

WUMC Newsletter 12/7/2023



Weaverville United Methodist would like to prepare a small Christmas presentation with kids who would like to participate!

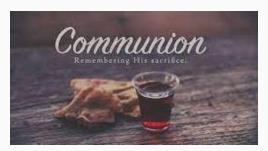
We are inviting any children from kindergarten- middle school age to present a telling of the birth of Jesus and Christmas songs. Children will practice on Sunday mornings at the 11am Children's Worship time, downstairs during the message. There may be a few added practice times in December. The children will perform during the morning service on Sunday, December 17th.

If your child would like to participate please join us for church on Sunday Mornings at 11am and contact Phoebe Rogers at mcsmusic1@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!!



Please see the upcoming Sunday School Schedule below!

- Dec 10th: Birthday Party for Jesus for Elementary and Middle School at 10 am, High School Sunday School, regular class
- Dec 17th: Christmas program performance practice during Sunday School, children not intending to be in the program will get to participate in a joint Sunday School class with elementary and middle school age kids! Christmas Performance by Children during 11 am service
- Dec 24th: No Sunday School at 10 am or Nursery at 10 am or 11 am - All children are welcome in the sanctuary!
- Dec 31st: No Sunday School at 10 am or Nursery at 10 am or 11 am - All children are welcome in the sanctuary!



Christmas Eve Communion

This year we will be having Communion at the 11:00am, 3:00mp, and 7:00pm Christmas Eve services.

We need four communion servers for each service.

If you are willing to serve communion at any of these services, please contact Mary Ann Feiffer at <a href="mailto:mailto



To honor our amazing staff this Christmas season, we are offering the congregation the opportunity to contribute to a Love Offering that will directly benefit WUMC's staff. We will be passing an envelope each Sunday during service through Dec 17th. Any check donations should be designated as "Love Offering for Staff". Please consider contributing to this gift!

Thank you, WUMC SPRC



Youth and Confirmation Class meets

in the Fellowship Hall from 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

Mark your calendar for the Youth and Family Christmas
Party on December 17

We will have pizza and a cookie swap after the meal. Let's also plan on singing Christmas songs and play games

The T-Shirts and Hoodies are here!

Pick up yours in the narthex.

If you didn't order one, there is a 2nd chance. Please complete the order form and we will get more.

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Phone				
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Total Due				



19th Annual Weaverville Candlelight Stroll, Friday, December 8

The church will be open from 6-9 pm to welcome the community of Weaverville into our sanctuary. We will provide hot apple cider and informational brochures to those who come to see our sanctuary and hear Charlie play while they spend time in prayer and meditation.



Plan to spend time here at Weaverville United Methodist Church, as well as our neighboring churches for a meaningful beginning to this Christmas Season. Charlie will play with breaks as needed during the Candlelight Stroll evening. Thank you Charlie!



M&M Luncheon, Thursday, December 14 at 11:45am

We are having a special program this month. The WUMC preschool will be blessing us with Christmas songs. The children will begin at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Come, prepared to be delighted as our little ones share their joy for this special season.

Our lunch will follow the children's program and we'll be serving lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. As always, please RSVP to Lorraine at raincip@charter.net or 828-707-2724. If you would like to bring a dish for the meal, let Lorraine know.

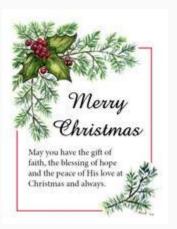
Looking forward to seeing you all!



Our Church Unit of UWFaith is currently composed of 2 Circles, meeting monthly. All women (Church member/non member, Methodist/non Methodist) are invited to join us at any time!

The **Matilda Dryman Circle** will meet Thursday, December 14 at 10:00 in the Love Conference Room. All members are urged to bring a gently used blanket. They will be distributed to Transformation Village--ABCCM women's shelter for Code Purple nights below 32 degrees. After our meeting, we will have the option of joining the M&Ms for lunch and also hearing the preschool children entertain us with Christmas music. Call Joanie Strohm for more info @ 828- 707-8928. or email ssjsmars@charter.net.

The **Minevia Brittain Circle** will meet December 13 at 6:30pm for our special Christmas meeting at Holly Leavitt's home, 25 Salem Acres (1 mile from the church). We welcome new participants! Bring 2 dozed cookies for a cookie swap, and a new wrapped gift under \$20.00 for a Dirty Santa exchange. RSVP by text to Holly 828.280.1116



A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Nurture Committee's Christmas Card Project. Thank you for the card donations. Thank you to everyone who took a packet of cards home to mail. If you still want to participate it is not too late. You could either get a list of those who are on the list to receive cards and send out cards on your own. Or there are probably enough cards left over to do a few packets more which would exceed the goal of 25 cards for each person. Contact Barb McElroy at davidorbarb@gmail.com or 828 775 9329. Thank you again though for all the participation.



The Nurture Committee believes it is important for the church to support our students who are away from home studying. It is an exciting time for them, full of challenges and temptations, and it is vital that they continue to feel love and support from their Church family. Generous donors have established a fund to periodically send our students words of encouragement and funds for dinner.

In order for this ministry to be effective we need the names and addresses of our students who are studying away.

If you have a student that meets this criteria, please provide their name and address to the

church office or to me directly at <u>jrcipria@msn.com</u>. You may also contribute to the student fund by identifying donations for that purpose.



Weaverville Community Prayer Meeting
Wednesdays from 8am-9am in the Love Conference Room

If you can't be with us in the "Studio," prayercast with us from wherever you are.

Feel free to contact our leader, Mark Sudimak at 302.242.6807, email msudimak60@gmail.com

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FIRST, we thank church members for all the regular donations that are helping our ministry to grow by leaps and bounds!

Currently our needs are for the following: Skirt/pant hangers with clips, Infant car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Winter clothes for preemie & newborn boys and girls. Tops and bottoms for 3 and 4T girls. 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Help with 1st Mondays of the month for afternoon pickups from 5-7pm and 2nd & 4th & 5th from 10am-noon on a one time or regular basis.



Not just help for a day, but for life.

Through December 17, we will be collecting gently used blankets. If you have any to spare, we will have a collection corner in the Sunday School room across from the pastor's office.

They are needed for Code Purple nights at Transformation Village, the ABCCM Women's Shelter. On nights when temperatures fall below freezing, the shelter provides a warm place to sleep for women who are not in the residence program and would otherwise be out in the cold.

Pantry Needs:

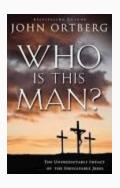
Holiday meal items. Canned ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes,Soups, mac'n cheese, oatmeal, bags of fresh fruits and vegetables, individually wrapped toothbrushes.

There are 6 volunteer positions that need coverage every Monday- Friday from 10-2pm here in Woodfin. If you can spare 4 hours a week or just be a fill in, contact Sheryl at 828-259-5303.

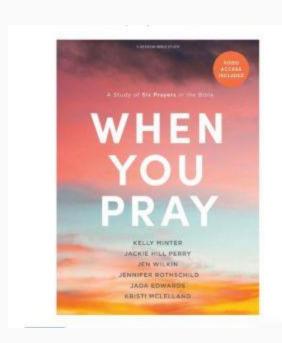


Explorers Class

We meet at 10 am in the Love Conference Room each Sunday. We bagan the study of *Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus* by John Ortberg



Women's Bible Study



In the new year, we will start a new Bible study on January 7th & 9th called *When You Pray:* A study of 6 prayers in the Bible. Angela Moser & Loraine Cipriano



PRAISES/CONCERNS:

All Kids playing sports, Joe and Teresa Cipriano, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Chris Whorshom

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Shelby Shelton, Family of Sheryl Melton

CONCERNS:

The disaffiliation within the Methodist Church, Wildfires in the region, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Cameron Blevins, Ed Blount, Salina Bracy, Jim Champion, Joe and Teresa Cipriano, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lauren Corbin, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Joe Framburger, Laura Franklin, Cole Finch, Beth Finlay, Jamie Gash, Michael Gomon, Doug Green, Gary Greenfield, Gwen Harris, Martha and Jack Harris, Vickie Harris, Lynn and Cliff Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Matt and Sarah Hoover, Emma Hughey, Becky Humphrey, Allen Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Shirley Jones, Carrol Lawrence, Amanda Linstrom, Mary Frances McAbee Alex McBride, Nancy McCrink, Jan McNamara-Houck, Robin Murray, Dan Nester, Gabe Perez, Hailey Petit and friend, Jennifer Phillips, Rick and Julie Phillips, Pearl Phillips, John Ramsey, Bill Rede, Venus Roberts, Emily Sewell, Thomas Stade, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Greg Strohm, Robert Teller, Holence Topkin, Robin Tresco, Robin Truscott, Michael Watkins, Faye Williams, Jean Williams, Claire Williamson, Wars in Ukraine and Israel.

Please request changes to the prayer list here.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

Target Giving Goal each week: \$9,000.00

Nov. 5: \$9,242.00 Nov. 12: \$5,707.00 Nov. 19: \$2,996.00 Nov. 26: \$28,625.00 Dec.3: \$6,363.00

As of Nov 30, 2023

Revenue \$ 366,392.88 Expenses \$ 335,631.11 Total \$ **30,761.77**

Mortgage Balance: **\$214,542.70**

Attendance at worship:

11/5/2023:11am: 113 total11/12/2023:11am: 121 total11/19/2023:11am: 96 total11/26/2023:11am: 83 total12/3/2023:11am: 111 total

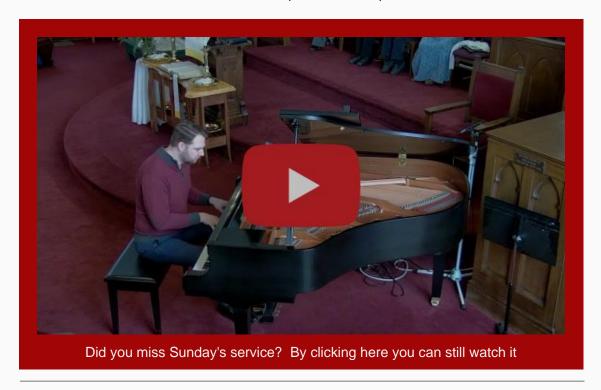
Finance Update

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