



WUMC Newsletter 12/12/2024



December M&Ms - Today, December 12, at 11:30pm

The children of the WUMC preschool program will sing for our M&M (Mature and Methodist) group today. They are excited about singing for the grandmas and grandpas, and they always bless us with their joy.

We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The children will begin at 11:30, with our lunch following. Volunteers are needed for lasagna, salad, rolls and desserts. Please let Lorraine Cipriano (828-707-274 or raincip@charter.net) know if you will attend and if you can help with providing food.

If you haven't joined us before, please come for good food and fellowship. Also remember that friends are always welcome.



Christmas Cards to our Homebound Members

The Nurture Committee is ready to distribute packets of Christmas cards to be sent to the Homebound and special church members. Barb McElroy will have the packets. Please see Barb after church in the back of the sanctuary. If you want to send a packet on your own Barb will be happy to supply you the list.



Make plans for our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on **Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm** - [See message from Finance Committee below](#)



Christmas Announcement from the Finance Committee.

Last year, the Finance Committee started what we hoped would become a tradition here at Weaverville United Methodist Church with taking an offering during our Christmas Eve service and donating that offering to two ministries. One ministry will be a community ministry, and the other ministry will be an in-house ministry. Last year, we gifted ABCCM North and the BEAR Closet. I am happy to announce that this year's recipients of the Christmas Eve offering will be Little Mount Zion Church in Weaverville as our community ministry, and General Disaster Recovery as our in-house ministry.

If you are unable to be with us during the Christmas Eve service and want to donate to these two ministries, please feel free to drop a check into the offering plate, give online, a donation through the Square, or send a check to the church office anytime before Christmas Eve. Please be sure to note in the memo line "**Christmas Eve Offering**", and this will let us know that you intend for the funds to be designated to these two ministries.

Please feel free to reach out to me, Renee Weaver, or Pastor Richard if you have any questions or want more information about these ministries.

Thank you so very much to each and everyone of you for your

continued financial support of our church!

Kim Morelock



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.



The Flower Calendar for 2025

The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. You are invited to write your name on an open Sunday to remember a special event or person. It also adds to worship when beautiful flowers are in our sanctuary.



Youth Group meets Sunday at 4:30pm. Bring your bible and a friend. Snacks will be provided.



Sunday School resumes at 9:45am in the Education Building on Sunday.



B.E.A.R. Closet

We are returning to our normal business hours:

1st and 3rd Mondays from 5-7pm
2nd, 4th and 5th (when applicable) Mondays from 10am-12pm

Current needs are Girl and Boy WINTER clothes sizes 2T-6T. Non-expired Car Seats, Car Booster Seats and Stand-alone Highchairs.

Use our wish lists on [Amazon](#), [Target](#), and [Walmart](#) for specific ideas. All our info and links are also on the WUMC website <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

Want to help out? Contact Catherine Love at catmllove@charter.net or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. There are options for all levels of activity and availability.



ABCCM

Not just help for a day, but for life.

The focus 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: Regular and self rising flour, cornmeal, spaghetti noodles, juices, grits and oatmeal packets.



Birthdays in December

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

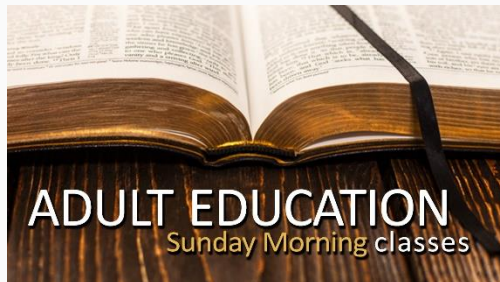
December 1: Carol Edwards
December 3: Kip Duff
December 4: David Webb
December 6: Sophie Banks, Keith Cooke, Debra DeBruhl, Carol Krueger
December 8: Sawyer Davis, Debby Graham
December 11: Helen Boone
December 12: Penny Weaver
December 13: Karen Jones, Susan Penland
December 14: Theresa Cipriano, Jack 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



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.



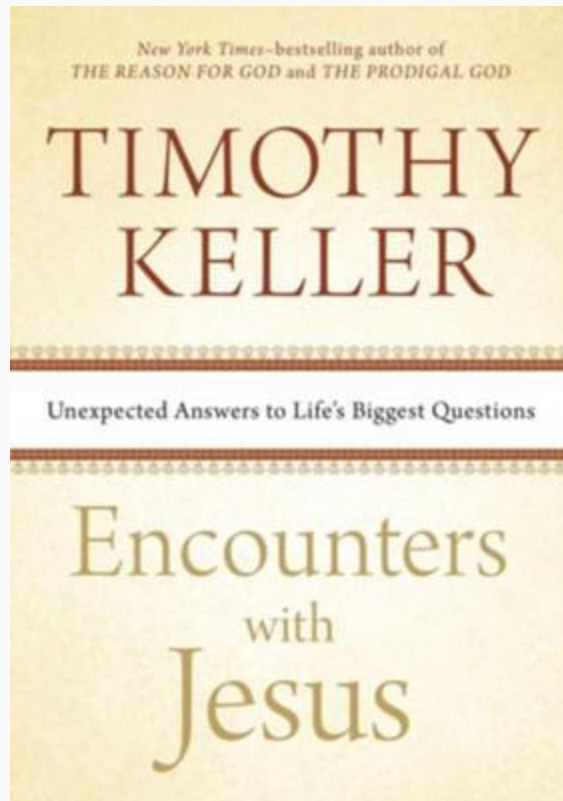
WUMC Prayer Meeting

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 meet this Sunday 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:

Joan Catelleto, Jennifer Hilliard

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Forest Melzer, Family of Bob McLaughlin

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Evan Blount, Craig and Jenny Strausburg Mission Trip

CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs, homes or family due to Helene, ongoing hurricane recovery; Burnsville, 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, Dan Benhave, Ed Blount, Lena Brooker, Linda Cook, Aubrey Cooper, 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, Sue Jones, John King, Katherine LaMonica, Ken Lovelace, Olivia Lowe, Jeanne Morgan, Fred Pennell, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Tyler Rockwood, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Emily Sewel, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Susan Sudimak, Jack Teague, Unspoken, Sharon Waltman, Germanine Weaver, Terri Wilson, Jeff Wohlfarth, People in Ukraine, Gaza, Syria, South Korea.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

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

November 17: **\$5,009.00**

November 24: **\$6,654.00**

December 1: **\$3,011.72**

December 8: **\$7,284.64**

As of November 30, 2024

Income: \$366,345.70

Expenses: \$329,564.10

Net: \$36,781.60

Mortgage Balance \$167,028.76

Attendance at worship:

November 17: 124 total

November 24: 113 total

December 1: 97 total

December 8: 124 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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