeffer, followed each week by readings from his book, The Cost of Discipleship.

3. Coffee with Karen Coffee with Karen returns next Tuesday (Jan 14).

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.

UMM Food Drive Update

Thanks to everyone who generously donated to the UMM Food Drive for our local Food Bank. The donations take up four long tables; almost the entire length of one whole wall in the Fellowship Hall! Congratulations! You guys are so awesome!

The Food Bank is coming on Monday, Jan 13th to pick up all of the donations. So, you still have time, if you haven't already, to leave a donation for them. I know they will be so appreciative. The Food Bank will weigh everything and let us know exactly how many pounds of food you collected for our food insecure neighbors. I'm excited to find out and hope to be able to update everyone in next week's Weekly Update.

Additionally, the UMM is matching all of the donations pound for pound! These donations might go to an elderly person who has to budget so carefully so they can afford to buy their needed prescriptions. Or maybe, your donations mean that a parent can feed their kids AND pay the rent or let their kids play basketball because now they can afford shoes.

Your impactful donation isn't a handout; it's a hand up. Your donations will help stretch budgets. Your donations might mean that a family can continue to have heat and power this long, cold winter because they can use the money set aside for groceries to pay the light bill.

Only God knows the true impact you're making. So, thank you for being difference makers because your donations truly are going to make all the difference so a child doesn't go to bed hungry.

6. Meeting Dates, Special Events, ect.... Our new 2025 Master Event Calendar is up and ready. If you have scheduled any church events or would like to use church space for events or meetings personally or if your committee or group needs to reserve space, please get those dates to Dottie as soon as you can so we don't have any overlap.

7. Newsletter - Newsletter articles and pictures are due no later than the 17th of each month. Don't forget, we are now limited on space. The post office was having trouble sorting our thick newsletters so they asked that we reduce the number of pages. We have gone from having 12 pages to just 8 pages. Pictures are a lot more impactful than articles but your articles are always welcome. Just try to keep our limited space in mind. We use the newsletter to help everyone stay up to date, communicate important information and we use it as a way to celebrate all the wonderful things God is doing through you. Thank you for having servant's hearts and for using your hands and feet to take our savior to a hurting world.

8. Important Dates to Remember:

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

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

Tuesday – Coffee with Karen at 10am

Wednesday; January 15th - Bible Study returns

Sunday; January 19th - CLC Mtg. at 12:30pm

Monday; January 20th - the church office will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday; January 20th.

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

The family and friends of Mike Reid & Chris Taylor

Ken Austin, Phyllis Austin, Pastor Jim Brooks, Margaret Cooper, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, **Francois Hughes, June Jordan, Tom Kinlaw, Greg Luck,** Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Debbie Reeves,** Robert Rizoti, Mary Summerford, **Keith Summerford, David Taylor III,** 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: 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)

Blessings,
Dottie