

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – February 19, 2025

1. Worship

We celebrated community on Sunday as we continued our way through Luke's Gospel by exploring the first part of his teaching of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. What does it mean to belong to the Kingdom of God? Jesus uses this moment to tell us. You can read the attached sermon or you can watch the video on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

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. 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.

4. Legacy Planning Workshop – Sunday, March 9th

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.

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 2nd 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.

5. Rise Against Hunger – is scheduled for April 6th. 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.

WHY DO YOU RISE for Rise Against Hunger?

I actually look forward to the RISE event starting around Christmas. I think it means so much to me because it is an opportunity to do something in Christ's name that I know is meeting people across the WORLD where they are. Whatever situation they are facing that day, WUMC is kind of helping them through it. – Matt Ledford

I RISE, because it could be me, it could be one of my loved ones experiencing hunger. I RISE because there are so many situations each and every day that others experience injustices in this world, and I think...it could be me...so I RISE for those who cannot RISE for themselves. May we all RISE as it is our duty as human beings to help others, to lend a hand to those who suffer, those who are less fortunate, those who struggle and are simply trying, wanting to live. - Jennifer Ledford

6. 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 12th.

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

Tuesday – Coffee with Karen at 10am.

Legacy Planning Workshop and Lunch – Sunday, March 9th

UW Faith District Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, April 5th – See Jean Stetler or Jan Taylor

Rise Against Hunger is scheduled for Sunday, April 6th. See Kay Hayes

Blood Drive – Monday, June 16th – See Margaret Cooper

Lent – Lent starts on Ash Wednesday March 5th and ends on Thursday, April 17th.

If you have upcoming events, please call the church office or email Dottie at admin@wilkesboroumc.org.

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

T.A. Welborn – is having a heart ablation today.

Susan Blackburn, Jane Brady, Pastor Jim Brooks, Chuck Byers, Margaret Cooper, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Alenna Edwards, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, Billy Hayes, 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