FROM REV. DEVAL MASON

Wow! God’s gracious blessings have shone through to us here at Weaverville UMC during this past week in spite of the global pandemic we are all experiencing together (yet apart). The week started out with a wonderful blessing of the Youth Virtual Worship Service, as Emily and the youth did a fantastic job of touching our hearts and spirits with God’s love. Then in the middle of the week we had a wonderful blessing of the bell ringing for the National Day of Prayer, as Martha and the bell ringers did a fantastic job of touching our hearts and spirits with God’s joy.

Then we ended the week with a wonderful blessing of our Mother’s Day Virtual Worship Service, as the participants did a fantastic job of touching our hearts and spirits with God’s thankfulness. I want to thank Bob and Lorraine Cipriano, Angela Moser, and Charlie Harnish for sharing their love for the women in their lives, as they reminded us just how important mothers are to each of us and what a blessing we receive when we celebrate Mother’s Day together in the Body of Christ. (Be sure to watch the Mother’s Day Service and see them share their love and thankfulness if you haven’t already: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtWl8UpeaaQ). What a wonderful week of blessings! God Is Good! All The Time!

IN HONOR OF JIM BROOKER

Sunday May 17, 2020
12:00 noon to 5:00pm

It is Blood Drive time again, and our area is in dire need of blood. Here is how the Blood Connection will conduct the drive: We will only schedule three donors every 15 minutes. With three donors giving blood and three donors being processed for the next 15 minutes, this will allow only six in the building at a time. Blood Connection Personnel will wear PPE at all times and each bed will be thoroughly cleaned between donors.

Most of your donations will stay in our area. When you sign up for the first time you will need a photo id and then you will be issued a donor card. After you have been issued a donor card that will serve as your identification.

On the day of the drive you can do early check in like Rapid Pass, but it is called TBC Express, all you need to do is click on thebloodconnection.org On the bottom of the page is the link for this. You can also download the app to your phone. Each donor will be given a ten dollar gift card.

You can go on line and sign up for a time at thebloodconnection.org Due to the virus and restrictions, I think that emailing or calling me will work better so I can let you know the times that are available. Please call or email me as
soon as possible so that you can get the time that works best for you.

Zane Cole: zcole@charter.net  (828)231 9118  or  658 9908

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

7:00pm this Thursday, May 17th

Council members are encouraged to join us for this important meeting where we will discuss the church’s continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instructions to participate in the meeting will be emailed to Council members soon.

**MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our bell ringing event last Thursday! It was very warmly received by our community. We were joined in the bell ringing by First Baptist Church of Weaverville, First Presbyterian Church of Weaverville, and Mars Hill United Methodist Church. WUMC bell ringers were: Angela Moser, Billy Stowe, Phyllis Stowe, Deval Mason, Mary Ann Fieffer, Steve VanReenen, Cindy Farthing, and Martha Seddon, with bell ringing in the field done by Emily, Josie, & Maggie Clark. You can view media coverage here:

WLOS-TV: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_g-qV84VAU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_g-qV84VAU)


**WUMC ON YOUTUBE**

We have all kinds of videos available for you on our YouTube Channel: worship services, youth group activities, Sunday School classes, & more. Remember that Charlie’s always good about posting the hymn lyrics in the notes below the video so we can all sing along.  [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAmG1zE0NZIhe63PwJP_gSg/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAmG1zE0NZIhe63PwJP_gSg/videos)

**UPCOMING SERVICES:**

**Wednesday 5/13** – available beginning at 8:00am

**Sunday 5/17** – Worship Service available at 8:00am

**WUMC ON ZOOM**

Join us for online fellowship using Zoom! It’s super easy; all you have to do is click on a link that Emily will email to you. If you aren’t receiving Emily’s texts or emails with the login ID and meeting password, please email her at youth@weavervilleumc.org so you can stay connected!

**Children:** Wednesday at 3pm, Sunday at 11:30am

**Youth:** Wednesday at 5pm, Sunday at 5pm
**Confirmation Class:** Sunday at 4:15pm  
**Ignite Sunday School:** Sunday at 10am  
**Holly's Preschool Class:** Thursday at 10am  
**Melissa's Preschool Class:** Thursday at 10:30am

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**WUMC KIDS**

**New Youth Logo Design Challenge**  
Attention youth! Get in on the ground level of designing our new youth logo for WUMC Multiplied Youth! Send Emily your digital design, sketch, painting, catch phrase...whatever you think represents our youth. We will decide together what to use! **Deadline is this Sunday, May 17.**

**Youth Summer Trip**  
Aug 7, 8, 9 to the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC  
(We will continue to closely monitor the situation, but as of now we are going to plan on going)  
$115/person, $50 Deposit due by May 31. You can mail in checks to PO Box 37 with "Youth Trip" in Memo.

**The third series of Quarantine Sunday School materials** for Pre-k through 5th grade will be coming out this week so be on the lookout in your mailboxes! If you have not been receiving a copy of the packet and would like to, please email Emily at youth@weavervilleumc.org. Please include your mailing address and the grade your child(ren) is currently in.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**  
The Matilda Dryman Circle will meet via conference call next week, **Tuesday 5/19 at 6:00 pm.** To join the meeting, call: (978) 990-5000. Access code is 922370#. We look forward to chatting with you soon. Please join us!

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**STAYING INFORMED**  
The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has recently issued detailed **Guidelines for In-Person Worship and Ministry.**  
As a church, we continue to seek ways to engage faithfully in worship, study, and ministry while ensuring the health and safety of our members and communities as our first priority. Thus, in alignment and compliance with North Carolina governmental mandates and our scriptural and Wesleyan call to "love others" and "do no harm," these guidelines are to be followed by churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. These will be effective Saturday May 9, 2020 and will remain in effect until at least Sunday, May 31, 2020.  
**View the guidelines here:**  
https://www.wnccumc.org/files/tables/content/13992833/fields/files/c24b6d84e948446a93462d50415981fb/wnccguidelinesforinpersonworshipministrycovid19_may7_5.pdf

The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has recently issued a **Model for Renewing Face-to-Face Community and Worship.**  
As we plan for face-to-face gatherings for worship, prayer, study, community and service, we carry onward the deep commitment of Wesleyan Christians to spiritual and physical health. With the medical community, we always seek to “first, do no harm.” I urge you to read this model for ministry as you continually remember the most vulnerable people in your church family and your community. Please plan with these persons in mind, keeping virtual ministry in place as you are able to gather with some persons face to face.  
**View the model here:**  

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**FROM LENA BROOKER**  
In Jim’s Big Fight this past year against MDS and AML, both blood cancers, he received many, many units of red blood and platelets. He was kept alive because of transfusions. He, the girls, and I will be forever grateful for that. There could be no more fitting memorial tribute for my Big Guy than a blood drive. Thank you for designating the WUMC Blood Drive on Sunday, May 17 as a memorial for Jim.
In addition to my thanks for the blood drive, please convey to our faith family the very deep gratitude Lora, Lindsey and I share for being able to have the Homegoing Service for Jim in the sanctuary. It was what he and we wanted and it was a blessing the girls and I will always cherish. A big thank you also for the cards and other expressions of sympathy and love, especially the prayers of so many. I look forward to worshiping virtually with everyone and especially to the Sunday when we can all worship together in our beautiful sanctuary. Till then, please continue to pray for us as we adapt to life at High Heaven without our Big Guy.

**UMC RESOURCES**
A new video and online resource collection is reminding people that The United Methodist Church connection continues to be there for them. Click here for a long list of wonderful resources and opportunities:
[www.umc.org/wearehere](http://www.umc.org/wearehere)

**MUSIC TO UPLIFT**
Music Director Charlie Harnish has graciously shared his Corona Concert No. 8 with us. Songs include *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,* and the sweetest rendition of *Be Thou My Vision* you may ever hear. You can view the performance here: [https://www.facebook.com/charnish/videos/10104192966289494](https://www.facebook.com/charnish/videos/10104192966289494)

**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**
Thank you very much to everyone who has continued to support WUMC with their contributions! We look forward to the day when we can be together again and pass the collection plates in our beloved sanctuary.

**Options to donate:**
1. On our web site: [www.weavervilleumc.org/donations](http://www.weavervilleumc.org/donations)
2. Through your bank’s online bill pay
3. Mail checks to:
Weaverville United Methodist Church
85 N. Main Street
PO Box 37
Weaverville, NC 28787
WE ARE HERE TO SERVE
For those in our congregation who may need assistance: we have a pantry with food and basic supplies that can meet most needs. Contact Pastor Deval or Renee Weaver to let us know if you could use some help. We will deliver to you or meet you at the church. If you need fresh items or medicines, we will pick that up at the store for you.

Renee Weaver: grohweaver@aol.com or 704-996-2960 (Please leave a voice or text message.)
Deval Mason: dmason@weavervilleumc.org or 828-645-6721

PRAYER LIST
The Brooker Family, Tena Denning, Carolyn Dotts, Emma Hughey, Cindy Mayo, Elaine Robinson, Jackson Stafford, Mac White, Bob Whiting
This list is reset at the beginning of each month. Please email office@weavervilleumc.org to request additions.

Have a blessed week!

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