

## WUMC Newsletter 12/14/2023



## Christmas Eve Communion

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

## We need four communion servers for each service.

We have servers for the 3:00pm service. Still need them for **11:00am** and **7:00pm** services.

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



The children from kindergarten- middle school age will present a telling of the birth of Jesus and Christmas songs during the morning service this coming Sunday, **December 17**<sup>th</sup>



# \*\*Please see the upcoming Sunday School Schedule below!\*\*

- 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!



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.

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 "Brides Room"



## **M&M Luncheon**

Unfortunately the December 14th program had to be cancelled. We will miss being blessed by songs and the smiling faces of our precious preschool children.

The high prevalence of respiratory viruses locally have taken their toll and in an abundance of caution for our M&M members we feel it prudent to skip the program this month.

We will resume in January. Please stay safe out there and protect yourself from exposure.



Closings

Pastor Richard will be taking off the week between Christmas and New Year and return on Wednesday, January 3

The church office will be closed December 25 and 26 and reopen on Wednesday, December 27. We will also be closed January 1 and 2, reopen on Wednesday, January 3



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 <a href="mailto:jrcipria@msn.com">jrcipria@msn.com</a>. 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

### **Sponsored by Abiding in Christ Ministries**

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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: Infant car seats, strollers, bassinets, high chairs, Winter clothes for preemie boys and girls. Girl newborn clothes, Tops and bottoms for 3, 4,and 5T 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:**

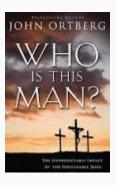
Holiday meal items. Canned ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, ......Soups, mac'n cheese, oatmeal, bags of fresh fruits and vegetables, individually wrapped toothbrushes.

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.

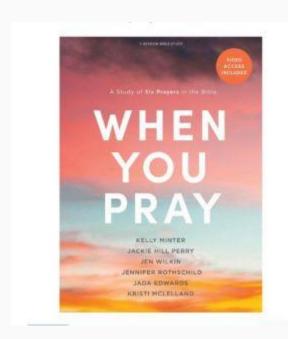


# **Explorers Class**

We meet at 10 am in the Love Conference Room each Sunday. We bagan the study of <u>Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus</u> 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



#### Jaime Stowe National Board Certified Math Teacher! Thomas Stade

#### PRAISES/CONCERNS:

All Kids playing sports, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Chris Whorshom

## **FAMILIES OF DECEASED:**

Family of MC Edwards, Family of Sheryl Melton, Family of Arnie Nixon, Family of Shelby Shields

### **CONCERNS:**

The disaffiliation within the Methodist Church, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Cameron Blevins, Ed Blount, Salina Bracy, Jim Champion, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lorraine and Bob Cipriano, Lauren Corbin, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Ed, Cindy Farthing, 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, Ted Mankin, 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, Larry Schultz, Emily Sewell, Joan Stafford, Stan Strohm, Greg Strohm, Robert Teller, Holence Topkin, Robin Tresco, Robin Truscott, Michael Watkins, Greg Weaver, Faye Williams, Jean Williams, Claire Williamson, Wars in Ukraine and Israel.

Please request changes to the prayer list <a href="here">here</a>.



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:

11am: **113 total** 11/5/2023: 11am: **121 total** 11/12/2023: 11am: **96 total** 11/19/2023: 11am: 83 total 11/26/2023: 12/3/2023: 11am: 111 total 12/10/2023: 11am: 132 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