



WUMC Newsletter 09/25/2025



The Youth Group will meet Sunday, September 28th at 4:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This week we will play Herd Mentality and Hues & Cues, then ponder the question, "Where do we experience God in games?"

Bring a friend! Pizza and snacks are provided.

Mission Minded Sunday: Recap

Last Sunday, Sept. 21, several members of our youth group went to volunteer at the UMC Disaster Relief Center (formerly Reeves Chapel UMC, in Enka). This location brings in volunteers from all around the country, to work on areas still rebuilding from Hurricane Helene. Our youth had the opportunity to "help the helpers" by building NINE bunk beds (18 total sleeping spaces) for volunteers to sleep on while they are here. We also helped unload a trailer, and reload it with old mattresses. Thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers who showed up and worked hard. We look forward to continuing this partnership.





Youth-led Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 5, Pastor Ann will be preaching, and has invited the youth to lead in all the other parts of worship. We are excited for our youth to greet, usher, read liturgy & scripture, and serve communion. If your youth wants to participate, reach out to Pastor Ann. Thank you all for supporting the youth at Weaverville!

Pick up a copy of the Youth and Children's events for the rest of the year in the Narthex or outside Pastor Ann's office.



Potluck on Sunday, October 5th following worship

It is being hosted by the Ignite Sunday School Class who will be providing the drinks.

We are asking everyone to bring their favorite main dish, side, or dessert.

Join us in the fellowship hall for companionship and great food!



AD Council

will meet following the potluck luncheon on Sunday, October 5th in the Love Conference Room.

Brian Witcher Recipient of Rev. Dennis W. “Bud” Cameron Christian Service Award – Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church



Brian and Erica Witcher along with Mary Gordon and family.

Brian Witcher, Trustee Chair, Youth Adult Volunteer, Outreach Volunteer of Weaverville United Methodist Church (WUMC) has been awarded the 2025 Rev. Dennis W. “Bud” Cameron Christian Service Award.

This award is given in honor and memory of Rev. Dennis W. “Bud” Cameron (1947-2023), who faithfully served God and others through his life, his work and his ministry across both the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. It recognizes and celebrates people who, like Cameron, have selflessly devoted their lives to Christian service. Bud Cameron believed God calls us to Christian service to help other, lift others up.

Vickie Cameron, widow of Bud Cameron contacted Brian in June to notify him he was the recipient of the 2025 award. Rev. Cameron’s daughter, Mary Gordon and family presented Brian with the Rev. Dennis W. “Bud” Cameron Christian Service Award at a lunch celebration in July honoring Brian for his faithful service during the aftermath of Helene in serving some of the most underserved communities in Buncombe County. He was presented with a beautiful cross-shaped pin and a check for \$500 to use at his discretion or donate to an organization of his choice.

We are thrilled to celebrate Brian Witcher as the recipient of the Bud Cameron Service Award, recognizing his extraordinary commitment to serving God and his community. Brian’s faith is unmistakable—he doesn’t just talk about Christ’s love; he lives it.

When our church went more than a year without a youth leader, Brian stepped forward, creating programs and activities that kept our young people engaged and helped deepen their faith. His leadership has strengthened the next generation of our church family.

Brian’s dedication became even more visible after Hurricane Helene. At his own expense and the donations of others, he navigated closed roads to bring essential supplies—truckloads of water, bread, and peanut butter—and organized a drive-by food distribution with our youth group. In the weeks that followed, he made it his personal mission to seek out the most vulnerable families living in the region’s aging trailer parks—people often overlooked in

large-scale relief efforts. Nearly every day, Brian loaded his truck or trailer with food, water, heaters, and propane, driving deep into remote neighborhoods where resources were scarce. He went door-to-door and waited in parking lots at the end of work shifts to hand out supplies directly, ensuring families could use their limited income for rent and heating instead of groceries.

He also used his outdoor skills to help clear blocked roads in the Reems Creek Valley, led rescue efforts to reach vulnerable residents, and hiked rugged terrain to check on stranded families. Time and again, Brian has shown up—often sacrificing his own time and comfort—to ensure others are cared for. Brian Witcher embodies the heart of Christian service. His tireless work and steady compassion reflect the light of Christ, bringing hope, dignity, and love to our community. We are honored to recognize his service with this year’s Bud Cameron Service Award.

Although the award specifically recognizes Brian, his family Ericka, Southern and Skye were also very helpful in managing the delivered supplies. Brian recently retired from the U.S. National Park Service as an Ecologist. Please congratulate Brian on this most deserved award.



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

- October 1: Ginger McKee
- October 2: Paige Fox
- October 3: Nancy Ramsey
- October 4: Southern Witcher
- October 5: Jeremy Stowe
- October 6: Pastor Ann Owens
- October 7: Mary Beth Horrell, Pastor Richard Bolunt
- October 8: Linda Cooke, Kelly Hoots, Zachary Stowe, Gabrielle Blount
- October 9: Roger Massell
- October 10: Evan Blount
- October 12: Tom Kelly, Elizabeth Porras
- October 13: Lena Brooker
- October 14: Hinton Hilliard, Richard Rzeszotarski
- October 15: Nick DeBonis
- October 16: Winikay Caffrey
- October 17: Kimberly Morelock, Gordy Ramsey, Wyatt Stone
- October 19: Steven McBride
- October 20: Shawn Williamson
- October 21: Greg Cheek
- October 22: Courtney Banks
- October 29: Ardell Forehand, Jeff Switzer
- October 30: Bryce Porras, Brian Witcher



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: Free Standing High Chairs, light long sleeve tops and pants sizes 4 to 6/6T for boys and girls, Safety 1st or Evenflo convertible car seats, non-expired car seats in good condition.

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!



ABCCM

Not just help for a day, but for life.

There's a Place for You.

To Serve. To Welcome. To Be the Hands and Feet of Christ.

At ABCCM's residential ministries, every open bed represents more than shelter – it represents safety, dignity, and the beginning of a new chapter. Whether it's a hot meal served with kindness, a warm greeting at the front desk, or a listening ear to their story, volunteers are often the first expression of love someone experiences here. This fall, we're inviting you to be that welcome.

When Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you invited me in," He reminded us that hospitality is holy – that opening our doors is also opening our hearts. At Transformation Village, Costello House, and Veterans Restoration Quarters, our volunteers bring this verse to life every single day.

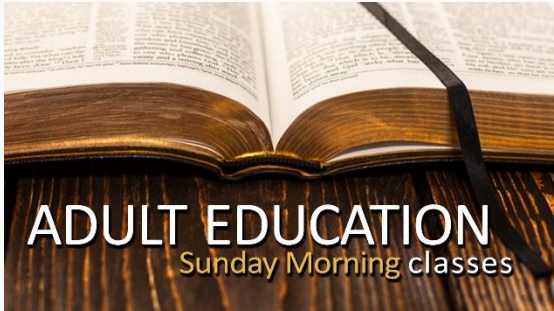
There's a place for you – whether it's preparing meals, mentoring residents, helping with transportation, or simply offering a smile.

Click the link below to volunteer

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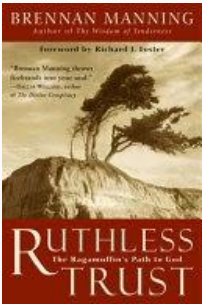


Click the video to hear from Richard, one of the residents at Veterans Restoration Quarters, and how his life was transformed through the work of volunteers just like you!



Explorers Class

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



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Women's Bible Study

Women's Tuesday bible study meets Tuesdays from 10:30am to 12 noon in the Love Conference room. Our new study is called *Jesus the One and Only* by Beth Moore. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join this study group. Contact Angela Moser at 828-215-2642 or Loraine Cipriano at 828-707-2724



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Ignite Class

The Ignite Class meets Sunday Mornings at 10am in the Wesley Brown Room. The current study is *The Wired Word*.



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.



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

PRAISES:

Youth Mission at Reeves Chapel

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Kenny Boring, Stephanie Carmak, Rev. Mark Ralls.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Casey Habich, Family of Lee Parker,

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God's Direction, Government and Government Employees, Sarah Alagood, Lynn Boring, Bonnie Bullman, Lorraine Cipriano, Jason Cipriano, Travis Collins, Betty Cooper, Gary Cooper, Susan Dankel, Tracy Fiaco, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, Mary Groh, Ann Grose, Maggie, Henry and Benji Habich, Rev. Dawn Hand, Brad Harvey, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Jacob Ingram, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Shannon Loflin, Craig and Tina Monaco, Joey Morelock, Donna and Haley Parker, Jennifer Phillips, Nancy Roop, Emily Sewel, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Johnny Tweed, Dick Wilfong, Joe Witcher, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

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

August 31: \$5,035.00

September 7: \$6,244.00

September 14: \$7,952.00

As of July 31, 2025:

Income: \$223,937.98

Expenses \$248,516.08

Net: **-\$24,578.10**

Mortgage Balance \$ 140,484.64

Attendance at worship:

August 31: 95 total

September 7: 98 total

September 14: 102 total

September 21: 95 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



Watch last Sunday's service here if you couldn't be there in person

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

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