



**WUMC Newsletter 12/21/2023**



**Join us in celebrating the Birth of Christ  
Sunday, December 24**

**3pm Children's Christmas Eve Service  
7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

# CHRISTMAS

## OFFERING

"In the past we have not always taken up a collection at our Christmas Eve services, but the Finance Committee would like to start the tradition of taking up a collection that will be split between a local community outreach and an in-house mission. This year, our Christmas Eve collection will be split equally between ABCCM North and the BEAR Closet. Both of these missions enrich the lives of so many in our community. The 11:00 offering will continue to go to the general budget.

Thank you, Kim Morelock Finance Chair"



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

- Dec 24th: No Sunday School at 10 am or Nursery at 10 am or 11 am - All children are welcome in the sanctuary!

**No Youth Group and Confirmation Class in the afternoon.**

- **Dec 31st: No Sunday School at 10 am or Nursery at 10 am or 11 am - All children are welcome in the sanctuary!**

**No Youth Group and Confirmation Class in the afternoon.**



### **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

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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 [jrcipria@msn.com](mailto:jrcipria@msn.com). 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

**\*\*\*\*We will not meet on Wednesday, December 27 and resume on  
Wednesday, January 3\*\*\*\***

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](mailto:msudimak60@gmail.com)

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## United Women in Faith

Our Church Unit of UW Faith 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** - generally meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am in the Love Conference Room. Call Joanie Strohm for more info @ 828- 707-8928. or email [ssjsmars@charter.net](mailto:ssjsmars@charter.net).

The **Minevia Brittain Circle** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm generally in members homes. Call Joy Pansiera for info @828-777-2337.

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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.**

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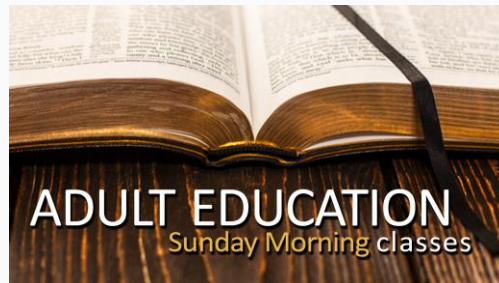
Not just help for a day, but for life.

Thank you for continuing to remember those in need during the Christmas season!

The pantry shopping list: oatmeal and grits packets, canned chicken, soups, adult cereal, laundry and dish detergent (these get broken down so large sizes are the most cost effective).

For volunteer opportunities contact Sheryl Olsen at 828.259.5303

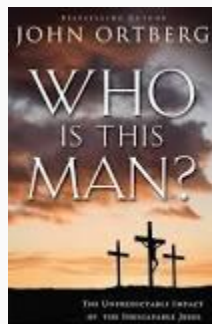
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### **Explorers Class**

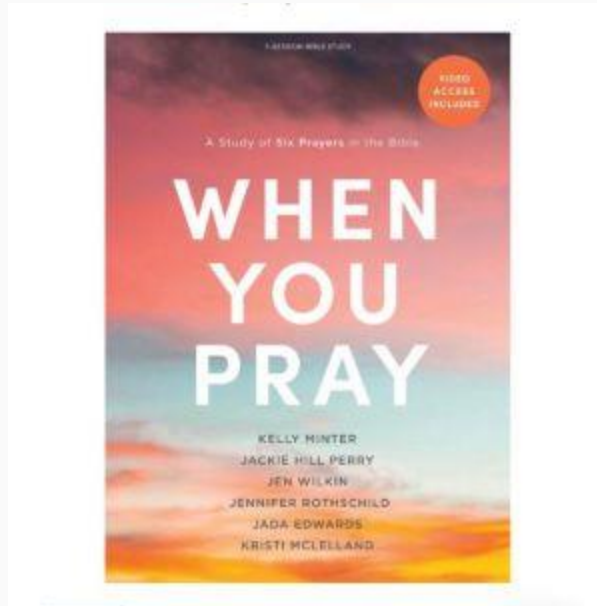
**We will be on recess until January 7, 2024**

We meet at 10 am in the Love Conference Room each Sunday. We began 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

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**PRAISES:**

Jaime Stowe National Board Certified Math Teacher! Lauren Corbin, Thomas Stade

**PRAISES/CONCERNS:**

All Kids playing sports, Ed Blount, Rev. Jim McCoy, Sheldon Rice, Ray Rodrigue, Jack Seay, Chris Whorshom

## **FAMILIES OF DECEASED:**

Family of MC Edwards, Family of Arnie Nixon,

## **CONCERNS:**

2024 General Conference, Dave Barnell, Pat Beatty, Joseph Beilman, Marie Bertini, Charlie Bilcher, Maryann Binder, Cameron Blevins, Salina Bracy, Gary Carr, Jim Champion, David Coffey, Steve Cook, Lorraine and Bob Cipriano, Lisa Dennison, Pat Duncan, Sandra Dyson, Lincoln Dyson, Cindy Farthing, Joe Framburger, Laura Franklin, Cole Finch, Beth Finlay, Jamie Gash, Michael Gomon, Doug Green, Gary Greenfield, Linda Hall, Gwen Harris, Martha and Jack Harris, Vickie Harris, Lynn and Cliff Harvey, Shawn Henderson, 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, Susan Penland, 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 [here](#).*

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**Supporting the Church**



### **General Giving By Week:**

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

Dec.3: **\$6,363.00**

Dec. 10: **\$4,693.00**

Dec. 17: **\$10,356.00**

### **As of Nov 30, 2023**

Revenue \$ 366,392.88

Expenses \$ 335,631.11

Total **\$ 30,761.77**

Mortgage Balance: \$211,207.60

### **Attendance at worship:**

12/3/2023: 11am: **111 total**

12/10/2023: 11am: **132 total**

12/17/2023: 11am: **135 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



Did you miss Sunday's service? By clicking here you can still watch it

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**Deadline for newsletter submissions:  
12:00pm (Noon) on Tuesdays**