Wilkesboro UMC Weekly Update – July 30, 2025

1. Worship:

One of our callings as Christians is to be able to listen through all the "noise" in the world and be able to detect the heartbeat of Christ, allowing us to set our rhythm and purpose to His. This is Paul's encouragement to the Colossians in the second chapter of this powerful letter. You can read the attached sermon or watch the full service on YouTube or Facebook.

Celebration of Life: Herb Taylor

We also lost a brother in Christ this week with the passing of Herb Taylor. Herb had moved to Bolivia NC to be closer to his daughter and had found a church home there at Bethel UMC. We were able to livestream his Celebration of Life Service to our <u>facebook</u> page and post it on our <u>youtube</u> channel for viewing.

Upcoming:

2. 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

Total So Far Collected...

\$27,449!

Over half way there!!!

Congratulations and Thanks to everyone who has helped get us here.

3. 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

4. Nursery Schedule

8/03 - Jennifer & Gretchen

8/10 - Jeanne & Margaret

8/17 - Jan & Sharon

8/24 - TBD

8/31 - TBD

5. MFES Paper Drive

Who: Moravian Falls Elementary School

What: 10th 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

6. 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

7. Prayer Requests

The Family & Friends of Herb Taylor

Wade & Brenda Church, Brayden Crawford, Brenda Dale, Jim Day, Amy DeSouza, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Michael Farquharson, Craig Freas, Terry & Anne Garwood, Jennifer Gibby, Sherry Harrold, Francois Hughes, Kimberly Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Tom Kinlaw, Greg Luck, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, 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, 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 recent floods, the 8.8 Earthquake that hit off the coast of Russia and everyone who is in the path of potential tsunamis.

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