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WUMC Newsletter 10/30/2025



CANDY, CANDY, CANDY!!

Halloween is tomorrow 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](#)



Youth Group, Nov. 2 - To honor All Saints Sunday, we will be talking about all the Saints who've gone before us - from Jesus' time to the present. There are

so many people who have taught us how to live in a Christ-like way. Join us at 4:30pm as we share in the wisdom of all the Saints. Pizza and juice will be provided.

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!

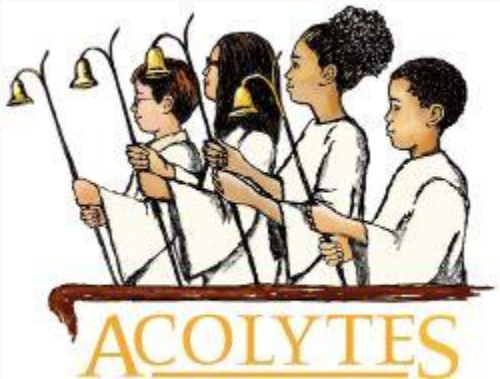
[Click here for special events requests](#)



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.

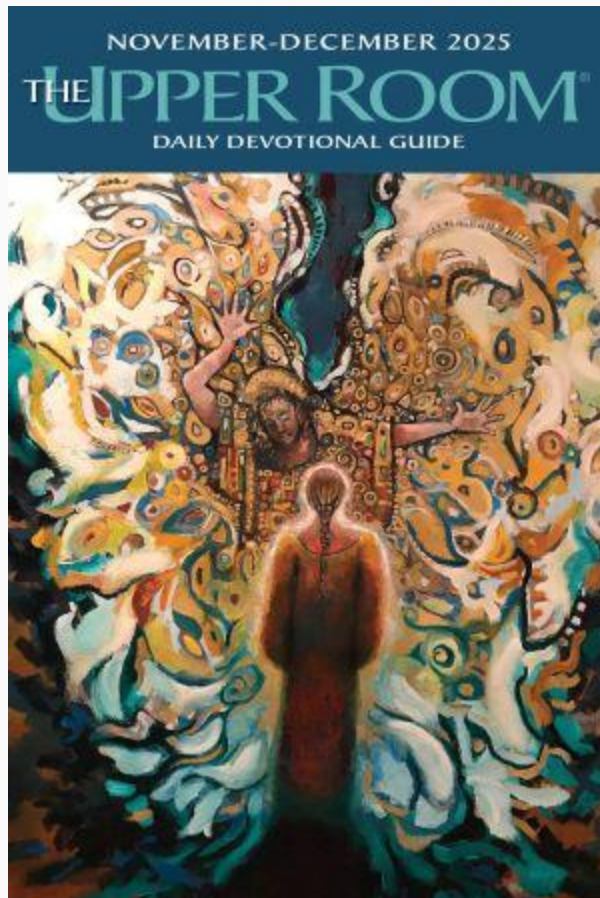
📱 Follow us: [@weaverville_umc_youth](#)
Let's grow, serve, and have fun—together!



Acolyte Training

We are hoping to start our acolyte program back by Advent (Nov. 30) and are looking for students in 2nd grade to 8th grade, who want to light the candles for worship. We will hold an acolyte training on Sunday, Nov. 23, right after worship, in the sanctuary. It will last about 20-30 minutes. Please plan to attend if your child is interested. If you cannot attend the training, but want to participate, email Pastor Ann, youth@weavervilleumc.org.

We are also still looking for a few more adults to help coordinate the acolytes, and help them get ready before worship. Please reach out to Ann if you would like to serve our children and youth in this way.



November-December Upper Room Devotionals are here.
Feel free to pick up a copy in the back of the church.



Sunday, November 23rd at 6pm
First Baptist Church

As in years past we once again gather for a community Thanksgiving service. We are collecting the following food items for our community in need:

Bag of Potatoes, Ham, Plain Macaroni, Green Beans, Corn, Bag of Masa, Dried Pinto or Black Beans.



**2025 Launch for Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Ministry
Outreach Begins on Sunday November 2**

All Boxes are due back to the church by Sunday – November 23
Why shoe boxes? Shoebox gifts demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. By partnering with the local church worldwide, each shoebox gift is a powerful tool for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. All Boxes are due by Sunday – November 23 along with a \$10.00 donation per box.

If you have questions contact Renee [Weaver—grohweaver@aol.com](mailto:grohweaver@aol.com)



Outreach – Find Your Way to Serve!

At Weaverville UMC, we believe that *serving others is one of the most joyful ways to live out our faith!* Our Outreach Committee continues to make a difference in our community — and there's a place for **you** to help.

Helping Our Neighbors Rebuild

We're still walking alongside families recovering from **Hurricane Helene**. Some are rebuilding homes, others are waiting for permanent housing — and your prayers, support, and helping hands continue to bring hope. Beyond Helene, we're also serving local families who face food insecurity, housing challenges, and financial hardship. Together, we can continue to be a light in our community!



Urgent Needs: Holiday Ministry Leaders

We have two exciting opportunities for leadership this holiday season — a wonderful way to share the joy of giving!

Operation Christmas Child Coordinator – Shoebox ministry

We're looking for someone to lead our church's **Operation Christmas Child** effort. This person will help collect shoeboxes and deliver them to **Brookstone Church on November 24**. **Contact Renee Weaver – grohweaver@aol.com**

Angel Tree Coordinator

Our congregation has expressed interest in sponsoring local families this Christmas! We'd love to begin by supporting **4–6 families** this year. The coordinator will help organize the tree, identify angels, collect gifts, and work with congregation to distribute the gifts.

Contact Renee Weaver – grohweaver@aol.com

ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry)

Did you know? Weaverville UMC helped launch what became ABCCM!
Joy Pansiera is a regular volunteer on Thursdays.

Current Needs: Men’s pants (29” waist / 30” length) for veterans. Pantry donations and monetary gifts for the **North ABCCM**. If giving by check indicate ABCCM North in memo line. **Where to Give:** Drop food items in the **ABCCM box** in the sanctuary entryway.

The Little Pantry @ Weaverville UMC

Did you know? Our **Preschool Program** sponsors the Little Pantry behind the Fellowship Hall — providing food to anyone in need, no questions asked. **Requested Items:** Canned chicken, tuna, salmon, or beans; Canned fruit & applesauce cups, Spaghetti sauce. **Drop donations** in the **Little Pantry box** in the back of the sanctuary.

B.E.A.R. Closet (Baby Equipment and Resource Closet)

Did you know? Started during COVID with the help of **Givvens Organization** and **Emily Clark**, the B.E.A.R. Closet provides baby supplies for struggling families.

Urgent Need: Volunteers!

Some long-time helpers have stepped back — can you give a little time to help local families?

To Volunteer: Text **Catherine Love at 828-777-1211** with your name and contact info.

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

You Can Make a Difference

Every donation, every hour volunteered, every prayer — it all matters. Let’s continue to share God’s love and serve our neighbors together!

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](https://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 \$10 e-gift card
+ chance at \$5K prize! redcrossblood.org/harvest



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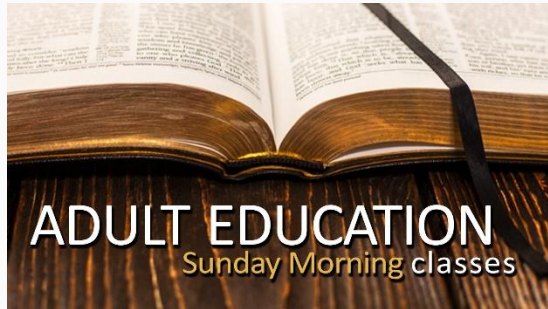
Birthdays in November

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

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



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.

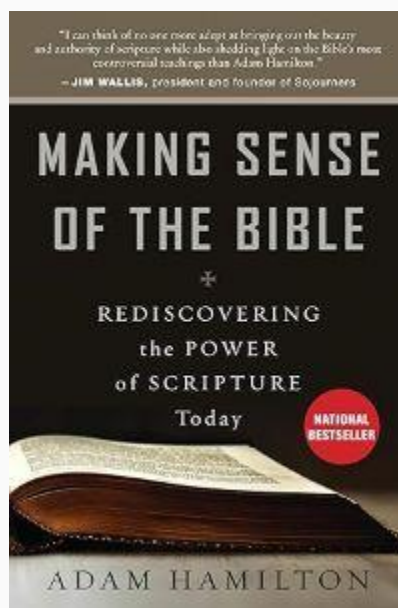
The Ignite Class meets Sunday at 10am. The current study is *The Wired Word*.



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



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

PRAISES:

Rev. Mark Ralls, Rev. Dawn Hand, Bill Hawkins, Betty Cooper,

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Dave Arndt, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring, Carmak Family, Joe Witcher.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Dereck Shook, Thinner Family

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God’s Direction, Unrest and Violence in the country, Government and Government Employees, Prayer for our Latino Community, All who are struggling with mental health, HCA and Mission Hospital, Sarah Alagood, Angeline Belada, Luke Banks, Elaine Barnette, Bonnie Bullman, Carmack Family, Gary Cooper, Andrew DeBonis, Bob DeBruhl, Byers Family, Dedi Dillingham, Tracy Fiaco, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, Nancy Hinsley, Sam Hollister, Brad Harvey, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Nancy Hinsely, Aria Hope, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Shannon Loflin, Jeanne McDermit, Craig and Tina Monaco, Donna and Haley Parker, Swann Payne, Jennifer Phillips, Nancy Roop, Emily Sewel, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Johnny Tweed, Susie Wallace, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

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

October 5: \$5,302.00

October 12: \$4,485.00

October 19: \$32,603.00

October 26: \$5,418.00

As of September 30, 2025:

Income: \$246,180.57

Expenses \$280,960.01

Net: **-\$34,779.44**

Mortgage Balance \$ 132,427.62

Attendance at worship:

October 5: 91 total

October 12: 62 total

October 19: 89 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

