

Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – May 28, 2025

In Review:

1. Worship

Many of us struggle with a sense of purpose or with how to move into a future that is unknown or uncertain. On Sunday, Pastor Jim explored Acts 16:9-15 and John 14:23-29 and looked at ways the Spirit guides and moves us with a presence of purpose. You can watch the full service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#), or read the attached sermon.

2. Community + Purpose = Mission

Tanya Shire took the Sewing Bee on the road to West Wilkes Middle School this week. Peer Group Connections teaches 8th graders how to become mentors to 6th graders. As part of learning to be leaders, they wanted to lead by giving back to their community, so they have been doing a plastic bag drive for our Sewing Bee, and this week Tanya went and taught them the magic they weave with those bags - turning them into sleeping mats for the unhoused.

Upcoming:

3. Bible Study - Wednesday at 5:30 pm

We will be studying the scriptural call to stand for justice and empower transformation based upon the book Subversive Witness by Dominique Gilliard (books available in church office or on Sunday mornings at worship - \$11). Our schedule will be as follows:

May 28: Birthing Liberation and Creating Systemic Change - Ch 4 & 5

June 4: Proclaiming Good News and Fostering Social Transformation - Ch 6 & 7

June 11: Producing Fruit in Keeping with Repentance - Ch 8-9

4. June 4th - An opportunity to learn more about ending Christian Nationalism

Join us June 4th for a livestream conference on How to End Christian Nationalism

We will end Bible study that night by 7 pm so that we can join the livestream event sponsored by NC Pastors for Children. If you want to know more, or if you wish to register for the event and join from home: [check out this link](#)
(If you plan to watch it at the church you do not need to register)

5. Summer Literacy Needs

Summer Literacy will be held June 16 - July 18 (with July 4 off)

We need the following:

1 Breakfast Assistant - 6:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

1-2 Lunch Providers - 10:30 - noon

Enrichment Guests - come and share a talent or craft or game with the kids noon - 3 pm (any 30 minute to 1 hour slot in that time)

You can sign up for the whole 5 weeks or just one day a week or even one day in the whole summer - we will be glad to accept any help offered.

Contact Pastor Karen or the church office to sign up

6. Safe Sanctuary Training for all volunteers of Summer Literacy or Church Nursery

Sunday, June 8 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., Pastor Karen will lead a Safe Sanctuary training which is mandatory for all volunteers working around children. If you wish to volunteer but can't come to the training please let Pastor Karen know.

7. Dominoes

1 st Monday	WUMC Fellowship Hall	Lunch to follow for all those interested	9am
3 rd Saturday	WUMC Fellowship Hall	Dinner before at 4:30pm. See Mary Jane	5:30
4 th Monday	WUMC Fellowship Hall	Dinner before at 5:30pm. See Laura D.	6:45

8. Looking Ahead:

Friday Night	Friday Night Foodies	Cagney's	5pm
Sunday	Worship	Sanctuary	10am
Sunday	Sunday School	Ecclesia Rm.	11am
Sunday	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary	11am
Monday	Dottie is off today	Cindy Winslow is covering the office	
Monday	All NEW Golf Tournament Sign Info as well as all corrections to previous hole sponsor Signs are due no later than today to Russell Golds.		
Tuesday	Dottie is off today	Carol Canter is covering the office	
Tuesday	Coffee with Karen	Anchor Coffee	10am
Tuesday	UMM & UW Faith Dinner & Meetings	Fellowship Hall	6pm
June 5 th	UMM Golf Tournament	Oakwoods CC	1pm
June 5 th	MFES End of Year Celebration	WUMC Fellowship Hall	12:45
June 16 th	Red Cross Blood Drive	WUMC Fellowship Hall	2-7pm
June 16 th – July 18 th	Summer Literacy Program	Wilkesboro UMC	Volunteers Needed

9. Prayer Requests

The family and friends of Terry Bumgarner and Gary York

Brenda Dale, Jim Day, **Amy DeSouza**, Charles Drum, **Hal Emery**, Kyson Farley, **Ronnie Farley**, **Jennifer Gibby**, Sherry Harrold, Francois Hughes, **Kimberly Hughes**, **Shannon Hughes**, **Mark Johnson**, **Tom Kinlaw**, **Yvonne Ladouceur**, Greg Luck, Glenda Pierce, **Debbie Reeves**, Amber Thornton, Donnie Thornton, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, **Bob Taylor**, David Taylor III, Jeramie & Crystal Taylor, **Herb Taylor**, Lee Tedder, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, **Becky Wilson**, **Seth Wilson**, **Ernie Winslow**, **Charles & Karen Wise**, D. Young, Gavin Young, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, the US, Israel, Gaza, Middle East for God to bring Peace to all World Leaders, our mountain counties, our president and our country's leadership.

NURSING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), 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)

Have a blessed week!
Dottie