



Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28,

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His Love endures forever.
Psalm 107
Wishing you and your family a blessed and beautiful day.
The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday.



Sunday, December 1, is the First Sunday of Advent. We will also have communion at worship. Please join us at 11 am.

****This Sunday is the last day to bring Christmas Cards for our homebound members****



Welcoming Our New Neighbors

This year, we hoped to sponsor an Angel Tree to support children and families during the Christmas season. We felt this was especially important in light of Hurricane Helene's devastating impact on our community. However, God had a different plan. Every school and community organization we contacted for this initiative has been blessed with an abundance of volunteers stepping forward to meet the needs of those they serve.

After hearing from Joyce Endaya, Outreach Coordinator for Lutheran Services Carolinas' New Americans Program, we were led to reflect on the many Bible verses calling us to welcome and care for refugees. Joyce reminded us of Matthew 25:35: "*I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.*" Her message helped us see how God is calling us to care for those who have traveled from around the world to join our community.

Joyce shared about her organization's work with the U.S. government to resettle refugees—individuals who have waited years for the chance to come to the United States. Often, these individuals have less than 24 hours' notice before boarding a plane to begin their new lives here. When they arrive, they have little more than the clothes on their backs. Lutheran Services helps them find housing, secure jobs, and become independent as quickly as possible.

This is where *Weaverville United Methodist Church* can make a difference. Refugees arriving in Western North Carolina—primarily from Afghanistan, Ukraine, and countries like El Salvador—need basic household items. One critical item is a vacuum cleaner.

Joyce shared the story of an Afghan refugee who arrived just one day before Hurricane Helene struck. That same night, her apartment flooded. Alone in a new country, she texted for help, terrified that she might drown. With the aid of a neighbor, she made it to the roof and waited for rescue. This story underscores why a phone and phone cards are essential for new arrivals, along with other basic necessities. This year, WUMC will partner with Lutheran Services to support these families and individuals. We are collecting *new bagless vacuum*

cleaners (suitable for both carpet and hardwood) and *Walmart gift cards* in denominations of \$25 or \$50. Gift cards will help refugees purchase essentials and pay for phone cards, enabling them to stay connected and safe.

If you prefer, you can write a check to the church, noting "Refugee Program - Walmart Gift Card" in the memo line. Please bring all items to the church by ***Sunday, December 22***. For more information, please contact Renee Weaver .grohweaver@aol.com.

Together, let us embody the love of Christ and extend a warm welcome to those seeking refuge among us.



Thank you to everyone who prepared a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes were delivered to Brookstone Church on Monday. From there they will be transported to a Samaritan's Purse warehouse for packing and distribution around the world.

Community Candlelight Walk

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm



Everyone
is invited.

Route order:

First Baptist

First Presbyterian

Weaverville United Methodist



ABCCM

Not just help for a day, but for life.

The focus for the next 2 months will be to add to the coffers of what can be given out for mortgage and rental assistance. ABCCM has raised the limit for the amount that can be applied for folks after hurricane related losses: property, cars, jobs, a place to live. Checks are written directly to the bank or landlord. The need is greater than before Helene.

To donate, write a check to the church with the notation, **ABCCM NORTH Rent.**

Pantry needs: peanut butter, jelly, adult cereal, oatmeal and grits packets, 5lb. bags of potatoes, onions, apples and oranges.



No Youth Group this Sunday



No Sunday School or Nursery this week. All Children are welcome in the sanctuary during worship service.



Birthdays in December

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

December 1: Carol Edwards
December 3: Kip Duff
December 4: David Webb
December 6: Sophie Banks, Keith Cooke, Debra DeBruhl, Carol Krueger
December 8: Sawyer Davis, Debby Graham
December 11: Helen Boone
December 12: Penny Weaver
December 13: Karen Jones, Susan Penland
December 14: Theresa Cipriano, Jack Teague, Louis Williamson
December 15: Kelly McDaris, Kate Parsons
December 18: Kim Litz
December 19: Rick Tipton
December 20: Courtney Woodring, Paige Woodring
December 21: Emily Farthing
December 22: Ketner Ingle, McKenzie Ingle
December 24: Shane Owenby
December 27: John LaMonica
December 28: Dianne Griffin, Jennifer Miller, Pat Webb
December 29: Ann Joyner
December 31: Lynn Harvey



B.E.A.R. Closet

We have extended our hours to accommodate increased demand.

**Mondays from 3-5pm
Wednesday and Friday from 10am -12 Noon**

Current needs are girl and boy sizes 3 to 5T winter clothing. Any non-expired car seats or boosters for car. Gently used/outgrown clothing & equipment always appreciated.

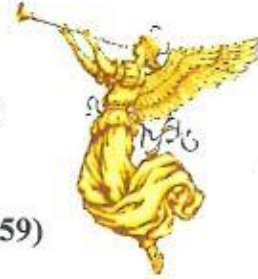
See the Amazon Wishlist on the church website. <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

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 to all who are helping!



Messiah



by
George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
libretto compiled by
Charles Jennens (1700-1773)

First Baptist Church of Weaverville
63 North Main Street
Weaverville, NC
Sunday, December 1, 2024
4:00 pm

Chuck Taft, Director

Linda Jones, Organist

Hannah Pennell

Soprano

Rachel Hansbury

Alto

Shane Bloemetjie

Tenor

Jonathan Ross

Bass

With an
Area Community Chorus

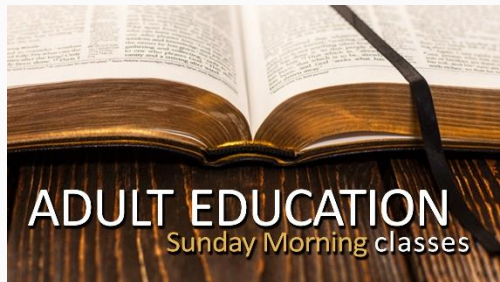
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Weaverville Music Study Club
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LOCATION: Weaverville Community Center

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

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



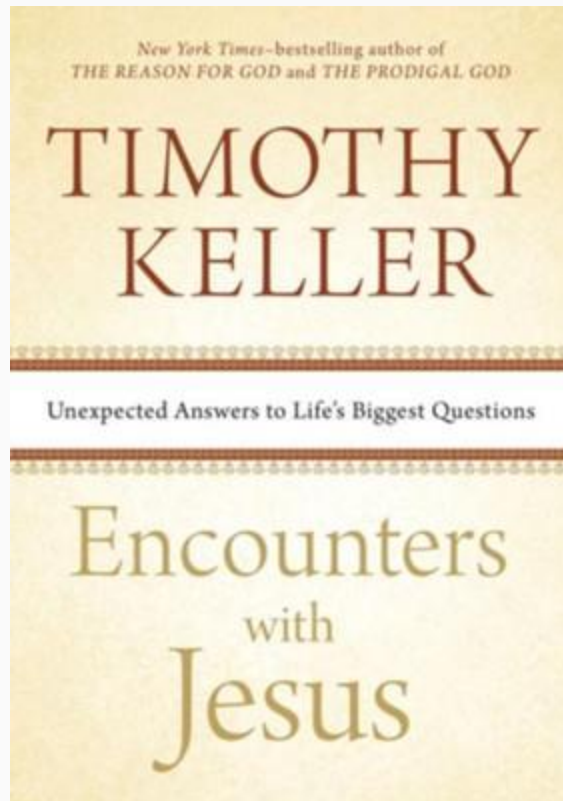
WUMC Prayer Meeting

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

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Explorers Class

The class meets every Sunday in the Education Building, main floor at 10 am. The current study is "Encounters with Jesus" by Timothy Keller



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Ignite Class

We will not meet this Sunday but resume next week 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

The Tuesday Women's' Bible study is taking a break through the Holidays. We will resume on January 14th with the book Abide by Jen Wilkins. More information coming mid December. Please contact Angela Moser at Missangelf@outlook.com, or Lorraine Cipriano raincip@charter.net with any questions.

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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:

Christmas Card by JeanAnn Taylor, Support from Congregation for hurricane support.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Forest Melzer

PRAISES/CONCERNS:

Raymond Rodrigue

CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs due to Helene, ongoing hurricane recovery; Burnsville Schools, Marshall, Barnardsville, Hot Springs and all other communities; Artists and businesses in the RAD, Search for Youth and Children's Director, Jessica and Mason Austin, Pat Beatty, Dan Benhave, Betsy, Ed Blount, Evan Blount, Linda Cook, Debbie Duncan, Tad Edwards, Ben Farthing, Tonya Fotinos, Christina Freelan, Judy Gentry, Jim Greenhut, Joyce Ingle, Jace, Elizabeth and John Hambring, Lynn Harvey, Henderson Family, Jennifer Hilliard, John King, Katherine LaMonica, Nathaniel Litz, Ken Lovelace, Olivia Lowe, Karen Lugo, Mike, Jeanne Morgan, Jamie Olsen, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Raymond Rodrigue, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Emily Sewel, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Jeff Sudimak, Jonathan Sudimak, Sue Sudimak, Susan Sudimak, Jack Teague, Unspoken, Germanine Weaver, Terri Wilson, Jeff Wohlfarth, People in Ukraine, Gaza



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

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

October 27: **\$5,442.00**
November 3: **\$23,304.00**
November 10: **\$21,209.00**
November 17: **\$5,009.00**
November 24: **\$6,654.00**

As of September 30, 2024

Income: \$310,194.70
Expenses: \$302,983.37
Net: \$ 7,211.33

Mortgage Balance \$167,028.76

Attendance at worship:

November 3: 115 total
November 10: 101 total
November 17: 124 total
November 24: 113 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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