

# Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – February 12, 2025

## 1. Worship

Why would a fisherman have his best day on the water, ever, and then decide to walk away and never fish again? Sunday, we explored that question with Luke's story of how Jesus called his first disciples right off the fishing boat and put them to work, fishing for people. We also were introduced to a new hymn that folks found powerful, so you can read the attached sermon but I hope you will take the time to watch the whole service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) and experience the music as well as the sermon.

## 2. Luke-Acts Bible Study

A reminder that Bishop Carter and the Conference Staff have invited all United Methodist to spend one year reading through the books of Luke and Acts (52 chapters = 1 chapter per week). We have free books available if you wish to participate. [You can click here](#) to find study guides for each chapter.

## 3. Legacy Planning Workshop – Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is invited. Please make plans now to be in attendance for this very informative workshop and learn simple ways you can continue to support the work being done here at Wilkesboro UMC.

Did you know that 60% of people die without a will? What happens to everything these people worked and saved for? How do they know that the family and charities they care for are taken care of? Sadly, people who die with no will have no say over the distribution of their assets – they are dispersed according to their state's estate laws.

With a will, YOU decide how your estate will be distributed and avoid a lengthy probate process.

Reserve your spot today by calling the church office at: (336) 818-0552 or by email your RSVP to: [admin@wilkesboroumc.org](mailto:admin@wilkesboroumc.org).

Lunch will be catered by Catered by: Jay Meier, owner of LeJayFilet LLC & the UWF be hosting a dessert buffet. A donation tip jar will be available to help cover the costs of the meal. RSVP's are due no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the church office.

Jay would be happy to entertain any of your catering needs and he is getting glowing reviews. I know lunch will be delicious.

**4. UWFaith Love Tree** - The United Women in Faith (UWFaith) and the Home Missions Committee are offering an opportunity to help those in need again this year during the month of February with your Love Tree donations. We can make a difference in the lives of church members and community people in need. One third of your donations will be given to h.o.p.e. Ministries and one third will be given to St.Paul's Crisis Ministry to help those in the community with crisis needs. The other one third will be utilized to help church members with medical or other crisis needs. Please be a part of this ministry!

You can purchase a heart for an individual or a family for \$1 each from any UWFaith member. If you would like to honor someone with a donation of \$25 or more, a card will be sent notifying them of your gift. If you would like a tax receipt, please include a note indicating so with your donation. Your donation amount will not be included with your church giving donation record, but a tax receipt will be provided by the WUMC UWFaith Treasurer, Jan Taylor.

You can make your donation by check (please write to Wilkesboro United Women in Faith) or cash. Please remember to designate for Love Tree.

**5. Stamp Ministry** - Since 1972, by processing and selling used stamps to stamp dealers around the world, the stamp ministry has raised over \$1 million for the publication of Spanish Sunday School curriculum and evangelical literature for children in need primarily in South America.

Jane Brady collects the stamps we save. She keeps a USPS box right outside the church office. Jane was sharing that stamps that are too close to the edge of the envelope are not accepted. Please cut out the stamps you get on the mail you receive paying close attention to leave no less than ¼" space around the entirety of the stamp so that dealers will want to purchase them.

**6. Rise Against Hunger** – is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a much loved ministry that everyone looks forward to each year. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other aid to people in developing nations. They mobilize more than 400,000 volunteers each year to package meals for people in need around the globe. Make plans now to come help pack meal kits, and if you feel so moved, you may also make a donation to help fund our local efforts.

**7. Important Dates to Remember:**

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

**Tonight – NO Bible Study Tonight. Bible Study will resume on March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Friday – Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at Cagney's.**

**Sunday – CLC Mtg. 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Tuesday – Coffee with Karen at 10am.**

**Legacy Planning Workshop and Lunch – Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**UW Faith District Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – See Jean Stetler or Jan Taylor**

**Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. See Kay Hayes**

**Blood Drive – Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – See Margaret Cooper**

**Lent – Lent starts on Ash Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you have upcoming events, please call the church office or email Dottie at [admin@wilkesboroumc.org](mailto:admin@wilkesboroumc.org).**

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

**The Family and Friends of Eric Reintsena**

**Donna Kroeger's niece, Alenna, had surgery today for fluid and infection after having brain surgery last month.**

**Susan Blackburn, Pastor Jim Brooks, Chuck Byers, Margaret Cooper, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, Billy Hayes, Sid Hollowell, Francois Hughes, June Jordan, Brenda Kilby, 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), 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