

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – March 5, 2025

1. Worship

Last Sunday we wrapped up our Far Horizons series with the Transfiguration (Metamorphosis) story and examining being Astounded by the Greatness of God. We also celebrated the return of Pastor Jim and our gratitude for his recovery. You can watch the service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) or read the attached sermon.

2. Celebrate! We Met Our Goal

Thank you all so much for helping to meet the fundraising goal for the new daycare wing. We are so grateful to each of you for stepping up to help. We hope that we can allow some walk through tours at our luncheon on Sunday, March 9 so you can see the beautiful work that has been done.

3. Don't forget - This Sunday is our Legacy Planning Workshop Luncheon.

4. **Lenten Bible Study** begins next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. We will be taking a Lenten journey through the ancient prophets of the Old Testament and seeking a deeper meaning to the season of Lent.

5. Fasting and Reflection

Lent is often marked by self-denial and reflection. Often people will give up something for the 40 days of Lent as a way of self-denial and added focus on God's call to give all of our heart to God. Some give up soda, sugar, one meal a day, etc. In recent years, some have chosen to give up something they normally do (like watch TV) and offer that time to service, like volunteering at a homeless shelter. Or maybe take up the practice of daily prayer, or reading scripture. You get to decide how meaningful this season will be.

6. Ash Wednesday Service - Tonight @ 7pm

This is a powerful service that kicks off our Lenten journey of spiritual discover. It is our reminder of our mortality and the invitation to make meaning of our faith and our life.

7. **Easter Lilies** – Information was not available as of today. I hope to have an update for you next week.

8. Remember...Time SPRINGS Forward this weekend!

9. Meet Janey Jones – WUMC Member and American Red Cross Volunteer Disaster Action Team Supervisor for Wilkes, Alleghany and Alexander counties.

We are still in what is referred to as “Fire Season”. There’s always an increased risk for a fire in the colder months when folks are trying to stay warm, but with today’s weather, we’re also experiencing some gusty winds from the storms that rolled through our area overnight. Lightning strikes can ignite a fire. The same can be said when we have strong winds like today.

Things you can do to prevent a fire...

Install a Smoke Alarm and make sure the batteries are working and changed every six month. Time change is the perfect time to do that and we just so happen to be “Springing Forward” this weekend.

Don't keep anything flammable or combustible near any heat sources. This includes but is not limited to...

Keeping curtains, drapes, chairs or towels/dish cloths, ect... at least 3 feet away from all heat sources.

Extinguishing all candles before leaving your home or going to bed

Never smoke in bed.

Don't sleep with your laptop, tablet or phone.

Stay in the kitchen while you are cooking.

Keep lighters and matches locked away in a safe place away from children.

Make sure that large and small appliances are plugged directly into an outlet.

What do you do if there is a fire? When a fire starts, you only have 2 minutes to get to safety.

Create, communicate and practice a 2 Minute Fire Escape Plan with everyone who lives with you. Make sure that everyone in your home knows at least 2 ways to escape. As part of your Escape Plan, predetermine a safe place to meet your family once you get outside. Once safely outside, call 911. Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets or things.

Get low and go. Remember, you only have 2 minutes.

Janey also suggests keeping your cell phone/charger, purse/wallet with your debit/credit card(s) and ID near your bed as well as shoes and a jacket you can grab as you go. Additionally, if you have pets, it is suggested to keep them with you as well as their leash. Lastly, if you have medications that you take regularly, you may want to think about keeping a few in a small pill organizer as well. The room may be dark and smoky causing you to become disoriented and unfamiliar with your surroundings. Practice your Escape Plan and keep necessities like the items mentioned above in an easy to grab Go Bag near your bed.

10. 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.

Tonight – Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 7pm.

Lent – Lent starts today and ends on Thursday, April 17th.

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

Sunday Legacy Planning Workshop and Lunch

Tuesday – Coffee with Karen at 10am.



Relay for Life Bingo – March 14th from 5 – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please help spread the word. I have some flyers if you would like to share and it's on our social media as well if you would like to refer people there.

CLC Mtg. March 16th at 12:30pm

West Wilkes High Chorus Concert

UW Faith District Prayer Breakfast

Rise Against Hunger

Relay for Life Card Party

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 20th at 7pm in the sanctuary.

Saturday, April 5th – See Jean Stetler or Jan Taylor.

Sunday, April 6th. See Kay Hayes.

Sunday, April 8th.

Monday, June 16th – See Margaret Cooper.

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

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

Family & Friends of Nancy Hamlin (Pastor Karen's aunt)

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 La Doucenre**, 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, 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