



WUMC Newsletter 08/28/2025

Attention: Balcony Stairwell Closed.



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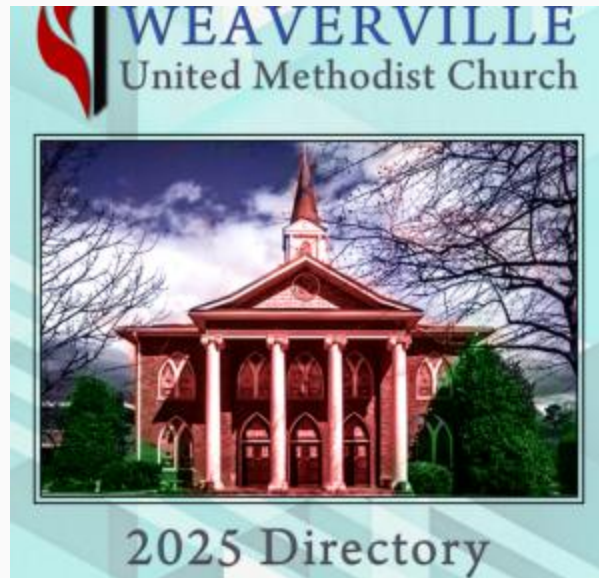
The stairwell to the balcony is closed due to water damage in the ceiling.

Effect

We will not have amplified sound, streaming, or be able to record our worship service until repairs are made.

The stairwell to the balcony is closed until further notice. Upon the restoration of water damage it was discovered that the ceiling beams and boards above the drywall are water damaged, rotted, and sitting on the drywall. The stairwell is not safe and as a result the stairwell is off limits. We are reaching out to contractors and hope to have the issue corrected in the next two weeks. That means we will not be able to access the sound board or the video equipment in the balcony for at least the next two weeks. I hope it will be fixed much sooner so we can resume our streaming service.

By God's Good Grace,
Richard



The directories are here!

Les Love will serve as the point of contact to distribute them and collect the \$10 each before and after the 11am service on Sunday, August 31.

Payment can be made by cash, check (made out to Weaverville UM Church), or Venmo. You can get as many directories as you like for \$10 each.



Youth Rafting on the Nantahala Saturday, September 6th!

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11 am, and will return around 6pm.

Join the youth group on a fun-filled adventure, rafting down the Nantahala River! There are 25 spots available. Friends are welcome as space allows. Please email Pastor Ann, **by Sunday, August 31**, to reserve your spot, youth@weavervilleumc.org.

Youth Group will not meet this Sunday. Enjoy the Labor Day Weekend!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Back-to-School Sunday! We had a **delicious** breakfast (provided by UMM!) and heard from some of our leaders about excitement for the fall. Afterward, students, teachers and staff returning to school received a special blessing during our 11 am worship. Following, United Women in Faith Circles provided treats and smiles to students as they perused the variety of fidget toys to take with them this academic year.

For anyone who missed it, see the schedule of events for children and youth below. Grab a copy outside of Pastor Ann's office or at the back of the Sanctuary, as well.

Youth Calendar

FALL 2025

Youth Sunday School

Starts Sept. 7 @ 10a | Every Sun.
7th-12th Grade | Room 307

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6 - Rafting | 11a - 6p

Sept. 7 - Youth Olympic Games | 4:30p

Sept. 14 - County Fair | 12:30p

Sept. 20 - Parking Lot Fundraiser | 9a

Sept. 21 - Mission: Helene Clean-up | 12p

Sept. 28 - Youth Group | 4:30p

OCTOBER

Oct 5 - Youth Led Worship | 10a
- Youth Group | 4:30p

Oct 12 - Youth Group | 4:30p

Oct. 19 - Mission: BEAR Closet | 4:30p

Oct. 26 - Escape Room | 4:30p

Oct. 31 - Halloween Helpers | 5-8p

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 - Youth Group | 4:30p

Nov. 9 - Youth Group | 4:30p

Nov. 16 - Mission Minded | 4:30p

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Potluck | 4:30p

Nov. 30 - Bowling | 4:30p

DECEMBER

Dec. 7 - Youth Group | 4:30 p

Dec. 14 - Christmas Party! | 4:30p

Dec. 21 - Mission: Caroling | 12:30p

Dec. 28 - NO Programs

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YOUTH@WEAVERVILLEUMC.ORG

WEAVERVILLE

United Methodist Church

Our Children & Youth programs will be back in full-swing on **September 7**, including Children's Worship and Sunday

School. We have an amazing team of dedicated leaders who are ready to teach and care for your child(ren).

Children's Ministry

FALL 2025

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts Sept. 7

Meets weekly at 10a. PreK-6th grade students gather in Room 302, for activities. Once everyone has arrived, we will separate into PreK-2nd grade & 3rd - 6th grade.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A moment, during worship, for children to gather by the altar for a child-friendly lesson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

After Children's Message, children are invited to Wesley Brown class, to explore where they see God in a story. Children return at closing hymn

NURSERY

Offered weekly for PreK-aged children, during 11a worship - 1st floor (Preschool)

FALL EVENTS

Sept. 14 - County Fair | 12:30p
Oct. 26 - Escape Room | 4:30p
Nov. 30 - Bowling | 4:30p
Dec. 21 - Caroling & Movie | 12:30p
Dec. 24 - Family-Friendly Christmas Eve worship

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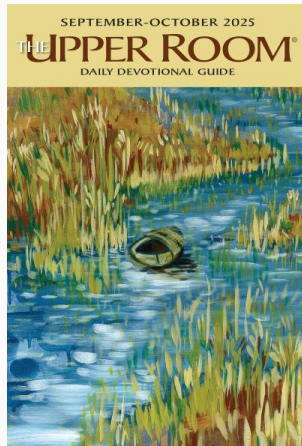


Are you a parent looking for something to do during the Sunday School hour? Join the **Ignite** Sunday school class. They meet one floor below the children and youth, in the Wesley Brown Classroom, at 10 a.m. For more information, reach out to Jason Rodrigue jasonarodrigue@yahoo.com

These events happen, thanks to the support from everyone in our congregation, showing up and loving our children and youth. There are several ways to serve and lead with our children & youth ministries this season. Please consider serving with us as we learn and grow together. Email Pastor Ann (youth@weavervilleumc.org) or click here to sign up online - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F45AEAD23A5FF2-58055134-fall>



The office will be closed on Monday, September 1. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend.



The new September - October Devotionals are here. Pick up your copy in the narthex for your daily reading.



Maggie Whitcraft
Marriage and Family Therapist Intern
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My name is Maggie and I have been in the Asheville area for twenty years. I have been attending Montreat College to pursue my Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. I will be interning at Healing Together Counseling right here in Weaverville until December 2025. I am looking for couples and families in need of therapy. I will be able to offer free counseling for couples and families through December. I can offer premarital counseling, couples counseling, play therapy for parents and their children, and am offering a group Dialectical Behavior Therapy session for multifamilies (parents and teens). Please reach out and let me know how I can help you. You can email me

at maggie@healingtogethercounseling.org or call me at (828)333-7235.



Birthdays in September

May God's grace be with you on your birthday and every day!

September 1: Rick Broadhurst, Mandy Williams
September 6: Anna Horrell
September 7: Joyce Jost, Joan Rzeszotarski, Joanie Strohm, Monica Weinstein
September 9: Joyce Payne
September 10: Joe Cipriano, Jon Corbin
September 11: Delise Childress
September 12: Grace Rodrigue
September 13: Elaine Robinson
September 16: Shirley Jones
September 17: Kenneth Lovelace, Dick Simpson
September 18: Phil Barnett, Liza Porras
September 21: Jeff Pennell, Joan Stafford
September 22: Ann Grose, Maryworth Hilliard, Charlie Harnish
September 23: Gary Greenfield
September 24: Connor Hoots, Jackson Hoots, William Hoots
September 25: Lauren Corbin
September 26: Meredith Switzer
September 27: Cami Blevins
September 29: Aubrey Cooper, David Harris, Shannon McBride



B.E.A.R. Closet Hours:

**1st and 3rd Mondays from 5-7pm
2nd, 4th and 5th (when applicable) Mondays from
10am-12pm**

THANK YOU all for your support!

Current Needs: Size 24 month and 3T boys tops and shorts, Size 13 sneakers and sandals for girls, 5 & 6T girl and boy summer clothes, Safety 1st convertible car seats, high chairs, non-expired car seats.

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.

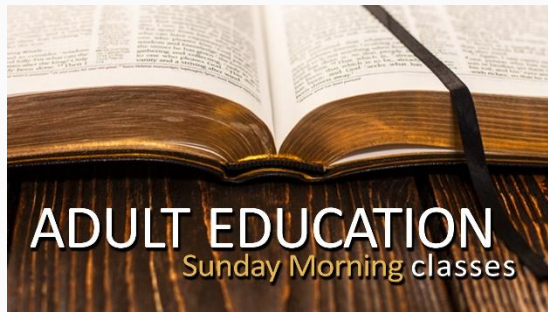
Want to help out? Contact Catherine Love at catmlove@charter.net or call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. There are options to volunteer on a one time or regular basis. Come by during our open hours and check us out!



These items always need replenishing: canned chicken and tuna, hearty soups, adult cold cereal, mac'n cheese. If you have an excess of fresh garden vegetables, consider sharing by dropping them off at 403 Weaverville Hwy (the North office) between 8:30 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.

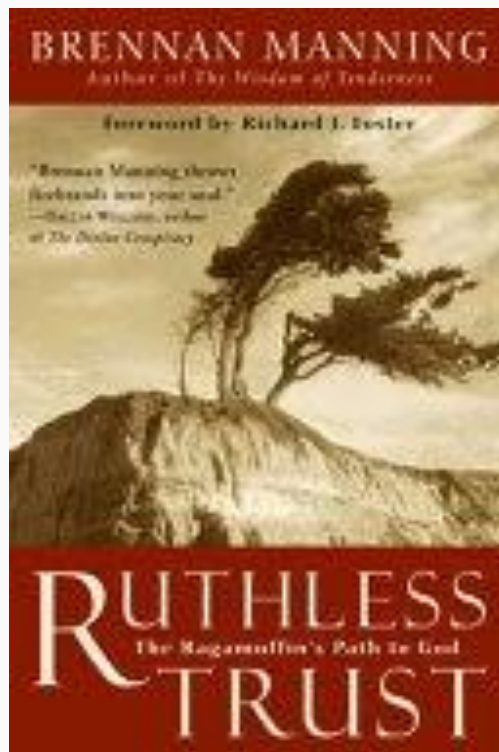
Thanks for keeping others in mind while filling your grocery cart!!
It's probably the easiest way to help struggling local families in this strained economy.

As always, monetary donations can be made to the WUMC and placed in the offering basket. Use the notation **ABCCM North** for food, and **ABCCM Other** for rent and utilities assistance



Explorers Class

Explorer Class is studying *Ruthless Trust* by Brennan Manning. The meeting takes place in the Love Conference Room at 10 am.



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Ignite Class

The Ignite Class will resume our study on Sunday, September 7, at 10 am in the Wesley Brown Room.

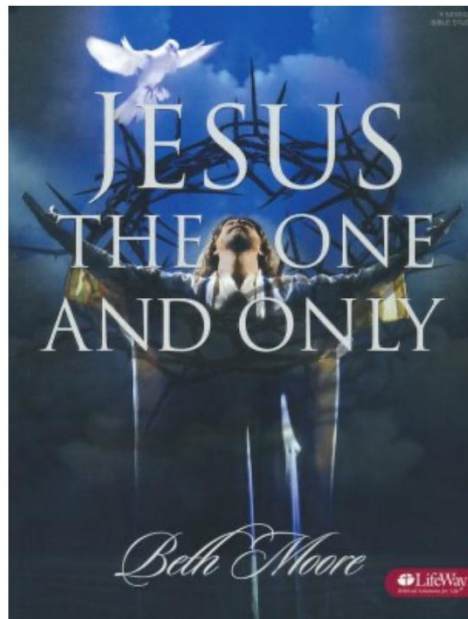
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Women's Bible Study

Women's Tuesday bible study will resume on **September 9th** at 10:30am to 12 noon in the Love Conference room. Our new study is called *Jesus the One and Only* by Beth Moore. We are looking forward to seeing everyone after a summer break. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join this study

group.

Please contact Angela Moser at 828-215-2642 or Loraine Cipriano at 828-707-2724 if you have any questions.



We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of

Caroleen Morton

who passed into God's kingdom on August 22, 2025.

Her funeral was held on Tuesday, August 26 at Trinity Baptist Church in Asheville. The obituary can be found

at <https://www.westfamilyfuneralservices.com/obituaries/caroleen-morton>

She was a long time member of WUMC before transferring to another church.



Please let the office know of anyone you want to be included in our prayers

PRAISES

Cassidy Rollen, Our Organ Repair, New Church Directory.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Diane Armstrong, Family of Warren Gearrick,
Family of Caroleen Morton, Family of Frank Rice,

PRAISES/CONCERNS

All students and teachers going back to school; Hurricane Helene Recovery, Kenny Boring, Christina Freelan, Jenna Newton, Rev. Mark Ralls.

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God's Direction, Government and Government Employees, Audrey Blount, Bonnie Bullman, Gary Cooper, Holly Cooper, Susan Dankel, Tracy Fiaco, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Anne Gaddy, Janice Garland, Jim Greenhut, Rev. Dawn Hand, Dani Harnish, Brad Harvey, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Jacob Ingram, Joyce Jost, Dick Litz, Shannon Loftlin, Craig and Tina Monaco, Joey Morelock, Jennifer Phillips, Tyker Rockwood, Sharon Rodrigue, Nancy Roop, Emily Sewel, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Lauren Waterton, Robbie White, Joe Witcher, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

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

August 3: \$11,841.00
August 10: \$7,376.00
August 17: \$9,541.00
August 24: \$5,322.00

As of July 31, 2025:

Income: \$184,852.98

Expenses \$215,496.85

Net: **-\$30,643.87**

Mortgage Balance \$ 140,484.64

Attendance at worship:

August 3: 92 total
August 10: 89 total
August 17: 93 total
August 24: 117 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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Watch last Sunday's service here if you couldn't be there in person