

Notice: The church office will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, Sept 18, and will reopen at regular schedule on Friday. Thank you for your patience. If you have a need tomorrow you can reach out to Pastor Karen at 336-293-3697.

1. Worship

This week we started a fresh worship series exploring Faith for the Road Ahead by looking at some of the ways our faith is lived out in the midst of life's challenges. We begin with 1 Timothy 1:2-17 and look at the patience and amazing grace of Jesus who walks the Long Road of Grace with us. You can read the attached sermon or view the entire worship service on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

2. Raise the Roof Update

We are always so grateful for the many ways you find to express your generosity. We are in a push for our final payment on the new roof currently being installed. We estimate that we need \$ 5000 to make the payment complete.

3. Lay Servant Training

If you would like to learn more about serving in The United Methodist Church, consider becoming a Certified Lay Servant. Let Pastor Karen know if you are interested...

First, take the Introduction (or Basic) Course - offered October 11th and 18th at the District Office in Wilkesboro. Registration Deadline is September 29th.

Second, for those who have attended the Intro/Basic already - you can take one of the upcoming Advanced Courses and become certified:

Advanced: Soul Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace - Oct 11 and 18 - taught by Dr. Jim Brooks (Registration deadline Sept 29)

Advanced: Polity, Practice, and the Mission of the UMC - November 8 and 15 - taught by DS Lory Beth Huffman (Registration deadline Oct 27)

Advanced: Engaging Your Community - November 8 and 15 - taught by Dr. Kaury Edwards (Registration deadline Oct 27)

4. Bible Study Returns September 24th at 5:30

Do you ever wonder what it means to be United Methodist? What is unique about United Methodists that sets us apart from other denominations?

Join me on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 - 7:00 as we explore Dr Lacey Warner's study: Know Who We Are (What we believe, What we do, and why)

Books are \$18 (or free if you wish to return them for others to read later).

Tentative Schedule -

Sep 24 - Ch 1 - Finding Grace

Oct 1 - Ch 2 - Saving Small Groups

Oct 8 and Oct 15 - OFF (Pastor Karen out of town)

Oct 22 - Special Session - Pastor Karen's reflections on her conference sponsored Immigration Education trip to San Diego

Oct 29 - Ch 3 - Local and Connectional

Nov 5 - Ch 4 - Missions

Nov 12 - Ch 5 - Texts that define us

Nov 19 - Ch 6 - Growing in Grace

5. Relay for Life needs you!

We have an exciting Relay for Life Team (Sharing the Flame) and are looking for new faces to join our team. Our purpose is to raise money for the lifesaving mission of the American Cancer Society. If you are interested in joining us, or just to find out more about us, please contact Chris Gambill, 336-262-6201; Gretchen Barelski, 336-957-0943; or Mary Clark, 336-262-0942.

6. We are still looking for volunteers to help cover the nursery. See Pastor Karen if you are interested.

Upcoming Nursery Schedule -

September 21 - Jean Stetler and Margaret Cooper

September 28 - Sharon Hollowell and Jan Taylor

7: Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, Sept 21 @ 12:30 - CLC Meeting

Saturday, November 8 - Community Bazaar Crawl

Sunday, November 16 @ 12:30 - CLC/Charge Conference

6. Prayer Requests

Wade & Brenda Church, Brenda Dale, Jim Day, Amy DeSouza, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, **Craig Freas**, Terry & Anne Garwood, Jennifer Gibby, Sherry Harrold, Kimberly Hughes, **Francoise Hughes**, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, **Max Joines**, Brenda Kilby, **Tom Kinlaw**, **Aislynn Ladouceur**, Greg Luck, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, **Joe McMillan**, Glenda Pierce, Debbie Reeves, Gerald Stierwalt, **Mary Summerford**, **Keith Summerford**, Amber Thornton, Donnie Thornton, Bob Taylor, Lee Tedder, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Charles & Karen Wise, Gavin Young, **Wilkes County Hispanic community**, 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.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Rose Glen Village), David Freeman (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (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)

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