



WUMC Newsletter 12/5/2024



**Finance Committee Meeting today, Thursday, December 5th
6pm in the Love Conference Room.**

This will be our year-end meeting to set the preliminary budget for 2025



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](mailto:grohweaver@aol.com).

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

Spread the Word!



Community Candlelight Walk

Sunday, December 8 at 6:00 pm



Everyone
is invited.

Route order:

First Baptist

First Presbyterian

Weaverville United Methodist

Bring your friends and family to enjoy the beautiful hymns of Christmas performed by our three downtown church choirs.

Gather at First Baptist Church at 6pm, stroll over to First Presbyterian Church and then come to Weaverville United Methodist Church for the final presentation.



Stay tuned for more information on our Christmas card outreach project.



United
Women
in Faith

The **Minevia Brittain** Circle will hold our December meeting and Christmas Party on next **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30pm** at the home of Holly Leavitt.

If you are curious about joining a circle, this is a great time to attend! Call Joy Pansiera for more information at 828.777.2337



December M&Ms - Thursday, December 12, at 12:30pm
Please note the change in time and date

The children of the WUMC preschool program will sing for our M&M (Mature and Methodist) group when we meet this month. 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 12:30, 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.



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 catmlove@charter.net or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. There are options for all levels of activity and availability.



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.



Birthdays in December

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

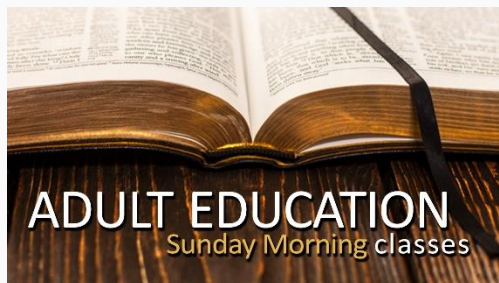
- December 1: Carol Edwards
- December 3: Kip Duff
- December 4: David Webb
- December 6: Sophie Banks, Keith Cooke, Debra DeBruhl, Carol Krueger
- December 8: Sawyer Davis, Debby Graham
- December 11: Helen Boone
- December 12: Penny Weaver
- December 13: Karen Jones, Susan Penland
- December 14: Theresa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



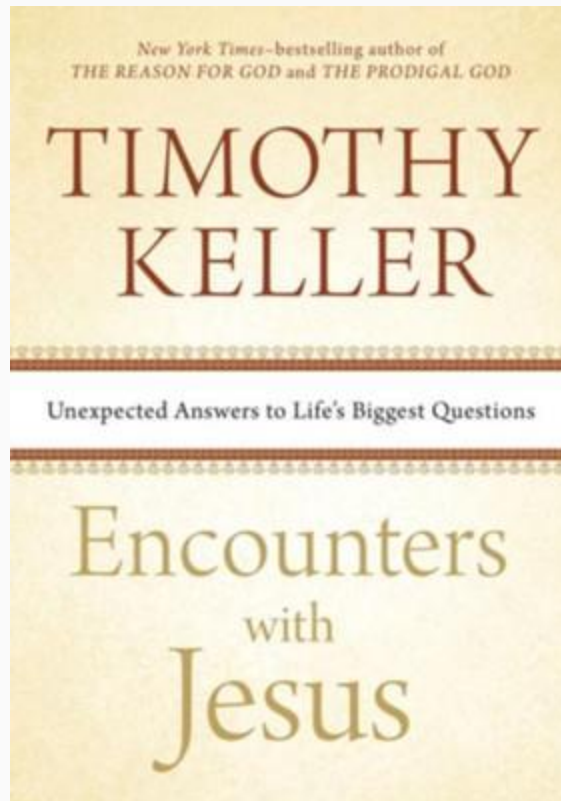
WUMC Prayer Meeting

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:

Christmas Card by JeanAnn Taylor, Messiah performance at First Baptist Church .

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Forest Melzer, Family of Bob McLaughlin

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Craig and Jenny Strausburg Mission Trip

CONCERNS:

Families who lost their jobs 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, Pat Beatty, Dan Benhave, Ed Blount, Evan Blount, 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, Nathaniel Litz, Ken Lovelace, Olivia Lowe, Jeanne Morgan, Jennifer Phillips, Pond Family, Tyler Rockwood, Beverly Royall, Ronnie Reese, Emily Sewel, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Susan Sudimak, Jack Teague, Unspoken, Germanine Weaver, Robert 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 3: **\$23,304.00**

November 10: **\$21,209.00**

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

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

As of October 31, 2024

Income: \$310,194.70

Expenses: \$302,983.37

Net: \$ 7,211.33

Mortgage Balance \$167,028.76

Attendance at worship:

November 10: 101 total

November 17: 124 total

November 24: 113 total

December 1: 97 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:

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