

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – February 5, 2025

1. Worship

We continued our series "Embracing the Familiar" with the second part of last week's story in which Jesus returns to his hometown and goes to the synagogue to announce his mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captive, sight to the blind, and liberation to the oppressed, but when he adds that he won't be staying with them to begin this good news, they get upset. Should we prioritize God's love? Luke 4:22-30 gives some insight. You can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) or read the attached sermon.

2. Bible Study Invitation

Bishop Carter and Clergy of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church are offering an opportunity to study the books of Luke and Acts together. Those books combine for a total of 52 chapters, so reading one chapter a week will give you a year's worth of study. [You can click here to find Conference resources and downloads](#) for each week's study. We also have free Luke-Acts books available at church (Common English Translation).

3. To help you plan....looking down the road....

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.

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 11th, at 10:00am at Anchor Coffee.

6. Bible Study will resume March 12, 2025

7. Office Coverage needed Thursday; February 27th and Friday; February 28th. If you can cover either day, please let Dottie know. I will be out of town those days.

8. March Newsletter - Please submit your March newsletter articles/info as soon as you can. I will be traveling at the end of February and would like to finish the March newsletter before I leave so you guys won't miss a beat.

We post **The Witness** on the church website usually by the 1st of each month. The newsletter is also included in the first Weekly Update emailed on the first Wednesday of each month. I also mail the newsletter to anyone that doesn't have email or internet and to a few that prefer a hard copy. Please share **The Witness** on your social platforms and with your family and friends.

What is the Importance of Church Newsletters?

The newsletter is a helpful communication tool. Church newsletters serve as a major point of contact within the church community communicating critical information, including details on future events, service schedules and educational programs. They help keep the congregation connected and create a sense of belonging. Church newsletters are important for community engagement. Though a simple tool, they are very efficient ensuring inclusivity and connection especially to those not able to attend worship in person while also spiritually feeding

the church body and they help you see all you are doing to build God's kingdom. They are also a very good tool for reaching and connecting with broader audiences beyond the church walls.



Thanks to everyone who purchased Girl Scout Cookies last night at the UMM dinner. They sold more than \$500 worth of cookies! You guys are the absolute best!

If you didn't get to buy cookies, or you would like to get more, you still have time.

Girl Scout Cookies - Three ways to order: Use the QR Code or the link below. You may also buy cookies by adding your order to the order form hanging on the bulletin board hanging in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.



Just click this link or use the QR Code provided.

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

10. **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.**

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

11. **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

The Family and Friends of Angie Allen (Pastor Karen's step sister)

Chuck Byers, Margaret Cooper, Jim Day, Charles Drum, Mark Eskew, Kyson Farley, Billy Hayes, 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