



WUMC Newsletter 10/16/2025

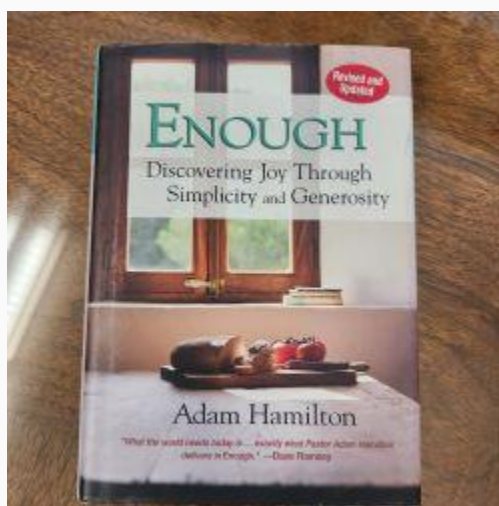


M&Ms (Mature and Methodist) will meet today at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

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



New Sermon Series

We have concluded our sermon series on the Nicene Creed. This week we will return to confessing our faith through the Apostle's Creed, and begin a new sermon series based on Adam Hamilton's book *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Please pick up a copy that we might follow along together.

By God's Good Grace,
Richard



October is Clergy Appreciation Month.

Let's make Pastor Richard (his birthday was October 7th) and Pastor Ann (her birthday was October 6th) feel welcome and appreciated by showering them with cards, letters, hugs and gifts.



Annual Salem UMC BBQ Fundraiser Saturday, October 18!

You may purchase tickets ahead of time or buy your BBQ at the door. The event is eat in or dine out and the price is \$15.00 a plate. The plate includes Pulled Pork, Slaw, Roll, Baked Beans, Dessert, Drink (if eating in). You may also purchase a Boston Butt for \$35 or \$45 for a whole chopped Boston Butt.

Salem UMC is located at 9 Salem Church Rd, Weaverville, NC 28787



CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!!

Halloween is approaching and we need your help! Each year, church members help supply Pastor Richard's house with candy to pass out for Halloween! We will be collecting Candy donations on Sunday Oct. 19 & 26. There will be a collection bin at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also bring them during the week to the office.

Adult **and** Youth Volunteers are also needed to hand out candy at the Parsonage at 35 Church Street on Halloween (Friday). Short shifts to allow time

for trick-or-treating! Consider signing up with a friend, handing out candy for 30 minutes, then enjoy trick-or-treating! **.Time commitment: 30 minute shifts during 5-8pm.** This is a great outreach opportunity to share our church ministries with others in the Weaverville area!
Click the link to sign-up to hand out candy

[Click Here](#)



Mission Minded Sunday - October 19

Join us this Sunday, for our monthly Mission Minded youth group. This month, we are supporting our very own BEAR Closet! We will put together care packages for kids who come to the BEAR Closet, as well as help with some sorting and organizing of supplies. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30 pm for pizza, followed by a conversation with our BEAR Closet leaders about the importance of this ministry within the Weaverville community. Come ready to work, and have a good time! Let Pastor Ann know if you would like to count this towards service hours. We hope to see you there!

Breakout Room - October 26

Youth Group field trip to the Breakout Games in Asheville. We will work as a team to try and escape one of the many different rooms. We need to know if your youth is attending - please RSVP to Pastor Ann by Sunday Oct. 19. We will meet at the church parking lot at 4:30 pm for pizza, then load up in the church van. Join us for a night of Spooky fun!

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](#)



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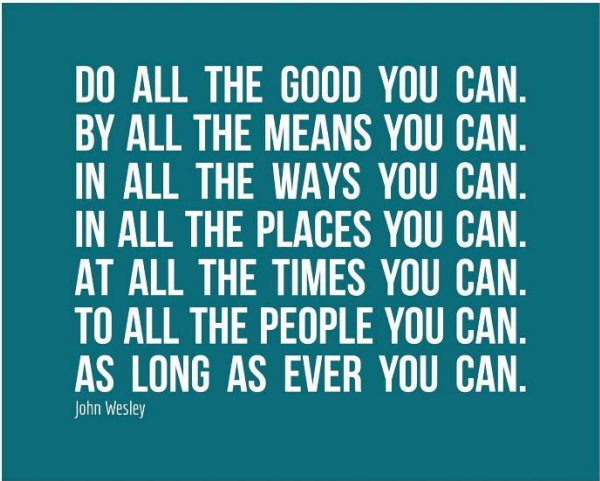
Curious About What Our Youth Are Up To?
Stay connected and see all the exciting things happening in our youth ministry by following us on Instagram! From service projects and Sunday fun to special events and meaningful moments—this is your inside look at the life of our youth group.

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

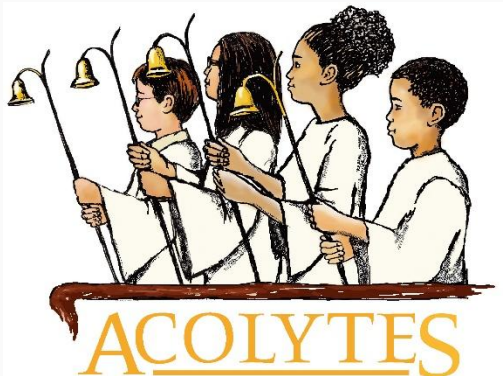
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John Wesley's Benediction

A few folks have requested a copy of the Benediction that Ian Rogers read at the end of our youth-led worship. These words were written by the founder of United Methodism, John Wesley, and are the words we say together at the end of youth group each week. It is a beautiful reminder to be the church in the world!



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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.



United
Women
in Faith

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

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.



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 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.

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 Weaverville Music Study Club

And Community Sponsors:

Peterson Insurance Group, Inc.
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PRESENTS

Asheville Senior Chorus “Magical Moments”



Featuring the music of **David Bates:**

Songwriter, playwright, and pianist who works primarily in musical theatre. He has written music, lyrics, and libretto for seven full-length musicals, as well as numerous instrumental compositions.

Friday, October 24th 7:00 pm

**Weaverville First Baptist Church
63 N. Main St.**

Offering collected for North Buncombe Music Scholarship



www.weavervillemusicstudyclub.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO HEAR...

Sandra Wright Shen

Internationally acclaimed Steinway Artist, Sandra Shen has performed across 16 countries in over 600 concerts. With her passion, musicality and inspiration, she aims to move hearts and uplift spirits through music. If you would like to learn more about Sandra you can visit her website: <https://sandrashen.com/>



featuring....

Classical composers and their testimonies

Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 pm



First Presbyterian Church
30 N Alabama Avenue
Weaverville, NC 28787
828-645-7344



* Free Admission * Everyone is invited *

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive Weaverville United Methodist Church

Fellowship Center
85 N Main St (Across Street from Church)
Weaverville, NC 28787

**Monday, November 10, 2025
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment or for more information,
please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Sponsor Code "WUMC".

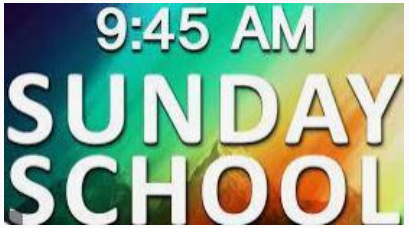
Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID.
Walk-ins are welcome, appointments honored first!

Come to give blood Oct. 20-Nov. 16 for a \$50 e-gift card
+ chance at \$5K prize! redcrossblood.org/harvest

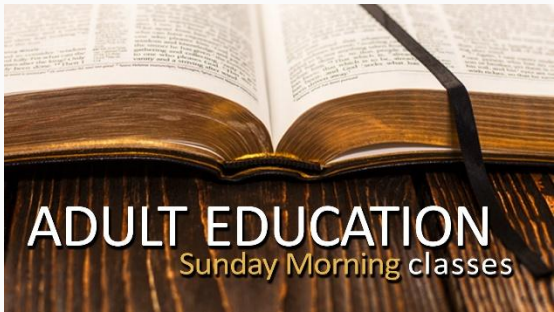


1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45am on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. We have 3 classrooms: PreK-2nd grade, 3rd-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade. Join us for fun, fellowship and learning more about God's word!



Ignite Class

Once you have dropped your child off in their classroom you are invited to join us 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 during the Sunday School times.

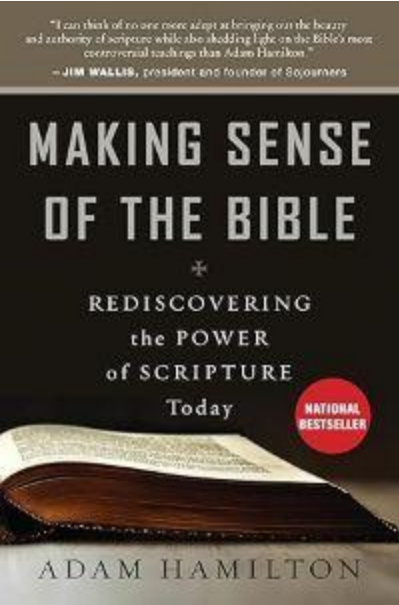
The Ignite Class meets Sunday at 10am. The current study is [The Wired Word](#).



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Explorers Class

Explorer Class is starting a new study by Rev. Adam Hamilton; [Making Sense of the Bible](#). 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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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:

Youth and Children Leading Worship, Chance Peedle, Rev. Mark Ralls. Sharon Rodrigue.

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Dave Arndt, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring, Jason Cipriano, Rev. Dawn Hand,

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Dereck Shook

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God's Direction, Shootings, Unrest and Violence in the country, Government and Government Employees, Prayer for our Latino Community, Sarah Alagood, Luke Banks, Bonnie Bullman, Carmack Family, Betty Cooper, Gary Cooper, Susan Dankel, Bob DeBruhl, Dedi Dillingham, Tracy Fiaco, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, Ann Grose, Maegan, Henry and Benji Habich, Maggie, Sam Homester, Brad Harvey, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Nancy Hinsely, Aria Hope, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Shannon Loflin, Craig and Tina Monaco 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 21: \$2,674.00

September 28: \$5,277.00

October 5: \$5,302.00

As of September 30, 2025:

Income: \$246,180.57
Expenses \$280,960.01
Net: **-\$34,779.44**

Mortgage Balance \$135,006.01

Attendance at worship:

September 21: 95 total
September 28: 101 total
October 5: 91 total
October 12: 62 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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