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WUMC Newsletter 10/02/2025



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!



Youth Sunday – October 5

This Sunday, October 5, our youth will lead the entire liturgy and serve in all supporting worship roles! Pastor Ann will preach, and Pastor Richard will lead us in communion.

Please join us for worship and show your support for our children and youth, who have worked hard to prepare for this special service.

Youth Group Celebration – 4:30 PM

We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for games and to celebrate a successful Youth Sunday with ice cream cake!

Youth/Children Special Events Request

Pastor Ann wants to support all WUMC children and youth in their extra curricular activities - sporting events, theater, and other special events. Please fill out this form so Ann can come out and support YOU!

[Click here for special events requests](#)

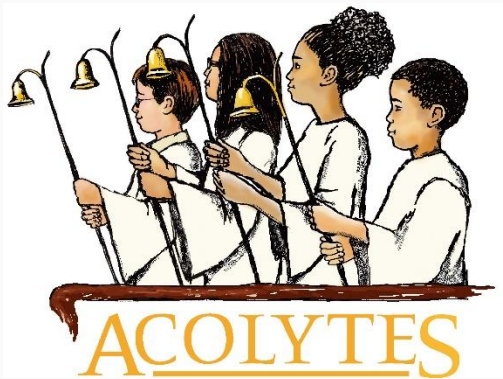


Follow Us on Instagram!

Curious About What Our Youth Are Up To?
Stay connected and see all the exciting things happening in our youth ministry by following us on Instagram! From service projects and Sunday fun to special events and meaningful moments—this is your inside look at the life of our youth group.

📱 Follow us: @weaverville_umc_youth
Let’s grow, serve, and have fun—together!

[Click here to follow us on Instagram](#)



Help Us Bring Back Acolytes!

Wouldn’t it be wonderful to see acolytes lighting the candles again as we begin worship? Pastor Ann is working to revive this meaningful tradition — and we need your help to make it happen!
We’re looking for one or two volunteers to assist on Sunday mornings. This includes helping acolytes get robed and ready to process in with the light, as well as assisting with training and coordinating the acolyte schedule alongside Pastor Ann.

Do you have a student in 2nd grade or older who would like to serve as an acolyte? We’d love to hear from you! To volunteer or express interest, please email Pastor Ann, youth@weavervilleumc.org

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.



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

Let’s make Pastor Richard (his birthday is October 7th) and Pastor Ann (her

birthday is October 6th) feel welcome and appreciated by showering them with cards, letters, hugs and gifts.



AD Council

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



United
Women
in Faith

We always welcome visitors /interested women to take part in our Circle activities.

On Wednesday, October 8 the **Minevia Brittain Circle** invites you to join us in the Love Conference Room for a Bear Closet work session at 6pm. There will be pizza - bring your own beverage!

On Thursday, October 16 the **Matilda Dryman Circle** welcomes you to join their meeting at 10 am in the Love Conference Room. Our unit's Nurturing Partner Gwen Harris will present a program.



M&Ms (Mature and Methodist) will meet this month on Thursday, October 16, at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Tom Koenig will share his love of astronomy and the night sky with us after a lunch of baked potatoes with all the fixings, sides and as always, delicious desserts.

Please RSVP to Lorraine at raincip@charter.net or 828-707-2724 if you can attend and also if you would like to help with bringing either fixings for the potatoes, sides or a dessert.

Remember, all are welcome and we especially like to see new faces



Birthdays in October

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

October 1: Ginger McKee
October 2: Paige Fox, Brian Porras
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!

Currently needed: Winter clothing - girl 3T and 6T tops, boy 6t tops and pants, girl & boy 5T & 6T coats, 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

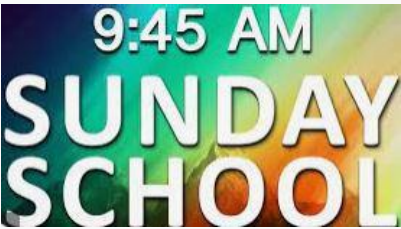
website <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

Want to help out? Contact Catherine Love at catmllove@charter.net or

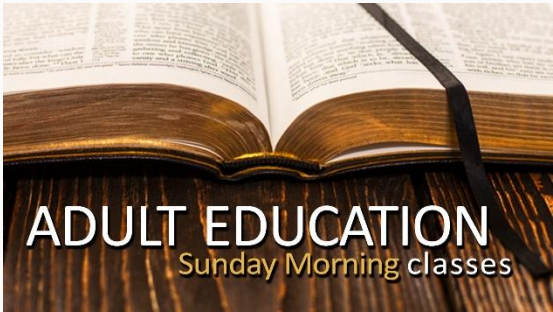
call the BEAR closet at 828.658.5373. There are options to volunteer on a one time or regular basis. Come by during our open hours and check us out!



Most Needed: Soup, Beef Stew, Self-rising Flour, Grits.
For monetary donations write a check to the church with the notation
ABCCM North for food ABCCM Rent for rent and utilities.

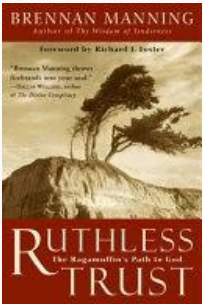


The Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes meet from 9:45am to 10:45am upstairs in the Education Building.
Once you have dropped your child off in their classroom you are invited to join the **Ignite Class** downstairs in the Wesley Brown Room. This class serves as a space for the parents and caregivers of the children and youth in the church.



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
Healing Together Counseling, PLLC
Cell: 828.333.7235

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:

Joey Morelock,
PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

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

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God's Direction, All in the paths of hurricanes, Anderson University Students, Shootings and Violence in the country, Government and Government Employees, Sarah Alagood, Luke Banks, Lynn Boring, Bonnie Bullman, Carmack Family, Jason Cipriano, Betty Cooper, Gary Cooper, Susan Dankel, Tracy Fiaco, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, Mary Groh, Ann Grose, Maggie, Maegan, Henry and Benji Habich, Rev. Dawn Hand, Brad Harvey, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Nancy Hinsely, Jacob Ingram, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Shannon Loflin, Craig and Tina Monaco, 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**

September 7: \$6,244.00

September 14: \$7,952.00

September 21: \$2,674.00

September 28: \$5,277.00

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:

September 7: 98 total

September 14: 102 total

September 21: 95 total

September 28: 101 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
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