

# Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – March 12, 2025

## 1. Worship on the First Sunday in Lent

Our Lenten Series: Steadfast Love, kicked off on Sunday as we explored Luke 4:1-13 and the connection between fear and power, and God's ability to rescue us when we have given into our fears and strayed. The sermon offers some guidance for how to use self-reflection and fasting in growing stronger in our faith. You can watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), or read the attached sermon.

NOTICE: Facebook will no longer allow us to keep our worship videos for longer than 30 days, so if you wish to watch an older service please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) where we will archive all our services.

## 2. Bible Study begins tonight! (Wednesday, March 12 @5:30 in the Ecclesia Room)

Our Lenten Bible Study is Hope In Troubling Times: A Journey with the Prophets

March 12: The God Who Sees Our Struggle (Jeremiah 29:1-14)

March 19: A Light in the Darkness (Isaiah 9:1-7)

March 26: Restoration and New Life (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

April 2: Justice and Mercy for All (Micah 6:6-8)

April 9: Mourning Turned to Joy (Isaiah 61:1-4)

April 16: A New Covenant of Hope (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

## 3. (sing it with me now...) Celebrate Good Times! Come On!

**Visitors:** The power of presence and invitation was proven this past week when, between our Ash Wednesday service and our Sunday worship service, we welcomed 11 first time visitors through our door! Most came because they were invited by someone in our church, the others came because they saw our church as a place to seek God and worship. Friends, these weeks building up to Easter are a perfect time to invite people to church. Let's fill the pews with future members of our faith family!!

**4. Legacy Planning:** The Church Leadership Council would like to thank Tanya Shire for designing our Legacy Planning Workshop last Sunday, and her participation with Jan Taylor, Gilbert Cox, and Rev. A.J. Thomas of The United Methodist Foundation for sharing testimonies and tutorials on legacy planning. We had about 30 people attend.

**5. Relay for Life Bingo THIS FRIDAY; March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm in the FELLOWSHIP HALL.** Sponsored by: Sharing the Flame Relay Team at Wilkesboro UMC

Suggested donation: \$20

Additional Cards: \$10

Hotdog Combos with Chips & a Drink: \$5

**6. Easter Lilies** – \$28 each. All orders are due no later than March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Important Dates to Remember:**

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

**EVENTS THIS WEEK – March 12th – 18th**

- Tonight** Bible Study Resumes Tonight at 5:30pm
- Friday** Friday Night Foodies at 5pm at **Cagney's**
- Friday** Relay for Life Bingo from 5 – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday** CLC Mtg. March 16th at 12:30pm
- Tuesday** Coffee with Karen at 10am at Anchor Coffee

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**West Wilkes High Chorus Concert** Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the sanctuary.

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| <b>UW Faith District Prayer Breakfast</b> | April 5 <sup>th</sup> | See Jean or Jan.     |
| <b>Rise Against Hunger</b>                | April 6 <sup>th</sup> | See Kay Hayes.       |
| <b>Relay for Life Card Party</b>          | April 8 <sup>th</sup> |                      |
| <b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>     | June 16 <sup>th</sup> | See Margaret Cooper. |

**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.

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, Yvonne Ladouceur**, Greg Luck, Sherry Mabry, Glenda Pierce, **Amber Thornton, Donnie Thornton**, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Bob Taylor, David Taylor III, Jeramie & Crystal Taylor, Herb Taylor, Lee Tedder, **Cecil Walters**, Billie Culler Watson, **TA. Welborn, 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