

# Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – July 23, 2025

## 1. Worship

Do you ever feel like you are just trying to hold it all together? The apostle Paul has a beautiful reminder for all of us in his letter to the Colossians - Jesus is the one holding us! You can read the attached sermon or watch the full service on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

## 2. Volunteer Opportunity to help WNCC Hurricane Recovery (2 people needed)

You may not be aware that the Appalachian District of the UMC is still helping families recovering from Hurricane Helene.

We are looking for 2 people who would be willing to be added to a schedule of helpers to deliver food to Newland UMC. Currently, we deliver once a week but other churches will help so you won't be needed every week.

Requirements:

1. 2 people in an SUV/mini Van/or small truck with cover
2. Current day is Wednesday but may move to Thursday this fall (mid-day delivery)
3. First stop is Crossfire UMC (Biker Church in North Wilkesboro)  
there you will meet the delivery truck to load the food in your vehicle
4. Second Stop is to drive to Newland UMC and meet the produce truck
5. Someone will meet you there to help you fill the 15-20 bags and you will help Linda Taylor load her vehicle for delivery. A few bags will be set aside at Newland for pickup.
6. You are free to return home.

If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Karen

## 3. Raise the Roof opportunity

The roof over the education building has served us well, but it has reached the end of its usefulness and needs to be replaced. We have accepted a bid and anticipate needing \$51,000 for the installation.

We are inviting gifts of all kinds to help fund our new roof - including gifts from non-cash assets like stocks, IRA's, or investment accounts. These types of gifts can offer tax advantages and make an even greater impact. To learn more about how to give in this way, contact Pastor Karen

## 4. VBS Service Project

We are collecting donations to fill Blessing Bags for our local homeless community. Items may be left in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall. Many of the items needed can be purchased in bulk through Amazon Prime at significantly lower prices compared to what you would pay at a brick and mortar store.

### ***Blessing Bag Donations***

Flashlights with batteries  
Hand Sanitizer  
Toothbrushes  
Wipes  
Combs  
Hat for sun protection

Basic Toiletries  
Ponchos  
Tooth Paste  
Razors  
Emergency Blankets  
Whistle

Hand Held Can Openers  
Socks  
Umbrellas  
Small First Aid Kits  
Toboggan/Beanie  
Gloves

## 5. Nursery Schedule

27th Sharon Hollowell & Jan Taylor

## 6. MFES Paper Drive

**Who:** Moravian Falls Elementary School

**What:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Paper Drive

**When:** August

**Where:** WUMC

**Goal:** \$2500.

*Make checks payable to WUMC with PAPER DRIVE on the memo line.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

1 Case = \$37

2 Cases = \$74

## 7. Looking Ahead

Friday	Friday Night Foodies	Cagney's	5:00 pm
Sunday	Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 am
Sunday	Sunday School	Ecclesia Rm.	11:00 am
Sunday	Chancel Choir Practice	Sanctuary	11:00 am
Tuesday	Coffee with Karen	Anchor Coffee	10:00 am

## 8. Prayer Requests

**Wade & Brenda Church, Margaret Cooper, Brayden Crawford, Brenda Dale,** Jim Day, Amy DeSouza, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, **Michael Farquharson, Craig Freas, Emma Garwood and Family,** Jennifer Gibby, **Sherry Harrold,** Francois Hughes, Kimberly Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, **Tom Kinlaw,** Greg Luck, **Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, David Montague,** Glenda Pierce, **Kyaira Priest, Debbie Reeves, Connor Sparks, Gerald Stierwalt,** Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Amber Thornton, **Donnie Thornton, Bob Taylor,** Jeramie & Crystal Taylor, **Herb Taylor,** Lee Tedder, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, Edgar Wilcox, **Stephanie Williams,** Derrick Wilson, **Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Charles & Karen Wise,** 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 and all those affected by the Texas floods last week.

**SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES:** Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Rose Glen Village), David Freeman (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Jenny Miller (Westwood Hills Nursing and Rehab Facility), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson) and Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

Blessings,  
Dottie