



WUMC Newsletter 10/24/2024



Shower for the Pond Family Sunday, November 10

David, Jackie and Jessica Pond lost their home in Barnardsville when it was destroyed by Hurricane Helene. Our Chancel and Bell Choirs will host a shower to help them rebuild and to offer our love and support.

Please join together after our worship service in the fellowship room downstairs. The family requests monetary donations only at this time as they have no space to store items. You can write checks to the church and note "Pond Family" in the memo line. Gift cards are also appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.



Preschool is back!

Our gang is very excited to be up and running. The children are learning about all of God's Autumn wonders: pumpkins, owls, bats and changing colors.

Each child had a story to tell after the storm.... some were heartbreaking. We will heal together and are thankful to have each other. Thankful to come back to school. We will continue to give thanks in the midst of difficulties.

In His Grace,
Holly Leavitt



What are Kid Kits?

A gallon size baggie filled with color books, crayons, sticker books, etc.

They were handed out to the children in the hardest hit areas by the hurricane. We, Miss Melissa, our 3 year class teacher, and I quietly started this project two weeks ago and have already served over **300 children** in shelters and donation sites.

Thank you to those who have already donated and/or delivered.

This ministry has touched our hearts deeply.

If you are led to give, feel free to contact me, Holly Leavitt at 828.280.1116



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

At WUMC we are grateful for Pastor Richard leading our congregation.

Please consider thoughtful ways to celebrate and thank him: a prayer, a handshake, a smile, a handwritten note, a gift card, a gift of some kind, or any one of the number of ways our church shows him how we care and appreciate all he does.



Helene Disaster Relief Update

Susan DeBonis is our central contact point for volunteers for the supplies being delivered. Susan's contact number is 912-531-9797.

- Sunday - Our youth with the leadership of Brian Witcher delivered clothes to some of our community's most economically challenged groups.
- Monday – we received another delivery from Wesley Memorial in High Point, NC
- Tuesday – we collected baby supplies from the Buncombe County Central Office and delivered them to Clarks Chapel Church for storage.
- Wednesday – a truck from University City UMC in Charlotte brought food supplies and food for the Hispanic community, as well as the families we serve through the BEAR Closet.
- Saturday - Youth and Parents will be at the North View Mobile Home Park from 10am to 12 Noon to deliver food, clothing and other supplies

Monetary donations can be sent to:
Weaverville United Methodist Church
PO Box 37
Weaverville, NC 28787
Memo Line – **Helene Disaster Response**

At this time we are no longer accepting donations. First Presbyterian Church is partnering with us by allowing us to store baby items. Clarks Chapel UMC is also storing winter items that were delivered to our church.

We are so thankful to every person and organization that has responded with such generosity that we now have the challenge of storage. Winter is fast approaching and the need will continue. We as a church community stand ready to bring relief where it is

needed. Before bringing additional supplies, please contact Susan DeBonis.



Halloween, next Thursday, October 31

Come to the Parsonage at 35 Church Street!

Our youth will help distribute candy to trick or treaters. Candy can be dropped off at the office during regular business hours.



The Youth Group meets Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm-6pm in the Love Conference Room. Snacks are provided. Bring a friend and your bible.



Sunday School classes meet Sundays from 9:45am to 10:45am in the education building upstairs classrooms.



LOCATION: Weaverville Community Center

Every Monday, at 7pm in the smaller meeting room.

The entire Weaverville community and beyond is invited to gather in prayer.



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Our Church Unit is currently composed of 2 Circles:

The **Minevia Brittain Circle** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 6:30pm. Call or text Joy Pansiera for information at @828-777-2337.

The **Matilda Dryman Circle** meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 10am in the Love Conference Room. Contact Joanie Strohm for information at 828-707-8928. or email ssismars@charter.net.

ALL women; church members or non-members, Methodist or non Methodist, are welcome to join us at anytime!! Our circles were named many years ago in honor of past church UMW members.



Birthdays in October

May the love and blessings of the Lord be with you on your special day and always!

October 1: Ginger McKee
October 3: Nancy Ramsey
October 4: Southern Witcher
October 5: Jeremy Stowe
October 7: Pastor Richard Blount, Mary Beth Horrell
October 8: Linda Cooke; Kelly Hoots; Zachary Stowe, Gabrielle Blount
October 9: Roger Massell
October 10: Evan Blount
October 11: Justin Nicole Davis
October 12: Tom Kelly; Elizabeth Porras
October 13: Lena Brooker
October 14: Hinton Hilliard; Richard Rzeszotarski
October 15: Nick DeBonis
October 16: Winikay Caffrey
October 17: Kim Morelock; Gordy Ramsey; Wyatt Stone
October 19: Steven McBride
October 20: Shawn Williamson
October 21: Greg Cheek
October 22: Courtney Banks
October 29: Ardell Forehand; Jeff Switzer
October 30: Bryce Porras; Brian Witcher

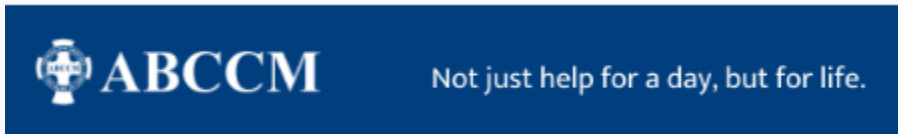


B.E.A.R. Closet

Our current needs are for the following: Diaper bags and children's toothpaste. Any non-expired car seats or boosters for car. Gently used/outgrown clothing & equipment always appreciated. See the Amazon Wishlist on the church website. <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for

ideas.

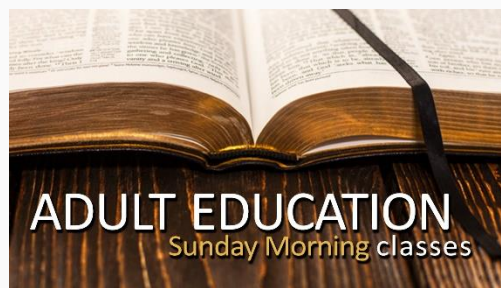
Want to help? Contact Catherine Love at catmlove@charter.net or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. **A couple of options are to wash slightly stained clothing and sorters for clothes.**



THANK YOU for helping less fortunate neighbors by donating food. Our donation basket is always in the Narthex.

Cash donations for pantry items can be made to the church with the notation: **ABCCM NORTH.**

To help with other requests and programs, use the notation **ABCCM OTHER.**



WUMC Prayer Meeting

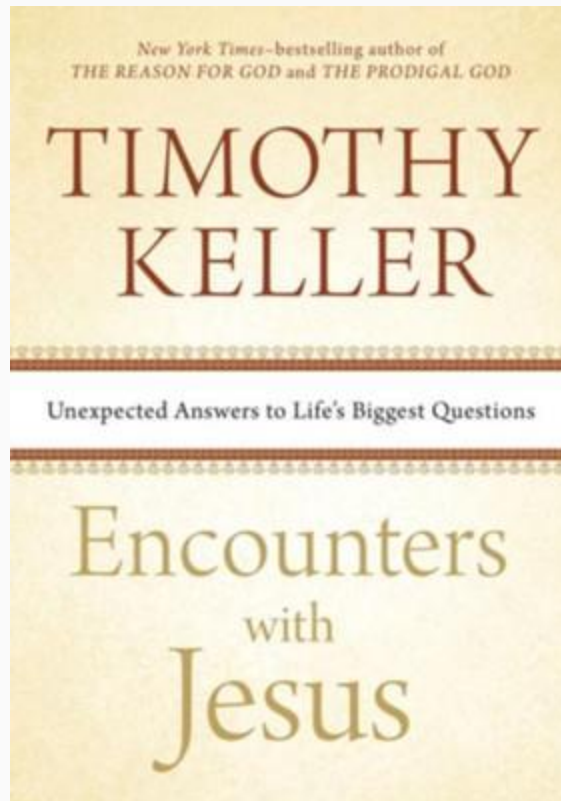
Each Wednesday morning from 8am-9am in the Education Building for now, or join us in spirit.

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Explorers Class

The class meets every Sunday in the Love Conference Room at 10 am in the Fellowship Building.

This Sunday will be an "open mic" session, then we will begin "Encounters with Jesus" by Timothy Keller on November 3.



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Ignite Class

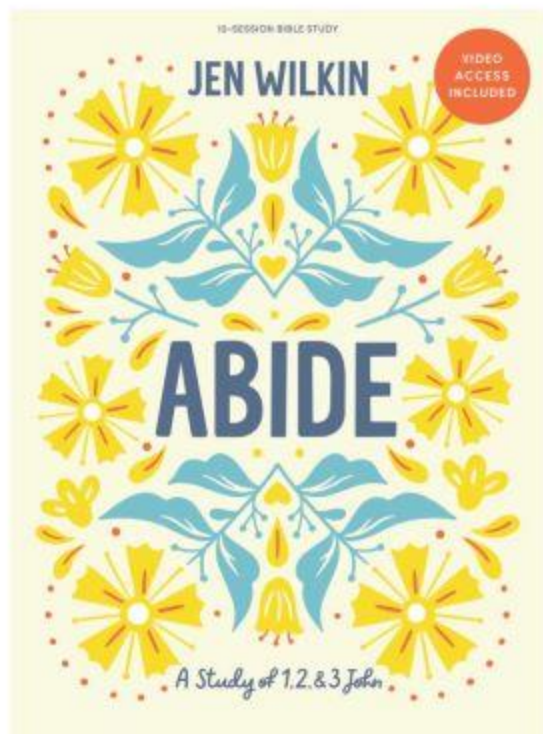
We meet at 9:45am upstairs in the Education Building, Room 302, and are studying *Blessed Are the Misfits: Great News for Believers Who Are Introverts, Spiritual Strugglers, or Just Feel Like They're Missing Something* by Brant Hansen.



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Women's Bible Study

Our group meets Tuesdays from 10:30am - 12 Noon in the Education Building for now and will end in November before Thanksgiving.



This 10-session Bible study by Jen Wilkin on the letters of 1, 2, and 3, John, helps us see how two thousand years later, his words call to Christians in similar challenges to recall a great salvation and to abide in the truth.

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The prayer list was recently updated. Please let Katharina at office@weavervilleumc.org know of anyone that needs to be returned or has a new prayer concern.

PRAISES:

Charlie's Concert, All volunteers, donations, God's Pit Crew, God's love and care for his people,

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Wesley Family, Family of Nathaniel Groseclose

PRAISES/CONCERNS:

Back to School for Parents, Children, Teachers, and Bus Drivers.

CONCERNS

All people affected physically, mentally and spiritually by Hurricane Helene, and Milton; Bus Drivers, School Teachers and Students, Search for Youth and Children's Director, Donald Anderson, Anonymous, Ed Blount, Bob Cipriano, Linda Cook, Tad Edwards, Ben Farthing, Tonya Fontinos, Christina Freelan, Gavin's Dad, Jim Greenhut, Jace, Elizabeth and John Hambring, Lynn Harvey, Henderson Family, Becky Humphrey, John King, Katherine LaMonica, Ken Lovelace, Karen Lugo, Jamie Olsen, Jeff Pansiera, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Pat Sanderson, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Jeff Sudimak, Jonathan Sudimak, Sue Sudimak, Jack Teague, Steve Turner, Susie Wallace, Terri Wilson, Jeff Wohlfarth, Wars in Ukraine, Gaza.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

Target Giving Goal each week: **\$9,000.00**

October 13: **\$5,955.25**

As of September 30, 2024

Income: \$275,798.45

Expenses: \$273,677.84

Net: \$2,120.61

Mortgage Balance \$ 184,651.98

Attendance at worship:

October 6: 91 total

October 13: 89 total

October 20: 115 total

Finance Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has continued to support WUMC with their contributions! Options to donate:

1. On our [web site](#)
2. Through your bank's online bill pay

3. Mail checks to:

Weaverville United Methodist Church | PO Box 37 | Weaverville, NC 28787

Deadline for newsletter submissions:

12:00pm (Noon) on Tuesdays

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